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Major Moves in Science

Expanding the experiences our students have while examining science has been a priority for our school. We have worked with Montshire Museum, local farms, and local experts in science. Last year Mrs. Shipman established

Forest Fridays in 3rd grade which was a tremendous success. This 🦅 year, in addition to Forest Fridays, Trish is coordinating an effort with



Four Winds Nature Institute utilizing volunteers who are trained in the Four Winds Curriculum to introduce inquiry based science activities in k- 4. This effort coincides with our effort to involve parents as volunteers in our school. Deb Robinson, Niles Donegan, Georgina Voegele, Heather Toulmin, and Sarah Crockett, have all made the effort to be our volunteer instructors and would love others to join them. If you have interest and time please contact Trish Shipman at TShipman@Lymeschool.org.

This past summer Steven Dayno and Skip Pendleton attended a Wellborn Institute workshop on Inquiry Based Science out of which they are initiating a program in which 4th and 6th graders work together out on the Grant Brook trail collecting data on the stream, its surroundings and the weather. This weather data is shared with a network of other stations so we can make comparisons between them. Once a month the classes combine to spend the afternoon outside on the trail using equipment we hope to purchase with money from local grants. Throughout the month this data, in addition to data from our weather station, will be used to build an understanding of weather and our environment. Each day the fourth and sixth grade reports via our overhead speakers the day's weather collected from the weather station.



The Middle School Science program will also shift its science fair to become a S.T.E.A.M fair during

double activity led by Emily Girdwood (our Art Teacher), Skip Pendleton (our MS Science Teacher) and Meg Franks (our Technology Teacher). S.T.E.A.M stands for Science -Technology -Engineering- Art -Mathematics. We are very excited for this evolution and the innovation and inquiry which will result.



Contributed By: Helen Skelly

How many times have you heard "fine" in response to "How was school today?" If you would like to have a more meaningful conversation with your child, you might want to consider some of the following questions, taken from the Home & School Connection:



What was the coolest thing that happened to day? What wasn't so cool?

Pretend you are your teacher. How would you describe the day?

What made you laugh?

What was the most creative thing you did? How were you kind or helpful? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?

I hope everyone has had an exciting and positive start to the school year. I am here Tuesday - Friday for both students and parents. If you have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to call.



Artist-In-Residence 2016

Brent and Maya McCoy will be bringing our YES! Theater Residency Program to your children from Oct 31-November 4. The curriculum integrates circus skills, story creation, team-building, and theatrics for students grades **K-8**. The Artist -in-Residence program will culminate with a hilarious and amazing student showcase that will take place on Friday, November 4, during the final hour of the school day, and YOU are warmly invited! If you can't make the show, but would like to drop in on a class, feel free. We'd love to meet you. Also, if you'd like to read more about what they do, check out YEStheater.com.

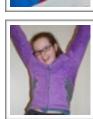


Speaking of STEAM- the embodiment of this idea is my main man himself ...

Leonardo Da Vinci"

Here are some internet facts about him:

- Leonardo was raised by his single father.
- Leonardo was one of the first Italians to use oil paint.
- He was left-handed
- Two of his works, the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper, are the most famous, most reproduced and most parodied portrait and religious painting of all time.
- Leonardo drew the plans for the first armored car in 1485!
- He invented the bicycle 300 years before it appeared on the road.
- Leonardo da Vinci had dyslexia. When he made notes on his inventions it was all written in reverse, which made it hard for others to dig
 - through his notes and steal his
 - Leonardo is considered by many as the father of modern science.
 - •He was one of the most acclaimed artists of the Renaissance.
- He was also a sculptor, designer of costumes, mathematician and botanist.









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Did you know there is a whole committee of parents and staff looking out for the well-being of your child?

The Wellness Committee looks for ways we can enhance and improve school practices that will keep our kids happy, healthy and ready to learn - from nutrition to exercise to meditation time.

Check out this space in future Newsletters for more information or Heidi Lange (lange.heidik@gmail.com) if you'd like to get involved.



locally sourced food on this month's menu

Lyme Farm Fresh (Tensen Farm) Lyme, NH.-Beef & Sweet Corn Lyme Sugar Houses, & Sugarman Farms, VT- Maple Syrup Cedar Circle Farm, East Thetford, VT -Assorted Root Veg. Bunten Farm, Orford, NH - Pumpkins

Misty Knoll Farm, New Haven, VT. - Chicken and Turkey Black River Meats, North Springfield, VT - Pork Sunrise Orchards, Cornwall, VT - Macintosh Apples:

Ocean Spray Farm Cooperative, Middleboro, Mass - Cranberries

The proteins are hormone free, antibiotic free, and humanely raised (Free-Range for the most part)

Week of 8/31 to 9/2 • Week of 9/6 to 9/9

Al a carte Fruit and Milk are available everyday



Local

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 13 Primaries 碳 September 14



Gr. 5 Parent Night - 5:30-6:30

September 20 Chess Club 3pm-4pm (see Flyer)

September 20 K-4 Parent Night - 5 p.m.

September 26

Gr. 8 to Hulbert Outdoor Center September 29 Four Winds Partnership Information Information Session Program Director, Lisa Purcell @ 2:30

September 30 Picture Day

Check for the Student Picture Form in your child's backpack/belongings.

(It's in there somewhere)

Saturday, October 1 Day of Service (more information to follow)





ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Yes!Theater

Physical Comedy Arts Residency October 31 -November 4



See attached Flyer



HOT LUNCH: HOT LUNCH: Cranberry Chicken Salad Local Beef Bolognese with Wrap Tortellini **Roasted Fingerlings WG Dinner Roll** Monday Creamed Spinach Sweet Corn Salad Bar Fresh Melon Medley Clementines **Option: Grilled Cheese Option: BYO Salad HOT LUNCH:** Local Beef Lasagna HOT LUNCH: Casserole Sweet & Sour Pork Loin WG Roll Cauliflower au Gratin **Brown Rice with Toasted Orzo** Beets **Tuesday Mixed Fruit Cocktail Grilled Pineapple** luice Option: BYO Salad **Option: BYO Salad HOT LUNCH: HOT LUNCH:** Cheese or Chef's Choice **New England Baked Fish** Pizza Sandwich on WG Bun Steamed Mixed Veg. **Oven Fries** Salad Bar **Maple Baby Carrots** Wednesday **Mandarin Oranges** Salad Bar **Sandwich Option:** Sandwich Option: Ham/Cheese Tuna Salad **HOT LUNCH: HOT LUNCH:** Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo **Turkey & Cheddar Burritos** WG Penne Pasta **Black Beans & Brown Rice** Garlic Bread **Thursday** Local Sweet Corn on Cob Roasted Spaghetti Squash Fresh Local Apples Option: BYO Salad Option: BYO Salad **HOT LUNCH: HOT LUNCH: Baked Chicken Fritters** Cheese Pizza or Chef's Choice **Oven Fries** Salad Bar Peas & Carrots Friday **Sweet Peas Bartlett Pears Sliced Peaches** Option: Tuna Salad on WG Option: Egg Salad on WG Bread **Bread**



Contact me at: <u>JValence@LymeSchool.org</u> Phone: 795-2125 or just stop by.

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