

VINALHAVEN SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS 2013-2014

Denny Breau



Master Guitarist Denny Breau visited Vinalhaven School music classes in November, 2013 for a music workshop with students in grades 1-12.

Denny talked to elementary students about the development of pop music and the role the guitar played in that development. Because there are no middle school guitar students, Denny played with the middle school band so they could hear what it would be like to have a guitar in the group.

In the high school, Denny gave individual private lessons to guitar students and then ended his stay with a public concert that evening.

This was his second visit to Vinalhaven.

FoodPlay!

Theatrical group FoodPlay visited Vinalhaven School K-5 on March 3, 2014.

FoodPlay is an Emmy Award-winning live-action theater group. They use juggling, magic, humor and audience participation to teach kids about nutritious eating and healthy habits.

Our students were engaged and delighted with them!

Thanks to Camden National Bank for their help in bringing FoodPlay to Vinalhaven!



The UMaine Symphonic Band

A 45-member group came to Vinalhaven on Wednesday April 2, 2014. They performed for the whole school and, some of the UMaine students provided mini lessons for beginning VH music students, while other UMaine students practiced with MS/HS band students for a joint evening performance.

A comment from Vinalhaven student Adam Young, "I think this is great. It's kind of intimidating - at the same time, it's really something else. It's great to have them out here. Hopefully, it inspires other kids to get involved in the music program."

Patrishia McLean

Photographer, Patrishia McLean came out to the Island several times in the fall to teach students how to use film cameras and more importantly, how to take interesting photos. She taught them all about portrait photography and the elements that make up a great image.

Next, Dee Peppe came and worked with students over the course of several sessions teaching them a brief history of photography and the process of developing film in a dark room.

All of this work ended with a fantastic art show in May!



Northern Stars Planetarium

ABC's of the Sky - A is for Astronaut, B is for Big Dipper, and C is for Comet...our K-2nd grades explored space and the sky with the alphabet.

Each concept was explained so that young children could understand.

Mars Magic! Our 3rd-7th grades examined the red planet and saw what's been discovered about Martian germs, rust, rocks, faces, canals, rivers, canyons, and volcanoes.