

VINALHAVEN SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS 2014-2015

We are very grateful for the grant support that we received from the following organizations for these programs!



Pinhole Photography with Dee Peppe

Photographer Dee Peppe spent two weeks at school working with middle school students on an integrated science-art unit focused on light & pinhole photography.

This STEAM (science, technology engineering, art, & math) project also incorporated a strong element of history, by making connections with old photographs on loan with the Vinalhaven Historical Society.

Contra dance with Chrissy Fowler

Contra dance instructor Chrissy Fowler taught students in grades K-12 this traditional dance form that was once very popular on Vinalhaven. A fun-filled community potluck and dance finished up this great residency.

This artist-residency and community dance are part of Island Voices, this year's school-wide theme of Vinalhaven history from 1880-1960.



Songwriting with Rick Charette & Roy Clark

Maine's popular children's singer/songwriters worked with elementary students on writing songs and music for their spring performance for Island Voices. They have been doing research on their topics all fall now they have put their learning to music! Many people rocked out and sang along to kid favorites, like I Love Mud and Yellow Bus at a concert open to all that was performed on the last evening! This was their second time at VHS.

Living History with Old Fort Western

In March, grades K-5 were able to step back in time as they were presented with various activities from the daily life in the 18th century. From churning butter and chopping wood to homemade toys and spinning wheels, these students really enjoyed getting the chance to see how things were done "back in the day"!





Picturing Writing with Beth Olshansky

“Picturing Writing” uses making art as a way into writing.

At the end of March, each elementary grade focused on and researched a topic that related to the school-wide theme *Island Voices*. They then used this method to make their pictures come alive with words! This fabulous week-long residency ended with a community presentation that showcased innovative approach to literacy learning.

Hio Ridge Dance

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Northern Stars Planetarium

Where do clouds come from?

Also in April, the traveling planetarium returned to Vinalhaven. This was such a huge hit last that the teachers wanted it back! This year, the theme was “Where do clouds come from”. Rain, snow, thunderstorms and more – weather and seasons were presented in a format designed for grades K-5. You can bet they will be returning yet again in the years to come!



My Vinalhaven Home

An original musical

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