

# School Board Report February 2020

Old Town Elementary School "Work Hard and Be Kind"

## Celebrating Healthy Hearts at OTES

A few years ago, we established the month of February an opportunity to make students aware of Health and Wellness. Many of our events during February center on Kindness, but we also take this opportunity to try to make students and families aware of healthy lifestyles and good choices. This year we used the American Heart Association Fundraiser to make students, families, and staff think about their own healthy heart and to participate in Go Red Day. We connected this event to our school secretary, Kathy Rivers, who passed away last year in February. We continue to grieve this loss and by concentrating on a positive way to remember her, we all feel a little happier. The K-Kids took on this event and really promoted it in the school. Students collected pennies and sold paper hearts at the school store with inspirational messages included for 10 cents. Staff and students all wore RED on February 10 (instead of the National Day, Feb 7 due to the snow day). In all, we raised \$417.00 to donate to the American Heart Association. We are proud of these efforts.

Other events this month for working to build students' health awareness have been the February Fitness Calendar our families received. Each student when returning their February Fitness Calendar will be placed into a drawing for a personal jump rope. Mrs. Wilcox, our school's guidance counselor has established a "Walking Club" for grades 3-5 with over 50 students participating. Finally, we have been sharing family health tips in our weekly newsletter that is shared with each home to help give families ideas about how to impact their families' health.



February 10, 2020

We celebrated Go Red Day on February 10th in honor of our late school secretary, Kathy Rivers.



STEM NIGHT AT OTES

March 4, 2020



School Resource Center

The resource center is open every Thursday from 2:30 to 4 pm.

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The school is very fortunate to have a Resource Center to support our families in need. Each week Jennifer Goodwin, our community school partner, helps to run the resource center so our families can come to supplement their household. On average we have about 10 families per week visit the Resource Center. Often times we will receive phone calls from parents asking if they could visit the center due to extenuating financial situations that are temporary in nature, but the situations pose a risk to the family.

We are supported by the Good Shepard Organization, the local churches, Rotary, and many of our student organizations with their food drive initiatives.

## Upcoming events

Feb 25: Stem Club for Girls

Feb 26: DOGS Meeting

Feb 27: Baby Shower for our 4 Pregnant Staff Members

Feb 28: Learners ARE Leaders Grades 3-5

Feb 28: Talent Show 6 pm

March 2-13: Dr Seuss Activities

March 6: Kindergarten to Discovery Museum

March 6: ART Field Trip to University of Maine Museum

March 13: Maine Bicentennial Recognition





## Old Town Elementary School


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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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