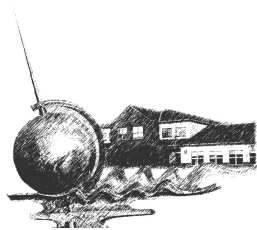


# Laura E. Richards School

MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Notes



Dear Families,

We have had quite a busy October and starting the holiday season! As we begin the season of "thankfulness", I feel especially grateful to our Gardiner community! Johnson Hall's "Artists in the Schools" program presented the "Tardy Halloween Show" last week. Gardiner Firefighter, Toni Cataldi, shared fire safety lessons with our students. Lastly, Janet Slade donated half the monies we need to supplement our school emergency GoBags. Our community generously supports us! Thank you so much to all!

We did mail out our BoxTops today! We will receive a check in December for \$530.00. Many thanks to Deb Roy who continues to sort, count, and bag them!

We truly do have so much to be grateful for in our school and community! As we approach the holiday season, I hope that you will be able to spend many moments laughing, cooking, playing, reading, and talking with your family and friends! Make special memories that you won't forget!

Yours in the service of children,



### Final Walking School Bus of the Season

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 morning, weather permitting, as we walk to school together. Our final walk of the season will be this Monday, November 5th.

## Upcoming Events

### November

- 2nd: Early Release, elementary students dismissed at 12:00
- 4th: Daylight Saving Time ends
- 5th: Last Walking School Bus of the season, 7:55
- 6th: Picture retake day
- 6th: Vote today!
- 12th: No school. Veterans Day observed
- 14th: GEPTA meeting, 5:00 pm at LER  
*(Please note that this meeting is being moved to 5:00 due to a scheduling conflict!)*
- 21st-23rd: No school, Happy Thanksgiving!

### December

- 1st: LER Craft Fair, 9:00 - 2:00
- 12th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 at RVCS
- 24th - 31st: No school, Holiday Break

### January

- 1st: No school, New Year's Day
- 2nd: Welcome back!
- 9th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 pm at LER
- 18th: Early Release, 12:00 dismissal
- 21st: No school, Martin Luther King, Jr.

### February

- 13th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 pm at RVCS
- 15th: Early Release, 12:00 dismissal
- 18th - 22nd: Winter break

### March

- 13th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 pm at LER
- 14th: Early Release, 12:00 dismissal
- 15th: Staff workshop, no school
- 28th: Early Release, 12:00 dismissal

### 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.



**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

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 14th at 5:00 in the LER library. Please note that this month's meeting is being moved to 5:00 due to a scheduling conflict. All are welcome!

Please e-mail [geptanews@gmail.com](mailto:geptanews@gmail.com) to volunteer or for information.

## LER Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, December 1st,

9:00 am to 2:00 pm at LER

Crafts, gifts, concession, bake sale

Proceeds benefit LER students.

For more information, or to rent a table, please contact the school at

582-3612

**Early Release Day**  
Friday, November 2nd.  
K-5 Students will be dismissed at 12:00.



**No School**  
Monday,  
November 12th  
in observance of  
Veterans Day.

### Picture Retake Day

Tuesday, November 6th.

Students who were absent on picture day should have their picture taken on retake day. Please let the office know if you need a new order form. Packages can be ordered online with Picture Day ID: LG018154Q1. If you are unhappy with your child's pictures and would like them retaken, be sure to return the entire package to school by retake day.

Remember to collect and send in your Box Tops for Education, Hannaford Helps certificates, and empty printer cartridges!



Thank you to everyone who clips and saves Box Tops, and to Mrs. Roy for sorting, counting and submitting them! We will soon be receiving a check for \$530.00 for Box Tops collected so far!

### Handmade Holiday Bazaar

The GRMS PTO is hosting a Handmade Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 4th at the Middle School Cafeteria from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Join us for unique, handmade crafts, baked treats, a homemade lunch, raffles, and more! Please come support our local artisans and Middle Schoolers!