



Lyme Central School Newsletter

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Happy Fall!

The Lyme Central School District was pleased to welcome students and staff back for another exciting school year! As the 2023-24 school year gets underway, we would like to say goodbye to some of our staff members whom have recently retired and/or taken positions elsewhere, as well as welcome some new faces to LCS:

Retired/Resigned

Mr. Christopher Marshall
Mrs. Tammy Ditch
Mrs. Karen Jessman
Mrs. Chris Rickett
Mr. Kevin Shampoe (Jan. 2024)

New Employees, titles

Mrs. Emily Remington-Burker, Principal/AD
Miss Brightlynn Sharlow, Elementary Teacher
Miss Katie Shultz, Resource Teacher
Ms. Mary Anne Bailey, English Teacher
Mrs. Cassandra O'Riley-Smith, TA

In addition, several school related support personnel have also joined our LCS family:

Mr. Kent Sloat, Cleaner; Mr. Matthew Tucker, Cleaner; Mrs. Amber Collins, Cashier; Ms. Allison Bennett, Monitor; Ms. Terri Butch, Food Service Helper.

Since our doors opened on September 7th, there have already been many district activities, including field trips, sporting events, homecoming weekend, Halloween parade, and a Veteran's Day Celebration, just to name a few! That being said, please note the upcoming events listed on page 5 of this newsletter and on our district website calendar. Many activities and events have been planned for the upcoming holiday season, and there will be more to come in the months to follow.

So, be sure to mark your calendars.....you don't want to miss out!

As always, if you have any questions regarding any of these upcoming events, feel free to contact the school at 315-649-2417, or via Parent Square, to your child's teacher or administration.

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

Patricia Gibbons



Greetings all!

On behalf of our Board of Education and myself, we are very pleased to announce that our Capital Building Project passed. We had a wonderful turnout for the vote and we are very appreciative of the support this community continues to give to our school. We look forward to the work ahead to fix, repair, and upgrade this building so that future projects can occur. LCS has a bright future due to the commitment and support from this community.

What a beautiful fall it has been. The colors of the trees, birds squawking as they begin their migration, turning our clocks back, and the crisp chill in the air are signals that we are gearing up for seasonal change. As such, I want to remind all that we will be sending communications about delays, closures, and early releases due to inclement weather on our webpage, Facebook, news stations, radio broadcastings, and ParentSquare messages. Weather related decisions are never easy to make but we do so with the safety and concern for our students at the forefront of these important decisions. I would also like to remind parents and caregivers that other than normal operating hours, students should only be in our facility before or after school when adult supervision has been previously arranged. Please do not drop students off at the building during inclement weather prior to 8:10 AM, as they will not be permitted inside due to a lack of supervision prior to that time. We thank you for your help and support, and for recognizing that we have the care and wellbeing of your child/children at heart.

And finally, at the time of the publication of this newsletter, we will be welcoming a new member to our Administrative/Management Team. Mrs. Emily Remington-Burker will be taking the reigns as our Building Principal/Athletic Director on November 13th, 2023. Mrs. Burker has been a solid and well-respected administrative leader for over a decade and brings a wealth of experience at the elementary, middle and high school level. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Burker to the LCS Family.

The holidays are right around the corner. Please make sure you visit our webpage for the latest happenings and information regarding concerts, the musical, and sporting events. We look forward to seeing you and having you in the building during these events.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season filled with fond memories with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Pat

LEARN from the past... **LIVE** in the present...
BELIEVE in the future



WELCOME, MRS. EMILY REMINGTON-BURKER

Hello Lyme Community!

I am excited to embark on this journey with such a vibrant and dedicated community. I bring a variety of experiences with me that I hope will serve this school community well. I myself am a graduate of a small school, graduating from Alexandria Central School in 2002. From there I attended JCC, SUNY Plattsburgh, SUNY Oswego, and SUNY Potsdam earning degrees in liberal arts, adolescence education, literacy, and educational leadership.

