



SERVING THE LYME COMMUNITY FOR OVER 100 YEARS

THE LYME SCHOOL

Newsletter

School District Meeting **TONIGHT**

Right now there is a gap of slightly more than \$41,000 between the budget as it appears on the warrant (as set by the town budget committee) and the budget last proposed by the Lyme School Board. There are people in town who think this lower figure is still more than the town can afford, and are likely to ask for greater reductions, while on the other end there are people who feel that even restoring the budget to the level the school board proposed will not be sufficient, as the school board already cut \$120,000 from the budget first laid out to handle a growing student population. An additional indication of the lengths the school and school board have gone to to reach this budget, is the fact that despite a growing number of students and the need to split two new classes next year, the school has not added additional staff, opting instead to pull teachers from other assignments and programs to teach these grades.

The people who come to the school district meeting will get to decide how much money the budget will include, those not in attendance need only to abide by it.

It is School District Meeting tonight. Do you know what your plans are?



The Lyme School Play

Each year Bonnie Cornell, our resident director and her loyal volunteers --Faith Catlin, Denise Frawley, Christiana Whittington, and Fran Gardent -- gather the courage and talents and produce our school play.

It is by no means an easy task; it is squeezed into schedules and lives which already seemed full, usually at a point in the day when many are winding down. It is at this point that these directors and their adolescent actors are winding up. I can't help but think ..."How do they do it"? How do the kids -- on top of all their school work and winter activities manage to remember their lines, their dance steps and forget the fact that they will be on stage in front of a full audience. These people are magic -- unfortunately, I am too practical to believe in magic, so I asked them "What does this play mean?":

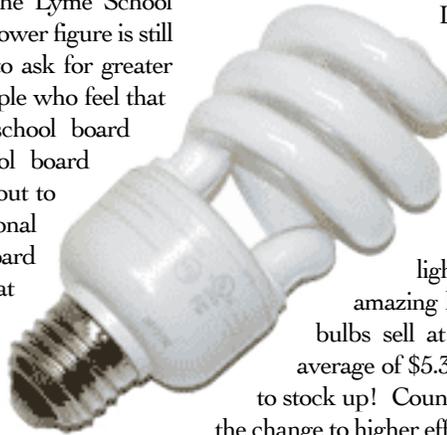
"The play lets you step out of yourself-- it gives you a break -- to become something else, even for just a little while."

"It lets you work at something that is not about a grade - or an assignment -- its about working hard at something which could fail or be embarrassing, but you do it because you want to."

"It teaches you to be flexible and think on you feet-- to take things as they come at 1000 miles an hour."

"It is something which could really not come together and when it does you realize you can... you can do anything..."

So now I get it, and maybe I can believe in magic. Thank you, 7th & 8th grade, thank you Faith, Christiana, Denise, Fran, and Bonnie.



A Bulb-a-Thon with a Twist

Lyme Home & Hardware is teaming up with The Lyme School PTO to help residents take one more step toward going GREEN while helping classes raise money!!

Lyme Home & Hardware is committed to helping Lyme residents AND the Lyme School and has graciously gifted the town with an unbeatable price, ONLY during the all-school fundraiser!

Beginning Friday, March 12th, you can purchase your energy efficient light bulbs from any Lyme student for an

amazing low price of only \$2.50 each! (These

bulbs sell at hardware stores in the area for an average of \$5.35 each.) So now is definitely the time

to stock up! Count all the bulbs in your house and make the change to higher efficiency now!

Here are the details: Energy Efficient (GE brand) Light Bulbs from Lyme Home & Hardware 40W, 60W, 75W, 100W (equivalent wattages) \$2.50 each (or buy four and get a 5th FREE!) Sale runs Friday, March 12th through Monday, March 22nd (orders due 3pm, 3/22)

Light Bulb pick-up will be Saturday, April 10th, 9am-1pm at Lyme Home & Hardware.

There will be a kick-off demonstration presented by Lyme Home & Hardware at the school's morning weekly meeting on Friday, March 12th. (Everyone is welcome to attend!)

Students will receive their sale packets in their weekly folders on Thursday, March 11th.

Added bonus: Although this fundraiser only includes the above listed bulbs, Lyme Home & Hardware will make many other energy efficient light bulbs available at a discounted price on the day of pick-up, ONLY to those who have purchased bulbs during the Bulb-a-thon!

This includes outdoor flood lights among many other choices!

These extra bulb purchases will also result in additional funds to the class accounts.

