

# Vinalhaven School Newsletter

June 1-30



Dear Families:

As we move toward the end of the school year, I continue to be incredibly proud of the opportunities our students have experienced here at Vinalhaven School. In early May, our Advanced Music and Art students traveled to New York City, where they experienced world-class music, art, and theater firsthand. Experiences like this broaden perspectives, inspire creativity, and give our students exposure to opportunities far beyond the island. We are fortunate to be able to provide trips and programming like this thanks to the support of our community and philanthropic organizations such as PIE, WIF, and many others who continually invest in our students and school.

On May 14th, our high school students traveled with Ms. Lyman to the College and Career Fair at the Augusta Civic Center, where they were exposed to a wide variety of post-secondary and career opportunities. Ms. Lyman also recently took several high school students to Colby College to explore the many opportunities available there and to help students begin thinking about future possibilities after high school. Providing students with these types of experiences is incredibly important and helps connect classroom learning to future goals and aspirations.

This past month also showcased the incredible breadth of learning and enrichment taking place across grade levels. Our K–12 Music Concert on May 21st was simply amazing. Student performances were outstanding, and the turnout from families and community members was tremendous. It was a wonderful celebration of our students' talents and a reminder of how strong our music program truly is.

On May 22nd, students in Grades 4–5 traveled to the Desert of Maine, where they learned about different ecosystems while also enjoying the opportunity to search for shark teeth. The same day, we welcomed eight new Pre-K students and families during registration, with each student receiving a Vinalhaven School T-shirt as we welcomed them into our school community.

Also on May 22nd, Home Slice wrapped up a week-long residency working with our sixth graders. Students spent the week learning and preparing for a puppet performance that they presented to K–8 students. The learning, creativity, and confidence students demonstrated were outstanding, and we are incredibly thankful to PIE for helping make opportunities like this possible for our students.

On May 23rd, Prom was held and was a great success. Students put a tremendous amount of effort into decorating and transforming the space for the evening, creating a memorable event for everyone involved. A huge thank you goes out to the Lions Club for generously allowing students to use their space for the event.

More recently, students in Grades 2–3 traveled to Owls Head on May 26th, and our first graders visited North Haven on May 27th coupled with a downtown Vinalhaven trip on the 29th. Both trips provided valuable opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. We also held our annual Pecha-Kucha Presentations, during which students showcased their learning, public speaking skills, and creativity.

As we head into June, the pace certainly does not slow down. The final weeks of school are busy with field trips, celebrations, performances, projects, athletic events, and culminating activities across all grade levels. It is one of the most exciting times of the year in a school, as students have the chance to showcase their learning, reflect on their growth, and enjoy the many experiences that make Vinalhaven School special.

I encourage all of our students to stay involved, continue putting forth strong effort, and take advantage of the incredible opportunities available to them. These experiences help create lasting memories, build confidence, strengthen relationships, and prepare students for whatever comes next. We are fortunate to have a community that continually supports our students and helps make these opportunities possible.

Sincerely,

Jon Millett

Principal, Vinalhaven School

## Upcoming Events

- 6.4 Alice in Wonderland School K-12 Performance 1:45 PM
- 6.4 HS Awards. 6:00 PM
- 6.5 Student K-12 Recognition Assembly 10:00 AM
- 6.5 Alice in Wonderland School Performance 6:30 PM
- 6.8 Baccalaureate @Union Church 5:00 PM
- 6.10 Science Fair 5PM
- 6.11 or 6.12 4/5 Picnic 9:30-1:00
- 6.11 or 6.12 Pre-K Martins Point 10-12
- 6.12 Senior Farewell 1:45
- 6.13 Graduation 12:00 Auditorium
- 6.13 Grand March (Gym) 6:00 PM
- 6.15 or 6.16 Elementary Field Day
- 6.15. 8th Grade Send off 11:00 AM Auditorium
- 6.16 Middle School Field Day@Lanes Island
- 6.17 Grade 5 Send off 9-10 AM
- 6.17 Last Day of school Noon Dismissal

## **Spring Athletics**

- June 1 East/West Athletic Banquet in Augusta 6:00 PM
- June 2 Softball@ Buckfield 12:00 PM
- June 2 Baseball@Buckfield 12:00 PM
- June TBA Softball/Baseball Playoffs