

FALCON FLASH

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

May 12, 2017

Monday 5/15	Tuesday 5/16	Wednesday 5/17	Thursday 5/18	Friday 5/19
Chicken Patty BBQ Rib Sandwich Asparagus	Taco Salad Chicken Salad Sandwich Mixed Veggies	Macaroni & Cheese/Ham Egg Salad Sandwich Green Beans	Shrimp Poppers Cheese Sandwich Fruit Salad	Quesadilla Tuna Salad Sandwich 4 Bean Salad

Upcoming Events:

5/17- 5/22-Book Fair
 5/19 - 1st Grade Field Trip
 5/24 -Step Up day for 5th Grade
 6/2 -Boston Trip – 5th Grade
 6/2 - Bowdoinham Days – 4th grade
 6/2 - Bowdoinham Buds
 6/6- Gr. 2/3 to Scarborough Marsh

6/14-Kindergarten & 1st grade Field Trip
 6/15 - Field Day (Rain date – June 16)
 6/19 - Magnificent Monday
 6/22- 5th Grade Graduation
 6/29-Memorial Day – No School
 6/30-Professional Dev. Day – No School



THE PRINCIPAL CONNECTION

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HOT TOPIC: HIGHLIGHTS

Public schools are notoriously bad at sharing the great things they have going on. As I considered this week's entry, I realized how many exciting learning opportunities happened this week – and many that are above and beyond the typical school experience. So here are just a few highlights of the week:

* All students in grades 2-5 had an assembly on Monday to hear about the Spring Electives offerings. Our wonderful teachers and community volunteers have lined up some great opportunities for our kids, from Fishing to Birdhouse Making, from Needle Felting to Lego Building, and many more!

* On Tuesday our fourth and fifth graders were treated to a discussion with a special group of visitors from Lewiston High School – graduating seniors from Somalia, Togo, Chad, and Yemen. Our students learned a lot about the experience of these young immigrants to Maine, and asked some great questions. Thank you to our special guests for teaching us!

* Our talented fourth and fifth grade musicians joined their peers from the other elementary schools to perform an amazing Spring District Concert at the Orion Performance Arts Center on Tuesday. Congratulations to them, as well as Ms. Stratton and Mrs. Powers, their music teachers. I don't think I've ever heard these groups sound better.

* Many of our students are also spending time out on the softball and baseball fields, as well as the outdoor track and cross country trails. I got to watch a Bowdoinham v. Bowdoin rookie baseball game Wednesday, which showcased hard work and great sportsmanship. Congratulations to our young athletes!

* In Learning Commons this week students got to do some collaborative problem solving using [BreakoutEDU kits](#). Teams that communicated effectively, thought creatively, and persisted through challenges were very successful.

* Mrs. Goetting pulled off our second annual BHM Spring Art Show on Thursday. Every single student in our school had a beautiful, interesting piece of mounted art on display. Live piano music from some BHM students, and Meaningful Brewing coffee and treats, enhanced the show. Great work, artists, and thank you Mrs. Goetting for bringing this special event to our school!

* And when she is not giving hours of time helping put up pieces for the Art Show (thank you!) Adelaida Gaviria – Mrs. G. – has been working hard on our school garden renovation. This week Kindergarteners helped her plant a new pear tree, and students from all grades had the chance to help out in the garden during Friday recess.

I wish I had room to list the dozens of other cool things that happened in our community school this week.

Yours in meaningful learning that lasts,

Mr. Lajoie ☺



The "Scholastic Buy one, Get One Free " book fair will be open Wednesday May 17 at 1PM through Monday, May 22 at 11AM. Please note that we are closed each day from noon until 1pm. for lunch and recess. Most children will be visiting the fair during their regular Learning Commons time. We are 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. Students will not be purchasing anything during their Learning Commons time. Instead they will be making wish lists, which they will bring home to share with you. On the bottom of the wish list will be the order form, which can be filled out and returned to us with cash or a check made out to BHM. We will be able to make change and there is no tax. If you have no preference as to what your child buys, you can simply send them with money or a check. Students will be able to make purchases at designated times throughout fair days and teachers will be notified of these times. You can also make purchases by shopping with your child Thursday, May 18 after school until 7pm. Thanks for your support!

Wed. May 17 1:00-3:15 Thurs May 18 9:15 - 7:00 Fri May 19 9:15-3:15 Mon. May 22 9:15- 11:00



Support the fifth grade fund, treat yourself to some awesome art, and get a happy photo of the fifth grade class to keep! Fifth grade calendars are available in the office, for \$10 each. You still have over six months to enjoy this beautiful calendar, produced by Vivian Pratte, with art by eleven of this year's Bowdoinham fifth graders and a photo of the whole class on the December page. Seven Minute Workout CD's are available, too, for \$7.00 each. Get fit and support the fifth grade! You'll be glad you did. Please see Mrs. Russell in the office or send a note and a check to school with your child. Please say what you'd like and write "Fifth Grade Fund" on the memo line.



Order your yearbook now! \$12.00 each. This year a Yearbook Committee was formed whom consisted of four 5th graders, Gabby Chase, Lucy Jackson, Audrey Nile and Raven Thibeault, Bree Brawn and Mrs. Russell. They worked from October through April deciding on yearbook pages, on superlatives, and who to dedicate the yearbook to (**whom will be revealed during Marvelous Monday activities**). With the help from all of the 5th grade class members, they put together an amazing yearbook of memories. You may contact Mrs. Russell to order a book for your student. Books will be available the first of June.



COMMUNITY NEWS



The 44th Annual Library Plant Sale is Saturday, May 20th from 9am to 4pm at the Bowdoinham Town Hall. This is the longest running plant sale in the state of Maine. Come help support Bowdoinham's library. FMI 666-8405

Bowdoinham Food Pantry - The pantry is open every Wednesday (with the exception of holidays) from 3-6pm. We are located down by the waterfront at 9 Main St. We offer a large variety of items depending upon the donations and items available to us. In addition to food items, we do have a number of personal hygiene items as well - laundry soap, shampoo, soap and often more. **Back Pack Program** - The Bowdoinham Food Pantry collaborates with our local school - Bowdoinham Community School. This program supports several families on a weekly basis. Once school is closed for the summer months, we encourage them to visit the pantry on Wednesdays from 3-6.



Brown Tailed Moths - Please remind your students often not to pick up or touch any of the caterpillars that are crawling on and around our school grounds. Some students are very susceptible to the fine hairs of some caterpillars and may develop a red, itchy, burning rash which can cause intense discomfort. Please see the attached information regarding Brown Tailed Moths and treatments.



Bowdoinham Farmer's Market - Is now open Saturdays from 8:30am-12:30pm at 1 Main Street. They are offering such items as bread, produce, treats, art and much more. Come support your community.



Merrymeeting Soccer Tryouts are June 4 - A flyer has been sent home with students with information about Merrymeeting Soccer and the upcoming tryouts. If your child doesn't have the flyer, you can find the information at <https://merrymeetingsoccer.org> where you can also register at no cost by May 18 for the tryouts.