



## Water on Tap

Over the last few months students have been asked to drink water from the water coolers while the school resolved impurities found in the area's wells. We have had the water tested each month and the trace elements which were present are now completely absent. Prior to these trace elements briefly appearing in the wells in the area, the taste of town water (due to its hardness) was an annual debate. I am glad to say that the school has finally been able to address this issue -- imagine water out of a tap! We



have installed a water softener at the water source and filters on each of the fountains on the main hall. The fountains also have spigots for water bottles as well. So now we can drink water without actually paying for what comes freely from our water fountains! (Poland Springs, Perrier and Aquafina beware, there is a new water in town!)



## Martin Luther King Day / Civil Rights Day

*Adapted from article available from Wikipedia*

Martin Luther King Day was founded as a holiday promoted by labor unions in contract negotiations. After King's death in 1968, Rep. John Conyers introduced a bill in Congress to make King's birthday a national holiday, highlighting King's activism on behalf of trade unionists. Unions did most of the promotion for the holiday throughout the 1970s. In 1976, trade unionists helped to elect Jimmy Carter, who endorsed the King Day bill. Six million signatures were collected for a petition to Congress to pass the law, termed by a 2006 The Nation article as "...the largest petition in favor of an issue in US history." Opposition to the bill was led by Senator Jesse Helms, who questioned whether King was important enough to receive such an honor. He was also critical of King's opposition to the Vietnam War and accused King of having Communist connections.

President Ronald Reagan was also opposed to the holiday. He relented in his opposition only after Congress passed the King Day Bill with an overwhelming, veto-proof majority (338 to 90 in the House of Representatives and 78 to 22 in the Senate).

At the White House Rose Garden on November 2, 1983, Reagan signed a bill creating a federal holiday to honor King. It was observed for the first time on January 20, 1986.

In Utah, Martin Luther King Day is also known as Human Rights Day; similarly, in Arizona and New Hampshire, Martin Luther King Day is also known as Civil Rights Day.



and keep them spinning (which will be helpful when they encounter that metaphor).

## The Circus Is in Town!

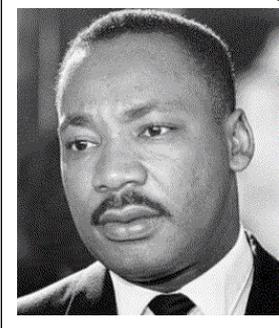
Tuesday morning the school was introduced to "Mr. Rick" our trainer and Circus Smircus Instructor for the artist in residence week.

Rick taught us the "secrets to circus success" (other than a nack for alliteration) which were: Try, Try Again, Try a New Way, Step by Step, Slow, Watch, Listen, and Read. He demonstrated some examples of using these secrets and explained how they were applicable to all aspects of our life. Circus Smircus (and Mr. Rick) come to the Lyme School as part of the Artist-In-Residence program funded by the PTO. This program takes place for one week each year. Last year Rustic artist, Mark Ragonese, taught student how to build bent wood structure and stone cairns (along with lessons about willingness to try and taking healthy risks). Students pictured are learning how to balance plates on a stick



## Superintendent Schnare Visits with 6th Grade

Every year the sixth grade invites area residents to talk about how they use writing in their jobs. Past speakers include grant writers (Alix Howell, Charles Brenner), a physician (Barbara Hinsley), a lawyer (Colin Robinson), a screen writer (Bill Phillips), a businessman (Bob Couture), a cross-country ski planner (ex-Olympian-- John Morton), a naturalist/writer (Ben Kilham), a novelist (Walter Wetherell), a poet (Jim Schley) and a superintendent (Dr. Schnare) -- who actually does make the decision whether to close school on snow days -- but he chose to discuss the importance of writing instead. More speakers are on the way!



## Ski Reminder:

- Send Child with snack or money for snack.
- Pick 1-4 graders up in Lodge 2nd floor.
- Park in parking lot NOT in front of the lodge.



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# Newsletter





**Special Olympics Help**

It is that time of year when Lyme residents help prepare lunches for the Special Olympics. If you can help, please come to the Lyme School Cafe, at 8 am this Saturday, January 19th. It will only take a short time, but it will be tremendously helpful.



**Celebrity Dance**



Come dressed as a *celebrity!*

(Please not Paris Hilton, if possible)

Celebrities Pay \$4  
Regular Shmoes \$5

(isn't that always the way)

**Lyme Nursery School**



The Lyme Nursery School is accepting applications for its pre-school (3- and 4-year-old) and after-K programs.

The deadline for New Family Registration is Monday, January 28th. There will be an Open House at the school on Thursday, January 24th from 4-6 PM. Applications can also be submitted at this time. For more information please call (603) 795-4567 or [www.lymenurseryschool.com](http://www.lymenurseryschool.com).

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

The Lyme PTO has just received a check for \$500 from General Mills (the Food Company not your old military buddy) from the proceeds of the BoxTops for Education Program collected in December.

We collected a total of 1060 BoxTops and the class with the most Boxtops this round was.....

**The First Grade. (Winners of an Ice Cream Party).**  
**NEXT COLLECTION WILL BE IN MARCH.**



**Lunch**

*Week of*

**1/21 to 1/25**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS DAY NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Burgers Corn Chips with Salsa Hot Vegetable Brownies
<b>Wednesday</b>	Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup Crackers Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cookies
<b>Thursday</b>	Beef Tacos W/Salsa & Sides Sautéed Red Potatoes Yellow Cake
<b>Friday</b>	Homemade Thin Crust & Thick Crust Pizza Garden Salad Mixed Fresh Fruit Cookies



**Lunch**

*Week of*

**1/28 to 2/1**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Noodlemania!! Tortellini &amp; Meatballs</b> Garden Salad Yogurt Cookie
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Stir Fry White Rice Garden Salad Ice Cream
<b>Wednesday</b>	Grilled Cheese & Corn Chowder Crackers Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cookies
<b>Thursday</b>	Hot Dog & Bun Tater Tots Mixed Vegetables Jello
<b>Friday</b>	Chicken Nuggets Garden Salad Mixed Fresh Fruit Cookies

**For those Keeping Track...**

<b>3</b> The number of snow days so far this year.	<b>1</b> The number of snow days this time last year.
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Ala carte Fruit and Milk is available everyday at Lunch



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or just stop by.



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**CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY**

"Parenting and the Internet", a program by Mary Danko, librarian and mother of two teenagers, will be presented at the Converse Free Library Tuesday, January 22nd at 7PM. Mary will demonstrate Facebook, My Space and IM, and offer strategies parents might consider to keep their children safe. Interested community members are welcome also!