



The Lyme School Newsletter

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Thursday, March 1, 2007

This Week in Our Classrooms

Finding ways for our students to pursue their creativity and curiosity while challenging them to think analytically is one of our most important goals. Providing opportunities for students to be challenged at their own level and the inspiration to extend themselves beyond what is simply "enough to get by" is the art of creating meaningful classroom lessons.

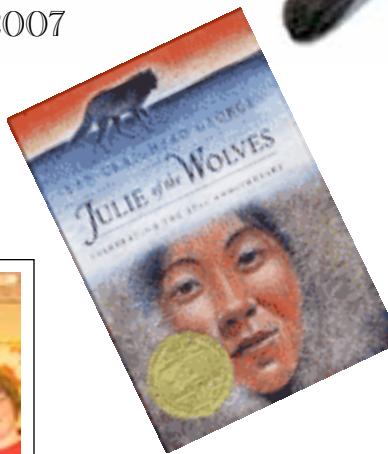
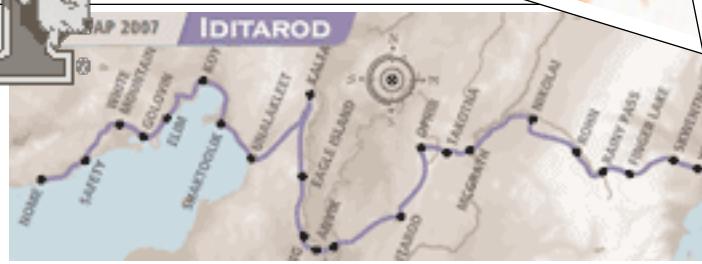
This week I visited and participated in several classrooms where I observed these goals in action. One example took place in Mrs. Wilcox's third grade class.

Students

applied mathematical and reasoning skills to predict the number of candies in a sealed box based upon data they collected from each student's box of candies.

Students applied the concepts of mean, median and mode, probability ratios and in some cases percentages. Students were asked to interpret, evaluate and provide meaning to this data by explaining what it may indicate about the contents of the sealed box, some students even extended this analysis to evaluate such things as the company's profitability and its customer satisfaction level.

As this class project concludes students will begin to use and interpret other data which is being collected in Mrs. Franks computer class. Here students began what is one of Mrs. Franks' "most favorite times of the year" - the running of the Iditarod dog sled race in Alaska. Students learn to access online resources to collect and record information and data as they track the individual progress of their selected musher. This activity is tied into the social studies and math curricula where students study the history and evaluate the data of the Iditarod.



Speaking of Alaska...

The 4th Grade is currently reading the book "Julie of the Wolves" by Jean Craighead George. The book was the winner of the 1973 Newbery Medal. It is

a dramatic and compelling adventure of an Eskimo girl's courage to survive the Arctic tundra lost and alone. The 4th grade is examining the conflicts that arise when ways of the past collide with the modern world of today. Students examine how the environment, wildlife, and human cultures are effected by a changing world working to balance past tradition with new technology. Below one of our teacher volunteers, Cyndi Stam, works with the class during a writing exercise.

Ms. Stam is volunteering in both the fourth and fifth grades, we are grateful for all her help and enthusiasm.



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Notes & Reminders:



Family Bingo Night

This Friday !

(Snow date March 16th)

6pm -8pm

Great Prizes and lots of Fun

If school is canceled the event will take place on March 16th. Contact Christine Farris 795 2022 with questions.

Student Council's Candy Raffle Winner is.....

Grace Tecca !

Proceeds will be donated to the Ocean Conservancy to ensure a healthy marine environment for the next generation.

MATH COUNTS!

Congratulations to Scout Wallace on his success at the Math Counts Competition. Scout Placed 10th in the individual test round and went on to beat the 9th, 8th, 7th and 6th place competitors in the "count down" portion to place 6th over all.

Great Job, Scout !!



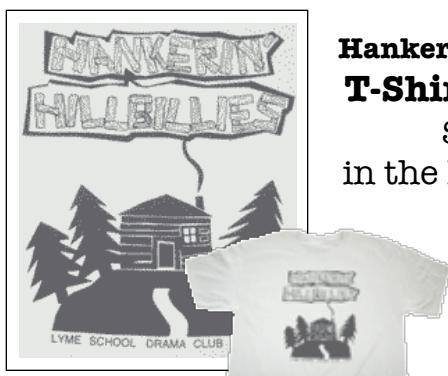
Contact me at:
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or just stop by.

**Yearbook**

Keep the Orders Coming!!
The deadline has been
extended to March 15th.

**2007 Bookmark****Contest!!**

See Enclosed Form
Deadline March 12

**Hankerin Hillbillies
T-Shirt for Sale**

\$7.00

in the Main Office



Lunch
Week of
3/5 to 3/9



Monday	Ham & Cheese Wraps Chips Pasta Salad Garden Salad Cookies
Tuesday	Bacon Burger Tater Tots Fresh Fruit Jello
Wednesday	Spaghetti Garlic Bread Garden Salad Mixed Fruit Hot Chocolate
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets Garden Salad Fruit Cup Brownie
Friday	BBQ Shredded Chicken Sandwich Corn Chips Garden Salad Cole Slaw Ice Cream



Milk is available
everyday at Lunch
and Recess



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**Resource Conservation**

As part of the Fifth Grade curriculum students are learning to develop persuasive essays. The focus of this year's essay is how we can conserve resources at the Lyme School.

Targeted resources include materials (i.e. paper, water), energy and money.

One of the proposals was to reduce the consumption of paper. One of the ways the fifth grade proposed to accomplish this was to send one newsletter home per family, and encourage people who receive the newsletter on-line (and don't want a hard copy) to notify the fifth grade so we don't send unnecessary copies home.

**If you ONLY want an electronic copy of the Newsletter,
email Kate Cook at**



kathryn.cook@valley.net. The fifth graders will tally the results and pass on the information.



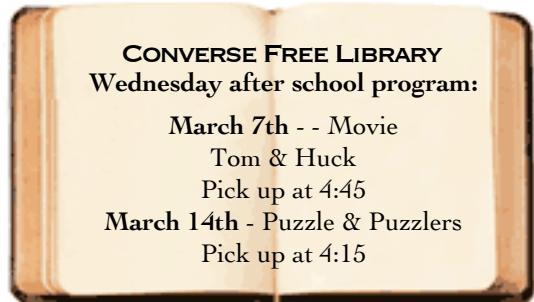
**Message
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Thank You !! To the following students for joining the PTO's Birthday Book Club :

Alina Blake, Olivia Garrity-Hanchett, Kalin McGowan, Amelia Roth, Noah Taylor, Rachel Billings, Jacob Glenshaw, Nicholas Hunton, Missy Lopez, Maggie McCutcheon, Grace Patton, Caroline Rodi, Emily Shepard, Ben Stearns, Ruby Spitz and Grace Tecca.

16 more books for the library and lots of fun for the members!



CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY
Wednesday after school program:

March 7th - Movie
Tom & Huck

Pick up at 4:45

March 14th - Puzzle & Puzzlers
Pick up at 4:15