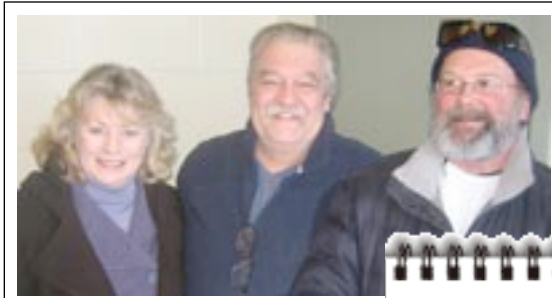




Inauguration 2009

This Tuesday is a day of great historical significance on many levels. For some the attention will be on the significance of the political party which is being inaugurated, some of the attention will be on the significance of the fact that this will be the first African American elected to the presidency. Surely this Monday's recognitions of Martin Luther King will include reference of this truly historical event in our history. One aspect of this day which might be over looked is it is a day in which we observe a phenomenon that is somewhat unique -- the peaceful transfer of power from one individual to another and one political ideology to another. This may be the most significant aspect of the day because it also speaks to the significance of the dissolution of the color barrier. For some this may hold hope that the message of Martin Luther King is coming to fruition after years of struggle. For this reason it is a truly great day. I tend to see the broad message of Martin Luther King's vision. I believe that the root of oppression lies between those who possess influence and those who lack influence. Viewed in this way the message is eternal, regardless of the state of race and religious relations. There will always be those with power and influence and always be those who lack them. Therefore there will always be the opportunity to confront those who use power selfishly and protect those that are vulnerable. Whether it is an influential member of an organization, community or group of peers there exists the potential for oppression as well as the hope that this power can be used to transform lives for the better. In reality each of us in different areas possess this influence and each day as a result of the 100's of individual decisions we make we define the state of our society's ability to demonstrate "goodwill towards ALL people".



Thank you!

We are fortunate that we live in a place where evidence of goodwill and selflessness is so frequently demonstrated, because these acts are contagious and inspire the rest of us to do the same for others. Last week I posted a request for assistance on the Lyme Listserv to help us find a way to broadcast the inauguration because the school has no television reception. We received many offers of time, expertise and antennas. I also received a call from Rich Lowre and Pastor Donna Colletti-Lowre, the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lyme Center, who has not only donated the installation of a satellite dish, but also agreed to pay for the two year contract. What is even more impressive is that he pulled in some favors and strings to get it installed within a week thanks to Nelson Guy of TVGuy in Woodsville NH. We owe a great deal of appreciation to the Lowre's for their generosity and care, We owe them, and all those who so generously offered us their time and effort, even more for the example that they set for us all. Thank you all.

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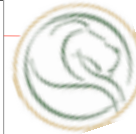
THE LYME SCHOOL

Newsletter



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School Board News



Dear Parents and Friends of the Lyme School:

I'm pleased to report that the School Board has presented a budget for next year that shows no increase from last year's budget. Mindful of these difficult economic times, we worked closely with Superintendent Gordon Schnare and Principal Jeff Valence to develop a budget that balanced our responsibilities as educators and taxpayers.

On Wednesday, January 21st at 7:30pm, the Town of Lyme's Budget Committee will meet to officially vote whether to recommend passage of this budget at the School District. While the preliminary vote taken last night by the Budget Committee showed support for the budget, the vote was **very** close. Your attendance on Wednesday, January 21st's meeting would be deeply appreciated.

Please keep in mind that the most important meeting for the budget will occur at the School District Meeting on Thursday, March 5 at 7pm. Please mark this date on your calendar, and thank you again for all you do to help the Lyme School.

Sincerely,

Peter Glenshaw, Chair, Lyme School Board

INK Spot

Imagination and Knowledge



Fairies

Fairies, fairies everywhere, even in the air. Some with flowy skirts, some with flowy hair. But they are all the same because they're around you. They all very well might astound you.

-- Abby Cook, Grade 3





**PRESIDENTIAL
PICNIC AND
INAUGURAL
VIEWING**
In the Lyme School
Gymnasium
Parents & Community
Welcome
10 am start

**Pajama
Day!!**



**January 21st
Sponsored
by the
Student
Council**



Lunch
Week of
1/20 to 1/23

Monday	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	PRESIDENTIAL PICNIC <i>All School viewing in the Gymnasium</i> Chicken Nuggets Garden Salad Raw Veggies with Dip Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Grilled Cheese & Chicken Noodle Soup Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cookies
Thursday	Soft Beef Taco Corn Bread Brown Sugar baked Beans Mixed Vegetables Garden Salad
Friday	Homemade Thin Crust & Thick Crust Pizza Garden Salad Mixed Fresh Fruit Cookies



Lunch
Week of
1/26 to 1/30

Monday	Chicken Burgers Corn Chips with Salsa Hot Vegetable Brownies
Tuesday	Spaghetti w/ Meatballs Garlic Bread Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Grilled Cheese & Homemade Tomato Soup Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cookies
Thursday	Hot Dog & Bun Tater Tots Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit
Friday	Homemade Thin Crust & Thick Crust Pizza Garden Salad Mixed Fresh Fruit Cookies



A la carte Fruit and Milk are available everyday
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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or just stop by.



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Message
from the
P.T.O.

Mark YOUR Calendar...



**Next PTO Meeting is Tuesday evening (1/20) at
7:00 p.m.**

We are gearing up for Pizza & Bingo Night so if you
would like to volunteer for this family night event we
will be delegating jobs.

CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY

The library thanks the PTO Birthday
Book program and its contributors for
all the new books added to the library
during the year.

Each book is outfitted with a bookplate
and is a lasting reminder of a student's
birthday and their generous donation.