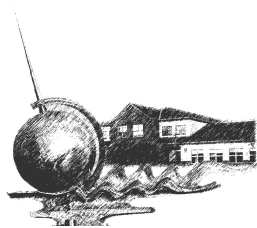


Laura E. Richards School

MONTHLY

NEWSLETTER

Principal's Notes



Dear Families,

The holiday season is here! There are lots of activities happening at school and in the community this month. December 17th Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will travel to Johnson Hall in downtown Gardiner to enjoy a Polar Express experience, sponsored by Peter Prescott from EJ Prescott. Each child will enjoy the Polar Express movie with hot cocoa and a cookie, and receive a Polar Express tote bag. Second grade will attend on December 18th. Specific times are noted in this newsletter. Students will get to enjoy some holiday shopping at our school's Holiday Bazaar, which is sponsored by the GEPTA on December 18th. If you have any gently used items that you would like to donate, please drop them off to us. Finally, our school's Sing Along is December 19th at 2:00. Parents are always welcome to join us! Please note that this is not a concert.

Our first trimester of school has ended. Your child will be bringing home a report card next Friday. If you have any questions when you look over your child's report card, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

I hope you all enjoy a very special holiday season with your families and friends!

Yours in the service of children,

Dressing for the Weather - With cold weather here, please help your child remember to wear a warm coat, hat, and mittens or gloves to school each day. When there is snow on the ground, children also need snow pants and boots.

No Breakfast at School on Weather Delays - Please note that your child should have breakfast before arriving at school if there is a one-hour or two-hour delay. When school is delayed there is not enough time for our cafeteria staff to provide breakfast in addition to preparing snacks and lunch.

Upcoming Events

December

- 12th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 at RVCS
- 14th: Report cards sent home with students
- 17th: Grade K & 1 to Johnson Hall for Polar Express
- 18th: Grade 2 to Johnson Hall for Polar Express
- 18th: GEPTA Holiday Bazaar (*snow date, 19th*)
- 19th: Singalong, 2:00
- 20th: Kindergarten Grinch Day
- 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.
- 30th: Assembly, 8:45 (*Ms. Clary & Mrs. Cockrell's classes presenting*)

February

- 13th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 pm at RVCS
- 15th: Early Release, 12:00 dismissal
- 18th - 22nd: Winter break
- 27th: Assembly, 10:00 (*Mrs. Luiz & Miss Lancaster's classes presenting*)

March

- 8th: End of 2nd trimester
- 13th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 pm at LER
- 14th: Early Release, 12:00 dismissal
- 15th: Staff workshop, no school
- 27th: Assembly, 2:00 (*Mrs. Veins & Mrs. Grant's classes presenting*)
- 28th: Early Release, 12:00 dismissal

April

- 10th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 pm at RVCS
- 12th: Workshop day, no school
- 15th - 19th: No school, Spring Break
- 24th: Assembly, 2:00 (*Afternoon PreK presenting*)

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

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.



Catch the Walking School Bus in the Spring!

The last Walking School Bus of the season was held last month. Be watching for it to resume in the spring!

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, December 12th at 6:00 at RVCS. All are welcome!

Our Holiday Bazaar is Tuesday, December 18th. We are in need of donations of new and gently used gift items, gift bags and tissue paper, and volunteers to set up, help students with gift selection and wrapping, and clean up.

Charleston Wrap fundraiser orders have arrived and can be picked up at the school office.

Please e-mail geptanews@gmail.com to volunteer or for information.



We're Going to the Theater!



This season, Peter Prescott of EJP is sponsoring

The Polar Express Experience at Johnson Hall

for all K-5 students in our district!

LER students will travel to Johnson Hall by school bus on the following days & times:

Monday, December 17

Kindergarten; 8:45 – 11:15

Grade; 1 11:15 – 1:45

Tuesday, December 18

Grade 2; 8:45 – 11:15

Due to limited seating at the theater, we are not able to invite chaperones to join us for this trip.

We encourage students to wear pajamas on the day their class attends!

Remember to collect and send in your Box Tops for Education and empty printer cartridges!