

Alton Elementary School

22 Argyle Rd. Alton, Maine 04468

May 21st, 2010

- May 28th - **Field Trip to Uno's Chicago Grill.** Morning trip to learn about running a restaurant. Each child will get to make and eat their own pizza.
- June 2nd - **Fifth Grade Field Trip – Jenkins Beach (Rain Day – 3rd)**
- 4th - **Big D Day!!! Domino's Pizza Party Duct Tape Mr. Dyer Day!**
- 7th - **Field Day!!! (Rain Day – 9th)**
BBQ by Alton Fire Dept. Families Invited – All Day Event!
- 9th - **Step Up Day – 5th grade to LMS!**
- 14th - **Last Day of School - ½ DAY!**
Awards, slide show in Gym.
No lunch/breakfast on this day.
Students Dismissed at 11:00.

Principal's message

In just a few short weeks we will be at the end of another school year. I feel that this has been a year of much success. Students have been so active since the fall in their classrooms, learning, discovering and improving in so many ways. It's hard to believe how quickly time goes by. In the past few weeks students have been on various field trips to the Witter Farm, UMO Planetarium & Cole Transportation Museum as well as a Food Play Presentation at Old Town Elementary School. We will also be taking a school-wide field trip to Uno's Chicago Grill on May 28th. The students will be able to go behind the scenes and learn how a business runs. Before we leave the students will also make their own pizzas!!

The fourth and fifth graders have taken part in several transition activities at Old Town Elementary and Leonard Middle School this Spring. The fourth graders are excited to join the other fifth graders from RSU #34 in the fall at OTEs. The fifth grade students will be listening to some sixth graders on May 26 at OTEs to answer some questions about Middle School and relieve some possible anxieties.

Field Day is scheduled for Monday, June 7th. The Alton Fire Department will be here to help with the outdoor activities and cook the kids a BBQ lunch! We held our annual Spring Music/Band Concert on Thursday, May 20th. The students all did a wonderful job! A 50/50 Raffle was held at the end of the concert. We were able to raise \$225.00 in raffle sales to put towards the Field Day activities on June 7th and our Fifth Grade Field Trip to Jenkin's Beach on June 2nd. I would like to thank all of you who have contributed in this effort! Alton is extremely fortunate to have a community that is so supportive of our school, staff and its students. Thanks again!

Have a Great Weekend!

Mr. Dyer



Kindergarten

Well, where has the year gone!! It is hard to believe it is almost over. We have begun our end of the year assessments. The students will be tested on their math skills, reading skills, spelling skills, and phonological skills. It is always exciting to see their growth since the beginning of the year.

We have great news in the Kindergarten room!! We have been awarded a grant for a Service Learning project. We will be replanting the flower bed in front of the school. We have planned to weed it out, add new soil, and lots of perennials! We will begin this project on June 3. We are excited about this project. It will also be our last science unit. We will be focusing on living and non-living creatures as well as the plant life cycle.

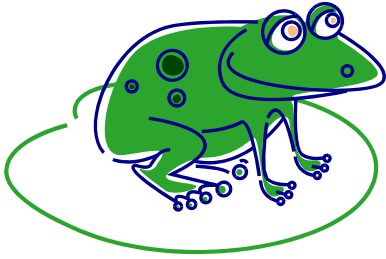
We are still learning about sea animals. We have begun our non-fiction books in writing. Each of us chose an ocean animal to research and write about. We have learned many features that are found in non-fiction books such as labeling, table of contents, glossaries, and captions. We will be sharing our non-fiction books next Friday.

Mrs. Wilcox



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Grades 1st & 2nd

We had a blast on our field trip last month! The Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium, located within the University, was very inviting and extremely exciting. We had the pleasure of seeing two different shows. Within *World of Wonder* the students were able to blast off into space and visit each planet. Throughout our journey we were learning and sharing interesting facts about each of the planets. We also were able to view *The Littlest Star That Could*, within the show we explored the different characteristics of stars, such as their color, size, temperature, and why some have planets of their own to look after.

Math is coming to a close; we have worked very hard to review our math concepts from the year. This group of students has certainly become MATH MASTERS! They have conquered many skills this year from addition to equivalent fractions.

In science we have been learning about life cycles. Over the past few weeks we have discussed and observed frogs, butterflies, chickens, ladybugs, and plants. Throughout this unit the students have learned several new vocabulary words and have incorporated them within their writing and science notebooks. The year has certainly buzzed by. We will be learning about insects for the remainder of the school year.

