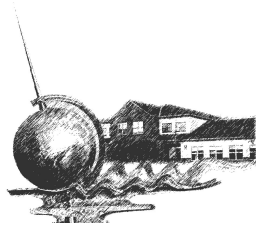


# Laura E. Richards School

MONTHLY

NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Notes



Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! We have been enjoying getting to know your children, as we finalize schedules and get into routines here at LER!

We have new staff members here with us this year. Mrs. Porter is an ed tech in our STEPS program, Miss Shaw is an ed tech in our Resource Room, and Mrs. Cockrell has returned to us in Grade 1. We are very happy to have them with us!

I want to thank all our First Day of School guests who joined us for our parent "Meet and Greet" time prior to our school assembly. Many thanks to Officer Chief Toman and Mike Miclon, Executive Artistic Director of Johnson Hall, who presented at our First Day assembly. We all enjoyed their back to school messages.

Our first monthly school assembly will be on September 26th at 8:45 am and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Canning's second grade classes are presenting. Families are always welcome to join us. I will also be putting a calendar of the assemblies and classes presenting on our website and facebook page as well to help you plan ahead!

Again, welcome to our new school year! If you ever have a question, concern, or need to chat, please be sure to call, email, or set up a time to meet with your child's teacher. If you ever need to speak with me, the office number is 582-3612. I am very excited to be starting my 12th year as principal of Laura Richards School!

Yours in the service of children,

**Walking School Bus Begins Monday, September 17th!**  
Students and parents are invited to join Mrs. Moody and other staff members at the Gardiner Common at 7:55 for the Walking School Bus on Monday mornings, weather permitting, as we walk to school together.

## Upcoming Events

### September:

- 12th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 pm at the Gardiner Common
- 17th: Walking School Bus, meet at 7:55 at the Gardiner Common
- 24th: Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 25th: Picture Day!
- 26th: Assembly, 8:45 (*Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Canning's classes presenting*)

### October:

- 1st: Walkings School Bus, 7:55
- 5th: No school, staff workshop day
- 8th: No school, Columbus Day
- 10th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 pm at RVCS Library
- 15th: Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 17th: Early Release, elementary students dismissed at 12:00, no PreK
- 22nd: Walking School Bus, 7:55

### 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.**

**Please remain in the lobby when dropping off or picking up your child.**



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.

### Welcome to Our New Staff!

Tracey Booker, Ed Tech  
Christina Bourdelais, School Nurse  
Shelley Chadwick, Library Ed Tech  
Tiffany Cockrell, Grade 1 Teacher  
Emily Davies, School Resource Officer  
Cassandra Dyer, STEPS Teacher  
Melissa Porter, Ed Tech  
Mikayla Shaw, Ed Tech  
Jeannie Sullivan, ELL Ed Tech

**Box Tops for Education** - Our school receives 10 cents for every Box Top for Education logo we redeem. Collection sheets have gone home with students, but feel free to send your Box Tops to school in baggies, envelopes, or whatever works best for your family. LER families collected over \$1000.00 last year! Thank you to everyone who helps by cutting and saving these valuable logos for us! Our school uses these funds to provide enrichment activities for all of our students during the school year. We look forward to another great year!



### Reminder from the School Nurse

If a student has a need for an inhaler, epipen or any other 'as needed medication', please make sure to bring them to the office and fill out a green medication sheet for each medication. We will also need a doctors note saying it is okay to administer these medications. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask the office or nurse!

### Picture Day

Mark your calendar for Picture Day, Tuesday, September 25th. Order forms have been sent home with students, or you may order online at mylifetouch.com. Use Picture Day ID LG018154Q0.

### GEPTA News

Mark your calendars for the Gardiner Elementary Parent Teacher Association meetings for the new school year! Our meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm and alternate between the two schools. All are welcome!

September 12th at The Gardiner Common  
October 10th at River View Community School  
November 14th at Laura E. Richards School  
December 12th at River View Community School  
January 9th at Laura E. Richards School  
February 13th at River View Community School  
March 13th at Laura E. Richards School  
April 10th At River View Community School  
May 8th at Laura E. Richards School  
June meeting t.b.d.

Be watching for Charleston Wrap fundraiser information to be coming home with your student later this month.

**Hannaford Helps Schools** - Now through December 1st, shoppers will receive school dollar certificates at the register with the purchase of participating products, which Hannaford will redeem for cash for our school. Please be sure to send these valuable certificates to school or put them in the Laura E Richards slot in the display at the store.

### First Day of School "Thank You"!

Our sincere thanks to these businesses whose generous donations made our First Day of School event such a success, as well as our presenters who shared their information with our school community:

Johnson Hall  
Boys and Girls Club  
Gardiner Main Street  
Girls Scouts & Boy Scouts  
MSAD #11 Nutrition Services  
Gardiner Library  
Gardiner Police & Fire Departments  
Christina Bourdelais, MSAD #11 School Nurse  
MSAD #11 Music Department  
Food for Thought  
and GEPTA

Gardiner Federal Credit Union  
Ainslie's Market  
Hannaford  
Dunkin Donuts  
LuLaRoe with Ashley & Brenda  
Scentsy  
Out of My Head

Chief Toman, Gardiner Police Department  
Mike Miclon, Johnson Hall

Many thanks to Katherine Kollman who again spent a great deal of time and energy organizing this event! Thank you ALL for helping to usher in another fantastic year at LER!