

Lura Libby School October Newsletter



A Note from the Principal . . .

It is beginning to really feel like fall. I can't believe that we are halfway through October already. Field Day in June seems like just yesterday. We had had Open House, the first Kindness Counts Assembly of the year, and Family Movie Night already this year. Lura Libby has the Fall Fest coming on October 24th. Both schools have special fall events happening on October 30th. The Harvest Fest at Cushing Community School will be held on November 17th. We have many exciting events to come. Teachers and students have been hard at work in their classrooms. That positive energy that comes from great new learning can be felt throughout the school. We continue to have a focus on kindness and have daily events focused on this in our classrooms. Please ask your student what the vocabulary word for the month is in regards to our kindness theme. Ask them what they have been doing during morning meeting around this theme. Have a wonderful end of October. It will be gone in a flash. Before we know it, the snow will fly.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP FOR A PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 4TH, CONTACT THE OFFICE TO DO SO.

Important Reminder

If you are picking up your student at the circle door, you should not enter the building through that door. If you are entering through the main door to pick up your student at the end of the day, you must remain in the lobby until your student is dismissed. If you wish to speak with a teacher, please make an appointment to do so. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Weekend Backpack Program

It is not too late to sign up for the weekend backpack program. If you wish to do so, contact the office.

Important Dates	
Fall Fest, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	10/24
Costume Wellness Walk, 12:45 p.m.	10/30
Trunk or Treat, 3:30-4:30 p.m.	10/31
Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences	11/4
Veteran's Day	11/11
Thanksgiving Break	11/25- 11/27

Late Start/Early Dismissal Days

As we are approaching the winter storm season, we would like to review our schools' late start/early dismissal policies.

Late starts will be either a one or two hour delay from our usual start time. Drop off time for students will be delayed the same amount of time.. Student supervision will begin 30 minutes before the late start time. To keep our students safe, please drop students off only when supervision is provided, which is 30 minutes before school starts.

Please discuss early dismissal plans with your child in advance and notify the school office if the weather looks inclement.. School phone lines will be busy on an early dismissal day and you may not be able to give last minute instructions.

RSU 13 has instituted a "One Call" notification system to alert all parents/guardians about school closings, early dismissals, late starts and other important news about the district. This system allows us to push one button and instantly reach all of you about these announcements. This system allows our school secretaries to work with the students and staff during a dismissal rather than trying to make hundreds of phone calls each.

The "One Call" system, along with notifications to the TV channels and local media, will be our only way of making this contact with you. There are several options for you to choose, including e-mail, text, cell and phone at your home or other contact places. Please notify your school if you have updates you want to alert us to, or if you choose to opt out.

We will NOT be calling parents/guardians individually, but will continue to offer all of the methods mentioned above. While I realize this method may not work for every single family, we hope that one of the options, including TV and local media, helps you get the message.

When the weather is threatening, please be watching for the One Call alert or tune in to local radio and TV stations to learn of early dismissals. We need to keep the phone lines open! Thank you for helping to make early dismissal days go smoothly.

No School, Delayed Start, or Early Dismissal Announcements will be aired over:

Radio stations: WRKD (AM) 1450 WMCM "The Bear" 103.3 WQSS 102.5

Television stations: WCSH Channel 6, WMTW Channel 8, WABI Channel 5,
WGME Channel 13

and on the web at: ww.wcsh6.com www.rsu13.org www.villagesoup.com www.wmtw.com

Tanglewood 4-H Camp Fall Harvest Festival

Friday, October 23rd from 3-5PM, Lincolnville

This is a family-friendly event to celebrate fall! Activities will include: guided journeys through the forest by the Tanglewood Players and Puppeteers, apple cider pressing, archery, and birch bark boats. There is no cost to attend but donations are welcome. For more information or to request a disability accommodation, call [207-789-5868](tel:207-789-5868). The University of Maine is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

Fall Cash for Clothes

The Fall Cash for Clothes sale, which benefits Coastal Opportunities, will be held October 24-26, 2015.

