



Vine Street School

September, 2017

Important Dates & Reminders

September

- 11 School Assembly, 2:15

Volunteer Training, 5:30

Title I Meeting, 5:30

PTO, 6:00
- 19 Picture Day
- 29 School PRIDE Day-Wear Red



Principal's Message

The school year is off to a great start! It was wonderful to see so many families at Open House. I always love this event as I get to meet new students and their families and reconnect with students to hear about their summer adventures. As I enter my fifth year here at Vine Street, I am able to join other staff as we watch in amazement how former students now attending Fairmount, JFDS, or Bangor High School have grown. It is exciting to see how many Vine Street alums return for Open House. The connections formed with the families of our neighborhood school is one of my favorite parts about working in the city of Bangor.

This year, Open House was extra special with the addition of the fall-themed photo cut-outs. Thank you to the Weatherbee family for these

beautiful gifts to our school. I took a ton of pictures! Some are printed and posted in the lobby, more will appear in the end-of-year slide show! If you missed this opportunity, no worries! The cut-outs will be available for more picture-taking at the PTO Fall Festival in October.

The staff and I have a lot of plans for the school year. To keep up with all the news be sure to look for a newsletter each month. We send newsletters home in students' backpacks and post a color edition online at www.bangorschools.net

I want your child to have an amazing school experience this year. If at any point in the year you have a concern, question or suggestion, please do not hesitate to call me, email me, or drop by the office. My contact information is 941-6300 or lsilk@bangorschools.net. I am looking forward to a fabulous year!

Welcome New Staff



Please help us in welcoming the newest members of the Vine Street School family. We have one new classroom teacher, Mrs. Rebekah Bosco. Mrs. Bosco is teaching second grade. Ms. Irma Streams is our new school nurse. Ms. Hannah Hague and Ms. Rebecca Dowling have joined our special education team as educational technicians. All four of these people have jumped right in and helped to get the school year successfully started. We are excited to get to know them better.

BACK TO
SCHOOL,
READY TO READ

September Theme: Core Values
Suggested Titles:
The Lion and The Mouse
by Jerry Pinkney
Have You Filled a Bucket Today?
by Carol McCloud

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Important Meetings

There is a lot going on at the Vine Street School on September 11th. At 6:00 the PTO will hold its first meeting of the year. This is an extremely important meeting for parents and friends to attend. The PTO is critical to the success of our students. Through their efforts, we are able to provide many enrichment opportunities for students and their families. Some of the most popular events include the Fall Festival, Family Fun Night and the Spring Fair. All of these offerings require planning so we need your help! At 5:30, Principal Silk will offer Volunteer Training. All volunteers must attend a volunteer training session before they can assist at the school. Trainings are held at all Bangor Schools, so if September 11th is not convenient, check the website for alternate dates. Volunteers can attend a training at any Bangor school. Just prior to the PTO meeting, Principal Silk will hold a short Title I Compact meeting for parents. During this meeting, Principal Silk will provide important information about Title I at the Vine Street School including how funds are managed. Please plan to attend these three important meetings.



Important Notices

The safety of our students is a top priority. It is extremely important that we have up-to-date numbers where we can reach parents in the event of an emergency. If you did not attend Open House, please stop by the office and update your child's information. Please contact us when your numbers change—even if it is just a short term change. It is necessary to have people the school can contact if the parents are unavailable. Please be sure that these contacts are people who live locally and can come to the school if necessary. Thank you!



Passport to Reading

Last year, students embraced the reading challenges. The Title I bulletin board was full of pictures of students' completed challenge sheets throughout the year. This year, we are going to change it up a bit. Students will still receive a challenge sheet to help encourage them to read at home. Each student will also receive a "passport" that will stay here at school. When students complete a challenge, they will receive a stamp in their passport. There will be opportunities to earn extra stamps through special challenges issued by staff. Let's see how many stamps your child can earn!

What We Are Learning This Month

PreK Making Friends

K Numbers 0 to 5; "Living Together: This is Home", *Where's Home Little Pip?*

1 Addition and Subtraction, "Connecting to Our World", *Stellaluna*.

2 Addition and Subtraction "Understanding Communities", *Trouble at the Sandbox*

3 Understanding Multiplication and Division, "Observing the World Around Us, *The Case of the Gaspig Garbage*

International Week was such a huge success last year that staff have decided to expand the concept. This year, there will be a focus country for 4-6 weeks. September's focus country is Japan.



