

# Vinalhaven School Newsletter

## May 1- May 30



Dear Vinalhaven Families,

As we move into the month of May, there is a noticeable sense of energy and excitement throughout our school. The days are getting longer, the weather is warming, and our students are entering one of the busiest and most rewarding stretches of the school year. May is always a reminder of how much growth can happen over the course of a year; academically, socially, creatively, and athletically; both in our classrooms and throughout our school community.

This month is filled with outstanding opportunities for students across all grade levels. Our K-5 students will participate in the Monmouth Theater Workshop sponsored by PIE. Also, the Kindergarten Legacy Trip to Rockland, the Grade 4-5 Salmon Release and Fort Knox field trip and Grade 4-5 Desert of Maine trip are all experiences made possible through support from the Widows Island Fund, later this month. Vinalhaven School is both fortunate and grateful to have the support of Partners in Education and the Widows Island Fund, whose generosity helps provide meaningful enrichment experiences that expand learning beyond the classroom and directly benefit our students. These opportunities help bring learning to life and create lasting memories for children.

At the secondary level, students continue to engage in meaningful academic opportunities. Students in grades 5 and 8 will participate in the Maine Science Assessment beginning May 11, and our AP English Language students will take their AP Exam on May 13. We are also proud to have students attending the NEACAC College Fair at the Augusta Civic Center, helping them continue exploring future opportunities beyond high school. Toward the end of the month, our Underclassmen Pecha-Kucha Presentations will showcase student learning, creativity, and communication skills in front of peers and staff.

Our arts programs continue to be a tremendous source of pride. Students participating in the Music2/Art2 trip to New York City will have an unforgettable experience, and we look forward to celebrating all of our student musicians during the K-12 Music Concert on May 21 at 6:00 PM. Events like these highlight the talent, dedication, and confidence our students develop through the arts.

Spring athletics are also in full swing, and our baseball and softball teams have a full schedule of games throughout the month. I encourage families and community members to come out and support our student-athletes whenever possible. School athletics provide students with valuable lessons in teamwork, perseverance, sportsmanship, and commitment; lessons that extend far beyond the playing field.

May also brings some of the traditions students look forward to most, including Prom on May 23 and our senior athletic games later in the month. These milestones remind us how quickly the school year moves and how important it is to appreciate the moments that bring our community together.

As we head toward the final weeks of school, I want to thank our families for the continued support you provide to our students, teachers, and staff. Public education is strongest when schools and families work together, and we are fortunate to have a community that consistently supports student success.

The final weeks of the school year can be both exciting and challenging for students. I encourage everyone to continue emphasizing attendance, effort, kindness, and responsibility as we finish the year strong. There is still important learning ahead, and every day matters.

May 4-8 is Teacher Appreciation Week, and I want to take a moment to recognize and thank the incredible teachers and staff of Vinalhaven School for the work they do each and every day with our students. Over the course of a school year, our staff invest an extraordinary amount of time, energy, care, and commitment into supporting students academically, socially, and emotionally. The relationships they build, the encouragement they provide, and the high expectations they maintain make a lasting difference in the lives of children. This week, the School Board, administration, and Partners in Education (PIE) have helped recognize staff through various sentiments of appreciation, and we are grateful for their continued support of our school community. Vinalhaven School is fortunate to have a staff that consistently puts students first, and I sincerely appreciate all they do throughout the year.

Thank you for all you do to support Vinalhaven School. I hope your family is able to enjoy the beauty of spring on the island, the longer evenings, and the opportunities May brings for both reflection and celebration.

Sincerely,

Jon Millett  
Principal  
Vinalhaven School

## Upcoming Events

May 7 K-5 Monmouth Theater Workshop/ Sponsored by PIE  
May 7 K Legacy Trip (Rockland)  
May 7-10 - Music2/Art2 to NYC  
May 11-22 Maine Science Assessment - GRS 5 and 8  
May 13 AP Exam English Lang.  
May 14 GRS 4-5 Salmon Release and Fort Knox  
May 14 NEACAC College Fair (9-12th grade) Augusta Civic Center  
May 15 Early Release  
May 21 K-12 Music Concert 6PM  
May 22 Home Slice (Puppets and writing) Grades 6-8 1:30 PM.  
May 22 GRS 4-5 Desert of Maine WIF trip  
May 23 HS Prom  
May 27 Underclassmen Pecha Kucha Presentations

## Spring Athletics

May 7 Baseball vs. Forest Hills @ Pittsfield 12:00 PM  
May 12 Softball vs. Rangely @ Mt View 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Double Header  
May 16 Softball @ Richmond 11:00 AM  
May 16 Baseball Home vs. Richmond 11:00 AM  
May 19 Softball Home 11:00 AM Baseball Home 1:00 PM vs. Valley  
May 21 Softball Home. 11:00 AM Baseball Home 12:30 PM vs. Telstar  
May 26 Softball Home 11:00 AM Baseball Home 1:00. Vs. Wiscassett (Sr. Game)  
May 29 Baseball vs. Temple @ Colby College. 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Double Header  
May 30 Softball Home 11:00 AM/1:00 vs. Temple Double Header

Come out and support our student-athletes!

## Looking Ahead

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, we remain grateful for the partnership between families, staff, and students. The continued support from our community plays an important role in helping our students succeed both academically and personally.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Jon Millett  
Principal