



# Mt. Vernon Newsletter

"A Caring School Community Dedicated to Excellence"



## LUNCH MENU MARCH 18-22



Monday: Early Risers (shredded hash browns, egg & cheese stuffed pocket) w/ Sausage link  
 Tuesday: Delicious BBQ Chicken Wrap w/Funyun  
 Wednesday: Crispy Chicken Nuggets w/Curly Fries  
 Thursday: Ooey-Goey Toasted Cheese w/Tomato Soup  
 Friday: Oven Baked Pizza



2nd Choice: Sunbutter & Jelly

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 20: Early Dismissal at 11:40-  
 No Pre-K on early release days.  
 March 21: Parent/Teacher Conference  
 March 18-22: Scholastic Book Fair  
 April 3 5th grade is headed to the Gulf  
 of Maine!  
 April 8: Total Eclipse of the Sun  
 April 9: Lifetouch Spring Pictures  
 April 15-19: Spring Vacation  
 April 25: 4th grade field trip to MCHS



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

March 20: Business Meeting  
 March 27: Budget Workshop  
 (4th Wednesday)  
 April 3: Business Meeting  
 April 9: Lifetouch Spring Pictures  
 April 10: Vote on Budget, Workshop  
 (2nd Wednesday)  
 May 1: Business meeting  
 May 8: RSU #38 Annual Budget Meeting, MCMS Cafeteria at  
 7:00 pm.  
 All meetings begin at 6:30 unless otherwise noted

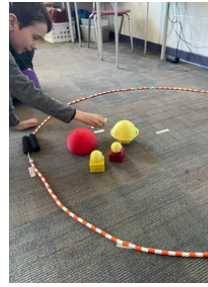
## CONGRATULATIONS MRS. REED!! MEF WINNER!

KATIE REED HAS BEEN A DISTRICT EMPLOYEE FOR 8 YEARS. SHE IS SO MANY THINGS TO MTVES; PRE-K TEACHER, DISTRICT ELL TEACHER, AND A TEACHER LEADER THAT MODELS DAILY FOR ALL, HER PROFESSIONALISM AND COMMITMENT TO HER STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. KATIE IS A SUPPORTER OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND ALWAYS INTERACTS WITH HER STUDENTS IN A CALM, CARING, APPROACHABLE, CHILD-CENTERED WAY. SHE IS A LEADER IN OUR SCHOOL BY JOINING IN ON ALL OUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORK AND PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF CLASSROOM HOURS FOR HER PREK STUDENTS AND PARENTS. TEACHERS OFTEN REACH OUT TO HER FOR SUGGESTIONS AND SUPPORTS. EACH YEAR KATIE DOES SOME TYPE OF OUTSIDE FUNDING RAISING TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL ITEMS THAT SUPPORT HER STUDENT



## MT. VERNON'S 3D PRINTER PROJECT

Fifth grade students at Mt. Vernon used the 3D printer and Google Earth to investigate the size of the solar system. First, the students used Google Sheets to collect data about the actual size of the sun and planets and distance of each from the sun. They then decided on a scale for their model, which had to be small enough to fit in the 3D printer. Once they chose the scale, they learned to write formulas in Google Sheets to fill in the rest of the data. Next, the students designed scale models of each planet in Tinkercad and printed them. Finally, the students used Google Earth to plot the scaled distance between the model sun (located in their classroom) and each planet. They presented their findings and models to the other 5th graders and the 1st grade class. (The presentation looked great on the new Promethean touch screens!)



5TH GRADE STUDENTS' LOGAN & JAKE HAVE FUN WITH THE 3D PRINTER WHILE LEARNING ABOUT THE SOLAR SYSTEM

### The Maine Art Education Association, and the Portland Art Museum-

The PMA is honored to present artwork made by young artists in our communities. Youth Art Month is also an opportunity to highlight the art educators in our schools and the importance of access to quality art programs. Art educators help to inspire and empower young artists, creating avenues for young artists to express their creativity, find their voice, and cultivate communication skills.

Youth Art Month shines a spotlight on the power of art, especially for youth. *We hope that this one-month-long exhibition helps to garner support and advocacy for youth art access all year round.*" (quoted from the PMA website) This is a special opportunity for a student to have their artwork up on display in one of the most prominent art galleries in Maine special it would be for a student to have their artwork up on display in one of the most prominent art galleries in Maine. Each Art teacher can only select one student per year for this honor.

Mya Brown's artwork was selected. She is a 5th-grade student at Mt Vernon Elementary School. She is a wonderfully talented young lady and we are so proud that her artwork will be displayed at the Portland Museum of Art. This is a wonderful honor to recognize her talent. Please congratulate Mya on her accomplishment, and join us in admiring the student Artwork exhibition at the Portland Art Museum - for more information go to:

<https://www.portlandmuseum.org/magazine/youthartmonth>



### SCHOOL SPIRIT!



WE SPOTTED A LEPRECHAUN THIS WEEK!

