

FALCON FLASH

*In It Together: Meaningful Learning That Lasts
Care for each other, take Responsibility, and Focus on learning*

March 3, 2017

Monday 3/6	Tuesday 3/7	Wednesday 3/8	Thursday 3/9	Friday 3/10
Chicken Patty Sdwh Egg Salad Sdwh Mixed Fruit	Fish Sticks Ham Salad Sandwich Potatoes	Waffle Sticks w/syrup Breakfast Sandwich Apple Sauce	Taco's Turkey Sandwich Black Beans & Rice	Toasted Cheese Sdwh Fish Sandwich Kiwi Rounds

Upcoming Events:

3/6-3/24-Kindergarten Registration Window
3/6-Lynn Plourde, Author
3/7-Spring Pictures
3/9-Toothprotectors
3/10-Coding Club
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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I want to express gratitude to some special volunteers at our school – middle and high school students who help us often with everything from cataloging books in the book room, changing the marquee messages in front of the school, mounting student artwork in our hallways, mentoring younger students, or providing childcare for our Kindergarten Reading Night, among many other jobs behind the scenes. Thank you: Zoe Pinkham, Madeleine and Sam Young, Lainie Lemieux, Zachary and Angel Ortiz, Camila and Joseph Ciembroniewicz, Lia Haram, Clark Tankersley, and Cody Bowker. You make our school a better place, and we appreciate you!

HOT TOPIC: REFERENDUM

Next Tuesday, March 7th, is a big day for our school district. That is when the voters of Bowdoinham, Bowdoin, Harpswell, and Topsham will decide whether or not to support the new Mt. Ararat High School project. There are two questions up for consideration: 1) to approve the building plan, and (if so), 2) to also support the building of a turf competition field. All components of the plan had multiple opportunities for public hearing and community feedback. The plan represents the best thinking of the folks in our district over a three-year planning process. You can find more information here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/link75.org/construction/home>

This is the high school that your children and mine – and Bowdoinham children for the next 40 or more years – will graduate from. This is big. I believe one of the most important things we can model for our kids is civic responsibility – making your voice heard and your vote count. Please take a moment next Tuesday and cast your vote at the Town Hall (8am to 8pm).

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 russelly@link75.org or 666-5546. Thank you.



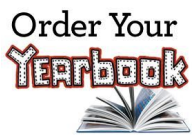
Tooth Protectors, Inc is returning to BHM on Thursday, March 9th, 2017. If your child was seen 6 months ago, they are automatically added to the list to be seen for their 6 month checkup. If your child was not seen and you would like them to be, please contact the school to complete a permission form. Currently, Tooth Protectors accepts MaineCare, Cigna, Anthem & other Dental Insurance. Your child can also participate as a self-pay. Please email/call the school for a permission form to be sent home or emailed to you.



BHM Parent Partnership -1) Please join us for our monthly meeting to be held on Monday, March 6 at 6pm in the Learning Commons (school library). We will be discussing a proposal for an interactive and entertaining artist-in-residence program for all students. Can't attend night meetings but would still like to hear about what is going on with BPP? Sign up to be added to our email list so you can receive information on upcoming projects, offer ideas and input on proposed programs, and more. All school families are welcome! Contact BPP coordinator Kathy Montejo at kmontejo@comcast.net 2) The school families will be providing dinner for the teachers on March 13 and 15 while they are working late during the parent/teacher conferences. A parent coordinator is needed for both nights to help set up the table, lay out the food and then pick up at the end of the night. If you are able to volunteer for about two hours on one or both nights, please contact Kathy at kmontejo@comcast.net. And if you can contribute an item for a meal, please sign up using the Sign Up Genius program at this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094fafac2ba7fc1-parent> The teachers are very appreciative of having a hot meal provided during these busy nights and this is a great way for families to express our thanks to our teachers for all they do each and every day for our kids. 3) A parent volunteer is needed to coordinate the Box Tops for Education program next year (and for hopefully a few years). Thank you to 5th Grade parent Beth Chase who has coordinated this program for us for the past several years. Beth will finish out the school year and is happy to show the new coordinator the process. Box Tops are collected and redeemed twice a year. Beth says the work involves picking up the box tops from Mrs. Russell, trimming them, packaging them and shipping them by the biannual redemption deadline. She estimates this work is about 8 hours twice a year. We receive 10 cents for every box top submitted. More information about this national program is available here: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>



Spring Pictures – Will be taken on Tuesday, March 7th for all students. Picture selection forms were sent home with your child this week. All children will have their picture taken and you will be able to choose from the proof which you will receive at a later date whether to purchase them or not.



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.



Please mark your calendar for **March 7th Referendum on the Mt. Ararat High School** project. Voting is done at all the town polling locations. The Referendum contains two questions: **Question 1** is the entire project (both state funded and additional local only funded items) except a synthetic turf field. **Question 2** asks if the first question passes, if the voters would approve another \$649,000 for a synthetic turf competition field. (Please note that Building Committee has determined that crumb rubber infill will NOT be used if the turf field is approved. Alternative fills are available and will be used.)

It is important that all voters understand the total cost of this project is \$60,704,671 if both questions are approved. The project qualifies for state support, with \$53,486,792 of the total amount as state approved costs. The project is asking local taxpayers to provide the additional \$6,857,347 to pay for items in the project that are not paid for by the State, and that were identified through the numerous meetings for inclusion.

For additional information, you can access the construction website at <http://sites.google.com/a/link75.org/construction>



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COMMUNITY NEWS



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.



Cookie time! **Girl Scout Troop 1540** will be at the **Bowdoinham Country Store** this Saturday, March 4 from 10-2 for a cookie booth sale. Regular cookies are still \$4 a box and Gluten Free Trios are \$5 a pouch. Cash and checks accepted. Please come support our troop and get some delicious cookies. Thank you and see you then AND Girl Scout **Brownie and Junior Troop 721** will be at the **Bowdoinham Recycle Barn** on Saturday March 4th from 8:30-12:30. Cookies are still \$4 a box; gluten-free trios are \$5. Please come support our 3rd- 5th grade Girl Scouts!



Woodside One Wheelers- Woodside One Wheelers sponsor two great events in March, 2017: **Annual Craft 'n Flea Market Saturday**, March 4th, 8 – 2pm at Woodside Elementary School, 42 Barrows Drive, Topsham, Maine. There's something for everyone. A wide variety of crafters sell beautiful handmade crafts, jewelry, and lots more. Flea market bargains include kids games and toys, and treasures galore. A great raffle, delicious lunch and homemade cookie makes this a great event for all ages. Free Admission. FMI: Email wow.woodside@gmail.com Come enjoy the **Woodside One Wheelers** perform in our **10th Annual Community Show**, Friday, March 10, 6:30pm at Mt. Ararat High School Gymnasium, 73 Eagles Way, Topsham, Maine The Woodside One Wheelers are a performing circus arts group featuring students in grades 3 – 12. They will "WOW" you with their juggling skills, dancing circus balls, and unicycle riding. The finale will feature over 40 giraffe (5 feet tall) unicycle riders. Under the direction of Eric Pulsifer, the Woodside One Wheelers will proudly represented Topsham in the 2017 Independence Day Parade in beautiful Philadelphia, PA. Free Admission. FMI: www.woodsideonewheelers.org



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 race cars 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

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