

FALCON FLASH

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

May 19, 2017

Monday 5/22	Tuesday 5/23	Wednesday 5/24	Thursday 5/25	Friday 5/26
Meatball Sub Egg Salad Sandwich Broccoli	Hot Dogs Mozzarella Stick Baked Beans	Shepherds Pie Ham & Cheese Penne Dinner Roll	Roast Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich Squash	Pazzo Bread Roast Turkey Sandwich Veggie & Dip

Upcoming Events:

5/24 -Step Up day for 5th Grade
 5/29-Memorial Day – No School
 5/30-Professional Dev. Day – No School
 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
 6/23-Last Day of School – 12:05 Dismissal



THE PRINCIPAL CONNECTION

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We are in the final stages of approving a school district budget for next year. Please try to attend the District Budget Meeting next Thursday, May 25th, at 6:30pm. As always, it will be held at the Orion Performing Arts Center adjacent to Mt. Ararat Middle School in Topsham. Even though we continue to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars of state funding each year, the district’s administrators and Board of Directors have worked to minimize that impact on local taxpayers. More detailed information can be found in the budget report mailed to your home this week. I am happy to answer any questions you may have as well. Thank you for supporting our school, and voting at the District Budget meeting next Thursday if you are able.

HOT TOPIC: DOWNLOADS

Our talented friend, Susan Tuttle of Susan Tuttle Photography, documented Michael Wingfield’s visit to our school as our Artist in Residence, May 8th and 9th. Susan has graciously agreed to share a link to her Dropbox page so you can peruse and download some photos: <http://bit.ly/2qBiWrU>. Thank you, Susan!

Our other talented friend, Jeff Fischer of Third Chapter Films, helped us make a movie. It is the official video for our School Play, “The Strange and Terrifying ...” For the next three weeks it is available for free download and streaming on our new Vimeo page: <https://vimeo.com/218028101>. Please share this link with friends and family and encourage them to access the video before June 10th! You can also create a DVD or otherwise share with extended members of our school community *at no charge before June 10th!* We will maintain a copy of this play at the school to document the work of our growing Theatre program.

Yours in meaningful learning that lasts,

Mr. Lajoie ☺

5th Grade

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.



MAY

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Bowdoinham Library Plant Sale
Saturday, 9am – 4pm
Bowdoinham Town Hall