Information about Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs)

Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) are four times more efficient and last up to 10 times longer than incandescent. A 22 watt CFL has about the same light output as a 100 watt incandescent. CFLs use 50 - 80% less energy than incandescent.

CFLs use 1/3 the electricity and last up to 10 times as long as incandescent. A single 18 watt CFL used in place of a 75 watt incandescent will save about 570 kWh over its lifetime. At 8 cents per kWh, that equates to a \$45 savings.

Proceeds from this fundraiser are distributed to each classes' activity account.



"It is what we have been learning to do since we came here -- learn, play, make mistakes, get it right."





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LYME DRAMA PRESENTS:

TIED TO THE TRACKS



Book by Tim Kelly
Music by Arne Christiansen
Lyrics by Ole Kittleson.



Tied To The Tracks will leave you tied up in knots... of laughter! This action-packed old time musical western melodrama may be the most tuneful and wildest ever to hit our stage. Join stalwart Sheriff Billy Bold and the delicate Dakota Melody as they resist the evil machinations of Silias Scavenger and Wild Prairie Rose in this shoot-em-up, round-em-up extravaganza. You will be hitched to your seat as they are powerless in helping our beloved heroine, bound to a railway track, as she helplessly watches a locomotive race towards her. Only one man can snatch her from this unworthy fate and bring justice to a thriving territory. This wacky, show boasts nine original show tunes, including "A Rose With Plenty of Thorns," "We're the Harvey Girls," and "He's a Meany, He's a Nasty, He's a Grouch". Most of the action takes place in the lobby of the Melody Hotel, which is located in the town of Buffalo Bend, Dakota Territory (1880's).

Performance dates are March 18, 19 & 20

Curtain time 7:30

Adults: \$5 • Children \$3 • T-Shirts are available - \$10

Ian takes on the Next Spelling Bee

Ian Caldwell will represent Lyme School at the next level of competition in the Regional Spelling Bee. This will be held at the Lebanon Elks Club, 150 Heater Road, on Sunday March 7th at 1pm.

New Neighbors Potluck Supper

Everyone is invited to the New Neighbors Potluck Supper to be held on Friday, March 5, at 6:30 pm at the Lyme Congregational Church. Both Lyme churches host this event, which is a great way to meet your new Lyme neighbors as well as to reconnect with your old friends. Please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert to share.

This is a fun event that is guaranteed to lift your spirits and ward off the winter's chill! Any questions, please contact Susie Beeson at the Congregational Church office (795-2850).



See Enclosed letter outlining changes to the Bus routes



Pennies For Peace

Don't forget that spare pennies are being collected in each class for and in the office for Pennies for Peace. For more information go to:

www.penniesforpeace.org

Message from the P.T.O.

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Lunch

Week of

3/8 to 3/12



Monday	BURGER DAY! Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers or Veggie Burgers Steak Fries Garden Salad Corn Cantaloupe, Watermelon
Tuesday	Rotini Pasta w/ or w/out Meatballs and Sauce Bread Sticks Garden Salad Broccoli, Fresh Fruit Rainbow Sherbet
Wednesday	BLT or Tuna Salad Sandwich Vegetable Soup Garden Salad Carrot & Celery Sticks w/ ranch dip Applesauce, Cantaloupe
Thursday	Homemade Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, Veggie Garden Salad Carrot & Celery Sticks w/ ranch dip Pears, Watermelon
Friday	Hot Dogs with Buns Baked Beans Garden Salad Peas Watermelon, Honey Dew Corn Bread

Al a carte Fruit and Milk are available everyday



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March 8th @ 3-4:30
Clowns and Clowning
Grades 1 & 2

March 11th @ 2-4pm
Doodling with Margaret Sheehan
Grades 3-5 older doodlers are also welcome

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March 2, 2010

Dear Parents,

At their regular meeting on February 25, the Lyme School Board reviewed the temporary changes to the afternoon bus routes that were implemented on February 1, 2010. Their decision was as follows:

1. The Board voted to make permanent the route changes for Bus Number 2 (Hollis' bus), including the additional route up Acorn Hill Road to Hardscrabble Road.
2. The Board voted to revert to the original afternoon bus route (the one in use prior to February 1) for Bus Number 1 (Kathy's bus). This change will be effective Monday, March 8, 2010.

The Board anticipates a complete review of all bus routes this summer.

If you have questions or comments, please send me an e-mail at gschnare@lymeschool.org. All comments will be forwarded to members of the Board. You can also reach me by phone on most Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 to 4:30 at the SAU office in Lyme (795 - 4431).

Sincerely yours,

Gordon Schnare, Superintendent