



Inauguration '09

There are many memorable moments which take place during an inauguration. For those who came to view this inauguration at the Lyme School one of those memorable moments would be seeing how attentive and respectful our students were through the whole ceremony.

Kindergardeners to eighth graders watched with rapt attention as their 44th president spoke of the hopes and challenges which lay ahead. Parents came to watch with their children, community members with their neighbors, teachers with students, Republicans with Democrats. What was especially fitting was that this whole event took place as a result of the generosity and cooperation of others, specifically, Rich and Donna Colletti-Lowre of the First Baptist Church of Lyme (satellite connection) and the Congregational Church (presentation screen).



Principal's Report '09 Part 1

Excerpt from the annual Principal's Report which appears in the town's Annual Report. The second installment will be included in a subsequent Newsletter.

This year we have seen a lot go on in the Lyme School, too much to thoroughly list in this report, but here are some highlights:

- Our multiage program, designed to build a "whole school" sense of community, has grown from a single event to a monthly themed event that included students creating holiday cards that were sent to members of the

community who do not have students in the school.

- The Lyme School continues to be ranked as one of the top three schools in the state of New Hampshire based upon standardized test scores (Last two years #1, this year is not ranked yet).

- Teachers are in year two of a multi-year effort to redesign their instruction to align to state and national standards, to incorporate strategies that reflect the newest research about how different people learn and express their understanding, and to ensure the continuity of instruction, K-8.

- The school strategic plan continues to prioritize areas of improvement and focus resources in the most cost effective manner to benefit the greatest number of students in an effort to simultaneously control costs, provide for our students' education, and ensure that no students "fall through the cracks."

- Morning Meeting and Student Council continue to provide students with authentic opportunities to lead the school, take on responsibility, and become confident public speakers.

- We continue to retain and attract some of the top educators in the state, and serve as a teaching mentor site for the Upper Valley Teaching Institute.

- The school continues to work closely with the town's emergency organizations to serve residents in need and establish specific plans to respond if a crisis were to arise.

- Lyme School's graduates continue to perform at the top of their classes in high school, earning them High Honors and Honors distinctions for their academic performance. Our students also continue to serve their high schools in 18 different leadership roles within their various student councils, clubs, organizations, and athletic teams.

INK Spot

Imagination and Knowledge



"Look up in the air! Its.. its... Jasper!"

This week I sat down with resident juggling expert, Jasper Meyer, in an attempt to learn how to keep so many balls in the air at one time, a crucial skill for any principal.

Where did you learn your talent?

I began this summer and took lessons from Ringling Bros. Juggler Jeff Tavega.

Aside from the often hectic schedule of a third grader, what can you juggle?

At this point I can juggle rings, balls, books (I won't tell his teachers)- just about anything that I can grab.

Chain-saws ?

Big smile..... no comment.

What are you excited to do with this talent?

My Mom and I are writing a book together, "Jasper's Guide to Juggling". It is going to be published.

A published author at 9, an accomplished juggler, talented third grade student-- What do you see ahead for yourself?

I want to be able to do a full rainbow cascade.

Isn't Rainbow Cascade a dishwasher detergent?

-- Jasper demonstrates (See above).

Very impressive, Jasper... (but I bet my wife will be even more impressed that I know the name of a dishwasher detergent.)



**New Report Card K-5
out in this mailing.**





New Report Cards

As mentioned on the front page teachers are in the midst of some significant work to "align to state and national standards, to incorporate strategies that reflect the newest research about how different people learn and express their understanding, and to ensure the continuity of instruction, K-8." This work will provide greater ability to apply strategies inherent in data driven decision making. A key component of this effort is a student database and reporting mechanisms (not limited to report cards) which tie all aspects of school life together in one place. Over the last two years we have been building this database in-house (databases like this cost tens of thousands of dollars that we would prefer go to students education, and quite often these costly programs don't do everything your school wants). One of the initial visible components of this database are the new report cards. We hope you find them helpful and informative. As this was our first run we also hope that you be patient with us and pass along any feedback.

Laugh for a good cause

Lyme School Report Card
Great work this term!



Lunch Week of 2/2 to 2/6

Monday	Hamburger Steaks and Gravy Baked Potato Hot Vegetable Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Mac & Cheese with or without hot dog slices Hot Vegetable Garden Salad Marble Cake
Wednesday	BBQ Chicken Sandwich French Fries Hot Vegetable Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Popsicles
Thursday	Hot Dog & Bun Hot Vegetable Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
Friday	Breakfast for Lunch French Bread Sticks Sausage Variety of Cold Cereals Strawberries and Cantaloupe



Lunch Week of 2/9 to 2/13

Monday	Chicken Burgers Tater Tots Hot Vegetable Garden Salad Brownies
Tuesday	Spaghetti Garlic Bread Hot Vegetable Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup Crackers Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cookies
Thursday	Hot Dog & Bun Hot Vegetable Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
Friday	Chicken Nuggets Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cookies



A la carte Fruit and Milk are available everyday
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Comedian Cindy Pierce will be performing Saturday, January 31, 2009 at Rivendell Academy at 7:30 pm Tickets available at the door \$20. (age 18 and over) Proceeds going towards a new playground in Orford.



Yearbook photos of teams and organizations.
Thursday, February 5th

Message from the P.T.O.

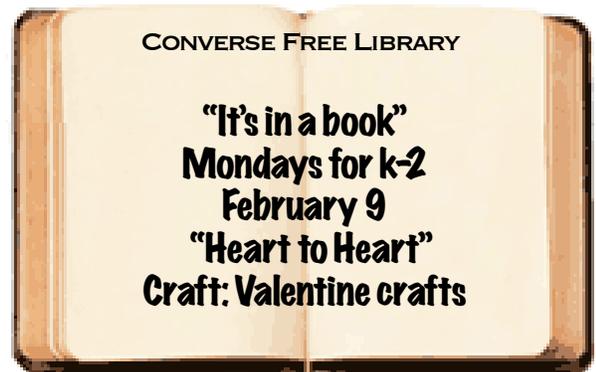
Thank you PTO, Christine Farris and Scott Howell for another Popcorn Friday!



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