

## FALCON FLASH

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

May 26, 2017

Monday 5/29	Tuesday 5/30	Wednesday 5/31	Thursday 6/01	Friday 6/02
Memorial Day  With Honor & Gratitude We Remember No School	<b>Professional Day No School</b>	Popcorn Chicken Ham & Cheese Pinwheels Fresh Grapefruit Sweet Potato Tots	Meatball Subs Egg Salad Sandwich Peaches Food Bar	French Bread Pizza Fish Sticks Green Beans Food Bar

**Upcoming Events:**

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| 5/29-Memorial Day – No School<br>5/30-Professional Dev. Day – No School<br>6/2 -Boston Trip – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade<br>6/2 - Bowdoinham Days – 4 <sup>th</sup> grade<br>6/2 - Bowdoinham Buds<br>6/6- Gr. 2/3 to Scarborough Marsh | 6/14-Kindergarten & 1 <sup>st</sup> grade Field Trip<br>6/15 - Field Day (Rain date – June 16)<br>6/19 - Magnificent Monday<br>6/22- 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation<br>6/23-Last Day of School – 12:05 Dismissal |
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THE PRINCIPAL CONNECTION

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The video of our original school play, "The Strange and Terrifying ..." is available for free download and streaming on our new Vimeo page for two more weeks!

<https://vimeo.com/218028101>

And we are still looking for the parent of a Kindergartener or First Grader to be co-coordinator for this year's Field Day. Our current coordinator, Daphne White, will teach you everything you need to know and work side by side with you. The commitment is a few hours leading up to Field Day, and a full day on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please consider taking on this leadership role and help our school continue one of the most fun traditions we have! If interested, please contact me or Mrs. Russell in the office, and thanks.

**HOT TOPIC: STEPPING DOWN**

Highly effective schools take time for teachers to observe and learn in each other's classrooms. This week your child in Kindergarten through Third Grade might have reported having many teachers (and me) visiting during their Reading Workshop. One goal of Stepping Down for teachers is to start getting to know the readers they will have in their classroom next year – First Grade teachers stepping down to meet Kindergarteners, Grades 4/5 teachers stepping down to meet Third Graders, etc. We talked with students about what they are working on as readers, observed the skills and routines they are able to do with independence, and also had the chance to note some compliments for the hosting teacher. As part of our Professional Development Day next Tuesday (with no students) we will have cross-grade-level meetings to discuss our readers and be sure we are ready to take these kids right where we left off and keep moving them forward on Day 1 (September 5<sup>th</sup>!)

Yours in meaningful learning that lasts,

*Mr. Lajoie ☺*



**Order your yearbook now!** \$12.00 each. This year a Yearbook Committee was formed whom consisted of four 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**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.