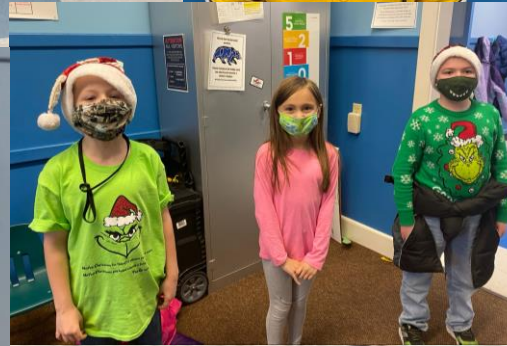


VIOLA RAND & ALTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

RSU #34 | DECEMBER 2020



Sparkle Day



FUN AT SCHOOL

Many of the things we traditionally do at this time of year are not an option at this time. In an effort to keep a measure of fun in the days, we are having theme days over the next week and a half. Monday is Sparkle Day, Tuesday is Plaid Day, Wednesday is Jingle Day in Bradley, where students are doing a fun run with Mrs. Gifford. In Alton, Wednesday is Funny Sweater Day. Thursday is Candy Cane Day – wear red and white. On Friday we are wearing blue and white in honor of Hanukkah, also school colors. The two days next week are Holiday Socks Day and Pajama/Comfy Day.

We are also exploring the traditions and customs that are specific to various countries around the world. This “Holidays Around the World” theme has been popular with students who are ready to think about anything interesting and different!

Old Town High School student volunteers have been making a big difference, particularly at Alton Elementary. Covid Relief Funds made the purchase of a large supply of leveled books possible for classroom teachers. A number of bookshelves to house them are being assembled by students at the high school to be returned to Alton Elementary soon. STEM students are organizing the materials for some of our holiday explorations. Colby Folsom has agreed to help us create a video for parents who are disappointed that we won't be able to have a concert this winter. Hopefully, each parent will send a video clip of their child singing an assigned lyric from a song. These will be put together to make entire songs performed by all of the classes. We plan to also share this video with nursing homes. We usually make a visit to Orono Commons to sing the songs from the concert. This seems like a great opportunity to raise spirits where social distancing has had a rough impact.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 23-Jan 1 Holiday Break
- Jan 4 Board CIA committee
- Jan 13 Ed Foundation Meeting
- Jan 18 Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Jan 22 2nd Tri Progress Reports
- Feb 3 U Maine Virtual Career Fair



Pre-kindergarten AES

Current Fundraisers:

- VRS Spencer's Ice Cream for the holidays \$5/pint
- AES Wreath Sale - red, gold or silver bow \$15 each

VRS Responsibility Students

Enrollments:

	<u>VRS</u> (73)	<u>AES</u> (83)
Pre-k	16, 8 per session	7
K	14	14
1 st	18	13
2 nd	14	10
3 rd	11	12
4 th	--	15
5 th	--	12

