

FALCON FLASH

November 16, 2018

Upcoming Events:

11/19-Picture Retake Day

11/21-Professional Day – No School
11/22-11/23-Thanksgiving Break- No School
12/1-Craft Fair – 10am – 2pm
12/4&5 – Brighter Maine Smiles
12/6-Gr. 4/5 Winter Chorus Concert@BCS
12/24 – Jan 1 – Winter Break

12/25-Merry Christmas
12/26-Kwanza Begins
12/26-Boxing Day
1/1-Happy New Year
1/02-Back to School (Late Start)



THE PRINCIPAL CONNECTION

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I am writing during our first ... but probably not last ... snow day of the year. What is your family's favorite winter weather activity?

HOT TOPIC: DETECTIVES

I was impressed with our first graders, who last week earned their official Word Detective badges! They have been working hard to use clues to read and write tricky words. They are using what they know about letters and groups of letters, and their sounds, as well as finding words and parts of words they know "in a snap." They have been assigned a new mission from the Super Secret Word Detective Agency: Keep using these clues to solve even *trickier* words in their more challenging books. And when they think they have solved the word, they can do a double check: Does that word make sense? Does it look right? Does it sound like the way we speak?

If you are lucky enough to have a newly-minted Word Detective in your house, they can teach you about solving tricky words. While the most important strategy to use is to make sense with the word – reading is primarily about comprehension – these new visual strategies are extra tools that readers use when they get stuck. I bet your Detective will surprise you with their new skills – and I'm sure they're game for reading and writing missions at home!

Yours in meaningful learning that lasts,

Mr. Lajoie ☺

Monthly meeting of the Bowdoinham Parent Partnership: Monday, November 19th, 6:00-7:15pm. Hope to see you there!



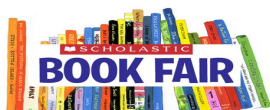
Thank you to all who have donated to the Fall Conference Night Dinners. I know the teachers and staff appreciate a warm meal after a long day (and night!) If you're still interested in helping, we could use some donations towards Monday night's meal. Please sign up using the following link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4fa4aa2ca5fd0-fall>), look for the Sign Up Genius link on the Bowdoinham Community School Facebook page, or reach out to Caitlin Johnson at caitlinbjohnson3@gmail.com or 207-805-2560.



Bowdoinham Community School Craft Fair is December 1st from 10-2. There is still space available. If you would like to sell your craft items e-mail Katy Petrie at briankaty6108@gmail.com, she will make sure you have an application. **Craft Fair Volunteers needed for November 30th and December 1st.** help us setup, sell baked goods at the craft fair, sell raffle tickets, or simply donate some baked goods for the bake sale. All proceeds benefit the Bowdoinham Parent Partnership and fund enrichment and activities throughout the year. E-mail Katy Petrie at briankaty6108@gmail.com if you would like to help.



Bowdoinham Parent Partnership – The next meeting of the Partnership is Monday, the 19th beginning at 6:00pm through 7:15pm in the Learning Commons. See you then.



The **Scholastic book fair** will open Tuesday Nov 27 at 9:30AM though Fri Nov 30 at 3:00PM. We will also be open from 10:00-2:00 during the Bowdoinham Craft Sale on Sat Dec 1. Children will be visiting the fair during their regular Learning Commons time where they'll be making wish lists which they will bring home. Students may return to the fair at a later time to purchase books with either cash, or a check made out to **Bowdoinham Community School**. The Learning Commons has a fairly tight schedule, so teachers will be informed of the best times to send students to make purchases outside of their regular Learning Commons time. The fair will also be open until 6PM on Thursday. If the fair has sold out of a book or you want to see a bigger selection you can shop at the online fair. <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/bowdoinhamcommunityschool1> We're always looking

for volunteers to help with the fair, so if you would like to help with your child's class or at any other time, please let us know. The Learning Commons will be able to purchase additional materials with the profit from the fair. Thanks for your support. **Hours:**
Closed Tue - Fri from Noon until 1PM Tues. Nov 27 9:30-3:00PM Wed. Nov 28 9:30-3:00PM Thurs Nov 29
 9:30-3:00PM Fri Nov 30 9:30-3:00PM Sat Dec 1 10:00-2:00 (Craft Fair)



Bowdoinham Community School would like to thank everyone who donated to our Fall food drive. We sent an amazing amount of food to the Bowdoinham Food Pantry.



We have our own "Meaningful Brewing" blend of Wicked Joe coffee. It's a medium roast coffee and all profits go towards our Arts program here at school. One bag is \$10. It makes great Christmas gifts. Send your request and payment to the office in an envelope with your child's name and teacher and how many bags and we will send it home with your child.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Thanksgiving Dinners - If you or someone you know is in need of a Thanksgiving Dinner this Thanksgiving, please call Pam at the Town Office 666-5531



Holiday Giving Tree - The giving season is coming quickly and we have already started preparations here at the Town Office. There will be two different businesses hosting our giving tree. The Bowdoinham Country Store and the Bowdoinham Hardware Store. If you would like to help bring some holiday cheer to our fellow residents all you need to do is go to the Bowdoinham Country Store or the Bowdoinham Hardware Store starting November 19th and choose a gift tag from the tree. The gift tags will have all the pertinent information that is needed. We ask that you bring the unwrapped gift (along with the gift tag attached) back to the Town Office or Library by Monday, December 17th. The purpose of this tree is to help any resident, family, or elderly person who may be in need this time of year. Please know that the name(s) are kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions or know a family or someone who may need help this season, please call Pam at the Town Office at 666-5531.

From our local Bowdoinham Cub Scout Pack: Our Cub Scouts are doing a Helpful Hero Pet Theme for there November Pack meeting this month, with Veterans Day being this month and that time of year to be thankful and giving they have decided to give to a local animal shelter because our furry friends can be hero's to! A donation box will be set up in the entry way of the school and also at the Bowdoinham Country Store for goodies for our furry friends! The scouts will deliver the boxes to the local shelter mid December they thank you in advance for your support!



Snow White - A program of story and song for young audiences - Dec. 1, 2018 10:00am and 1:00pm. Admission Free. Curtis Memorial Library Morrell Meeting Room. FMI call MSMT 725-8760



Bowdoinham Food Pantry's hours of operation. The pantry will be open from 4pm - 6pm every Wednesday and Saturday from 9am - 10am For more information please call 751-7779, Lily Montgomery.



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.

