

# Alton and Viola Rand Elementary Schools

November 2021  
School Board Report



## Halloween Festivities

It was exciting to have the parent groups in each school plan outside activities for Halloween this year. We had a strong turnout from families in both locations. People are ready to have options for having fun with their children. Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> in Bradley, and Friday late afternoon on October 29<sup>th</sup> in Alton were the times of the festivities. Country Kids Daycare performed their Annie musical at the beginning of the afternoon of fun and games at VRS. There were warm drinks, a few trunks with great displays to visit, games, crafts and costume parade. In Alton, the nature trail played a big part in the celebration. There were illuminated plastic pumpkins with stickers for kids to collect along the path. They also had warm drinks, cider, games and pumpkin painting. Both celebrations went very well outside and will likely be the plan for the future.

## Help for Families

We have a large selection of winter jackets for children in Alton that have been donated by the Charleston Church. We set those out in the conference room and a number of families chose jackets for their children that evening, also

Our school counselor, Mrs. Lunn, has been working with both schools to collect items for use in Thanksgiving baskets for families. She will be assembling those over the course of this week and is accepting donations of gift cards with which those families may purchase turkeys to go with the rest of the meal.

## Upcoming Events

End of Trimester 1  
November 23

Report Cards go home  
December 3

UMaine Women's soccer team  
coming to encourage healthy  
choices with students  
December 2 AES  
December 3 VRS

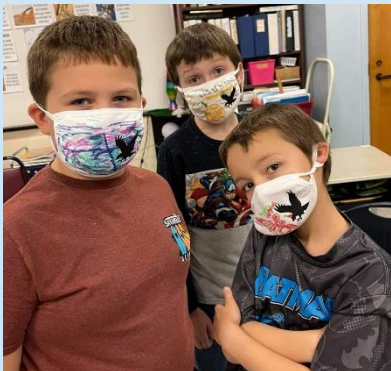
## SEL supports for students

Trysha Lunn is the school counselor for AES and VRS. She is at the Alton Elementary School two days per week and at Viola Rand School a day and a half. (The other day and a half she works at OTEs with the younger population there.) Trysha is a strong advocate for students and works hard to offer the supports that will most benefit each family. Jenn Goodwin is also a staunch advocate for students and families. She helps with a variety of projects like Friday Food Bags and the Resource Center. Her social work background is very helpful in making plans that work for students and families. Kristi Swartz is the occupational Therapist for Alton and Bradley students and looks beyond the school situation for students and works with families to help students succeed. We are also fortunate to have Jenny Metzger from Pathways and Maranda Druin from Northern Light Health meeting with and providing supports to students. Our district has stepped up the effort to support students. The array of supports for students in my schools is substantial.



### Spirit Week Oct. 25-29

Alton Elementary school had spirit week the last week of October. The week started with "Make a Mask" Monday. Team it up Tuesday had students in team jerseys working together on reading and writing. Work out Wednesday was for wearing exercise clothes and getting some exercise during the day. Favorite hats were worn on Thinking Cap Thursday and the week ended with Favorite Flannel Friday.



## Second Grades visit Hirundo

Both Mrs. Vose's and Ms. Friedman's classes had trips to Hirundo to learn more about animal adaptations to their environment. Students had a fun learning experience that incorporated writing into the observations and collection of specimens. There was rich discussion of ideas and rationales behind hypotheses. We are fortunate to have such a rich opportunity in our community!

## Veteran's Day Learning About the Flag

Students in both schools have been tasked with taking turns raising and lowering the flag out in front of the school each day. They have learned about the ways we show respect for the flag and how to fold it properly.





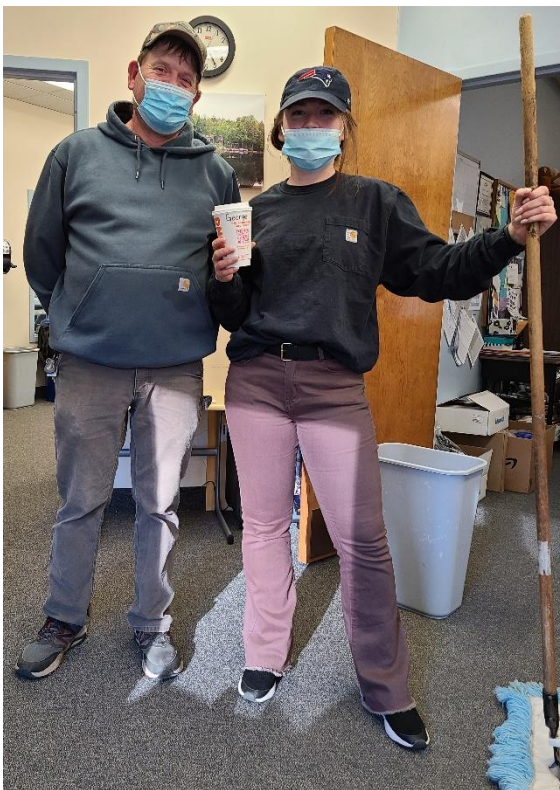
← Lilly making a craft.

*VRS Halloween*

Cake Walk →



Annie performance ↓



Two Georges! Yikes!! Halloween in Alton!

Hirundo!

