

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT JUNE 2021

OLD TOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL "WORK HARD AND BE KIND"

Celebrating our 5th Grade Students

The end of the year always brings a certain kind of sadness and happiness all rolled into one. This year is no different. We are excited to complete what we would be considered, "One of the most difficult years of our teaching careers," but we know we also have pushed ourselves to be better and give more to our students in this school year as a result. This year's fifth grade has had a couple of unique years in their elementary school experience and we wanted to commemorate this year with some celebratory activities as they step forward to middle school.

We started the week tie-dying t-shirts with various colors and designs to mark each students' unique characteristics and what they added to the group overall. Next, we took a trip to the movie theater to watch a movie together. This proved to be brilliant since the temperatures outside rose to about 90 degrees! On Wednesday, we had our 5th grade field day and welcomed the Old Town High School Graduates back for their final walk-through at OTES. This moment probably demonstrated to our exiting 5th graders how important they are to our school and the concept of moving on doesn't mean forgetting the students. Thursday was our LEGACY Tree planting. We gathered our fifth grades to plant a tree to indicate their time with us at OTES. The tree was the first to be planted to indicate the students' K-5 experience and to denote the foundational skills they have acquired at OTES. We hope when they come back to "walk through" the hallways of OTES, they will visit the tree and remember all the lessons learned at OTES. Students were able to walk down to the middle school for a tour of the facility and to ease some of their anxieties with the transition. Finally, Friday was marked with their certificate of achievement ceremony. Moving through K-5 is a big deal and we wanted to celebrate their accomplishments to help them get to their next step at LMS.

We will miss our 5th graders. They have brought a lot of joy to our school over the past 6 years.



Graduates from OTHS Visit OTES

We were pleased to have our former OTES students take one last walk through OTES. Students visited on Wednesday, June 9 to walk around our school's bus loop and inspire many of the students at OTES with their achievement. This is the first graduating class of Mrs. Reesman's Kindergarten group and I know she was choked up to see how her incredible hard work is paying off in her students' futures.



Kindness Award

Our student group, the Kiwanis Kids, created an award a few years ago called the Kindness Award. Each year one student from each of the classrooms in their grade level receives the Kindness award. These students display the following characteristics" **KINDNESS, Hard Work, Helpfulness, Respectfulness, Consistent and steady performance in the classroom, and participate in all activities in the classroom and beyond.**

We love honoring our students with this award. All names are displayed in our lobby for students to recognize as a model of our mission.



Farm Stand at OTES

Every Tuesday afternoon from 3 pm to 6 pm, the OTES Farm Stand is open to support our community

BUTTERFLY GARDEN DEDICATION

Service Learning at OTES

OTES continues to emphasize the importance of Service Learning for our students. The second grade took on a special project for the 2020-2021 school year that will be a long-lasting impact. The students in the 2nd grade took on building and supporting the school's butterfly garden as their academic focus this school year. The ButterFly garden was able to take shape with some solid plans throughout the school year and finally, as the second-grade celebration took place, the garden was able to be erected. As a special feature of the garden, we were able to dedicate the garden to two retiring teachers, Becky Smith and Debbie Stevens.

Upcoming events

Summer School July 6-29



Old Town Elementary School

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Our school is located near the University of Maine. We have a K-5 program with 450 students. The students at OTES have an enriched environment with academics, social interactions, and many alternative activities to support their developmental growth. We are very lucky to have a wonderful parent organization that supports enrichment activities and provides many exciting experiences for our students.

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