

# Viola Rand and Alton Elementary Schools

November 26, 2018 Report for the RSU34 School Board

**FAMILY**  
**CODE**  
**NIGHT™**



December 5 6:00 PM

at Alton Elementary School

This year, Alton Elementary School will be the location for the Family Code Night when students are invited to attend with their families to work on code puzzles together.

## Events

### **November 27**

VRS Winter Concert @OTES 6:00PM

### **November 30**

End of Trimester 1

### **December 5**

Family Night of Code at AES for grades 2-5 6:00PM

### **December 6**

AES Winter Concert 6 PM

### **December 7**

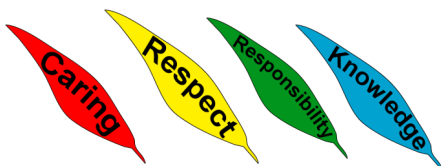
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### **December 18**

Elf The Musical @ Penobscot Theater Company 10:00AM VRS & AES

## Character Building

Alton and Viola Rand staff keep the character traits of respect, responsibility and caring in the minds of students by connecting them to everyday life at school. Our "Stop and Think" sheets, which students fill out when they need to reflect on a behavioral incident refer to these traits and we consistently point to the posters throughout the building that have these traits with examples for different locations and activities as visual reminders. Each month, the focus is on one particular trait which students may earn the chance to write their name on a bear paw/feather to post. At the end of the month, students from each class are recognized at an assembly for showing exceptional character for that trait. In both schools there is an additional paw/feather for the pursuit of knowledge with a focus on curiosity and learning.



## Veteran's Day Observance

On November 9th, to help students better understand the Veteran's Day holiday, we had guests visit each school to share experiences and knowledge. In Bradley, local veteran's were invited for a breakfast mingling time, then students joined them in the multi-purpose room for an assembly. The OTHS color guard posted the colors, our guests introduced themselves and told briefly about their experience serving their country and the students sang a song they had been practicing. The color guard travelled to Alton Elementary next and First Sargeant Peaslee spoke with the students about his service and what the service is like in general then the color guard did a demonstration of what they do at competitions. That was very interesting and lead to questions about why they execute the turns that they do and learning that it is to keep the United States flag on the left side of those facing it. They asked and learned about what the colors in the flag represent, the number of stars and stripes and how to treat the flag respectfully. After the younger students returned to class, the cadets taught the third and fourth grade students how to fold the flag and the protocol for raising and lowering it each day. They ended with a friendly competition between the grades which fourth grade won by a slight margin. They got a beautiful pin with a canoe on it that is only given to cadets in the Old Town JROTC program.



The Free Masons of Maine, in conjunction with the Maine DOE, sponsor a Read to Ride Challenge each summer to promote summer reading for students. We had county winners for both boy and girl entries from the Viola Rand School this year! Julia Spencer and Jack Carlisle both were able to choose a bike and helmet after their names were drawn for their summer reading!

