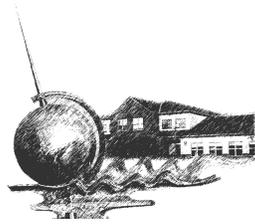


# Laura E. Richards School

MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Notes



Dear Families,

Happy February!! We are certainly happy to have gotten through January with only 1 snow day and it seemed to have gone by fast! We look forward to doing some fun events this month, including 100 Day and Valentine's Day. Just a heads up that we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss Day on March 2nd again this year and having our Family Learning Night on March 18th. We will once again do raffle baskets as a school fundraiser to pay for our reading incentive t-shirts for grades 1 and 2. Please be watching for information from your child's teacher, as each grade level will be doing something different.

Our NWEA testing is just about finished now for all the K-2 students. This test gives us information about student progress in reading to help inform our decisions about students' instructional needs and services. All K-2 students will be tested again this May.

I hope you all are able to enjoy the longer days of sunshine ahead as we start to come out of the winter season! The groundhog didn't see his shadow...so we should have an early spring!! Stay warm and safe! If you have any questions, please be sure to call or stop in.

Yours in the service of children,



*Mrs. Moody*

**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.

Visit us often at [msad11.org](http://msad11.org), check out our Events Calendar, and follow Laura E. Richards Elementary on Facebook!

## Upcoming Events

**February**

- 13th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 at LER
- 14th: Early release, students dismissed at 12:00
- 17th - 21st: No school, Winter break
- 26th: Assembly at 2:00, *Mrs. Luiz & Mrs. Berube's classes presenting*

**March**

- 12th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 at LER
- 13th: End of 2nd trimester
- 18th: LER Learning Night - *more info to follow!*
- 19th: Early release, students dismissed at 12:00
- 20th: Staff workshop day, no school
- 25th: Assembly at 8:45, *Miss Lancaster & Miss Whitman's classes presenting*

**April**

- 2nd: Early release, students dismissed at 12:00
- 2nd: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 9th: GEPTA meeting, 6:00 at LER
- 17th: Workshop day, no school
- 20th - 24th: No school, Spring break
- 29th: Spring Picture Day
- 29th: Assembly at 2:00, *PM PreK Presenting*

**May**

- 8th: LER Spring Concert, 10:00 & 2:00

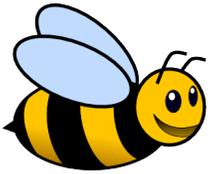
**Helpful Phone Numbers**

- 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. Please do not drop your child off in the parking lot. Student drop-off should be in front of the school.**

Be safe, Be kind,  
Be respectful, Be responsible

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!



**GEPTA News**

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 13th, 6:00 at LER. All are welcome!

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

**Let's Go!**

We are pleased to announce that we have teamed up with Let's Go!, a nationally recognized program based out of The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center. Let's Go! is centered around the common message of 5-2-1-0.

- 5** or more **FRUITS & VEGETABLES**
- 2** hours or less of **RECREATIONAL SCREEN TIME**
- 1** hour or more of **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**
- 0** sugary drinks, **MORE WATER**

As a part of Let's Go!, we will be working hard to improve our nutrition and physical activity environment and adding the 5-2-1-0 behaviors into our daily activities. Don't hesitate to get involved or ask what we are working on. For more information about 5-2-1-0 Let's Go!, visit [www.letsgo.org](http://www.letsgo.org).



**Spotlight on Staff!**

An Interview with Miss Nicole STEPS Program Ed Tech

**Where did you go to school?**

St. Dominic Academy

**What is your favorite book?**

*Snowmen at Night*

**What are your hobbies?**

Kayaking, fishing

**What is your favorite food?**

Spaghetti



**What is your favorite thing about working at LER?**  
My students!

**What is an interesting fact about yourself?**

I have citizenship in two countries! United States and Canada!



## “Bee” an Attendance Hero

**Here  
Everyday  
Ready to Learn  
On time**



Did you know...

- There is an unquestionable link between school attendance and achievement.
- Attendance in elementary school is very important because this is the time when children are learning the basics for reading and math that will help them succeed throughout all of their years in school.
- High school dropouts have higher rates of absence, as early as first grade, than do graduates.
- A child is chronically absent if he/she misses 10% of school days. We've had 95 days of school so far. If your child has missed 9 days or more so far this year, he/she is considered chronically absent, even if the absences were excused.
- By Maine State law, a child is habitually truant if he/she misses 5 consecutive days of school or has 7 or more cumulative unexcused absences.

We certainly understand that children get sick! Recently, we have had a high number of students with fevers, vomiting, and flu-like symptoms. Thank you for keeping your child home until he/she is well, as this does help reduce the number of children and staff who get sick and have to miss school. Please encourage your child to wash their hands regularly, drink lots of water, eat lots of fruits and vegetables, and get plenty of rest!

If you have concerns with getting your child to school every day, please let me know and we can make a plan to help! We truly enjoy having your children with us at LER and want them here with us...EVERY DAY!

*Mrs. Moody*

Show your school you care  
with a bouquet of Box Tops.



Thank you for helping! Every Box Top  
you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_