



# Regional School Unit #34

Alton, Bradley, and Old Town

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## **Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Highlights**

- We have another busy summer planned with our educators hard at work on developing curriculum, instructional approaches, and assessments. We kick off the day after the students leave with two days of FunDations training for K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers and specialists; our K-5 Literacy Leadership Team led by literacy coach Amy Cyr selected this program as our core resource for K-1 literacy after investigating several programs and piloting two. Other teacher-led teams will be underway at other schools, with planning for new thematic units based on student questions about themselves and the world getting the most focus at the middle school level. At the high school level planning for new courses and standards-based assessment will get the most focus this summer.
- This was in this week's Penobscot Times, from 25 years ago. I've clearly been neglecting an important part of my responsibilities if I allowed a Star Wars curriculum to lapse!

Matthew Tyler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Tyler of Old Town, was the winner in the Star Wars curriculum contest.

- Our senior and former Board student rep Emma Hargreaves was the keynote speaker a few weeks ago at the Cole Reading Recovery and Early Literacy conference. Emma spoke eloquently about her journey from a struggling reader who received Reading Recovery services from Mrs. Terri St. Louis (pictured), to reaching great academic success and taking advantage of all our schools have to offer. Emma is now a U.S. Presidential Scholar and off to pursue studies at her dream school.



*Every student deserves to make continuous progress in school.*

### **OTHS STEM Leaders Program and Honors Diploma Program Highlights**

- A picture is worth a thousand words! Much thanks to the many staff and community members who contributed to their PK-12 journey, led in the last few stages by Mrs. Brenda Gardner.



### **Title IA / IIA / IVA Programs**

- The 2019-2020 program budgets for Titles IA / IIA / IVA are being finalized over the next several weeks, with overall services at the three Title IA schools (AES, VRS, OTEs) planned to be similar to the 2018-2019 school year. To be involved in the planning process please contact me at the information above. The IA/IIA/IVA *Every Student Succeeds Act* grant application will be available for public comment for a period of time before the application is submitted to the state for approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

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