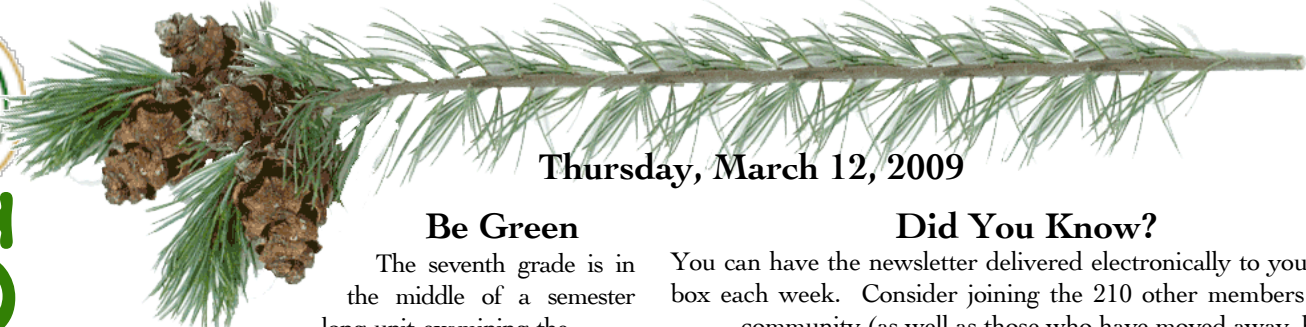




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# Newsletter



Thursday, March 12, 2009

## Be Green

The seventh grade is in the middle of a semester long unit examining the five themes of Geography:

Location, Place, Human/Environment Interaction, Movement, and Region. Recently, we have been examining climate change, and the potential impact that our actions can have on the earth's climate. In response to the movie An Inconvenient Truth the seventh grade has designed a number of action based community service projects that will be carried out in small groups over the course of the next week. Students brainstormed ideas, wrote and presented formal proposals, allocated their resources to achievable goals and are now planning and carrying out four projects: Plastic and Glass Recycling, Tree Planting, Paper Reduction, and Energy Reduction. In order to accomplish their goals, the seventh grade is reaching out to the community for help and support. Below, you will find requests from our various groups. If you would be interested in helping or contributing please e-mail Rob Terry at [rterry@lymeschool.org](mailto:rterry@lymeschool.org).



## Did You Know?

You can have the newsletter delivered electronically to your email box each week. Consider joining the 210 other members of our community (as well as those who have moved away, but just can't get enough of the Lyme School) who receive the Newsletter electronically each week. As always the newsletter is available on line at [www.Lymeschool.org](http://www.Lymeschool.org). Read the newsletter, stay informed about what is happening around the school and if you would prefer not getting duplicate copies or want to be added to the Newsletter email list, let us know.

## Keeping it Clean.... (kinda)

Last week Mr. Pendleton's science class learned how to cultivate Bacteria cultures. Students fanned out across the school to swab surfaces to collect bacteria. Students sampled areas which they thought would yield the greatest bacteria count. Locations include all the likely candidates: the rim of the kindergarten toilet, edge of a bathroom urinal, between a student's toes (name withheld to protect their sneaker's identity), under the cafeteria table, a student's armpit (*Seriously??!*), inside the nose of an unidentified student (I think I am going to be ill...), inside of the dumpster (Yup, you will need to excuse me for a moment....) and finally, from detritus collected around aquarium pebbles. After a thorough scrubbing with antibacterial soap and bathing in clorox bleach (actually that was what I did after writing this article), students prepared petrie dishes and let them set over the weekend. After assessing and graphing the results



the following surface was deemed the winner of this year's "Most likely to be disinfected immediately" award:

### Detritus from the Aquarium

The "Cleanest Sample" award came from:

### Under the Cafeteria Table

(Seriously, I am not making this up simply because the health inspector is an avid reader of the Newsletter). How the inside of someone's nose or a middle school armpit didn't win leaves me skeptical (despite the fact that there was a graph), however, I am not going to demand a retest, you are welcome to if you want, but I don't have the intestinal fortitude to write about this again. Why can't we do science labs about the comparison between Swiss Chocolate or Belgian Chocolate, now that is worth investigating! Heck, why not dissect a Post Pond beav... er... nevermind.

