



## Where Are We Headed?

Over the past three years the Lyme School has been developing a clearer understanding of how we can capitalize on the collective efforts and experience of each successive year as students progress in their k-8 education. This past Monday, as we have done each Thursday, we gathered as a faculty to focus on this work. Our goals concentrate on several aspects of instruction:

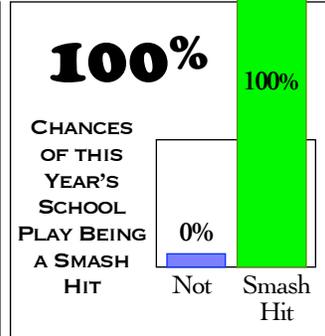
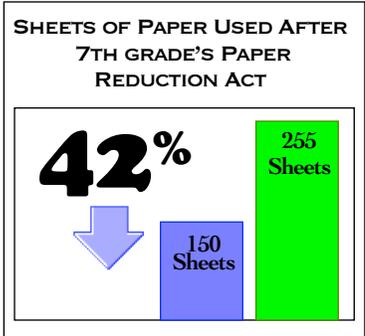
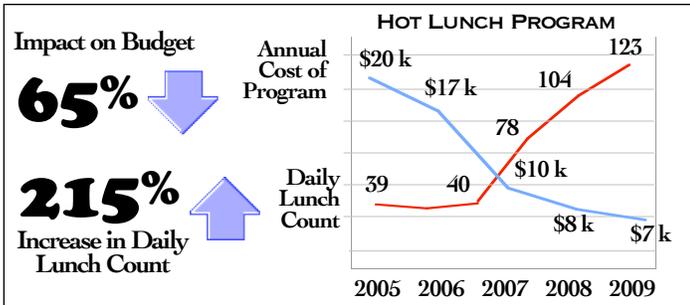
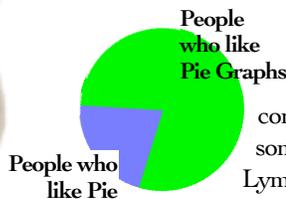
- to articulate our curriculum such that we can communicate more precisely the progress each student is making in a variety of areas within each subject.
- to use available data to make sure that this progress compares positively, not only against their peers in surrounding schools, but also with their peers nationally and internationally.
- to ensure the instructional methods employed reflect and adapt to the learning styles of each child.
- to allocate time and other available resources to priority areas which are articulated by the School Board's Strategic Plan.

If the present economy teaches us anything it is that we need to prepare students to think independently, be knowledgeable within a wide range of associated disciplines and to be able to communicate in such a way that people will understand and listen. In order to make this kind of progress with our students we must make sure we are using the most current information available about how minds learn. This means that we must question our assumptions, and prioritize new understanding, and have the discipline to maintain the course of change and growth which comes with a broadening understanding of what, why and how we all learn.



## Trends

Everyone loves a good graph to illustrate a point (see graph on left). So I thought I would share a few comparative graphs which illustrate some great trends taking place at the Lyme School.



## 2nd Grade's "Giving Words" a Huge Success

The second grade could have gone the traditional route to raise money for a cause and held a car wash or a bake sale, both tried and true means to raise money. But this second grade does things a little more creatively, they commissioned poetry. For a nominal contribution our 2nd grade poet laureates created masterpieces of creative expression. I display mine proudly above my desk, and it appears that many others felt the same way as is evident by the fact that the class raised \$200 to support conservation efforts in the Costa Rican Rainforest. Thanks to Mrs. Barton an anthology of their work was published. So if you see a 2nd grader, and they are not too busy signing autographs or being interviewed by the press, ask them to read one of their very special poems-- it is sure to please (no graph necessary).



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# Newsletter



**INK** Spot  
Imagination and Knowledge



Picture by Pierre, Grade 2



Lyme Lions are awesome!  
Yell out Loud! Lyme lions are cool!  
Miss Campbell teaches second grade.  
Everyone is happy in Lyme!

Poem by Casey & Eliza, Grade 2

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**Artist in Residence starts this Week!!**

2009 LYME DRAMA CLUB PRODUCTION

**"This Old House"**

April 9, 10, 11





### CHaD Ski and Ride Festival

The Marshall's want your help to launch the B + for CHaD Kids initiative by signing up for the CHaD Ski and Ride Festival.

Do you like snow? Raffle prizes? Good food? And the chance to win a 5-day trip to the Alyeska Resort in Alaska? Then...REGISTER TODAY for the 10th Anniversary CHaD Ski and Ride Festival on March 29th at the Dartmouth Skiway!

Individuals, corporate teams, kids and their families, from throughout New Hampshire and Vermont will hit the slopes for a day of fun; and an end of season celebration of winter in New England. The festivities will include wild costumes, live music, a BBQ, on hill activities such as a dual GS race course, speed trap, scavenger hunt and gelandesprung ski jump!

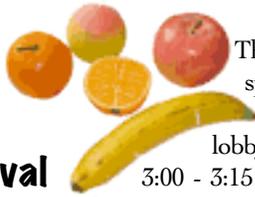
In addition, this year we have included a SNOW BOX DERBY; where participants are invited to make a sled at home using only cardboard, tape and glue then challenged to test their design on our derby course the day of the event! See official rules and regulations on our website WWW.CHADSKIFEST.ORG under "Event Information."

Also new this year, we are excited to announce that our top individual fundraiser will receive a grand prize trip to the ALYESKA RESORT in ALASKA! This trip includes deluxe accommodations for two people for five days; five-day lift tickets for two; a \$300 gift certificate to the resort's premiere Spa; and a \$200 dining gift certificate.

As always, there will be a raffle and silent auction for exciting ski gear and other great prizes.

Put on your snow gear and come help CHaD help children!

Questions? Contact Tracey Jacobi at: 603-650-3435 or tracey.jacobi@Hitchcock.org



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.



On Friday, May 1st, the Student Council will host the second annual **Talent Show**. Tryouts for the show will be held on March 25-27, so think of YOUR talent and practice. Come to Mrs. Cove's room at lunch time on those dates to sign up.



**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



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



**Lunch**  
Week of  
**3/23 to 3/27**



<b>Monday</b>	Chicken Nuggets Garden Salad Hot Vegetable Fresh Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Spaghetti w/ Meatballs Garlic Bread Garden Salad Brownies
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sloppy Joes Baked Potato Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Ginger Cake
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Stir Fry w/ Rice Homemade Biscuits Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit Cookies
<b>Friday</b>	Cheeseburger Tater Tots Garden Salad Mixed Fresh Fruit



Ala carte Fruit and Milk are available everyday



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**Thursday , March 26 for**  
**Grades 3-5**  
**MOVIE: Bolt (PG)**  
**Tuesday, March 24**  
**General public 7PM**  
**Lyme Women talk about**  
**climbing NH's 4000 footers**