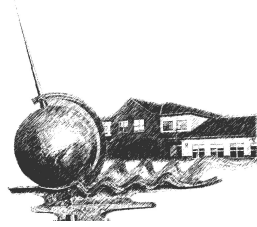


Laura E. Richards School

MONTHLY

NEWSLETTER

Principal's Notes



Dear Families,

Wow! Here is our last newsletter of the year! We are winding down the year with lots of field trips and grade level fun days! We will be having our school Field Day on the morning of June 15th, weather permitting. Parent volunteers are always welcome to help us on this day! Let us know if you are interested!

Class lists are being finalized, and K-1 students will know who their next year's teachers are on the last day of school during the "Step Up" at the end of our morning assembly. Next year's teachers will also be stated on report cards that will come home on the last day of school. **Please note that the last day is a half-day for students on June 19th. They will be dismissed after lunch at 12:30.**

Second grade will also be having a special "Step-up day", June 18th and will be visiting River View School from 1:00-2:00 to meet their classroom teachers for next year. They will also go over to River View in the afternoon of June 8th for a school tour.

At the 9:00 assembly on June 16th, we will be enjoying a slideshow of this year's school events, recognizing our "Walking School Bus" participants, and students who participated in the reading incentive program. Families are certainly welcome to join us!

We also have a special tradition at dismissal on the last day of school. K-1 students, staff, and parents line the downstairs hallway to "hoot and holler" and use noisemakers to cheer on the second graders as they exit our building for their last dismissal from Laura Richards. Parents wishing to join us for this should be here by 12:20.

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!

I hope you all have a restful, fun-filled summer. Enjoy the Maine outdoors and family get-togethers! Be safe, and I look forward to being with you for the 2018-19 school year.

Yours in the service of children,

Upcoming Events

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
- 6th: PreK Family Celebration for Mrs. Duquette's classes, 5:30 pm in LER gym
- 7th: Last day of PreK
- 7th: PreK Family Celebration for Mrs. Ellis' classes, 6:00 pm in LER gym
- 8th: Grade 2 visits RVCS, 1:00 - 2:00
- 9th: GAHS Graduation
- 11th: Last Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 11th: Chewonki visits Grade 1
- 12th: Budget referendum, vote at Boys & Girls Club, 8:00 - 8:00
- 12th-15th: PreK screening for all incoming PreK
- 12th: GEPTA meeting, 6:15 at RVCS
- 13th: GEPTA Ice Cream Social, 6:00 at LER
- 14th: Grade 2 Fun Day at LER
- 15th: Field Day (rain date, 14th)
- 18th: Grade 2 Step-Up at RV, pm
- 19th: Last day of school, students dismissed at 12:30

August:

- 29th: Welcome back! First day of school for K-2

September:

- 4th: First day of school for PreK

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
River View School & fax	582-3402

**For safety reasons:
Please do not drop your child off at school before 8:10. There is no supervision inside or on the playground until then.**

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.

Walking School Bus!

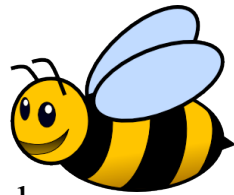
Students and parents are invited to join Mrs. Moody and other staff at the Gardiner Common at 7:55 for the Walking School Bus on Monday mornings, weather permitting, as we walk to school together. Only two weeks remaining!

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



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!



GEPTA News

We have elected our 2018/2019 Officers. Please welcome Beth Newman as President, Elizabeth Crawford as Vice President, Laura Naas as Treasurer and Jaclyn O'Donnell as Secretary.

We will have our End of the School Year Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, June 13th at LER at 6:00. Please join us for a free treat as we celebrate the end of a great school year!



Our last GEPTA meeting will be on Tuesday, June 12th at 6:15 at RVCS.

A Note from the School Nurse

If your student has medication stored at school, it will need to be picked up by the last day of school, Tuesday, June 19th, or you may call to make pick up arrangements. Any medications left at school over the summer will be discarded. Medications cannot be sent home with students. A parent or guardian must pick it up.

Field Day

Please help your child remember to wear sneakers, socks, and play clothes on Field Day, Friday, June 15th. (*Rain date, Thursday, June 14th.*) We also encourage sunscreen and insect repellent to be applied at home.

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



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 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
 Gardiner & South Gardiner residents vote at the Boys & Girls Club

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