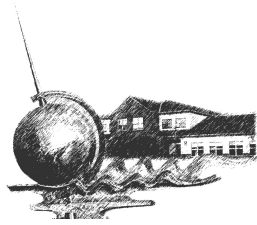


Laura E. Richards School

MONTHLY

NEWSLETTER

Principal's Notes



Dear Families,

Happy Spring everyone!!!! The beautiful flowers, chirping birds and warm, sunny weather certainly brighten our days and moods!

Our theme again for the remainder of the year is "Work hard, play hard!" We have a full month of assessments and school activities coming up. Please be sure to mark your calendars for all the upcoming events listed in this newsletter, as May and June are full of class activities and field trips! Teachers will soon begin administering end of year assessments while trying to teach through to **the last day of school, which is June 19th**, which will again be a half-day of school. We will dismiss students at **12:30**. I encourage you to keep your child in a regular routine as much as possible. We ask a lot of them during these last weeks of the school year, so it is really important that they are well rested.

We begin NWEA testing the week of May 14th for all K-2 students. This test helps us look at the amount of growth your child has made since the fall. Your child's scores for the NWEA will be coming home with report cards.

Now that the weather is slowly warming up, please be sure that your children have safe footwear for recess. Flip-flops, crocks, and sandals are cool, but they can be difficult to run in, especially if they don't have back ankle straps. Also, many children tend to break the thong part of their flip-flops. Sneakers should be worn for recess and gym class.

This next week is National School Staff Appreciation Week. Our staff at LER is committed to meeting the needs of every student. I so appreciate all the hard work they do!

The Public Validation Meeting for this year's school budget is June 5th at 6:00 in the gym at Gardiner High School. The referendum day is June 12th at the Boys and Girls Club. Please be sure to cast your vote!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please be sure to call or visit. My door is always open!

Yours in the service of children,

Upcoming Events

May:

- 4th: Kindergarten screening for incoming students - *There is school for kindergarten today!*
- 7th: Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 8th: GEPTA meeting, 6:15 at LER
- 9th: *The Little Mermaid* at GAHS, 12:15 - 2:45 (AM PreK, 9:00 - 11:00)
- 9th: Dismissal at 4:00
- 14th: Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 14th: NWEA testing begins
- 16th: GEPTA Book Fair, 8:30 - 4:00
- 16th: Spring concert, 10:00 & 2:00
- 16th: Title I Parent Advisory Meeting, 3:00
- 16th: Dismissal at 4:00
- 16th: Darlings' Ice Cream Truck for a Cause at RVCS to benefit GEPTA, 4:30 - 6:30
- 17th: K to Northeast Livestock Expo at Windsor Fairgrounds, 8:45-1:30
- 18th: Young Athletes Festival at GAHS, 9:00 - 11:00 (rain date, May 21st)
- 18th: District Art Extravaganza, 3:30 - 7:00 at GAHS
- 21st: Walking School bus, 7:55
- 23rd: K to Public Theater in Lewiston, 8:30 - 12:30
- 28th: Memorial Day, no school
- 30th: Assembly, 8:45

June:

- 4th: Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 4th: Grade 1 to Maine Wildlife Park, 8:45 - 1:30
- 5th: Budget validation meeting, 6:00 at GAHS
- 9th: GAHS Graduation
- 11th: Chewonki visits Grade 1
- 12th: Budget referendum
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- 15th: Field Day (rain date, 14th)
- 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 these Star Students!



GEPTA News

Our next GEPTA meeting is Tuesday, May 8th at 6:15 at LER. We will be voting in new officers for next year and voting on the budget for next year. Please join us!

GEPTA Book Fair is at LER on Wednesday, May 16th from 8:30 - 4:00. We will also be selling our Tiger hats, water bottles and bracelets! Parents can send money to school with their child so that they can shop at the book fair!

Join us for free ice cream! The Darling's Ice Cream for a Cause truck will be at Riverview school on Wednesday, May 16th from 4:30 - 6:30! Any voluntary donations that they collect will be donated back to GEPTA!

A Message Regarding Class Placement

We will soon begin creating class lists for next year. Teachers will be meeting to create balanced classes, which take into account student learning styles, academic needs, friendships, the ratio of boys and girls, and special learning plans. Creating balanced classrooms is a challenging process for sure! While we are not honoring parent requests for a specific teacher, if you have input that you feel is important to the placement of your child, please contact Mrs. Moody in writing. Please remember, our top priority is to create balanced classrooms that offer the best learning environments for all students.

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.



School Budget Validation Meeting
Tuesday, June 5th
at 6:00 pm in the
Gardiner Area High School Gym

Budget Referendum
Tuesday, June 12th
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Gardiner & South Gardiner residents vote
at the Boys & Girls Club

Title One Parent Advisory Meeting

Title One parents are invited to join us for a planning meeting on Wednesday, May 16th, at 3:00 in the Title One Reading room. We would like parent input regarding informational handouts and events for the coming school year. Your input is important to us!

Remember to collect and send in
your empty printer cartridges
and BoxTops for Education!
Keep collecting over the
summer months!



It's Pre-K & K Registration Time!

We are still accepting registrations for the PreK program 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 here! 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. **Kindergarten Screening is this Friday, May 4th.**

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