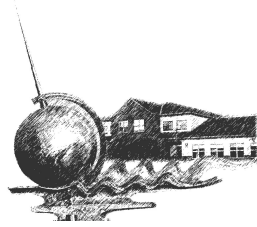


Laura E. Richards School

MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER



Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

Happy MUD SEASON! While this time of year is certainly very messy, I am so very glad it is here! The sun seems to be shining even brighter in the mornings and warmer, drier days are coming right up!

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend our Learning Night a couple weeks ago. We had 190 family members attend! We hope your family enjoyed a night together with our school staff having supper and playing reading and math games. I want to thank our community friends, Gerard's Pizza and Ainslie's Market who helped cook the pizzas and gave us great deals too! Thank you to our GEPTA who helped fund the event. Check out the pictures that I posted on our LER facebook page!

Parent conferences happened last week. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher, I encourage you to contact the teacher to set up another time to meet. Conferences are a great time to celebrate the learning and progress your child has made this year, as well as to discuss questions or concerns you may have.

We have April break coming right up next week! Please note that there is NO school on April 12th. Students return back to school on April 22nd. Let's hope we have warm, sunny weather that week, so we can all open our windows and get outside for some yard cleanup and fun!

I'm excited to announce that our Walking School Bus is starting back up on Monday, April 8th. The sidewalks look like they are clear of ice, so we should be good to go, providing the weather cooperates!

Please continue to check your child's backpack regularly. We have many field trips that happen at the end of the year and will soon be sending home permission slips.

Enjoy the next couple of weeks of mud! The flowers and green grass are on the way!!!



Yours in the service of children,

It's time to order your 2018-2019 LER Yearbook!

Each yearbook is \$10.00.

Please make checks payable to Laura Richards School. Order forms were sent home with students and can be returned to school before April vacation, or order online at YBPay.lifetouch.com using Yearbook ID Code 13410319.

Upcoming Events

Calendar Notes: The remaining extended school days scheduled for April 4, April 25, May 2, May 8, and May 16 have been cancelled.

April

- 8th: Walking School Bus is back, 7:55
- 9th: Spring pictures
- 10th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 pm at RVCS
- 11th: Scentsy orders & payment due!
- 12th: Workshop day, no school
- 15th - 19th: No school, Spring Break
- 22nd: Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 23rd: Mrs. Smith's class to Smiley Program
- 24th: Assembly, 2:00, (afternoon PreK presenting)
- 25: Mrs. Canning's class to Smiley Program
- 25th: Students dismissed at 4:00
- 29th: Walking School Bus, 7:55,
- 30th: Mrs. Plummer's class to Smiley Program

May

- 6th: Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 8th: Early Release, elementary students dismissed at 12:00, no PreK
- 8th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 pm at LER
- 13th: Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 15th: Spring Concert, 10:00 & 2:00
- 16th: Colby College Museum of Art, Mrs. Smith & Canning's classes
- 20th: Walking School Bus, 7:55
- 23rd: Colby College Museum of Art, Mrs. Plummer's class
- 24th: K to Public Theater in Lewiston
- 27th: No school, Memorial Day
- 29th: Assembly, 8:45 (AM 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

Remember to collect and send in your BoxTops for Education!

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 Super Stars!

Walking School Bus is Back!

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.

Thank You, Guest Readers

Students, community members, and local celebrities visited LER to share their time and talent with our students for Dr. Seuss Day. Thank you to all of our guest readers!

- Pat Hopkins, Superintendent
- Angela Hardy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Emily Davies, School Resource Officer
- James Toman, Gardiner Chief of Police
- Kelly Marie, Gardiner Federal Credit Union
- Tracie James, Gardiner Federal Credit Union
- Randy Thibeau, Mail Carrier
- Deborah Carey, Retired Kindergarten Teacher
- Christina Bourdelais, School Nurse
- Nicole Cooley, Johnson Hall

It’s Pre-K & K Registration Time

For information or registration for either program, please contact the school at 582-3612.

LER Spring Concert

Presented by our K-2 students

Wednesday, May 15th

Two performances!

10:00 AM

2:00 PM

We have scheduled two concert performance times to help with parking and seating.

All families are cordially invited to attend at either time.

GEPTA - Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 10th, 6:00 at River View School. Scentsy fundraiser orders and payment are due Thursday, April 11th.



Spotlight on Staff

An Interview with Mrs. Peckham, Administrative Assistant

Where did you go to school?

Cony High School,
University of Maine at Augusta

What is your favorite book?

Marley & Me by John Grogan

What are your hobbies?

Reading, walking,
photography

What is your favorite food?

Chocolate (and lobster)

What is your favorite thing about working at LER?

Coming to work with friends every day.

