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who would like to have the children stop and sing a carol or two, please call the school.



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 PRIDE sponsored school wide attendance at the Penobscot Theatre Company's performance of "A Christmas Story" on Thursday, December 8th by paying half the cost of the tickets. The school paid for transportation and parents graciously paid the other half. It was a terrific experience for the students!
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 PRIDE will also sponsor the Candy Cane Christmas Shoppe next week. Thank you Mrs. Ketch for organizing that!
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 PRIDE voted to purchase fleece vests for staff with our new logo on them. I am very appreciative and excited to be able to do this for our staff!

December Events

- Dec 6 "A Bugz Christmas" - school concert
- Dec 8 School to "A Christmas Story" @ Penobscot Theatre
- Dec 9 Report cards go home
- Dec 12-16 Candy Cane Christmas Shoppe
- Dec 14 Movie day Grinch & Frosty
- Dec 21 Craft day and Caroling
- Dec 22- Christmas Vacation
- Jan 1



Holiday Caroling

Each year, students from the Viola Rand School make a trip through town to sing carols and spread holiday cheer. This year, our students will be caroling on December 21st after lunch. The singers will leave the school around 12:15 and walk a loop through town. The group will walk down Bullen Street, take a left onto the Bradley Road, walk through town to Cram Street, and follow Cram Street back to Highland Avenue. If you know of anyone along this route



I wish you the happiest of holidays!

VRS Enrollment

The enrollment at VRS remains unchanged from last month. We currently have 62 students.



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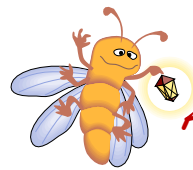
The University Credit Union on Rangely Road in Orono has chosen to again adopt the Viola Rand School for the 2011-2012 school year. The school received a big box of classroom supplies for teachers to share. They are also making donations to families in our community this holiday season. We have enjoyed the assistance from UCU employees on craft days and Dr. Seuss' birthday in the past and are excited to know that support will continue! They are planning fundraising of their own to purchase leveled books for classrooms and legos for use in our school. We are really pleased to have been chosen again this year!!



"A Christmas Story"

Last Thursday, December 8th, all of the students from our school attended a performance at the Penobscot Theatre Company. The students and staff all reported that it was a terrific story and a lot of fun to watch. The show lasted over two hours and kept students entertained throughout. PRIDE paid half the cost of admission and we asked for donations from parents for the other half. Transportation

costs for the one bus came out of the field trip budget.



"A Bugz Christmas"

On Tuesday, December 6, Keri Whitney lead students in a super cute musical with all of the students dressed up like termites, soldier beetles, dragon flies, butterflies, lady bugs, a queen bee, a princess bee... or something along those lines. The dramatic presentations by the choral groups were a hit with the well over 200 people in the audience. It was a well attended and well received show that the students were proud of and had a lot of fun doing! It showed!



Bear Keepers

Our Bear Keeper program to promote students being responsible is working well. Kindergarten is the only class who has yet to earn the right to keep the bear in their classroom for a week, but they came in second last Friday. The class keeping the bear now gets to lead the school in the flag salute each morning and help with afternoon announcements. Last week, third grade students read excerpts that described the play they were going to on Thursday. Students enjoy speaking over the intercom far more than I do, so it is working out well!

Poetry Assemblies

We are having monthly assemblies to give classes a chance to share the poetry they are exploring and enjoying in classes. We practice appropriate behavior for watching public performances and all really enjoy the selections.

Bryce Richards and Hannah Sibley did a puppet show of "A Hole In the Bucket" that had the audience in stitches last month! We also put names of students who earned a bear paw for caring, respect, responsibility or knowledge into a drawing for little prizes and pull names for that at the end of the assembly. They have become a fun end of the month activity! The next one will be on December 21st!

Enjoy the season! Respectfully submitted~
Cheryl