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Friday, February 11, 2011



Happy Chinese New Year!

This past week the 4th grade and Kindergarten celebrated the Chinese New year which began on the 3rd and can last 15 days. This year is the year of the rabbit. Chinese New Year, often called Chinese Lunar New Year is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. Despite its winter occurrence, in China it is known as "Spring Festival," the literal translation of the Chinese name 春节 (Pinyin: Chūn Jié. The festival

begins on the first day of the first month in the traditional Chinese calendar and ends with Lantern Festival which is on the 15th day. Chinese New Year's Eve, a day where Chinese families gather for their annual reunion dinner, is known as Chū Xī (除夕) or "Eve of the Passing Year."

Chinese New Year is the longest and most important festivity in the Chinese Lunisolar Calendar. The origin of Chinese New Year is itself centuries old and gains significance because of several myths and traditions. Ancient Chinese New Year is a

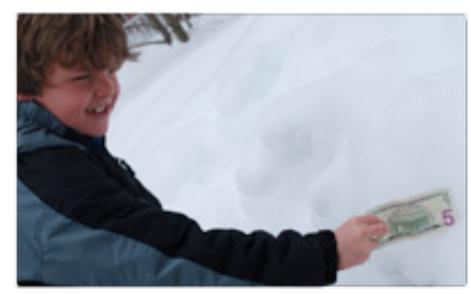
reflection on how the people behaved and what they believed in the most.

Within China, regional customs and traditions vary widely. It is the tradition that every family thoroughly cleans the house to sweep away any ill-fortune in hopes to make way for good incoming luck. Windows and doors will be decorated with red color paper-cuts and couplets with popular themes of "happiness", "wealth", and "longevity". On the Eve of Chinese New Year, supper is a feast with families. The family will end the night with firecrackers. Early the next morning, children will greet their parents by wishing them a healthy and happy new year, and receive money in red paper envelopes. The Chinese New Year tradition is to reconcile, forget all grudges and sincerely wish peace and happiness for everyone. *Source: Wikipedia*



Snow..... Yup, Got it.

So in case anyone forgot, Mother Nature decided to remind us that we in live in New Hampshire. (No, really you moved here voluntarily-- most likely because we have beautiful seasons). As a result of the abundance of snow there has been a dramatic increase of a peculiar sighting. The phenomenon, which over the past few years was thought to be mere myth, is referred by natives as a "Snow Bank" or in native the dialect: "why-eye--mova-to-ab-florida". Don't be confused by their name, Snow Banks do not manage your money (not that banks do any more). They are a different kind of bank (which was only just confirmed by the fact that they did not get a bailout). They are, in fact, even more sinister than bankers. They lull you into a sense of nostalgia with memories of sliding, building forts and high yield savings accounts, only to trap you in their devious plot. But thanks to the journalistic integrity and dedication of the crack team of investigative journalists at the Newsletter, they can now be exposed. Their real purpose:.... they like to obscure any clear view of our driveway! In fact they hate our driveway! But you can do something about it! Yes, you can thwart their evil plan of view domination, you can approach slowly and pull away slowly. You can go even further and only use designated crosswalks. A snow bank's natural enemy is the stalwart crossing guard -- in particular, Mr. Cooke and Ms. Clark. When contacted for comment a spokesman for the American Association of Crossing guards spoke candidly "Yeah, its a long standing feud between us. We just plain don't like each other. Snow... well its ok. It knows its place... low to the ground. But Snow Piles... nope.... nasty creatures ... [they] wouldn't give a cripple crab a crutch." When we attempted to reach the snow piles for a comment they could not be reached-- as they were being buried under more snow.



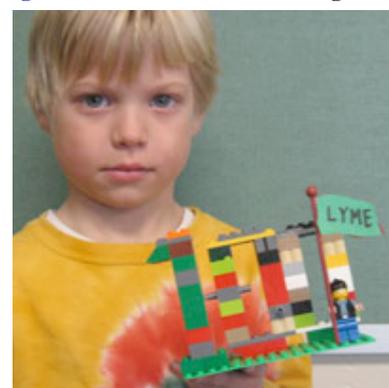
Seen here, an innocent patron is lulled by Snow Bank's claims of high yield saving accounts



• VOLUME: 5 • Next week's installment: **Snow Piles: They Hate Your Porch Roof Too!**
2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

INK Spot

Imagination and Knowledge



Drew's 100 Lego sculpture (which forms the number 100) celebrating 100 days of Kindergarten. -- Brilliant! 100 %



Have a Safe and Happy Vacation, we will see you back on the 21st and will miss you until then!

Thank you Volunteers!

To all that contributed time and energy to the ski program, we thank you very much.

The Darnmouth Skiway
Steve Small, Lyme Rec.
Richard Vidal
Denby Coyle
Maggie Minnock
Jen Schiffman
Tom Turkington
Mary Sansone
Kris Pekala
Laurel Ross
Jake Cooke
Heidi Lange

Julie Goodrich
Susannah Clark
Amanda DiGeorge
Mark Bolinger
Ellen Parrish
Tim Calaghan
Kate Cook
Dick Meyer
Mike Reeves
Brooke Giddings
Mike Saltzman
Ann Steyn

Scott Rodi
Paula Tensen
Luke Prince
Nathan Maxwell
Rob Meyer
Allan Newton
Dan Lynch
Robin Taylor
Jim Mason
Pat & Anna Super
Steve Waterman
Audrey Brown

Elizabeth Morell
George Kachikis



MIDDLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Supporting Respect & Cooperation in Our School

The Middle School will be participating in this workshop Tuesday and Friday after vacation.

Workshop led by Dr. Steven C. Atkins

www.drstevenatkins.com

Saturday February 12, 6pm
Lyme Congregational Church

All are welcome! Contact Michelle

Michelle.whitcomb@gmail.com

or call 795-2030



**PINEWOOD
DERBY**

CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY

"Purling with Elsie McCarthy"

for experienced knitters in grades 4 & up
Thursday, February 24 from 2-3:30PM in the Lyme Room.
Pre-registration required. Call the library 795-4622

"Lego Mania" at the library February 20-March 4th :

Display your homemade creations at the Library

Bring them in anytime; we will return them intact after March 4th.

"Legos Afterschool" on Thursdays from 2-4PM

February 24 for Grades 1, 2 and 3

March 3 for Grades 4 and up.

Snack provided. No pre-registration.

FOR ADULTS or families

"Short Course of Islam for Non-Muslims," a New Hampshire Humanities talk by Charles Kennedy Wednesday, February 16 at 7PM.

Tuesday, February 22 Dave Kotz and Pamela Jenkins talk about their family's experiences living in India. 7PM
(rescheduled because of storm)

Lunch

Week of

2/21 to 2/28



Monday	Soft Tacos w/ salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese Rice Carrots Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Ice Cream Local Beef
Tuesday	Barbeque Chicken Dinner Baked Potatoes Oriental Stir Fry Vegetables Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Turkey Burgers w/ lettuce, tomatoes, cheese Fries Corn Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Local Produce
Thursday	Meat or Veggie Pizza Broccoli/Cauliflower Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Sherbet
Friday	Chicken Fingers Roasted Potatoes Squash Garden Salad Fresh Fruit

Al a carte Fruit and Milk are available everyday



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Message from the P.T.O.



Box Top Collection
on the first Friday after vacation
February 25th