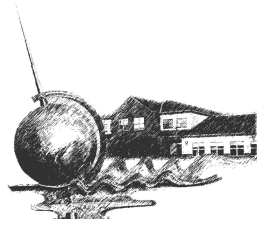


# Laura E. Richards School

MONTHLY

NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Notes



Dear Families,

Happy spring in Maine! Mother Nature certainly likes to play with us this time of year. Hopefully when we return from April vacation the days will be warmer, and we can pack away our winter clothing until next year!

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Parent Teacher conferences. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher, I encourage you to contact the teacher to set up another time to meet. Conferences are a great time to celebrate the learning and progress your child has made this year, as well as to discuss questions or concerns you may have.

Due to all our snow days, we have to be creative again for making up the time. The first 3 Wednesdays in May will be extended an hour, so we will dismiss at 4:00. May 9th has been changed from an Early Release Day into a full student day as well. The last day for students will now be June 19th, and it will be a half day for students.

Our Walking School Bus is up and running again! We meet at the park on Monday mornings at 7:55 to walk up to school. It is a great way to start our day and week! Hope to see you on April 23rd!

Please continue to check your child's backpack regularly. We have many field trips that happen at the end of the year and will soon be sending home permission slips.

Enjoy the next couple of weeks of mud! The flowers and green grass are on the way!!!

Yours in the service of children,

### Yearbook Orders Due Thursday, April 12th!

It's time to order your 2017-2018 LER Yearbook!

Each yearbook is \$10.00.

Order forms and reminders were sent home with students.

Please make checks payable to Laura E. Richards School. or order online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) using Yearbook ID Code 13410318.

## Upcoming Events

### April:

- 12th: Yearbook orders due!
- 13th: Workshop day, no school
- 16th - 20th: Spring break, no school
- 23rd: Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 23rd: GEPTA Scentsy fundraiser due
- 25th: Assembly, 2:00, PM PreK presenting
- 25th: STEPS field trip to Sensory Gym
- 29th: GEPTA Glow Bowl, more info to follow
- 30th: Walking School Bus, 7:55

### May:

- 2nd: Dismissal at 4:00 (school day extended by one hour)
- 4th: Kindergarten screening for incoming students - *Please note the correction: There is school for kindergarteners!*
- 7th: Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 8th: GEPTA meeting, 6:15 at LER
- 9th: ~~Early release~~, (changed to a full day and extended by one hour) students dismissed at 4:00
- 14th: Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 16th: Spring concert, 10:00 & 2:00
- 16th: Dismissal at 4:00 (school day extended by one hour)
- 18th: District Art Extravaganza, 3:30 - 7:00 at GAHS
- 21st: Walking School bus, 7:55
- 28th: Memorial Day, no school
- 30th: Assembly, 8:45

### June:

- 4th: Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 9th: GAHS Graduation
- 12th: GEPTA, 6:15 at RVCS
- 19th: Last day of school, students dismissed at 12:30

### Helpful Phone Numbers

Laura E. Richards School	582-3612
Superintendent's Office	582-5346
Transportation Office	582-6663
Boys & Girls Club	582-8458
Special Education Office	582-7366
LER fax	582-3175

The Laura E. Richards School community will nurture, guide, and encourage students. We will provide a safe environment, rich in learning experiences, to foster respectful, caring, independent learners.

### The Walking School Bus is back!

Students and parents are invited to join Mrs. Moody and other staff at the Gardiner Common at 7:55 each Monday morning, weather permitting, as we walk to school together!

**Star Students** - Every week, each teacher chooses a student who has demonstrated the "4 Be's" -- Be safe, be kind, be respectful, be responsible. Each Star Student receives a certificate and a special pencil! Congratulations to our Star Students!



### Calendar Notes

Please note, the first three Wednesdays in May will be extended by one hour. On each of these days, we will begin school at the usual time and will dismiss students at 4:00. PreK times will be 8:00 - 11:40 & 12:40 - 4:00 on these dates.

- May 2nd - extended one hour
- May 9th - (was an Early Release Day, changed to a full day) extended one hour
- May 16th - extended one hour

The last student day will be Tuesday, June 19th and is a half day. Elementary students will be dismissed at 12:30.

### Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten screening for new students will be take place on Friday, May 4th. Students who are currently attending our PreK program will not need to be screened for kindergarten.

### LER Spring Concert

Our music concert is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16th at 10:00 and 2:00. We have two identical performances to help us with parking and seating. Guests may attend at either time.



### GEPTA News

GEPTA will have a busy month of fundraising for field trips!

- GEPTA's Scentsy Fundraiser packets have been sent home and are due back on April 23rd.
- GEPTA will be holding a Glow Bowl Fundraiser at Spare Time Recreation on Sunday, April 29th! More info coming soon!

The mission of the Gardiner Elementary Parent Teacher Association: *To support academic enrichment and social learning, encourage community and parental involvement, and utilize ideas, energy, and financial support for the benefit of the children, families, teachers, and staff of the Gardiner Elementary Schools.*

Thank you for supporting GEPTA! Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 8th at 6:15 at LER. We would love to see you there!

### It's Pre-K & K Registration Time!

The Four Year Old Program will soon be registering students for the 2018 - 2019 school year. Children must be four years of age on or before October 15, 2018 and may not turn five before September 1st.

If you are interested, please call 582-3612 for more information and for registration forms. Space is limited.

Kindergarten registration time is also approaching! If you have a child who will be five years of age on or before October 15, 2018, or if you know of one, please contact the school at 582-3612.