

FALCON FLASH

March 16, 2018

Upcoming Events:

4/1 - Happy Easter

4/7-BHM School Play – 3pm and 6pm

4/12-Full Day of School

4/12-Fivers Vs Staff Basketball – 5pm

4/13-Early Release Day – 12:05pm

4/16 – 4/20 – April Vacation

5/10- BHM Art Show

5/14-18- Scholastic Book Fair

5/17-1st Gr. To Northeast Ag Show

5/22- Mrs. Marc-Aurele's Home base to Maine Maritime Museum

5/23-All School Spring Music Concert

5/28- Memorial Day-No School

5/29-30- Brighter Smiles (Dental Hygienist)

SPRING BREAK - APRIL 16th - 20th



THE PRINCIPAL CONNECTION @mrlajoiebham

When it helps with learning we try to take advantage of technology. Our school has a subscription to BrainPOP, an educational website that delivers reliable content on a range of real-world topics. As part of that subscription your family has access to BrainPOP too! Each month BrainPOP shares ideas and activities for using BrainPOP at home around a timely topic. This month is Computer Programming. Sign up at <http://gobrainpop.com/home> to receive tips for watching the Computer Programming movie together, and activities to extend understanding of computer programming concepts. If your child wants to log in at home, and does not remember their login credentials, you can email his/her teacher. This could be great April vacation learning!

HOT TOPIC: GARDEN

Have you ever seen the billboard near the gym bathrooms, showing off awards our school garden program has received? Has your child ever helped haul compost, pull weeds, or harvest carrots behind the school? What did you think of the delicious Harvest Supper back in October, prepared and served by our students? Our school garden program (formerly known as the Food Freaks) is at a crossroads. Our dedicated garden coordinator, Ms. Adelaida Gaviria, has moved on to other projects and commitments. We were so very lucky to have her! Now is the time for others to step up.

The research on the many benefits of a school garden program is well known, and summarized [here](#). In my recent conversation with Kathy Savoie, the first coordinator of the Food Freaks back in 2002, she pointed out that we have been gardening at the Bowdoinham school since before school garden programs were a thing! If we still envision it as an important part of our school, we need your help.

My goal is to create a Garden Coordinator position that will oversee both the garden maintenance and the educational component of the program. I am planning to apply for a grant to help support a monetary stipend for the coordinator. And if we can't find one person to do all the coordination, we can find a small number of folks to share the leadership work.

Please consider if you or someone you know has the time, energy, and expertise to help lead our garden program into the future. Things will need to get in the ground shortly, so time is growing short! Send interested folks my way – maybe it's you! – to get more information. Let's do everything we can to keep this authentic place-based learning going for our kids.

Yours in meaningful learning that lasts,

Mr. Lajoie ☺



Thursday, April 12, 18: Annual Staff Vs. Fivers Basketball Game - 5:00-6:00 Dinner before the game-many potluck items for sale (pizza, hot dogs, chili, mac and cheese etc.) The game begins at 6:00. Snacks, 50-50 and couch raffle will be available for purchase. **No Admission –Donation at the Door.** Come cheer on the fifth graders and teachers in this unforgettable rite of passage. **ALL FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND PLAY!** Proceeds benefit the fifth grade trip to Boston and end-year activities.



Incoming Kindergarteners - It is that time again - we are looking for any possible incoming Kindergarten student who will be turning 5 on or before October 15, 2018. Please contact Mrs. Russell in the school office at 666-5546 or russellv@link75.org.

April

COMMUNITY NEWS



Gray's Equestrian Training – Spring Break Camp, April 16 – April 20, 2018, Mon – Fri, 9am – 3pm, \$45 per day or \$225 per week. At Gray's Equestrian Training 849 Post Rd, Bowdoinham Call or text to sign up or with questions – 207 841 7864



Cram The Van - Please come to the Shaw's in Cooks Corner this Saturday, March 31, to support the Mid-coast Hunger Prevention Program. Mt. Ararat High School's Interact Club and National Honor Society will be collecting nonperishables and cash donations from 9 to 3!! This is year 16 so please Help us make this the best year yet...



Top Teen Illusionist Comes to Orion Performing Arts Center in Topsham! Ben Zabin, one of America's top teen magicians, is coming to Topsham for a one-night magic show at Orion Performing Arts Center, Friday, March 30, at 7 pm. The award-winning show, which has been seen by audiences world-wide, is a unique fusion of Las Vegas-style illusions, mind-reading, and sleight-of-hand, all woven together by Ben's perfect comedic timing. Due to his perfect blend of youth, maturity, humor, and pop culture awareness, Ben easily relates to audiences across the board, making this a show truly for all ages. There are no lame card tricks, no rabbits out of hats... just fresh, interactive magic that will keep audiences on the edge of their seats in amazement, while holding their stomachs from laughing so hard. Tickets are now on sale at \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, and can be purchased in advance at MSAD No.75 Business Office, 50 Republic Ave, Topsham; or with credit card through Brown Paper Tickets online at www.orionperformingartscenter.org. Tickets will also be available at the door. The show is a fund-raiser for capital needs at the Orion, currently seeking to have an installed projector and to begin an upgrade to LED theatrical lighting. Ben Zabin, who has been entertaining audiences for 14 years (which is cool considering he's only 19), has brought his show to theaters, resorts, conventions, and VIP events internationally. He was the youngest magician to appear in a running magic show in Las Vegas, had a one-man off-Broadway show, and is the recipient of over a dozen prestigious awards and honors. This is the not-to-be-missed show of the season. To learn more about Ben, visit www.BenZabin.com, and keep up with him on Facebook and Twitter: @BenZabinMagic.



Perry's Garden- Bowdoinham's NEW community garden! We are still taking applications for the 2018 season! Come join your neighbors and grow your own food this year in Bowdoinham's new community garden, located on Sadie Lane (behind the Farm Cart). Plots are \$25 for a 10' x25' space. Compost, water, tools and expert gardening advice available! Organic and conventional gardeners welcome. Contact Lily Montgomery for more information at lilypmontgomery@gmail.com or find us on Facebook



Bowdoinham Food Pantry has new hours of operation. Beginning Wednesday, September 6, the pantry will be open from 3pm – 5pm every Wednesday. For more information please call 751-7779



The Clothes Closet is open the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 3pm-6pm at the Church of the Nazarene at 7 School St. Come to the house behind the church. A donation of \$1 a bag is welcome but not required.