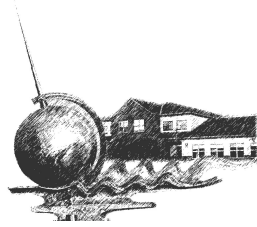


Laura E. Richards School

MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER



Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

What a crazy week we've had! I hope your power has been restored, and, if not (like mine), it is soon! Our lifestyles certainly are challenged but simplified when we lose electricity. In between lugging water, filling the woodstove, and filling the generator, there was a lot of card games, board games, and reading until it got too dark at my house. As we begin the season of "thankfulness", I feel especially grateful to our Gardiner community! So many people welcomed family, friends, and neighbors into their homes for heat, showers, water, and meals!

We did mail out our BoxTops yesterday! We will receive a check in December for \$690. Many thanks to Deb Roy who continues to sort, count, and bag them!

Audiobodies, sponsored by Artists in the Schools from Johnson Hall, will visit us tomorrow morning at 9:00. We look forward to these creative performers and musicians!

We truly do have so much to be grateful for in our school and community! As we approach the holiday season, I hope that you will be able to spend many moments laughing, cooking, playing, reading, and talking with your family and friends! Make special memories that you won't forget!

Yours in the service of children,



Mrs. Moody

Important Schedule Change

Please note that the Early Release scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, November 3rd, has been changed to a full school day for all students. AM & PM PreK will be in session.

Upcoming Events

November:

3rd: Full day for all students! Morning and afternoon PreK will attend!

3rd: *Audiobodies* visit LER, 9:00

5th: Daylight Saving Time ends

6th: Walking School Bus, 7:55

8th: Picture retake day!

9th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 in LER library

10th: No school, Veterans Day observed

13th: Walking School Bus, 7:55

22nd-24th: No school, Happy Thanksgiving!

29th: LER Assembly at 2:00, First graders presenting

December:

1st: End of first trimester

2nd: LER Craft Fair, 9:00 - 2:00

14th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 at RVCS

18th: GEPTA Holiday Bazaar
(snow date, 19th)

20th: Assembly & Sing Along, 2:00

22nd: No school - Holiday Break begins

January:

3rd: Welcome back!

11th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 at LER

12th: Early release

15th: No school, Martin Luther King Day

31st: Assembly, 8:45

Helpful Phone Numbers

Laura E. Richards School	582-3612
Superintendent's Office	582-5346
Transportation Office	582-6663
Boys & Girls Club	582-8458
Special Education Office	582-7366
LER fax	582-3175
River View School & fax	582-3402

For safety reasons:

Please do not drop your child off at school before 8:10. There is no supervision inside or on the playground until then.

Please remain in the lobby when dropping off or picking up your child.

The Laura E. Richards School community will nurture, guide, and encourage students. We will provide a safe environment, rich in learning experiences, to foster respectful, caring, independent learners.

Walking School Bus

Students and parents are invited to join Mrs. Moody and other staff at the Gardiner Common at 7:55 each Monday morning, weather permitting, as we walk to school together!



Remember to collect and send in your empty printer cartridges, Hannford Helps certificates, and BoxTops for Education!



Star Students - Every week, each teacher chooses a student who has demonstrated the “4 Be’s” -- Be safe, be kind, be respectful, be responsible. Each Star Student receives a certificate and a special pencil! Congratulations to all of our Star Students!

GEPTA News

First off, a huge thank you to all that participated in our latest fundraiser with Nature’s Vision and everyone that helped out with Octoberfest....what a huge success!

Upcoming events:

- Our next meeting is Thursday, Nov 9th, 6:00 at LER.
- We will once again participate in the Parade of Lights in Downtown Gardiner...watch for details!
- We will have a table selling our winter hats, water bottles and bracelets at the LER Craft fair on December 2nd...they make great gifts for Christmas.
- We will hold our Holiday Bazaar at LER...look for details to come on sending in items...we will also be looking for gift bags and tissue paper donations.

Handmade Holiday Bazaar

The GRMS PTO is hosting a Handmade Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 4th at the Middle School Cafeteria from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Join us for unique, handmade crafts, baked treats, a homemade lunch, raffles, and more!

LER Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, December 2nd,
9:00 am to 2:00 pm at LER

Crafts, gifts, concession, bake sale
Proceeds benefit LER students.

For more information, or to rent a
table, please contact the school at
582-3612



MSAD 11 now has a mobile App!

Our technology department has been working with *Apptegy* to redesign our websites and to create a mobile App that can be downloaded onto smartphones and tablets. The App includes lunch menus, school news updates, emergency information, school cancellations and delays, athletic event details, and school board meeting information. With just one click, we can automatically post our notices to our websites and social media accounts. On your mobile device, go to the store you use to download Apps, search for *MSAD11*, and download the free MSAD 11 mobile App today!