

# LEBANON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## MAY 2019

### Important Dates

### Letter from the Principal

Dear LES Families,  
It's finally beginning to feel like Spring! The first week of May kicked off with some excitement with our LES talent show, spirit days, Children's Week events, and kindergarten orientation. May is shaping up to be a busy one with field trips, testing, and special PTA and school events. Please remember to utilize our school website and the important dates on this newsletter to plug into your calendar. We hope to see you at the events!

Take care, Mrs.QG

- Wednesday, May 1 - Children's Book Week - Book Buddies
- Thursday, May 2 - Children's Book Week - Read Aloud Day; Kindergarten Orientation 6:00 - 7:00
- Friday, May 3 - Children's Book Week - Guest Visitors; Fourth Grade Field trip to Science Center; Possible Rain date for Third Grade Field trip to Lebanon Green
- Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 10 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- Monday, May 6 - Readiness Meeting at 3:30 in Library; Board of Finance Town Meeting at 7:30 - Lyman
- Tuesday, May 7 - SST at 3:30; PTA Meeting at 6:30 in Library
- Wednesday, May 8 - National School Nurse Day; District Strategic Meeting at 7:00 AM - Lyman
- Thursday, May 9 - Instructional Rounds; Fourth Grade Parent Committee Meeting at 7:30 PM
- Friday, May 10 - Roger Williams First Grade Field Trip
- Tuesday, May 14 - BOE Meeting at 7:30 at Lyman
- Wednesday, May 15 - Third and Fourth Grade Assembly for SBAC Kick-off at 2:15 in the cafeteria; Parade to follow at 2:30
- Thursday, May 16 - Third Grade Musical - 1:30-2:30 PM; PBIS Meeting at 3:30; Third Grade Musical 6:30-7:30 PM
- Friday, May 17 - Kindergarten Field Trip to Mystic Aquarium
- Tuesday, May 21 - Grade 3 and Grade 4 SBAC - ELA Assessment
- Wednesday, May 22 - MayFest for Grades 2-4; Grade 3 and Grade 4 SBAC - ELA Assessment
- Thursday, May 23 - Grade 3 and Grade 4 SBAC - Math Assessment
- Friday, May 24 - Grade 3 Sturbridge Field Trip; Kindergarten Celebration 2-3 PM
- Monday, May 27 - No School - Memorial Day
- Wednesday, May 29 - Grade 3 and Grade 4 SBAC Math Assessment
- Thursday, May 30 - Grade 2 Field Trip to the Museum; Grade 3 SBAC Math Assessment; Band and Chorus Concert - 10:00-11:00 and 6:30-7:30 PM; Rain Date for Kindergarten Celebration 2-3
- Friday, May 31 - Grade 3 Colonial Day; Grade 4 SBAC Math Assessment

### Student Highlights

Has your child come home with a PAW sticker on his or her shirt? If so, your child was observed demonstrating a character trait of respect, responsibility, honesty, or being safe. When your child receives a PAW, they are given a husky paw card to color to be displayed on our lobby bulletin board. They are also eligible for our weekly drawing on the morning announcements. Your support in this positive reinforcement is greatly appreciated. Please join me in congratulating our past weekly raffle winners:



Michael Matkovich, Rhys Jadczyk, Jeremiah Devoe, Evelyn Dodge, Kailin Shanks, Jameson Ladegard, Jason Thoma, Cotton Tisor, Chace Pergola, Troy Hedler, Hayden Haggett, Alex Wolf, Jeremy Onate, Gracie Martin, Parker Christensen, Nicholas Lynch, Jaxson Bobbi, Owen Sweeney, Joshua Willis, Emily Lake, Kemper Bearce, Audrey Vaughn, Sofia Vaughn, Ava Percy, Natalie Billard, Kylie Morek, Carter Pergola, Lily Cote, William Hassler, Kaylee Mosimann, Macy Knochenhauer, Iris Smithwick, Jesse Lawless, Lorelei LaGrange, Addison Lapointe



# Important News

As we prepare for the end of the school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some important information regarding class placements. Our placement process begins in early May- we have two goals when creating the class lists: to develop groups of children who will be able to work and learn well together and to maximize student opportunity for growth. Grade level, related arts, support staff, and administration create the lists with the following factors: learning styles, girl/boy ratios, special education needs, academic skills, and social/emotional considerations. While we believe we are aware of each student's strengths, areas of focus and social/emotional needs, we respect and understand the unique understanding you have of your child/children. If you feel there is additional information you would like to share with your teacher, please email them. Please do not request specific teachers, as there are other factors involved as the end of the year and summer progresses. On the last week of school, students will have an opportunity to meet all the teachers for their upcoming school year. In grades K-2, all classrooms will be doing a small lesson to welcome them into the new grade and in grades 3 and 4, classroom teachers will be visiting their present classrooms. Hard to believe the school year is almost over!

# Husky News

At the elementary level, the State of Connecticut requires testing for all students in grades 3 and 4, specifically in the subject areas of English/language arts and mathematics using the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

***For LES students, these assessments will be administered on the mornings of May 21, 22, 23, 29, 30 (grade 3 only), and 31 (Grade 4 only)***

These assessments can be compared to academic checkups; they help teachers and parents assess student progress and address target areas and areas of strength in both English/LA and math. The Smarter Balanced Assessment is administered on computers, and is designed to measure skills in reading comprehension, writing, and mathematics, that require students to demonstrate that they truly understand the content. With a firm grounding in these subjects, by the time all students from Connecticut graduate from high school, they will be ready to succeed in college and the workplace. In all of these statewide assessments, additional supports are available for students with special needs, as determined by an individualized education program (IEP) or 504 Plan. The staff at LES is committed to working together to support all students.

# April Huskies of the Month

## Pre-K

Ms. Burelle AM: Henry Wilkosz  
Ms. Burelle PM: Jonathan Nogaj  
Ms. Meakem AM: Jude Billiot  
Ms. Meakem PM: Theodore Gardella

## Kindergarten

Ms. van Sambeck: Joshua Nissen  
Ms. Ingram: Jacoby Rinbolt  
Ms. Torockio: Gabriel Hilario  
Ms. Nowak: Jameson Ladegard

## 1st Grade

Ms. Gamache: Sadie Reinckens  
Ms. Lyon: Kolby Whitcher  
Ms. Johnson: Mia Albee

## 2nd grade

Ms. Orlando: Ayana Sedgwick  
Ms. Provost: Lily Cote  
Ms. Olsen: Zachary Lynch

## 3rd grade

Ms. Gervais: Colton Tisor  
Mr. Ladegard: William Blakeslee  
Ms. Pistel: Charlie Eaton  
Ms. Brochu: Makenzie Albee

## 4th Grade

Smith: Rachel Cone  
Ieni: Ava-Rose Nissen  
Ms. Ladegard: Jaelyn Johnson

