

FALCON FLASH

In It Together: Meaningful Learning That Lasts

Care for each other, take Responsibility, and Focus on learning

March 10, 2017

Monday 3/13	Tuesday 3/14	Wednesday 3/15	Thursday 3/16	Friday 3/17
Hot Dog Veggie Sandwich Cole Slaw/Beans	Shepherd's Pie Cheese Sandwich Peas/Funchip	Chicken Nuggets Teriyaki Chicken Potatoes	Early Release Bagged Lunch	No School Professional Development Day

Upcoming Events:

3/13-3/15-Parent/Teacher Conferences
 3/13-Elective #1
 3/16-Early Release at 12:05
 3/17-No School –Professional Day

3/20-Elective #2
 3/24-Coding Club
 3/30-Fivers vs Staff Basketball Game
 3/31-Coding club



THE PRINCIPAL CONNECTION

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We are moving forward with a commitment to a new Mt. Ararat High School! Thank you to everyone who got out and voted on the project this past Tuesday. Another In It Together moment for our community.

HOT TOPIC: CONFERENCES

Shannon and I had the great experience of student conferences with our children's teachers at Bowdoin Central School yesterday. Every time I experience a conference as a parent, I am reminded what is most important to me in that experience. It really boils down to two "essentials," which I have communicated with our staff here at BHM:

- * The teacher knows my child deeply as a learner, and a human being.
- * The teacher cares deeply for my child.

We are committed to every BHM parent having this experience as you meet with us during conferences. We will no doubt go more in depth about progress toward learning goals, and extra support or extra challenge we are working into your child's education. We will also share some of the student's work – writing pieces, goal reflections – and in some cases will invite your child to be involved in the conference too. We do our best not to get bogged down in data and information, but to speak plainly and honestly.

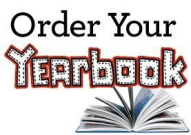
If during the conference you are questioning one of the two "essentials" listed above, please don't walk away with that feeling. Ask a few additional questions, or for the teacher to clarify something. Find out "why" something is the way it is with your child's learning. Share a hope or a concern you have for your child. Conferences are a rare three-way communication opportunity. Even more than a sharing of information, the best conferences are an opportunity to strengthen the tight bond between students, their families, and their teachers. Please leave the school with the belief that our teachers know and care deeply for your child.

Yours in meaningful learning that lasts,

Mr. Lajoie ☺

Kindergarten

CALLING ALL INCOMING 2017-18 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS – If you have or know of anyone who has a child who will be turning 5 on or before October 15, 2017 please ask them to contact Mrs. Russell in the school office in order to have their child's name put on the registration list. Email is russellv@link75.org or 666-5546. Thank you.



Reminder – Yearbooks can be ordered for \$12.00. This yearbook will have every child's picture in it with candid shots also. It will have a dedication page to a very special person (first time ever)! Send a note and payment to Mrs. Russell with your child's name and teacher marked on it and she will put your child on the purchase list. Books will be available the last week of school.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Bowdoinham Public Library - Tomorrow! Saturday, March 11 at 11am, Join us at the Bowdoinham Public Library for a viewing and discussion of another great documentary film. **“Miss Representation”** exposes how mainstream media and culture contribute to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America. The film draws back a curtain to reveal a glaring reality we live with every day but fail to see – how the media’s limited and often disparaging portrayals of women and girls makes it difficult for women to feel powerful and achieve leadership positions. Stories from teenage girls and provocative interviews with politicians, journalists, entertainers, activists, and academics, build momentum as Miss Representation accumulates startling facts and statistics that will leave the audience shaken, but armed with a new perspective. Parents are invited to drop their well-behaved children at the library while they watch the film. Can’t get away to see the film? Borrow it another time with your Bowdoinham Library card.



Clothes Closet-The Clothes Closet will be open every Wednesday from 3pm-6pm at the Bowdoinham Church of the Nazarene at 7 School St. FMI contact Christine Couch at 351-0289.



Pack 699 cordially invites you to our annual Pinewood Derby. Racing begins at 9:45 on Saturday March 18 in the school gym. Come see scouts racecars they have made on a timed aluminum track with video highlights. This is a great opportunity to come check out Bowdoinham's Cub Scout program and talk with leaders. Cub Scouts is open to boys in first grade through fifth grade and can be joined at any time. There are great camp opportunities in the summer and many activities throughout the year including service projects, hikes, and field trips. Contact Athena Mann: amannpack699@yahoo.com or Cathy Curtis: curtisc@link75.org 666-8434

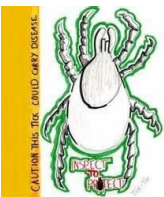


MAMS & Bath YMCA 2017 Freedom Tour - A spaghetti dinner will be held on March 12th from 4pm – 6pm at the Topsham Legion on Foreside Rd. \$5.00 a plate (at the door). All proceeds go toward the students’ trip.



Orion
Performing Arts Center

Orion Performing Arts Center - Is holding a fundraiser for stage improvements. Eat at Gelato fiasco, 49 Maine St., Brunswick on April 4 (All Day); give them a voucher (available on line at www.orionperformingartscenter.org The Orion gets 100% of your bill. Thank you.



May is Lyme Disease Awareness month in Maine, and Maine CDC is planning events throughout the month to raise awareness of the disease and increase knowledge about prevention. This year will be our 8th annual statewide poster contest in schools for students K-8. Children at this age have high rates of Lyme disease, which is why increasing their knowledge of prevention is important. The topic of this year’s contest is “Be Tick Smart” to emphasize awareness prevention of ticks. Posters should be creative, colorful, and express the importance of being informed about ticks and mindful of good prevention habits. This year we will also accept graphic designs and photography entries. Along with this theme, students should try to illustrate at least one specific preventative method on the poster, such as: use an EPA approved repellent, wear protective clothing, perform daily tick checks, or use caution in tick infested areas. Examples of last year’s winning designs and general Lyme disease information are available at: <http://www.maine.gov/lyme>. Maine CDC tick curriculum materials can be found under resources for educators at: <http://www.maine.gov/lyme>. These are available for use by any classroom and include an educator’s guide, PowerPoint presentations, and classroom activities to help educate your class on ticks in Maine. Maine CDC would appreciate if you support this contest by passing this information and the contest rule sheets to any interested teacher(s) or staff member(s) that might participate. A few suggested areas are: sciences, health, art, or the student’s primary teachers. Entries must be received by the Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program by April 28, 2017. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the contest or curriculum materials in more depth, please contact the Public Health Corps at

