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EARLY EDITION

Snow Days vs Summer Days: An Epic Battle

We Will Always Play it Safe

I think I have discovered the most effective way to hear from every member of the school community:

First you need an issue (like a late end to the school year due to a snowy winter) and then respond to it. Then sit back and enjoy all the communication that comes in. We

are fortunate to have had just such an opportunity.

The issue of the late end of the school year due to snow days seemed to concern most people in the following ways:

- 1) The school gets really hot in June (assuming the snow melts by then) parents and faculty were concerned that the classrooms would be so uncomfortable that students could not focus on their work. And...
- 2) Many summer camps and vacations had been scheduled to begin prior to the 28th of June (which would be the last day of school if we did not make up days and have no more snow days).

So here was the proposal which was brought to the Board and approved.

1) Two inservice days: **March 18th** and **May 27th** will become school days instead of inservice days and teachers will make them up after school ends.

2) We had two Multiage Activities planned for the spring focusing on Lyme History in anticipation for our 250th Anniversary:

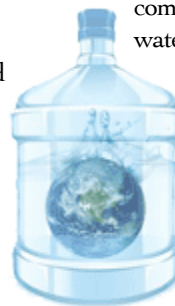
- A walking tour of Lyme History around the common and historical stories of Lyme led by the Lyme Historians and

- Historic Square Dance Lessons led by Lyme's own Don and Julia Elder and old time lemonade picnic on the common.

These events will now take place on **Saturday, April 30** and **Saturday, May 14** from 9am - 1pm and can involve the whole community!

Knowing that families may have already made plans, we understand that some may not be able to attend these events, which is in part why we did not want to present regular curriculum on these days. However, we anticipate that many students, parents and community members may really be excited to participate! The time which we would have missed from regular instruction if we had had these events during the week, can be returned to regular instruction (which is good also).

In taking these steps we are able to move the last day of school from Tuesday, June 28th to Tuesday, June 21st. Now all we have to do is contact someone who can make sure there are no more snowstorms. We understand that changing the schedule can be disruptive and we hope that you can join us in what will be very exciting events. And no, this is not a April Fools joke.



What's in your water?

This past week the school asked Stephen Roy from the Department of Environmental Services to meet with us to discuss our drinking water. As anyone who is familiar with water in "downtown Lyme" knows, water quality and taste is an ongoing issue. Proximity to agricultural areas, pollution from roads and automobiles all can contribute to undesirable compounds entering the aquifers. As a municipal water system, we monitor and test our water

several times a year. Our water tests have always come back meeting the requirements for drinking. In our most recent test one compound, which is a derivative of an herbicide, continued to persist, albeit at a level 3 magnitudes below the set level for safe drinking water. Despite the fact that our water source has met all requirements for safe drinking, the school is pursuing ways that

we can filter even these trace elements in our water. While we seek more information and possible solutions, we will be making "bottled" water available. You can help us with this effort by sending water with your child. Teachers will have

water available in the classrooms in containers and water coolers will be placed in locations around the school. We want to emphasize that while the water still meets all requirements for safe

drinking, we are taking these steps voluntarily so that we can be sure that students are not exposed to anything which could be avoided.

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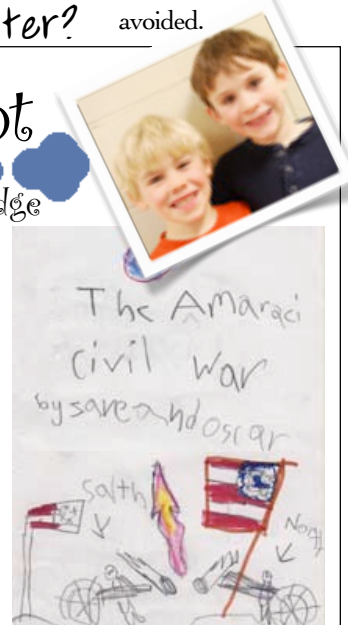
Imagination and Knowledge

The Great Civil War Novel
Forget "Gone with the Wind", Oscar and Zane, grade 1, authored and illustrated "The American Civil War" in their free time. And what a story and the pictures?.. Wow.

It moved me, I am a different man. Watch out for these guys, they will be on the circuit someday with the next great American novel.



Poem By
Breanna, Grade 5



On Monday Morning

we set out to play, flowers blooming,
wind blowing,
oh, what a sunny day!

Make Up Snow Dates:

Saturday, April 30th & Saturday, May 14th

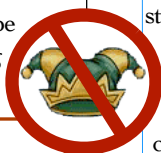
Historic Multi Age Activity • Everyone is welcomed

Friday, May 27th

Regular school day • Teacher inservice Postponed

Last Day of School:

Tuesday, June 21st





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LAURA BARNES SCHOOL 1958

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CONFERENCE WEEK DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

**1:30 am except on Thursday
which will dismiss at 2:00**

Monday, April 11th 1:30 pm

Tuesday, April 12th 1:30 pm

Wednesday, April 13th 1:30 pm

Thursday, April 14th 2:00 pm

Friday, April 15th 1:30 pm

Kindergarten Dismissal

**11:00 am except on Thursday
which will dismiss at 12:30**

May Pole / Mayday
Celebration

**THURSDAY,
MAY 26TH**

RAIN DATE FRIDAY, MAY 27TH



8th Grade Job Shadow Day
April 4

Middle School Report Cards
April 7th

Sixth Grade Trip to Boston
April 8

Student-Led Conference Week
April 11-15

Spring Vacation
April 18-22

8th Grade Graduation
June 18

Message
from the
P.T.O.

The ballots have
been counted and
the almost landslide winner
for Spring fund raiser is..

a square dance.

Dates and details on how you
can help will be out soon.
Also please check the PTO
link on the Lyme School web
site for openings on next
school year's PTO board.

Yah Hooo!

Lunch

Week of

4/4 to 4/8



Monday

Local

Soft Tacos w/ salsa,
lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, rice
Carrots
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Beef

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

Stuffed Shells or Pasta
Bread Stick w/ dipping sauce
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Local
Beef

Meat or Veggie Pizza
Broccoli/Cauliflower
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit
Sherbet

Cereal Day!
Oatmeal and Cold Cereal
Sausage, Home Fries
Peas
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Friday

Chicken Fingers
Roasted Potatoes
Squash
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Hot Dogs w/ Buns
Pasta Salad
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit
Ice Cream Sandwich

Al a carte Fruit and Milk
are available everyday



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CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY

Tuesday, April 12 at 1:45PM

Animal Safari with
Wildlife Encounters
(live animals from around the world)
in Lyme School Gym
Sponsored by The Friends of Lyme Library



American
Red Cross

Blood Drive:

Sunday, April 3rd 9am-2pm

LYME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
(due to church construction)

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