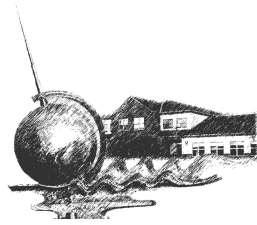


Laura E. Richards School

MONTHLY

NEWSLETTER

Principal's Notes



Dear Families,

The holiday season is here! There are lots of activities happening at school and in the community this month. We have our school's craft here this Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00-2:00. Many classes made snacks and decorations that will be for sale. I hope you'll stop in to support our local crafters! Students will get to enjoy some holiday shopping at our school's Holiday Bazaar, which is sponsored by the GEPTA on December 18th. If you have any gently used items that you would like to donate, please drop them off to us. Finally, our school's Sing Along is December 20th at 2:00. Parents are always welcome to join us! Please note that this is not a concert.

Gardiner Main Street is organizing the Parade of Lights again this year. It will begin at 4:30 this Saturday, December 2nd. Johnson Hall is hosting the Festival of Trees this year in the third floor theatre space at Johnson Hall. The event will be open from 12:00-8:00 on Friday, December 1st and 9:00-6:00 December 2nd. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will visit the Festival of Trees on Saturday from 5:00-7:00, right after the parade. Please be sure to check out all the activities that are happening in our very special community. I hope to see you downtown!

Our first trimester of school is ending this Friday, December 1st. Your child will be bringing home a report card next Friday. If you have any questions when you look over your child's report card, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

I hope you all enjoy a very special holiday season with your families and friends!

Yours in the service of children,

Dressing for the Weather - With cold weather here, please help your child remember to wear a warm coat, hat, and mittens or gloves to school each day. When there is snow on the ground, children also need snow pants and boots.

No Breakfast at School on Weather Delays - Please note that your child should have breakfast before arriving at school if there is a one-hour or two-hour delay. When school is delayed there is not enough time for our cafeteria staff to provide breakfast in addition to preparing snacks and lunch.

Upcoming Events

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

February:

8th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 at RVCS
 16th: Early release
 19th -23rd: No school, Winter vacation
 28th: Assembly, 10:00

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.

Please do not open the locked lobby doors for others or allow others to enter when you are leaving the building. Please allow our staff to let visitors into the school.

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.

Catch the Walking School Bus in the Spring!

The last Walking School Bus of the season was held on November 13th. Be watching for it to resume in the spring!



Remember to collect and send in your empty printer cartridges, Hannaford 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!



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 please contact
the school at 582-3612



GEPTA News

We will be selling our books, hats, water bottles and bracelets at the LER Craft Fair on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00 - 2:00.

GEPTA is marching in Gardiner's Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 2nd. We will meet at 3:30 at the corner of Winter & Summer Streets. The parade starts at 4:30.

Contact geptanews@gmail.com for more info!

We are still in need of donations and volunteers for our Holiday Bazaar on December 18th. We especially need "Dad" gifts (ties, mugs, cologne, etc.), gifts bags and tissue paper!

Please join us for our next GEPTA meeting on Thursday, December 14th at 6:00 at RVCS.

Pittston School PTG Craft Fair

Saturday, December 2nd,
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
For more information, please call
582-6268

**Gardiner Area High School
Craft & Vendor Fair**

to benefit the GAHS Travel Club
SATURDAY, December 9th &
SUNDAY, December 10th,
9:00 am-3:00 pm
in The Gardiner Area High School
Cafeteria