

FALCON FLASH

January 12, 2018

Upcoming Events:

1/15/18-Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – No School

1/24-All District Band Concert 7pm @ Orion

NO SCHOOL – MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018 – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY



THE PRINCIPAL CONNECTION

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At this week's meeting of the Bowdoinham Parent Partnership the group agreed to purchase some new sleds for our kids to break in the new snow on the sledding hill. These monthly meetings are a great opportunity to stay in the know about school goings-on, and to help make decisions that lead to exceptional learning opportunities for our students. We always meet on the second Monday of the month. Why not put February's meeting – 2/12/18, 6:00pm in the Learning Commons – in your calendar right now?

HOT TOPIC: A NEW YEAR FOR LEARNING

Last week Mother Nature reminded us again who is really in control. But even with just two-and-a-half days of school last week we still accomplished a lot. I was excited to spend time with fifth graders who were multiplying decimals, as well as exploring the characteristics of feature articles so they can write their own. This week fifth graders began their study of Plymouth colony. This week I also spent some time learning about how our first graders are using iPads to work on some of their reading skills, and how their teachers are using this technology to get real-time information on their students' learning. Second and third graders wrapped up their unit on Information Writing by publishing their final pieces, showing off tremendous growth in their skills and confidence as nonfiction writers. And those Kindergarteners have been using their reading superpowers, becoming more and more capable of reading simple pattern books all on their own. All across the building there has been a great vibe for learning in 2018, and I'm excited for it to continue!

Yours in meaningful learning that lasts,

Mr. Lajoie ☺

Mid Year Reminders:

If your student/family will be taking a trip and will be absent ; please let your student's teacher and Mrs. Russell know.

If your child is being picked up at the end of the day by someone other than you, please let Mrs. Russell know who will be picking him/her up.

Please remember to SIGN OUT your student in the office if you are picking him/her up anytime during the day.



Kindergarten Forest Mondays – Ms. Atkins is looking for hardy souls who would like to be fire tenders during the Monday Forest time of 10:30-2:pm and/or volunteers for Forest Monday. Only prerequisite is that they can keep a fire going for a couple of hours. Please contact Lucy Atkins at atkinsl@link75.org



Arts Alive Electives Program – is in need of Volunteers – Do you have a special talent you would like to share with the students of Bowdoinham Community School? If so we want to hear from you! In the past we've had volunteers just like you teaching knitting, origami, skateboarding, lego building, theater, contra dance, archaeology yoga/meditation, debate, Legos, and more! If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Corie Scribner (scribnercorie@gmail.com).



WANTED: LUNCH BUNCH READERS - We are looking for readers for our lunchtime reading program at Bowdoinham Community School. Please consider donating some of your time each week or month to read to students during lunchtime from 11:30-12:10. For more information, contact Leah Hayes at 666-5546 or hayesl@link75.org Thank you!!



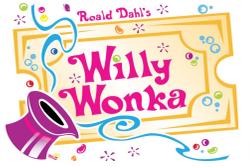
It is that time again – we are looking for any possible incoming Kindergarten student who will be turning 5 on or before October 15, 2018. Please contact Mrs. Russell in the school office at 666-5546 or russellv@link75.org.

JANUARY

Community News



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.



Midcoast Youth Theater presents: "Willy Wonka" at the Crooker Theater on January 12 & 13, 7pm, and January 13 & 14, at 2pm. FMI 558-5827



Bowdoinham Recreation: -Lost Valley Ski/Snowboard Program is for 3rd graders to adults! Go to LostValleySki.com/Bowdoinham.html for your discounted tickets. Bus transportation is available.

Informational letter is available on the Recreation Wall in the town office as well as <http://www.bowdoinham.com/2018lostvalley> -6 Lessons \$140 and covers the 3-8pm ski time; -Ticket only option \$85 Dates: Fridays Jan 12-Feb 16th. Registration after Dec 15th may be taken but with a \$15 late fee as per Lost Valley's registration process

-**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.

Celebrate Martin Luther King Day at Bates College - This year's theme is "Power, Politics, and Privilege: Resistance to/through Education. You can view all events at <http://www.bates.edu/mlk/>

