



### Preparation

The purpose of education is preparation for the opportunities (and challenges) which await our children. This preparation includes intellectual, social, emotional, and physical aspects of our children. Each one as important as the other. Preparation is also necessary for the adults as well. This is why the Lyme School has developed an Emergency Response Plan to prepare for unexpected events. Whether it is the routine fire drill, an emergency medical response or natural phenomenon, such as the wind storm a few years ago, the Lyme School has been working with town and state agencies to make sure we know what to do if the



need were to arise. We want to make sure our kids are safe when they are in our care. For this reason we have trained the entire staff in the use of AEDs and certified them in CPR. In a few weeks Jennifer Woodmansee, our wonderful new nurse, and I will complete training to be CPR Instructors through the AHA. We are also fortunate to have several staff members who have training in first aid and are certified first responders and fire fighters.

One example of our effort to ensure the safety of our kids included fire awareness day held last week. I would like to thank the Lyme Volunteer Fire Department and FAST Squad for spending the day with us and helping students understand how to protect themselves and families in the case of a fire.



### Je sais le mot pour le genou !

It is forecast that our children will be called upon more frequently in their adult occupations to speak a different language in addition to English. For this reason, it is important that we introduce students

to the process (neurologically and academically) of learning a new language as young as possible. Arguably, it is not what language is taught first, but that students learn how to learn a second language (from a neurological or developmental perspective). Once a second language is introduced and developed, subsequent languages become more easily acquired due to the prior experience and neurological development that has taken place.

The most effective method is immersion, however it can be difficult to sustain that setting in an environment where the language is not commonly spoken. So we rely on methods which incorporate as many modalities as possible visual, oral, aural, kinesthetic as well as methods which engage creative and expressive talents of our students. One such activity is taking place this week.

Students create life size pictures of themselves and identify the parts of their bodies. Each year the 5th grade's "memurals" decorate the hall outside of the french room. It is a rite of passage and a very popular project. Venez près et appréciez le dessin-modèle. (Clearly, I could have used more language instruction than I received--let's hope I never have to work in France).



## INK Spot

Imagination and Knowledge

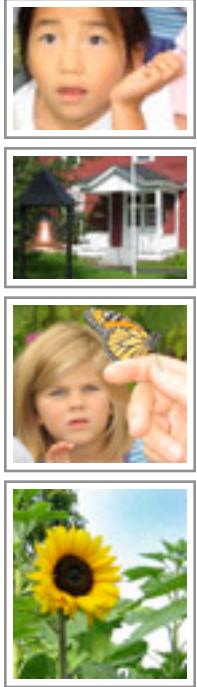


Stegosaurus  
--Emma, Grade 1



### Holidays

Winter snows blows  
Springs sings flows  
Summer beat hot  
Falls leaves spot  
--Kayley, Grade 5





School Board News

We Want to Join You

Budget season is approaching and with it comes the challenge of balancing the educational needs of our children with the fiscal costs of providing these programs. In an effort to communicate more about our school, its programs and what we are doing to contain the costs, we are visiting with different groups. This past week we were invited to the Utility Club, if you know of a group that would enjoy hearing from our school board and the school, contact School Board Chair, Peter Glenshaw at [pglenshaw@earthlink.net](mailto:pglenshaw@earthlink.net) or 795-4764. Better information leads to better understanding -- better understanding leads to better schools and organizations.



River Cleanup  
Saturday, Oct 4th

Connecticut River Cleanup Project  
Everyone is welcome.

9:00 at **Lyme School Playground**  
Be sure to bring your mud boots, work gloves and clean water spirit.



The Health Ministry Presents  
**Strategies for promoting a healthy, effective relationship with your adolescent**

October 14 from 7-9 pm  
Lyme Congregational Church.



Dorothy Champion-Cocoran Lecture  
**"Peas and Harmony": Keeping Peace at the Family Dinner Table**  
October 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.  
Filene Auditorium, Dartmouth College



Lunch  
Week of  
10/6 to 10/10



Monday	Chicken Burgers Corn Chips with Salsa Hot Vegetable Brownies
Tuesday	Spaghetti Garlic Bread Garden Salad Cake
Wednesday	Grilled Cheese & Chicken Noodle Soup Crackers Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cookies
Thursday	No School
Friday	No School



Tour of the Historic Lyme Common--sponsored by the Lyme Historians

Guided tours of the exteriors (and the interiors of a few) buildings Sat. Oct 4, rain date Oct 5, 1:00-3:00 pm. Learn from guides, who will be in period dress, special architectural features and the role the owners played in the life of the town. \$8 for Historian members, \$10 for nonmembers, 8th grade and under free. The Lyme 8th grade will sell Refreshments. Info: Jane Fant 795-4780.

**Remember:**  
**No School**  
**Next**  
**Thursday and Friday**  
**Teacher Workshops**



**Middle School Hike Tomorrow (Friday)**  
**Wear appropriate foot wear and clothes**



Ala carte Fruit and Milk are available everyday at Lunch



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or just stop by.



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Message from the P.T.O.

GOT TOPS?

Next collection day is October 23rd



Students "The bulb-a-thon starts today.

Please see enclosed flyer and thank you for your continued support. If you can volunteer to assist with the planting or prepping the grounds, please contact Sue Hanlon at 353.9933 or [shanlon@webmd.net](mailto:shanlon@webmd.net).

Thank you Ann Steyn for helping with Popcorn Friday last week.

It was a big hit with the kids! 147 bags were sold raising \$36.75 for the popcorn fund! Mark your calendar kids, next Popcorn Friday will be October 31.

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Thursday Afterschool Programs for Grades 3-5

October 2 - Stuffed Paper Sculptures with Toni Gildone

October 6th 3-4:30 for Grades K -2  
**Alice in Wonderland croquet game and tea party**  
Pre-registration required. 795-4622