



The Lyme School BOOsletter



HAUNTING THE LYME SCHOOL FOR OVER 100 YEARS

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Challenge Thyself

Working in education I have the opportunity to observe situations where individuals are confronted with challenges. Almost universally these challenges require effort, persistence, patience and attention of those involved. These situations provide a glimpse into the kind of person each individual has the potential to be. The occasions when the challenge is not met successfully can reveal as much about the person as when they are able to overcome the challenge. Repeatedly it seems that the degree of challenge is congruent with the level of growth that results from the challenge.



This week members of the 8th grade traveled to Hulbert Outdoor center and participated on a high ropes course. For some, the high elements posed very little challenge, for others greater challenge. Yet the students involved approached the challenges with grace, consideration of others and a willingness to take on the risk of being challenged. Challenges, of course, are not limited to high wires and zip lines. For the last several weeks students have been taking on challenges every day--some noticed, some unnoticed. One such challenge has been assumed by members of the Student Council, who have stood in front of their peers each Wednesday to lead morning meeting. I have been proud and inspired by their willingness to take on new roles.

Great successes are born out of greater challenges, so to avoid challenge is to accept mediocrity.

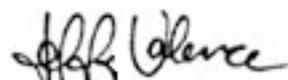
Our students, however, are not the only individuals who choose to challenge themselves. Our faculty also model the pursuit of challenges. This was evident in the most recent faculty inservice where teachers worked with diligence and commitment to refine and reflect on what we do, why we do it, and how we can do it better. Also this week the fifth grade learned from Jeffrey, a client at UDS, United Developmental Services, about living with the challenges of Cerebral Palsy each day.

Fifth Grade Visits UDS

For the last four years students in the fifth grade have had a unique opportunity to get to know one of the clients at UDS. His name is Jeffrey and he has lived with Cerebral Palsy since he was 5 years old. Each month he visits with the fifth graders who learn about the challenges of living with disabilities, about Cerebral Palsy and about Jeffrey himself. Each year the students grow more and more familiar with him. They often say they have adopted him as a honorary fifth grader. He visits with them and even attends some class events. Following this last visit students eagerly volunteered to help

Jeffrey get into his van to return to UDS.




Jeff Valence, School Principal

Notes & Reminders:



HAPPY HALLOWEEN !!

Box Tops for Education



The first collection of "Box Tops for education Coupons" is October 27th. Don't forget the class with the most box tops per student will win an ice cream party for the whole class.

**\$ 8,264
A new record!!**

This year's "Blisters for Books" was a huge success. This money is presented to the Converse Free Library to purchase children's books.

Picture Retake Day

**Thursday,
November
9th**



Forms are available in the main office. Original pictures will need to be returned on this day as well.



Contact me at:
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or just stop by.



Calendar
6th grade Travel to Boston



Friday, November 3rd the 6th grade will be leaving for their trip to Boston. The bus leaves at 6:30AM from the school parking lot and will be returning around 7:30 PM.

Haunted House & Enchanted Forest

Come one, come all for an evening of Halloween fun! On Friday, October 27th the 7th grade will create a mystical forest full of pixies and magic for youngsters to enjoy. This will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and will be appropriate for all ages. For those who like to be scared the magic forest will transform into a haunted hotel from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. This is intended for older students only. Admission is free, however, donations are welcome.



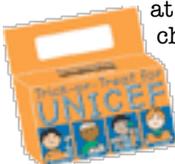
Lyme Nursery School Bake Sale

The Nursery School will be holding a bake sale to support programs and activities at the school. Come join us on the green during the Pumpkin Festival.



UNICEF Halloween Boxes

For information on UNICEF and/or to ask for a UNICEF collection box for your child to either carry when trick or treating or to keep on your counter at home to collect loose change, please call Kathy Waste at 795-4440 and she will deliver it to you or give it to your child at school. This is a wonderful way for our children to start to learn to be effective on behalf of less fortunate children around the world.



Free Wheelchair Mission

This week the school received a thank you letter in recognition of funds that were raised last year to purchase a wheelchair for someone in need. Our wheel chair went to a young man in Ghana.



Youth Hockey

If you are interested in hockey for children between the ages of 5 and 8, Hanover Hockey has two programs starting Saturday, November 4.



Learn-to-Play hockey is designed for children who have learned basic skating and are looking for a beginning hockey program that focuses on improving skating and developing hockey skills by having fun on the ice. The Learn-to-Play sessions run Saturday and Sunday mornings from 8:00-9:00 am.

For children who have already participated in an Initiation-level hockey program such as Learn-to-Play, Valley Mite hockey develops foundational skills. The Valley Mite program is scheduled for two weekend skates (either 7:00 - 8:00 am or 9:10 - 10:10 am on Saturday and Sunday) and generally one weekday skate each week.

If you would like further information or would like to register, please visit the Hanover Hockey Association website at: <http://www.hanoverhockey.org/>

Popcorn and a Movie Featuring:

“The Wizard of Oz”



Friday, November 3rd 7-9 pm
 Popcorn & drink 1.50 (admission free)
 Grab a sleeping bag, blanket or a fold up chair and come enjoy an evening

with the family in the gym. The Book Fair will be open 5 pm to 7pm, so arrive a little early and check out the books!



For more information contact: Christine Farris at 795-2022



Lunch
 Week of
 10/30 to 11/3



Monday	Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries Garden Salad Fruit Cup Brownie
Tuesday	SCARY SPAGHETTI GHOULISH GARDEN SALAD FIENDISH FRESH FRUIT YOGURT (YIKES!) CREEPY COOKIES
Wednesday	Hamburger Carrots & celery sticks w/ Ranch dip Hot Vegetable Fruit Crisp
Thursday	Grilled Cheese Chicken Noodle Soup Garden Salad Mixed Fresh Fruit Jell-o
Friday	Tacos (w/ Cheese, Lettuce and Tomatoes) Pineapple Yogurt Cookie



Milk is available everyday at Lunch and Recess



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Message from the P.T.O.



Scholastic Book Fair is coming!
 Friday, November 3rd to Thursday, November 9th

In the Lyme School Lobby

See flyer for more details

New!

CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY

Wednesday, Nov. 1st - Movie "Monster House" (for Grades 3-6) 3:00-4:45
 Wednesday, Nov. 15th- Storyteller, Judy Witters (for all ages) 1:30 -2:45 (early release week)