(Please send all responses concerning the last statement to:

The Easter Bunny, 123 Lavender Lane, Somewhereelse, Alaska, 12345 or [Yeah\\_sure\\_I'll\\_get\\_back\\_to\\_you@yahoo.com](mailto:Yeah_sure_I'll_get_back_to_you@yahoo.com))

The 7th grade, has decided to start recycling glass and plastic bottles. We will have 3 stations throughout the school - one in the cafeteria, one in the office and one in Mr. Pendleton's classroom. We encourage students to recycle their glass and plastic bottles. Even one person can make a difference. We need your Help.. We need volunteers to bring the bottles to the Transfer station. If you are willing and going that way please email [rterry@lymeschool.org](mailto:rterry@lymeschool.org).

Join the 7th grade in their effort to reduce consumption of electricity, if you leave a room turn off the light. (Hmmm.... when parents ask kids to do this we are "nagging"-- when they ask, they are being environmentally conscientious. I will take this as a sign they have developed a greater sense of responsibility since this morning.)

"The Return of the Tree Musketeers": One of the 7th grade groups is raising money to plant indigenous, deciduous (not to mention eventually prodigious) trees in around Lyme. The group will visit the Grant Brook trail to inspect trees planted last year. The class is half way to their goal and will continue to raise money this week. Contact the school if you wish to support this effort.



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Remember: Friday  
Night PTO BINGO!





A single tree produces about 260 pounds of oxygen per year. The 7th grade is accepting donations to plant trees around the town. In the lobby there is a donation box. 5 dollars is about 12 trees and we will be planting white oaks. We will be collecting until the end of April.



**Artist in Residence Jon Gailmor**

Since 1971, Jon Gailmor has been leading songwriting residencies and workshops for students in pre-school through college, and helps companies and other organizations create their own masterpieces.

See: [www.jongailmor.com](http://www.jongailmor.com)

**Performance on Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30 pm**



The Student Council is sponsoring a **Fruit Sale** on March 24th in the front lobby from 8:00 - 8:15 a.m. and 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. They will sell apples, bananas, oranges and vitamin waters. Fruit will be 75 cents a piece, and vitamin waters will be \$2. The profits will go to the Humane Society. They will also be collecting towels and blankets for the Humane Society.



**2009 LYME DRAMA CLUB T-SHIRTS**  
We will be selling t-shirts in the lobby before school next Tues., Weds., Th. \$10.00

**2009 LYME DRAMA CLUB PRODUCTION "This Old House"**

by Tim Kelly  
Music & lyrics by Stephen Murray



Mona Babbington's old victorian mansion, once a beauty, is now a rooming house for rambunctious college students. With the help of her nephew and niece, Mona struggles to hold off the wrecker's ball. The students decide to sell all the junk in the house at a yard sale, but little do they know what complications they will face!

**Performance dates:**  
**April 9, 10, 11**

**Post Post Summer Program!**

When:  
June 29 - July 3  
July 6- July 10  
July 13- July 17  
July 20- July 24  
See Flyer in this weeks mailing for details.



**Lunch**  
Week of  
**3/16 to 3/20**



<b>Monday</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Soft Tacos Lettuce, Tomato, & Cheese Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Grilled Cheese & Chicken Noodle Soup Crackers Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cookies
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Burgers Tater Tots Mixed Vegetables Last Chance this season: <b>Hot Chocolate</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Homemade Thin Crust & Thick Crust Pizza Garden Salad Mixed Fresh Fruit Cookies



Ala carte Fruit and Milk are available everyday



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Phone: 795-2125  
or just stop by.



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[www.LymeSchool.org](http://www.LymeSchool.org)

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

Feeling Lucky on Friday the 13th? Then come join us tomorrow evening for Pizza and Bingo Family Night at 6:00. Cost of pizza dinner is



\$3.00 (limited amounts available if you didn't pre-order). We also will be popping fresh delicious popcorn for .75 cents a bag! So grab you your lucky rabbit foot and come have some fun! Next PTO Meeting Tues. March 17th at 7 p.m.

Got Box Tops? Next collection Thurs. March 19th!



**CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY**

**Thursday, March 19 for  
Grades 3-5  
ACTIVITY:  
Puzzles and Puzzlers**