I have been a teacher and administrator at the Carthage Central School District for the past fifteen years. I started my educational career teaching secondary social studies before moving into administration. I have served as both an assistant principal, middle school principal, and high school principal. Through these experiences I have worked on various aspects of school life all while committed to fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment.

Together, I hope to continue to build on the rich traditions of Lyme and strive for excellence in our school. I look forward to meeting and learning from you all. My door is always open, and I am eager to collaborate to ensure the success and well-being of every student.

Here's to a fantastic academic year ahead!

Emily Remington-Burker
Principal and Athletic Director



A Teacher ...
Takes a Hand, OPENS A MIND,
& Touches a Heart

Lyme Central School's New District Mascot Has Arrived!!

Exciting news!! We are pleased to announce that *Ontario "Rio" the Eagle*, our new District Mascot, has arrived!

It has been many months since the selection of a new district mascot began, but at long last our new mascot has finally arrived and will be making an LCS debut in the very near future. Rio is a bold and beautiful eagle, and will represent our district well with plenty of school spirit, sportsmanship, excitement, and all around good will.

It has not yet been decided exactly when or at what LCS event Rio will be making a "flying" debut, but once it is determined, we will certainly notify our students, families, and community members to invite everyone to join us in welcoming Rio to our LCS family!

In addition, the identity of Rio will remain anonymous, students are welcome to participate in an ongoing guessing game throughout the year. At the end of the school year, the true identity of Rio, will be revealed. Those who guessed correctly will receive recognition and bragging rights, and be entered into a drawing for a prize at the end of the year!

So, get ready to cheer along with *Ontario "Rio" the Eagle*, to show your school spirit and LCS pride at various upcoming LCS events!!! RIO, RIO, RIO...



TOGETHER, WE ARE LYME LAKERS PROUD!!

Frosty Weather Ahead!

As our North Country winter weather approaches, please keep in mind the following tips for staying warm and dry, and possibly avoiding winter illnesses:

- ✦ Dress appropriately – coats, hats, mittens, scarves, and winter boots, etc.
- ✦ Dress in layers to stay warm and dry
- ✦ Avoid prolonged exposure during very cold weather
- ✦ Use chap stick and sunscreen when outdoors for extended times
- ✦ Stay warm by fueling your body with a proper meal before enjoying outdoor activities

Please, stay warm and safe while enjoying the many wonderful winter activities available in the North Country.

Notes from the Nurse Justine Dowe, RN



Parents and Guardians,

Did you know? Handwashing can prevent 1 in 3 diarrhea-related sicknesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections, such as a cold or the flu.

Parents and caretakers play an important role in teaching children to wash their hands. Handwashing can become a lifelong habit if you start teaching it at an early age.

Teach kids the five steps of handwashing:
Wet – lather – scrub – rinse – dry

Also teach them the key times to wash their hands, such as after using the bathroom and before eating. You can find ways to make it fun, like making up your own handwashing song or turning it into a game.

Building handwashing skills takes time. At first, your child will need regular reminders of how and when to wash hands, It is especially important to remind children to wash their hands after using the bathroom, before eating, after touching pets, after playing outside, and after coughing, sneezing or blowing their nose. But, once handwashing becomes a habit and a regular part of your child's day, they will practice it throughout their lives.

Young children learn by imitating the behaviors of adults in their lives. When you make handwashing part of your routine, you're setting an example for your children to follow.

Stay well,
Justine Dowe, RN

UPCOMING LCS EVENTS

Please, mark your calendars for the following upcoming LCS Events. We hope to see you soon!

- ❖ November 22-24, 2023: Thanksgiving Recess, No School
- ❖ December 5, 2023: Gr. PK-3 Holiday Concert – 6:00 PM
- ❖ December 12, 2023: Gr. 4-12 Holiday Concert – 6:00 PM
- ❖ December 22-January 1, 2024: Christmas and New Year's Recess – No School
- ❖ January 15, 2024: Martin Luther King Day – No School
- ❖ January 23-26, 2024: Regents Exams
- ❖ February 19-24, 2024: President's Day and Winter Recess - No School
- ❖ March 8-9, 2024: LCS Drama Production – *Beauty & the Beast, Jr.* (watch our website for show times)
- ❖ March 29, 2024: Good Friday – No School

For additional Information, and other upcoming events, please check our website!



