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THE LYME SCHOOL

Newsletter

Learning is more than books

For the last two school years the Lyme School has been fortunate to have a Library coordinator on staff part time. Our town is fortunate to continue to have the cooperative relationship between the Converse Free Library and the school, as, over the years, it has saved the town considerable cost. As the demands of the services increased for the Converse Library staff we were faced with the need to provide instruction in a different way. From this need came the position of School Library Coordinator, that Jake Cooke has assumed so effectively. But what kind of things does a librarian teach? Last week's second grade activity may shed some light. The second grade has been doing library research as part of their American History unit. They utilized print resources in the form of two different elementary encyclopedias to find the dates for specific events in American history. The skills utilized included alphabetizing to the 3rd letter, use of keywords, and critical thinking skills to match images to the appropriate time period. They took some first steps toward developing the emotional resilience necessary to persist in information searching despite the challenges faced when the first keyword choice does not yield results. They presented the results of their research in the form of a timeline of American history, which required teamwork, organization, and listening skills in order to use feedback from teachers and peers to guide the presentation. Research & inquiry skills, language skills, reading skills, persistence and emotional fortitude, interpersonal skills, communication (oral & written) skills... its not just the Dewey Decimal system anymore (if it every really was only that).



Students Model Proper Snow Attire

When considering clothing --as the song goes....head, elbows, knees, and toes (knees and toes) --at least that's how I remember it-- a good reminder now that we have the snow and cold returning to the Upper Valley. Yesterday students (below) took time from their busy recess schedule to model the proper snow attire, far from the runways of New York and Paris, but I think you would agree much more appropriate for our neck of the woods. You will notice this season's fashion includes: hats (furry hats are always a favorite), insulated jackets, snow pants, boots, gloves and, if you are into the gangsta' look, neck/face warmers.



Teachers Teaching Teachers

This week Mrs. DeCocco lead the fourth grade in her solo week. Mrs. DeCocco is an intern here this fall from the Upper Valley Teacher Institute (UVTI) and has been a wonderful addition to our school. She, along with other teachers, work with mentors in two schools, each school for six months, all across the upper valley area. We have been very fortunate to have this relationship with UVTI. It broadens our perspectives on teaching; introduces different or new ideas; fulfills a responsibility we have to share our experiences with others to promote effective teaching; as well as encouraging the teaching profession within the larger community. Rob Terry, one of our current Social Studies faculty, came to us as an intern through UVTI last year and has been an outstanding addition to our faculty.



PICTURED ABOVE:

Photo (Center) of Kindergartner introducing the class pet "Poppy"

Winter Concert

Mark Your Calendars

Monday, December 17th 7:00 pm

A school dress rehearsal will take place in the morning



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- Info on Winter Concert
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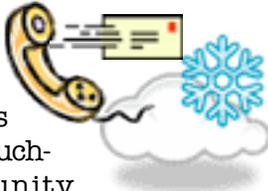


For 89 consecutive years, generations of families have participated in the Christmas Mystery, a much-loved community event. This choral re-enactment of the Christmas story will be held Sunday, December 16th, at 4 and 5 pm in Rollins Chapel at Dartmouth College. Hanover High School seniors play the parts of the angels and shepherds with community members filling in the rest of the roles. During the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful," children and adults are encouraged to bring new wrapped gifts to the manger. The gifts will be delivered to Hannah House and The Haven. Mark gifts to indicate age and gender.

Try to encourage your child to wear something warmer than a T-shirt. A jacket and gloves may not be as fashionable, but they are warmer.
Yesterday's Low: 8°F

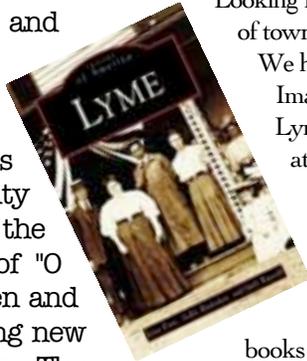


Lunch price reminder: The cost of a Lyme School student lunch is \$2.50 and an adult lunch is \$2.75.



Hope your snow day went well. If you did not receive a phone call or email let us know.

GIVE LYME HISTORY



Looking for a holiday gift for out of town friends and relatives? We have copies of LYME: Images of America at the Lyme Historians Museum at the Academy Building (Tuesdays 9-12, or by appointment). Stop in or drop me a line to purchase a copy. \$20.00. We have other books and pamphlets for sale, too. Get away from the crowds and browse in Lyme Center!

The Skiway opens this weekend and, with all the snow, the conditions will be great.

Please ski safely.



Lunch
Week of
12/10 to 12/15



Monday	Chicken Burgers Broccoli & Cauliflower Fresh Fruit Gingerbread Cake
Tuesday	Turkey wrap Carrot & Celery sticks w/ ranch dip Mixed Fresh Fruit Hot Chocolate
Wednesday	Grilled Cheese & Corn Chowder Garden Salad Mixed Fresh Fruit Brownies
Thursday	Spaghetti Garlic Bread Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cookies
Friday	Homemade Pizza Vegetarian & Meat Garden Salad Mixed Fresh Fruit Yogurt Cookies



Ala carte Fruit and Milk is available everyday at Lunch



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or just stop by.



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Message from the
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It is that time of the year again, Christmas Concert is just around the corner and we need refreshment donations to serve the night of the event, Mon. Dec. 17th.

We are requesting donations of the following items:
Cider • Cups • Cookies • Napkins

Please contact Hospitality Coordinator, Lisa Hayes 795-4520 or email: LFH@dartmouth.edubuy Friday, Dec. 14th regarding donations or if you like to help with the refreshment table the night of the concert.

Reminder next BOX TOPS collection Dec. 14th!!!



CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY

The library's holiday tree this year features "The Alphabet". Come try to find the ornaments for ALL the letters of the alphabet.

