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THE LYME SCHOOL

Newsletter

Better Late.... But not Later

Faithful readers of the Newsletter will have undoubtedly noted that the snow procedure article is appearing 5 weeks later than last year. This fact has brought a flurry (ha!) of inquiries from news outlets around the globe, including a call from Global Warming Spokesperson "Frosty the Snowman" (and you thought it was Al Gore?). So let me just state officially that I am in no way making a statement concerning the issue. It simply worked out this way. So in the likely chance of a snow day it has been the practice of this publication to review the snow procedures.

Notices of any school cancellation are communicated by phone and email. The phone numbers and email addresses used, are those that are on record with the school. So if you need to change those contact numbers/addresses, please contact the school ASAP. You may wish to only be notified only by phone or only by email if you choose-- thus avoiding my voice at 6am.

While I am on this topic one important detail to keep in mind is that the message you will receive is recorded, so please forgive the cheerful tenor in my voice. I recorded it when 1) I was awake 2) it was a reasonable hour of the day and 3) I was in a reasonable mood (which would not be the case if I recorded myself at 4:30 am the morning of the snow day). Secondly, as it is a recording, don't bother to engage in a debate about the merit of the decision as my response will likely sound like a dial tone (so please take no offense).



Future Entrepreneurs

This semester the 7th grade studied economics and approached it in a very meaningful, authentic and creative way. The 7th graders were divided into departments: market research & analysis; marketing & advertisement; graphic design; scheduling; accounting; finance; mediation & negotiation; and purchasing. Each department had specific daily tasks to complete which often required them to interface with other departments and work for the good of the business. The students took charge of all business activities from polling Lyme School students to see what they would likely purchase at a school store, to ordering, displaying and selling the goods, to seeking a loan from Mr. Valence to purchase the store inventory. This is where students learned about risk and the real significance of their decisions. Students requested a loan of \$475 (which I have to admit almost knocked me out of my chair). However, it motivated me to be a skeptical lender (we could have used more of those) because the stakes were so high (\$475 bucks just after paying my property tax was nearly unmanageable). I examined their business plan, their market research, price structure, inventory and the time line for operation. After consideration of these factors and that one of the representatives was dressed in a business suit, I figure they were good for it. After we agreed upon the interest rate of the loan (not sub prime), I insisted that the loan was co-signed by the class - not a teacher - not parents, but the kids. In the case that they could not pay back the loan and the interest *they* would have to repay the loan through other business based fundraisers. **The store is open December 14th through the 17th.** Come see the variety of products they have available-- just in time for Christmas (yeah, they researched that too.)



INK Spot

Imagination and Knowledge

A Day to Give Thanks

Men have served in war.
The freedom they have given us
This day we thank the people
who have done this great job well
How we thank them.

Spencer, Grade 1



Breanna, Grade 5



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2010-2011
SCHOOL YEAR

**2010-2011
WINTER CONCERT**

**DECEMBER 14TH
7 PM**

IN THE GYMNASIUM



7th Grade School Store

Attention skiers and snowboarders!



is open for Business

Come see our inventory
All the stuff you wanted,
some stuff you need.
All at prices you won't
believe!

December 14th to the 17th
Plan ahead, only a few more
weeks!

The Spectra Recreational Ski & Snowboard Pogram is a go for this winter! The program runs for 8 sessions held on Sundays beginning January 16th from 1-3 PM at the Dartmouth Skiway (no lesson the week of Winter Break). Cost \$130/student. Registration (deadline 12/24/10) and program information are available at <http://www.fordsayre.org/>. Click the "Registration" tab then the link for "online registration" and our program is top of the list.



Thursday, December 2, 2010: 4pm – 8pm -- in Norwich at Norwich Square and The Massage Center. The celebration includes: Holiday book-signing at the Norwich Bookstore, a Healthy Holiday Gift Gala at The Massage Center, refreshments, discounts and more.

Friday, December 3, 2010: 4pm – 8pm – in Hanover and Norwich.

3:30-4:45 Santa Clause and his elves come to the Norwich Inn

5:00-7:30 Santa Clause and his elves come to the Hanover Inn

5:15-6:00 Christmas tree lighting will be on Dartmouth Green

For more details visit

www.hanoverchamber.org.

Lunch Week of 12/6 to 12/10



<p>Monday</p>  <p>Beef</p>	<p>BURGER DAY! Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers or Veggie Burgers Fries Garden Salad Tomatoes, Corn Melon</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>  <p>Local</p> <p>Beef</p>	<p>Meat or Veggie Pizza Broccoli Garden Salad Apples Oranges</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>  <p>Produce</p>	<p>Chicken Fingers Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Garden Salad Pineapple</p>
<p>Thursday</p>  <p>Beef</p>	<p>Soft Tacos with salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese Peas Garden Salad Bananas</p>
<p>Friday</p>	<p>Mac 'n Cheese Dinner Roll Broccoli/Cauliflower Garden Salad Grapes</p>

Pajama Spirit Day

Friday, December 9

to celebrate kindergarten learning the p and j sounds

STUDENT COUNCIL

Talent Show !!

Next Friday the 10th
at 8:30am



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WINTER CONCERT

DECEMBER

14TH @ 7 PM

IN THE GYMNASIUM

Message from the
P.T.O.



Calling all bakers!
(or cider or fruit purchasers)



Please go to the Lyme School home page, click PTO Concert refreshment signups. Hit "edit" in the upper right hand corner and sign up to make a contribution to the refreshment table for this year's concert. The PTO joins all students and parents and teachers in thanking you!

Al a carte Fruit and Milk are available everyday



CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY



Lyme children raised \$5,712.15 to purchase books, audios and videos for our school/public library. All children who returned pledge sheets will be recognized at the school assembly on December 3rd, and will put bookplates in books of their choosing.

Monies raised by this event are the library's only source of money for children's books. An old African proverb says: "It takes a village to raise a child." In this spirit, children who solicited 4 or more pledges will additionally be recognized at the library during the week of December 12th.

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