If you are interested in **consigning** clothes to the sale, please come to the Corcoran Center at Coastal Opportunities (35 Limerock St., Camden) on the pre-registration days, Friday, October 16 from 4-6 p.m. or on Saturday, October 17 from 9-11 a.m. to sign up.

If you are interested in **volunteering**, please contact Sue Rogers at grogers2@tidewater.net or call Nancy at 594-5429 or go to the Coastal Opportunities website, www.coastalopportunities.org and click on Volunteerspot.

If you are interested in **shopping** for the best bargains in the area, please come to the American Legion Hall at the corner of Pearl and John Sts in Camden for three days of savings:

Opening Sale Saturday, October 24, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday Sale, October 25, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bag Sale, Monday, October 26, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Come save and support Coastal Opportunities!

The Buddy Bench, by Janelle Eddy

The *buddy bench* is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground.

The Friends and Family of Lura Libby member Elizabeth Black approached the group with the idea of turning one of our playground benches into a Buddy Bench. Melissa and Andrew Pyznarski painted the bench yellow and KDK provided the banner.

Fourth grade students Gracie Shafer, Nathaniel Thompson, Sachin James, Annabelle Uyttewaal, Angelina Grigor, and Gareth Peasley created a skit to demonstrate how the bench could be used at Lura Libby School. The students performed the skit at the Kindness Counts Assembly.



September Kindness Counts



September Kindness Counts Award recipients



Autumn Pierce
Most Kindness Counts tickets
received in September

Notes from the School Nurse

Flu Clinics

Our school located flu vaccine clinics were held at LLS and CCS earlier in the month and nearly 40% of our students pledged to be flu-free this winter. Influenza has arrived in Maine so let's all have a healthy winter by preventing the spread of germs.

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve (not your hand).
- Avoid touching the T-zone of the face (nose, mouth and eyes) to keep germs away from mucous membranes.
- Get vaccinated against influenza.
- Stay home when you're sick.

FIT Kids for Grades 5-8

FIT kids is a fitness program for kids in grades 5-8 at the Rockland Harbor YMCA beginning October 26. It runs from 3-4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and the cost is \$15.00 for the entire program. It's a great way for older children to be more active. Call 593-8500 FMI.

Head Lice

This is the time of year when head lice can be troublesome. When children come into close contact with each other, it is easy to pass head lice along. To prevent their spread to friends and family, it is important to act immediately.

Check your child's head on a regular basis. If you find that your child has nits (tiny grayish-white eggs that are attached to the hair), or lice (tiny insects about the size of a sesame seed), you will want to use an effective lice-killing product. These can be purchased over the counter. Read and follow directions carefully. Be sure to follow household-cleaning instructions as well.

Because these products are not 100% effective, you will need to carefully go through your child's hair and remove all traces of nits. This is a lengthy process that you will need to repeat daily, for several weeks, until you are certain that there is no recurrence of head lice.

Please notify the school if you have treated your child for head lice. Notify other parents and family members if your child has lice, to prevent the spread back and forth between families. Fee free to call your school nurse if you have any questions.

A Trip to the Orchestra

Beverly Pacheco and Anna-Marlies Myers, music teachers

RSU 13 students from grades Kindergarten – Grade 2 attended the Maine Pro Musica Concert on September 29, 2015 at Strom Auditorium at Camden Hills High School. This concert included the pieces: Carnival of the Animals, Waltz of the Cat, and Aria for 2 Cats. Students were delighted to see Ms. Emily from the Rockland School of Ballet portray the Waltzing Cat as well as the antics of 2 performing, hard-working pianists as they listened to a live orchestra. Students prepared for their concert experience by moving to selections from Carnival of the Animals to experience the movement of the animals being portrayed in the music. Funding for this trip was provided through the generosity of Camden National Bank, as well as some others, and grants for Ticket to Ride from the Maine Arts Commission. A great question and answer period followed the concert with student- developed questions.

