School Board Report November 2019

Old Town Elementary School "Work Hard and Be Kind"

Literacy Night at OTES

Old Town Elementary School in partnership with the University of Maine Education Students hosted a Literacy Night on November 7. The evening was jam-packed with many activities students experience throughout their K-5 programming. The students in ERL 319 were tasked at developing a literacy activity to support the learning development of young readers. Activities, such as letter sorts to reader's theater provided a cross-curriculum experience for parents and students to discover during their passport to literacy evening at OTES. Title I teachers also were available during the evening to meet with parents to share student progress and for parents to ask questions about their children's learning within this program. The evening was topped off with a spaghetti dinner to feed the families. Overall the event was a great success and the University would like to continue to the partnership to give the University Students an authentic learning assignment and to bridge their classroom experiences to their professional development,



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Vision Planning

Placing "dots" to vote for the most important skill, values, or outcomes we want our students to have when leaving OTES.



Holiday Bazaar

December 7, 2019

Draft of our Vision Statement

Vision Statement Draft

We continue our journey toward developing our Vision Statement at OTES. The second step of our vision statement was accomplished this month. The teachers spent some time at the Inservice day developing their top qualities we would like to see our students exit our doors obtaining. A small committee used the input from staff to develop a draft of our vision. The vision is now in the hands of staff and parents as they start to give feedback and continued input. The goal is to have our finalized vision statement by May of 2020 and to use the words to guide our continued efforts in our school. Here is the draft as of November 8, 2019. Please feel free to give us your input and ideas:

At Old Town Elementary School, our vision is to do our part to raise good humans. In partnership with families we foster students who:

- \cdot Work hard at both their behavior and learning,
- · Are kind and respectful to themselves and others,
- · Take personal responsibility for their decisions and actions, and
- · Are building independence

in order to take on the opportunities and challenges that come next.

Holiday Bazaar at OTES

The Parent Teacher Club will sponsor the 8th Annual Holiday Bazaar at OTES on December 7th. This annual event is a great source of pride and community spirit in our school and town. Many vendors and civic groups use this event to kick off the holiday season. The school is transformed into a winter wonderland and instead of books and lessons in our hallways, we have handcrafted items and chocolates throughout the school. We look forward to hosting this event for our community

Upcoming events

Every Friday after school: The Lion King Musical Rehearsal

November 27-29: Thanksgiving Break

December 2-6: Online Auction

December 9: Elementary School Stakeholders Group

December 11: 4th Grade Holiday Concert December 12: 5th Grade Holiday Concert December 19: K-Kids Caroling in town

December 20: Last day before holiday break



Old Town Elementary School

Facebook

Our school is located near the University of Maine. We have a K-5 program with 600 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 support enrichment activities and provide many exciting experiences for our students.



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