

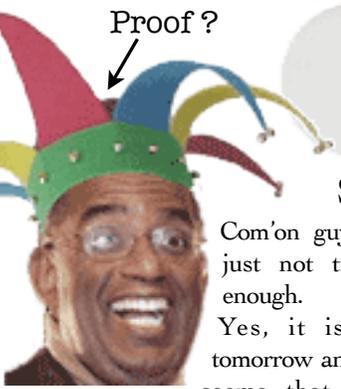
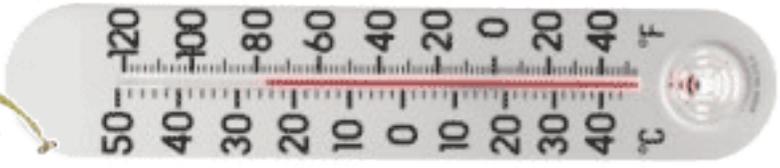


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THE LYME SCHOOL

SNOWletter

Thursday,
March 31,
2011



Snow ? What Snow

Com'on guys you are just not trying hard enough.
Yes, it is April 1st tomorrow and it seems that Al Roker (the acknowledged "weather master" as of issue #21) thinks he is a really funny guy. I laugh on the inside.
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So here is the plan...

Because this is our sixth snowday (one more than the state requires be built into our school calendar) we can apply for a waiver for the 6th snow day.

We had considered adding an hour to the conference week days, however, because of the timing teacher's schedules for parent meetings are already built this is not possible.

We considered "Blizzard Bags" (Sending tomorrow's work home the day before), but in order to do this the state requires that a plan be submitted in September for that year.

Our current plan is to apply for a waiver based upon exceeding the number of required hours in the school year. (945 hours are required by the state-- we go to school for 1079 approximately).

We can't apply or get approval until after the date of the sixth snow day, so there are no guarantees that we will get approval. If this does not work we will investigate other options.

We know that for many this is a critical concern in terms of the plans that you have in place, for others we understand that it is not an issue, and for others we understand that you may prefer to have your kids in school through July. We appreciate each perspective's patience and understanding.

We can still hope that all reports are wrong and are a vast conspiracy or elaborate April Fool's Joke at the hands of the fickle and malevolent Al Roker.

You will know at 6 am tomorrow morning when you receive my call. Please listen because it may be that we can just delay opening by 2 hours. (Hey, it could happen, don't be a pessimist).

Now for Something Completely Different...

Yes, in fact we do discuss things other than snow days in the newsletter.

It is with mixed emotion that I announce the retirement of Dr. Gordon Schnare, our current Superintendent, and appointment of Dr Michael

Harris as our new superintendent. Dr Schnare has been the Superintendent of the Lyme School District since its inception. He has quietly and steadily led the district and its school through the early stages of its development, to its current state as one of the most successful schools/districts in New Hampshire. While some may be unfamiliar with him, his fingerprint, input, experience and wisdom have helped shape every success which we have come to enjoy as a school.



Dr. Schnare

Fortunately, Gordon is not far way and, if I know Gordon at all, he will find retirement a little slow, and therefore may find his way back to visit with us from time to time. As I say to kids, once a Lyme School Student always a part of the Lyme School, and the same holds true for superintendents. If there was someone who could continue with Gordon's support of the Lyme



Dr. Harris

School we were fortunate to find several throughout the search process. Ultimately, the experience, familiarity and reputation of Dr. Harris proved to the Board he was the top candidate. Dr. Harris comes to the Lyme School District with incredible knowledge and expertise. As a long time resident in Etna, Mike knows the community intimately. For the past 11 years he has served as Superintendent in Lebanon. Prior to this position he served as Director of Special Education, Assistant Superintendent, Head of School, Assistant Head of School and most recently as the Director of Teacher Education Program and visiting Professor of Education at Dartmouth College. While his experience is impressive, the fact he was able to rise to the challenges of each position and garner universal respect and support (and being that he was Superintendent in Lebanon, he had to make decisions about snow days) this is pretty impressive on its own.

We are very excited to welcome Dr. Harris to the Lyme School community and be able to celebrate Dr. Schnare's considerable accomplishments in his 11 year tenure as Lyme's first Superintendent.



INK Spot

Imagination and Knowledge




Lexi, Grade 6

I sat there watching the fire as if it were my life burning from that one match.

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