



The Lyme School Newsletter



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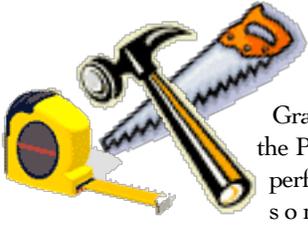
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SCHOOL YEAR



Buildings, Budgets and Beavers

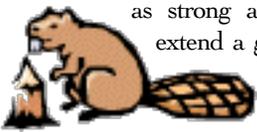
This week students were able to view democracy in action as town meeting descended in great numbers upon the community room in the Lyme School. The Fifth Grade led the town meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and performed a number of songs from



Author/illustrator Ashley Bryan's visit. We are fortunate to have this opportunity because students are able to see, in a very intimate way, how democracy works. In many cases the current image of debate and public dialog is skewed by television talk show's often loud, impatient arguments, it was of great benefit to see how civil discourse and disagreement can be a constructive and civil (and responsible) activity. For the portions I was able to see, I was proud of the fact that what we tell our students (our children) about how we conduct ourselves when we disagree, was reinforced by the manner in which our town meeting was conducted.



We are reminded at this time of year how many people are contributing their time and energy to make sure our community is as strong as it. We should extend a great deal of thanks to all the town officials and employees who worked so hard to organize the event. They deserve this for so much of what constitutes their job, but goes unnoticed and all too often unrecognized. In addition to this group, I was continually reminded how many people sit as volunteers on committees and boards. I can't imagine how our town could function without the enormous number of hours they contribute (or for that matter how much our taxes would increase without the valuable contribution of their time and expertise.)



To each person in these groups (as well as those I have overlooked) thank you for your efforts-- the world is better when we take the time to contribute back to it.

Jeff Valence
Jeff Valence, School Principal

Inspiration...

Inspiration is one of the greatest gifts one can give. Sources of inspiration are often obvious, but even more frequently they are derived from subtle events which may have been seen by many and yet for some it moved them in some significant way. These past few days I have heard from several students about recent events that have taken place which were very meaningful to them. Some of them may seem mundane-- town meeting, for some was business as usual, for others it reaffirmed that people can disagree peacefully in a democracy.

Some were personal and seen by very few -- "My mother really respected {his} opinion even though I knew she didn't agree with him". Some were shared by many -- as was the case with Ashley Bryan's visit and his conversations with Lyme School's students. And some come from our alumni, as was the case of Julie Hewitt, a past graduate of the Lyme School who won the Vermont State Athletic Directors Association Academic Award. This award recognizes, not only the highest levels of athletic ability and academic accomplishment, it is also a testimony of Julie's character which was described as someone of significant individual accomplishment and was also always willing to help others. (see Valley News 3/14/07). Many may be inspirations to others and never know it, but what is important to remember is that people do notice and children are watching and learning.



Notes & Reminders:

Around the World in 101 Beds!

A Teacher and Preacher take a Hike

March 16th 7pm
at the Congregational Church

Enjoy Rev. Giles' pictures and stories of their 9 month trip around the world.



Hankerin Hillbillies

T-Shirts for Sale

\$7.00

WEAR YOUR SHIRT MARCH 29TH

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8th Grade Raffle Results



Box Top Collection Results

Mock Trial This Friday Good Luck!



Contact me at:
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Phone: 795-2125
or just stop by.



Celebrity Dance
This Friday
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Bingo

Family Bingo Night
March 16th
6pm - 8pm

Great Prizes and lots of Fun

Some pizza will be available to those that have not already placed orders. Contact Christine Farris 795 2022 with questions.



Lunch
Week of
3/19 to 3/23



8th Grade Raffle

Thank you to all those who participated in buying tickets to support the 8th grade trip to Washington DC.

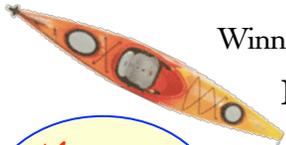


Winners of the Matt Brown Print of Smart's Mountain:

The Bardos Family

Winner of the Kayak:

Ken Uline



Message from the **P.T.O.**



Box Top Collections are in !!

The goal was to collect a total of 9 box tops per student per class. Five classes met the goal and earned an Ice Cream party

The kindergarten, 3rd grade, 4th grade and both 6th grades.

Congratulations!



Under the Sun

A traveling day camp for children ages 6-9 years, will be offered again this summer by Maple Leaf Children's Center on Thetford Hill. There will be FOUR weekly sessions starting, June 18, 2007, Monday through Friday, 8 am until 5 pm. The children will take daily field trips throughout the Upper Valley to explore the wonders of our natural world. Places the children will visit include Old City Falls, Union Village Dam Recreation Area, Quechee Gorge, Mt. Cardigan, Lost River, Long Pond, and St. Gaudens. As part of a small, closely supervised group, the children's sense of respect for one another and for all life will be nurtured. Woven into our day will be games, stories, music and crafts that emphasize our connection to the earth. Enrollment is limited to 10 children per week. For information and registration forms, please call 802-785-2074 or write to PO Box 148, Thetford, VT, 05074 or e-mail us at mapleleafday@hotmail.com.

Monday	Chicken & Bacon Caesar Wraps Garden Salad with sides Mexican rice Fruit
Tuesday	Sloppy Joe Sandwich Beef Enchilada Side Chips and Salsa Garden Salad with sides Fresh Fruit Chocolate Cake
Wednesday	Spaghetti Garden Salad with sides Garlic Bread Ice Cream
Thursday	Grilled Ham & Cheese Corn Chowder Garden Salad Cookies
Friday	Chicken Nuggets Garden Salad with sides Baked Beans Fruit Jello

* Sides such as tuna, chicken or cheese are occasionally available with salad course.



Milk is available everyday at Lunch and Recess



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Wednesday after school program:
March 21st - Movie
Duma
Pick up at 4:45
March 28th - Fabric Collage
Pick up at 4:15