

FALCON FLASH

February 9, 2018

Upcoming Events:

2/12-BPP Meeting @ 6:00

2/12-Sagadahoc County Spelling Bee-4pm-Learning Commons

2/14-Valentine's Day

2/16-Coding Club 8am

2/19-2/23-Winter Break

2/19-President's Day

2/26-Elective #1



THE PRINCIPAL CONNECTION

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You may be aware that our Health Aide, Jenasa Staples, had her last day with us last Friday. Jenasa got a full-time job at the WIC office in Bath. They are lucky to have her! She did a great job for us and had a caring way with the kids. I am glad to announce we were lucky to find a highly-qualified replacement. Jennifer Millson is an R.N. and a fellow parent of students in this district. Jenn is actually substituting in our health office today, and she will join us permanently beginning February 28th. Welcome Jenn!

HOT TOPIC: WHAT ARE YOU LEARNING IN MATH?

When I find myself in a classroom where kids are working on math, the question above is what I ask them. More and more, students are able to articulate the specific learning goal they are working toward. (As a matter of fact, Ms. Atkins' class of Kindergarteners was able to do that with me today!) Even better, students have a better understanding of what parts of the learning they know well, and what parts are still giving them trouble.

Curious what those learning goals are? This week our students were stretching their brains around these math concepts:

Geometry

Most second graders were naming and drawing different polygons, while most fifth graders were classifying quadrilaterals by their properties.

Numbers and Operations

Kindergartners used story problems and began work with subtraction, while first graders used known facts to help them solve unknown addition and subtraction facts.

Up in third grade most students were estimating sums and differences using place value within 1000, and most of our fourth graders were solving 4-digit by 1-digit division problems using multiple strategies.

Impressed yet?

Yours in meaningful learning that lasts,

Mr. Lajoie ☺



Jump Rope for Heart- Students in Grades 2-5 are invited to participate in Jump Rope for Heart. Next week Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH) Pledge Envelopes will be offered to all students in Grades 2-5. Our school participates in this event primarily to reinforce the importance of exercise to good health, especially healthy hearts. The secondary purpose for being involved in JRFH is to raise money for the American Heart Association to pursue research and education efforts. Supporting this part of JRFH is completely voluntary and at your own comfort level. Sometimes family, friends and co-workers will donate to the cause, but we ask that students not ask strangers for donations and please understand that all of our students will participate in the fun JRFH activities we do in physical education classes Feb. 28-March 2. Fundraising is not required to be involved. Please contact Mr. Jones (jonesb@link75.org) if you have any questions. Pledge envelopes will be due on March 9. Thank you



February

Community News



Former Bowdoinham students, currently 8th graders, have the opportunity to go on a week long educational trip through the Bath YMCA called the Freedom Tour. These eager young adults will be going to New York City, Washington DC, Gettysburg, Amish Country, and will be visiting historical sites that they have been studying for years. In order to help with the cost, our local Bowdoinham Country Store has set up an account so a bottle drive can be done. Please, if you could kindly donate your cans and bottles and mention The Freedom Tour, that would be great. The account will be open until March 18th. Helping our students and a local business at the same time can only be a win win situation!! We thank you in advance.



Merrymeeting Arts Center Ice & Smelt Festival -Feb. 10 10am to 7:30pm. All events are free – donations greatly appreciated. There will be a nominal fee for the Soup Supper. Please go to www.merrymeetingartscenter.org for event schedule.



Midcoast Maine Community Action – Head Start & Early Head Start-Help your child get ready for school with Head Start. Please contact us at 1-800-221-2221 or go to www.midcoastmainecommunityaction.org for more information.



Bowdoinham Recreation: --Community Swim will start back up Jan 7th.
--Indoor Winter Soccer Tennis! Registration now available for 6-8th graders within our district. Program runs inside Feb 7th then moves outside until June 8th. Form available in B'ham, Bowdoin & Middle school as well as Bowdoinham town office & <http://www.bowdoinham.com/recreation>



Bowdoinham Food Pantry has new hours of operation. Beginning Wednesday, September 6, the pantry will be open from 3pm – 5pm every Wednesday. For more information please call 751-7779



The Clothes Closet is open the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 3pm-6pm at the Church of the Nazarene at 7 School St. Come to the house behind the church. A donation of \$1 a bag is welcome but not required.

