

What Did UES Caregivers Alliance Do in 2022-2023?

The 2022-2023 school year was a magical year full of gratitude, learning and community. Because of all of you, we were able to again focus our efforts on providing fun, meaningful acts of appreciation for our amazing UES staff and host UES community events.

Here's a short list of what we did last year:

- **UES Loves Books Week**
 - This celebration of reading, authors and the imagination of our learners is a week-long partnership between UES and [Bear Pond Books in Montpelier](#).
 - Author [Kekla Magoon](#) spoke to students and with a grant from Vermont Humanities, every student at the school received a new book from the book fair at no cost to their family (393 book fair books total!).
 - 26 classroom books and 113 wishlist books were purchased and provided to teachers.
- **Regular staff appreciation events at UES including:**
 - Candles for all staff to light up the school year
 - Pies of all flavors for PIE day
 - A beautiful breakfast for teacher appreciation week
 - A pizza party for all staff during the final week of school
- **Supported the Lip Sync performance:**
 - After a couple years off due to COVID, UES brought back the ever-popular Lip Sync event in November to a packed audience at the high school. UES caregivers supported this amazing, creative event so that our learners could perform their favorite songs
- **Convened two conversations on approaches to literacy at UES.**
- **Purchased Jumping Beans jump rope club T-shirts, designed by the students!**
- **Provided treats for Field Day (end of school year celebration for learners)**
- **Gave each graduating fourth grader a small graduation gift**

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