

FALCON FLASH

In It Together: Meaningful Learning That Lasts

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

April 7, 2017

Monday 4/10	Tuesday 4/11	Wednesday 4/12	Thursday 4/13	Friday 4/14
Chicken Drumsticks Fish Sandwich Potato Salad	Pasta & Meat Sauce Ham Salad Sandwich Mixed Fruit	Burger Day Baked Fries Tuna Fish Sandwich	Toasted Cheese Sandwich Breakfast Sandwich Tomato Soup	NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DAY

Upcoming Events:

4/7-4/8-BHM School Play
4/10-BPP – 6pm Learning Commons
4/12-Fivers vs Staff Basketball – 6:30

4/13-BHM K-5 Music Concert
4/14-Professional Day-No school for students
4/18-4/22-Spring Vacation – No School



THE PRINCIPAL CONNECTION

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I wish everyone a happy April vacation. In addition to reading every day for pleasure, I want students to focus on Mr. Jones' Active April challenge. Our esteemed physical education teacher has provided students with logs to keep track of their moderate and vigorous physical activity this month. Students who exercise 20-30 minutes a day (outside of school) for twenty-four days in April will be entered into a raffle for prizes. We know Bowdoinham students get outside all the time, especially in beautiful Spring weather. Keep track of your exercise, and you could win some cool equipment!

HOT TOPIC: THEATRE

"We know the Arts are the archives of our human history, the wind of invention and the heartbeat of humanity." – Natasha Tsakos

Our school play had a smashing successful run last weekend. Most of that is due to the creativity, commitment, and practice of our student writers and cast members. Congratulations to the kids! Attached the Flash this week is the program for our production (put together beautifully by Beth Chase.) Please read through the names of the 50+ students who were an essential part of the play. Please also notice the long list of adults who put hours of volunteer time and energy into making this a meaningful learning experience that will last for these kids. At the top of this list are our Writer/Director and Producer, Dana Wieluns Legawiec; our Music Director, Diana Mosher; and our Technical Director, P.J. O'Hanlon. I wish I had the space to list all the amazing parent, grandparent, sibling, and community volunteers who gave of their time as well. Please read the program.

I believe strongly that a Theatre department is an essential experience for students in public elementary school. Luckily, our community has been blessed with seasoned professionals like Dana who can help transform this belief into reality. But it doesn't happen unless we make it happen. Will you join us for our 2018 theatre production?

Yours in meaningful learning that lasts,

Mr. Lajoie ☺

SPRING BREAK – FRIDAY, APRIL 14 THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 23



Congratulations to our Fivers for an excellently played Staff v. Students basketball game Wednesday night! We ended up in a tie, 34-34. Thank you to Mrs. Curtis for organizing the event, and all the wonderful fifth grade parents for helping out. All proceeds are benefitting our Fifth Grade trip to Boston in June. ***



Congratulations to all of our students for preparing an exciting K-5 General Music Concert tonight at 6:00! Mrs. Stratton makes all this happen - she is a pro. Thank you, Mrs. Stratton, for the wonderful work you do with our kids every week

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.



Bowdoinham Community School has once again, purchased 100 General Admission tickets to the Friday, May 5, 2017. Sea Dogs vs Reading Fightin Phils Game Time is 6:00pm (Gates open at 4:30pm) Cost of Tickets: \$5.00 each (First Come First Serve) Tickets are now available for sale in the school office. Your child(ren)s name will be entered in the drawing to throw out a ceremonial pitch before the game.



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Bowdoinham Chicken Run - It's back!! There will be a Chicken Run Subcommittee meeting for anyone interested in the planning process on Tuesday, May 2 at 6:00 in the Learning Commons. If interested but can't attend, please email Suzie Satterfield at jsatterfield@comcast.net.



ANNUAL Rummage Sale - Please begin setting aside your gently used items for our rummage sale this year. This fundraiser has raised from \$900-\$1200 for our school's enrichment programs each year. This sale will take place May 5th from 5PM-7PM & May 6th from 9pm-12pm. We will start collecting items at the town hall beginning Sunday, April 30th. If you need to donate over break please call Jess to make arrangements to store your donations. Happy Spring Cleaning with your school in mind! FMI - Jess Sullivan 504.7103 text or call.

APRIL

COMMUNITY NEWS



Bowdoinham Roadside Trash Cleanup – Saturday, April 22, 2017. Volunteers Welcome! Meet at the gazebo at the Maily Waterfront Park between 8:30am and 9am rain or shine to get trash bags and gloves and pick a street/road to clean. Wear bright colored clothing! Children must be closely supervised for safety around fast moving vehicles. After roadside trash collection, brings bag(s) of trash to Bowdoinham Recycling Barn between 11am-12pm at the far end of the barn. Thanks for your help!! Sponsored by the Boy Scouts and Bowdoinham Recreation Department.



Come one, come all to the Bowdoinham Family Contra dance on April 15th, from 6:15 to 7:15 at the Bowdoinham Town Hall. Music will be provided by an All-Comers band. As the name implies, musicians of all ages and levels are encouraged to participate and all instruments are welcome. Musicians may include beginner and

accomplished players. Just show up to play! The All Comers band will be anchored by Ellen Gawler and her students in the Pineland Fiddlers. The goal is to play tunes at dance speed and to have FUN! If you would like to attend a rehearsal you are warmly invited to a rehearsal on April 3rd at the Berry-Gaviria home in Bowdoinham. Please email danapratt@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending the rehearsal for the All Comers Band and we will put you on the email list. Or just show up to play on April 15th! **Admission to the dance is free for everyone.** You can support the dance by purchasing refreshments or making a donation. The family portion of the dance is followed by a regular contra dance at 8pm part of the Bowdoinham 3rd Saturday Dance Series. Admission: \$10 adults, \$7 students and seniors.



YOUNG ARTISTS CELEBRATE SKUNK CABBAGE - The Merrymeeting Arts Center (MAC) in Bowdoinham announces the opening of its annual art exhibit for emerging artists under the age of 18. "Skunk Cabbage and other Stinky-Helpful Plants" will begin with a reception on Friday April 7 from 5-7 p.m. at MAC's gallery, 9 Main Street, Bowdoinham. The show will continue on Saturdays from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. from April 8 through May 20. On Saturday, April 15 from 10-12, there will be a drop-in art activity for all ages focused on skunk cabbage. Each April MAC's show celebrates an aspect of vernal pools, the distinctive woods water feature of Maine in spring. In the past, show themes have included fairy shrimp, ferns, and turtles. Young artists throughout the area produce both realistic and abstract works in all media from sculpture to prints, paint, pastels and crayons. Some art teachers make the annual vernal pools show a center of their spring curriculum and collaborate with science teachers for a cross-discipline learning experience. Skunk cabbage is a colorful early sign of spring, peeping out of marshes. They are also one of many plants that help humans by either attracting or repelling insects and other animals. This year's theme was widened to include the many plants that help humans, from nasturtiums to bee balm. There will be participation from the Bowdoinham Historical Society and the Bowdoinham Community School garden project, as well as the annual Bowdoinham Public Library Plant Sale. Betsy Steen will create an information wall at the art gallery. "Skunk Cabbage and other Stinky-Helpful Plants" will be a colorful and informative show that once again celebrates the Maine spring. For more information, see www.merrymeetingartscenter.org. Follow us on Facebook, or call 207-504-1132 and leave a message.