Holiday Riddle:

What did the gingerbread man put on his bed?

Answer: page 6

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National Honor Society News

By Adrienne Teachout, NHS Co-advisor



On November 8th, thirteen juniors and seniors were inducted into the Lyme Chapter of the National Honor Society, joining nine returning members. The inductees' families and all students in grades 7-12 attended this ceremony where we were honored to have Lyme's mayor, Mr. James Morrow, as our guest speaker. The four pillars of NHS - scholarship, character, leadership, and service - are exemplified by these students who are eager to serve their school and community.



Pictured - Front Row: Alyssa Coolidge, Aidan DeMotta, Samara Dowe, Rosamond Hunt, Sofia Ososkalo, Lilly Mackey, and Landin Sanford. Second Row: Ava Sugrue, Joseph Templer, Anthony Tuck, Samantha Slate, Kennady Scott, and Drew Eassa. Third Row (returning members): Natalya Seery, Derek Radley, Ethan O'Brien, Evan Froelich, Harper Brown, Johanna Sherman, Jillian Alberry, Katrina Sanford, and Kirsten Widrick.

Congratulations, LCS National Honor Society Members!

HA... HA... HA... HA... HA!!!



Answer:
A cookie sheet!



Lyme Lakers Sporting News!

by, Miss Tabitha Viera

Lyme kicked off the soccer season by dominating on the fields! Our varsity boys made it to the semi-finals! They played a nail-biting game against Hamilton, but lost in the end 3-0. Varsity girls lost in the first round of finals to Poland, 3-0, but they had an incredible season overall! The modified boys and girls teams ended their season during the last week of October. Our modified boys lost a hard-fought battle to Sackets Harbor in double overtime, 2-1. Nonetheless, it was an outstanding soccer season, and we were able to show off our Lakers Pride all season!

In addition, our boys' varsity coach, Mr. Kyle Bronson, received the Frontier League Coach of the Year award! Congratulations, Coach Bronson, and to all of our teams on another successful soccer season at LCS!

Now, as the days grow shorter and the colder weather approaches, we are all looking forward to seeing what the winter sports season brings.

Go Lakers!



Mrs. Tammy Ditch, Gr. 5

LCS BIDS A FOND FARWELL

When the month of November rolls around, it reminds us of all we are thankful for. With the retirement of Mrs. Tammy Ditch this month, it really made me stop to think about how thankful I am to have her in my life.

As a student, 20 years ago, Tammy invited me into her classroom as a student aide. She helped instill in me the love of teaching, which has brought me here today. When I had the opportunity to return to Lyme, 15 years after graduation, she was my mentor and co-teacher for the 5th grade.

Her love for her students, and dedication in the classroom, was immeasurable and I learned so much more than just how to teach the 5th grade curriculum. The past 5 years of working with Tammy has created a friendship that means so much to me, and I hope to enjoy it for many years to come.

I know I speak on behalf of all who know her when I say Tammy will truly be missed here at Lyme, but she is so deserving of this next stage in her life. We wish you all the best, Tammy - enjoy your family, go on new adventures, and find the peace that comes in knowing *you made a difference*.

Mrs. Stephanie Doney, LCS Resource Teacher

Hello LCS Community Members!

The holidays will be here before we know it! While the Christmas season is filled with joy and cheer, the financial challenges of the season can be discouraging to the Christmas spirit.

Once again this year, Lyme Central School will organize an Angel Tree to assist our families. The LCS Angel Tree Angels will be ready beginning November 16th and are located in the Main Office. Unwrapped gifts are due to the Welcome Center by Tuesday 12/12/23. Please consider choosing an angel to support the children and families in our community.

Your generosity is truly appreciated and will brighten a child's Christmas. Thank You!



WISHING EVERYONE A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON, AND A WARM & COZY WINTER

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