

LMS Board Report

Gert Nesin, Principal



Lifetime Achievement Award

Tracey O’Connell, LMS School Counselor

On Friday, February 5, Tracey O’Connell was surprised and honored with the first Lifetime Achievement Award given by the Maine School Counselors Association. Kelly O’Brien Weaver, former teacher at LMS, presented her with the award in person, with a large audience attending by Zoom. (con’t)



Mrs. Hinrichs received a new Smart TV for the library. She has already found engaging and innovative ways to use it. Here she is using it to understand about and interact with Caldecott Award winners.



Ukuleles Donated by Cole Land Transportation Museum



Cafeteria is progressing
No kitchen at LMS during renovations



Matt Dunlap
Latest 7th Grade Civic Engagement Speaker

New CDC Guidelines Open More Possibilities

New school guidelines came out from the CDC on Friday. New music guidelines also came out from the Maine DOE. We will read them over carefully, examine them through our LMS Leadership Team, and determine what measures we can take to improve learning. At LMS, our greatest limiting factor for improvements will likely be space. Here are a few of the possibilities we will be discussing over the next few weeks:

- > Expanded attendance on Wednesdays, likely for students who most need additional support
- > In-person music, with singing allowed if following strict precautions
- > Planning for spring athletics

Lifetime Achievement (con't)

Some of the quotes from the nomination letters...

Jen Cyr, former LMS Principal:
"Mrs. O'Connell's understanding of social emotional needs, pulse on the community, and commitment to the prosperity of Old Town, is a treasure to our community."

Liz Mares, former LMS Teacher:
"Tracey is creative, resourceful, and brave in the face of adversity. She is a deep pool of calm water, and understands how to provide respite while teaching resilience. She thinks nothing of her own needs, and works steadily toward her goals, which always have student wellness and success at heart. She would never seek recognition for what she does, but I think it is most appropriate that she receive it."

Shelly Tuttle, 7th Grade Teacher:
"I have often been witness to her compassion and empathy for all people. She is ALWAYS giving of herself—whether it's coordination of and delivering needed meals in the community, or simply allowing one (student, staff, parent) to enter her "always open" door...Above all, she is trustworthy and kind, and a true role model in her field."

UKELELES

Mrs. Tuttle works with the Cole Land Transportation Museum every year, to help students interview and appreciate veterans. Each year, the museum offers several gifts from which we may choose. This year, Mrs. Tuttle chose a set of 10 Fender ukuleles. They are quality ukuleles, and they come with cases. They don't come with experts or instruction. Mrs. Priest has offered to learn ukulele and teach a group of faculty and staff. As we figure out how to play, she will also create a plan for students to learn—and we'll have a group of newly accomplished musicians to help! Look for performances as soon as we figure out how to play a few songs.

