

Vine Street School

January, 2017



RAM PRIDE

Important Dates & Reminders

January

- 9 Law
Enforcement
Appreciation Day

- 13 Let Yourself
Shine Day-Wear
Something
Bright or Sparkly

- 16 MLK Day-
NO SCHOOL

- 27 School PRIDE
Day-Wear Red

- 31 Vine Street
Spirit Night at
BHS
.....Basketball

February

- 7 PreK & K
Registration
4:00-7:00

Principal's Message

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Bangor Day campaign in December. With all Bangor schools participating, we were able to raise over 2,600 pounds of food—that is enough to provide close to 2,200 meals! Thank you for your generous support.

I think Bangor Day is a great example of why I love working in Bangor so much. Despite being one of the largest cities in Maine, Bangor is a community of people who support and take care of each other. This philosophy includes ensuring that our youngest learners have what they need to meet our mission of Academic Excellence for All. The PreK-Grade 3 population is fortunate to have a

community that supports educating our youngest learners in their neighborhood schools.

We want Vine Street School students to take pride in their city and in their school department. Towards this end, we take opportunities throughout the year to teach them more about the city and to help them recognize that as Vine Street School students they are part of the bigger Bangor Ram community. This month students and their families are invited to attend a Bangor High School athletic event free of charge. For more details, see the article on the next page. I hope you will put on your Cardinal Red and White and join us in supporting our Bangor High School Rams!



2017-2018 PreK and Kindergarten Registration

The Vine Street School will accept registrations for PreK and kindergarten students for the 2017-2018 school year beginning on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 from 4:00-7:00. It is very important for planning purposes that we know how many children will be attending our PreK and kindergarten classes next year. Children who currently attend our PreK and live in the Vine Street School District will automatically be enrolled in a kindergarten class next year. Those parents do not need to attend the Tuesday night registration session. If you know of any child in the Vine Street School district who will be four or five years old on or before October 15, 2017, please let the school know so we can contact them about the registration process.



Recommended From Our Library

January Theme: Fairy Tales
The Highest Number by Roy MacGregor
The Three Bears by Paul Galdone

Academic Excellence for All

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Winter Sports Opportunity

Bangor High School will be the future home for most Vine Street School students. The Bangor School Department wants these young Rams to have the opportunity to learn more about their future high school and to share in the excitement of varsity sports. All Vine Street School families received an invitation to attend any home varsity winter sport game of their choosing. Over the past few years, Vine Street staff have enjoyed organizing a date when students, families and staff can go to a game together. We love dressing in Bangor's colors of cardinal and white, making school spirit signs and going together to cheer for our home team. This year, we will be attending the January 31st boys' basketball game. Staff will be there for both the JV and the varsity game. If your family is able to join us, we would love to have you there!



I Love Reading Challenge

This year, Vine Street staff have invited students to participate in a series of reading challenges, and they have answered the call! Our hallways have been decorated with the certificates of students who completed the Turkey Reading Challenge and the Winter Reading Challenge. Both of these activities focused on reading from a wide variety of genres. Our newest challenge is called the I Love Reading Challenge. In this activity students will work on building their reading stamina—the ability to read for increasingly longer periods of time. Information about stamina as well as specifics about the challenge are going home with students this week. If you need an additional copy of either set of materials, please call the school.



Bangor Day Tournament

In what is now becoming an annual tradition, the Vine Street School hosted an athletic tournament on Bangor Day. The Bangor Day Tournament, as the event is called, pitted intramural teams of second and third graders against each other in a three day field hockey competition. Under the direction of physical education teacher, Justin Marks, 4 teams played in semi-finals to determine which two teams would play in the championship game on Bangor Day. The newly renovated gymnasium was the perfect location for the event. Scores of students and staff cheered on from the stage while the teams engaged in exciting rounds of athletic competition. To add to the excitement, guest referees monitored the games throughout the week. Mr. Pangburn and Ms. Johnson refereed the semi-finals. During Friday's championship, Bangor High School soccer coach Joe Johnson and two varsity soccer players called the game. Congratulations to all students and particularly the winning team! A special shout out goes to Zander who is the only student to have played on championship team for two years in a row!



Winter Learning Themes

Prek-Awesome Animals!

K- More Addition and subtraction; Water Unit

1-Understanding Place Value; Planting for the Future

2-Time and Money; Research Project

3-Fluently Adding within 1000; Objects and Motion



Lost and Found

Please encourage your child to check the Lost and Found for missing items. Our bins are overflowing! Items that are unclaimed are donated to charity at the end of the school year.



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