



Its MUD Season!

mud |məd| noun

soft, sticky matter resulting from the mixing of earth and water.

PHRASES:

as clear as mud *informal* not at all easy to understand.

drag someone through the mud *slander* or denigrate someone publicly.

here's mud in your eye! *chiefly Brit., informal* used to express friendly feelings toward one's companions

one's name is mud *informal* one is in disgrace: if you forget birthdays, your name is mud.

ORIGIN: late Middle English : probably from Middle Low German- **mudde**.

So ends today's lesson on realities of New Hampshire living.
Next month's lesson: the proper techniques of black fly wrangling.



This time of year is a great excuse to pitch my new design for Lyme's School busses (see right). Until I get the approval to purchase such a vehicle (never) we will need to be aware of, and patient with, changing road conditions. Ideally those that live along routes which include dirt roads, should have alternative plans in place to get to school if the need arises. Those who are aware of Lyme trivia, you will remember that Lyme had the distinction of having New Hampshire's "most dirt roads" in 1985. Typically our muddiest spots are in

East Lyme/ Lyme Center areas, but are not limited to those areas. Upper Pinnacle, Dorchester, Flint Hill, Acorn Hill, Highbridge, Washburn Hill and Baker Hill area families should assume that

bus traffic could be limited at some point in time. For all you other people that live on paved roads (city slickers) you will just have to appreciate the excitement of the daily "mud racing commute extravaganza" and envy how cool our cars look splattered in mud. If we get prior notice we will work to inform families, but we may not

have adequate notice so please plan accordingly for the possibility of getting to school in some other way.

If you find all of this mud frustrating or overwhelming, don't worry in a few weeks it will be dried up and if not the black flies will provide you with adequate distraction.



I preferred the Mud!



INK Spot

Imagination and Knowledge



Luke, Jin & June's watercolors of manatees, Grade 1

Congratulations on Passing your School Budget

There is a lot of work ahead of us planning for a long term solution to our schools space needs so stay tuned and stay involved. But mostly thank you Lyme for supporting your school!



Save The Manatee

For years, even before Ms. Longacre, way back when Mrs. Zerga taught the first grade she taught it with a new teacher named Mrs. Wilcox (yes, the same Mrs. Wilcox!) who introduced the tradition of adopting a manatee. Now 16 years later Mrs. Wilcox has returned to the first grade the tradition continues. The organization, Save the Manatee, was established in 1981 by former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham and singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett. The Club was started so the public could participate in conservation efforts to save endangered manatees from extinction for future generations.

The first grade class participates in this activity to promote and educate students about civic involvement, learn about different species of wildlife and develop language skills. This year students created watercolor drawings of their manatee (see left). This year's Manatee is named Margarito, a West Indian Manatee, who lost his left flipper to a speedboat.





Lunch
Week of
3/19 to 3/23

Lunch
Week of
3/26 to 3/31



- 23** No School Friday March 23 Teacher inservice Day
- 22** Spirit day is March 22 and it is purple day in honor of the play. So wear purple.
- 11** Spring Talent show is May 11. Talent show sign ups are during lunch March 26-30
- 7** Kindergarten registration May 7, 2012

Larry, Sylvia and Amy Clark (Lyme School Instructional Aide) would like to thank the Lyme community for their support and generosity throughout the year following the fire that consumed their home. Everyone is invited to an open house March 24th and 25th from 10AM until 3PM. Come see the newly built house at 4229 Waits River Rd, in Bradford, Vermont.

This Friday March 16 all are invited to a Potluck supper (6:30 p.m.) followed by a Contra Dance (approx. 7:30pm) at the Lyme Congregational Church. For many years the Fellowship Hall was the site of Upper Valley contra dances, but as the old floor deteriorated, the dances moved to other, flatter floors. This Friday, we'll kick off the year-long 200th Anniversary celebration with the return of the contra dance in the recently renovated Fellowship Hall. Caller Ruth Sylvester and the band Cuckoo's Nest will provide music and instruction. No prior dance experience is necessary; just bring a pair of clean, soft-soled shoes. Donations will be accepted to help pay the band. All ages are welcome for this evening of food, fellowship, and contra-dancing!

The Junior Bell Choir (generally 1st through 5th graders) has resumed rehearsals for a mud-season session. If your child would like to join us (choice of Tuesday or Wednesday after school rehearsals), please contact Abbe Murphy at the Congregational Church (795-2850, Abigail.Murphy@valley.net) by Tuesday March 20th.

Special April dates:

- *The Hyannis Sound, a men's a cappella singing group, will be back in Lyme for their annual concert on Sunday April 1st at 2pm at the Lyme Congregational Church.
- *The Spring Craft afternoon will be held on Tuesday April 10th from 1:30 to 4:30pm (during the early-release week) at the Lyme Congregational Church. We'll be working on arts & crafts for community May Day baskets --- but there will be take-home items as well. Please call the church office to register your child (795-2850); there is no charge, but we're happy to accept snack donations for the hungry crafters! We can accommodate children who have conferences or need to leave early/arrive late.

Monday	Pasta w/ or w/out Sauce and Meatballs Peas Garden Salad Fresh Fruit 	Hamburger Steak w/ gravy Baked Potato Corn Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Barbecue Chicken Dinner Rice Broccoli Garden Salad Fresh Fruit 	Meat or Veggie Pizza Broccoli Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Cereal Day! Oatmeal and Cold Cereal Sausage, Home Fries Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	Chicken Fingers Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Grilled Cheese Sandwich on white or whole wheat Corn Chowder Green Beans Garden Salad Fresh Fruit 	Soft Tacos w/ salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese Peas Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
Friday	No School 	Beef Stew Biscuit Carrots Garden Salad Fresh Fruit



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Iris Folding with Mary Billings
March 15 - 12:30 for adults and 2-3:30 for students grade 5 and up, call 795-4622 to register

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