Miss Andrews

Grades 3rd & 4th

With the end of the year coming upon us fast we have been working very hard to complete all that we need to before summer is here. The 4th graders had a chance on May 14th to go to Old Town Elementary for lunch and a day of fun. They all enjoyed getting a chance to see what will be their new school next year, along with meeting new friends. We have been working on Electricity and were able to make our own circuits in class. We all enjoyed doing this. For our reading groups this week the kids have just finished up reading *The Houdini Box*. They were able to discuss the reading with their peers. I always find this to be very interesting to see what each of them got from the readings. We are also working on Wabanki studies, learning about the four tribes that we have here in Maine. They all are enjoying this as well. The entire school was able to go to a play this week at Old town Elementary provided by Hannaford's it was called "Food Play". The kids were able to learn how what they eat affects them, it was quite fun and educational. I hope that all we were taught stays with us. Congratulations to all the chorus and band members, they really did a wonderful job at last night's concert! I hope that for the last few weeks of school, we will continue doing our best by being ready to learn everyday that we are here.

Thank you
Mrs. Clark



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Grade 5

The third trimester is quickly closing in. The last several weeks have been extremely busy here in fifth grade. Several end-of-year assessments are required before we “close up shop” and send our Fifth Graders off to Middle School!

Fifth graders took the MEA Science Assessment this past week. The results of their testing will be sent to the school over summer vacation. These results, as well as all others, will be put in their portfolios and sent to Leonard Middle School before school resumes. We have also taken another Writing Prompt as of late. This prompt allows me to see the areas of growth that each of the students has made throughout the course of the school year in terms of their writing ability and skills.

The last round of NWEA testing was done a couple weeks ago. They were assessed in the areas of Language Arts, Reading, Math and Science. Looks like all of the students made some great gains!

A date has been set for our Fifth Grade Field Trip! We are scheduled to go to Jenkin’s Beach in Ellsworth on June 2nd. We will be having a BBQ lunch that day on the beach and will stop for an ice cream before returning back to school that afternoon. Should be lots of fun! Parents, if you would like to chaperone on this trip, please let me know. Have a Great Weekend!

~ **Mr. Dyer**



From the Librarian’s Desk

As the school year quickly comes to an end I would like to encourage all kids that would like to check out a book. The children will not be able to check books out after the 25th and all books need to be returned to the library by the 1st of June for inventory, repair, etc. The kids will continue to learn more about the Dewey Decimal System and basic library skills. I feel good knowing that the kids here at Alton know how to locate books that they want or need in the library, not to mention numerous other great skills. Book club will be in full force next week and this will be the last one of the year. I love seeing all the children that signed up to read with their peers. Please continue encouraging your children to read at home. I look forward to finishing up the end of the year with them. Enjoy the wonderful weather that has finally come!

Thank you

Mrs. Clark

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Secretary's corner

School is winding down to a close and I'm happy and sad all at the same time. We need to keep up the pace until the end of the race though!

Please remember your **lunch accounts**. We do not want to close out the year with any money owed to our lunch service program!

Our 50/50 raffle was a huge success! We sold \$450 dollars worth of tickets and the winner of the \$225 gave \$100 back to the School! We will use this money to help pay for our Bounce House for field day and some other items. We are also using the money for our 5th graders field trip. Thank you to all who bought or sold tickets!

MON. the 24th – Last Day for CFK items
June 4th – Duct Tape Dyer Day!!!! We will be having a pizza party with the Domino pizza certificates that we earned from our Pennies for Peace Campaign. During the party we will be taping Mr. Dyer to the wall. Students earn a Longgg

Piece of Duct tape for every item they brought in to recycle. We did this a couple years ago and it was really fun... Well for us any ways... Not sure how fun it is for Mr. Dyer. Although he looked like a bat after he pulled himself off the wall.

Items CFK will take:

Cell Phones
GPS devices
Ipods
Inkjet Cartridges
Laser Cartridges
Video Games and Consoles
Digital Cameras
Laptops
PDAs
DVD Movies
Video Games

If you want to tape Mr. Dyer to the wall

... Please bring in your recyclables and help turn our Recycle Tree in the lobby GREEN! Last Day to turn in Items will be Mon. May 24th!

Mrs. Hamilton

Miss Saban

If the person you are talking to doesn't appear to be listening, be patient. It may simply be that he has a small piece of fluff in his ear.

-- Winnie the Pooh

**Home to School Website Access:
Students can work at home on fun
educational activities.
Visit the following Websites**

www.RSU34.org
(Alton)

School Portaportal

www.portaportal.com
Login: Altonschool
Password: Students

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