



# Lura Libby School

## March Newsletter

### A Note from the Principal...

It is hard to believe it has already been two weeks since February vacation. March is already upon us. Winter is nearly over and it doesn't feel like it has yet begun. If this good weather continues, the last day of school will be Friday, June 10th. That is the earliest I remember in quite some time, and a far cry from what occurred last year. March can hold snowy weather though, even April at times, so we will see what the next month brings. The past week was a week filled with both learning and fun for Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss's Birthday. We celebrated with many theme days, and some of our fun is featured later in this newsletter. There are many events coming up that you should be aware of. Please see the events list included in this newsletter. Have a wonderful two weeks!

| Important Dates                            |           |
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| 4th Grade Skiing                           | 3/2       |
| 3rd Grade Skating at MCR                   | 3/2       |
| End of Trimester 2                         | 3/4       |
| Early Dismissal                            | 3/9       |
| Family Dance—time TBD                      | 3/11      |
| Early Dismissal—Parent/Teacher Conferences | 3/23      |
| The NED Show Assembly                      | 3/30      |
| April Vacation                             | 4/18-4/22 |
| LLS Family Literacy Night                  | 4/28      |
| Children's Stage Adventures Grades 2 & 3   | 5/2-5/6   |
| Maine Author, Josh Alves                   | 5/11      |
| Early Dismissal                            | 5/11      |
| Memorial Day Holiday                       | 5/30      |

## Focus Class—Grade 4, Mrs. Ford

### Michaela Wright: Member of Oceanside High School's Stem Academy, and Future Teacher.

Oceanside High School is proud to announce the creation of our STEM Academy, which leads to a STEM diploma endorsement. The STEM Academy is designed to increase student achievement at Oceanside and help students get the most out of their high school career. Requirements for the endorsement, which exceed graduate requirements, include completion of five honors-level science courses, four honors-level mathematics courses and at least one AP level course in math or science. Through the STEM Academy, students will explore different career paths, have one-on-one mentoring and experience internships of their choosing. Michaela Wright is one of 28 students who were accepted into the STEM Academy this fall. Michaela's interest is in Elementary Education and she has spent the last 3 weeks job-shadowing Mrs. Ford's class as she prepares for her internship during the second semester. Michaela was a wonderful addition to the classroom. She instantly made connections with the children, asking them open-ended, thought provoking questions. She will be a fabulous teacher one day!



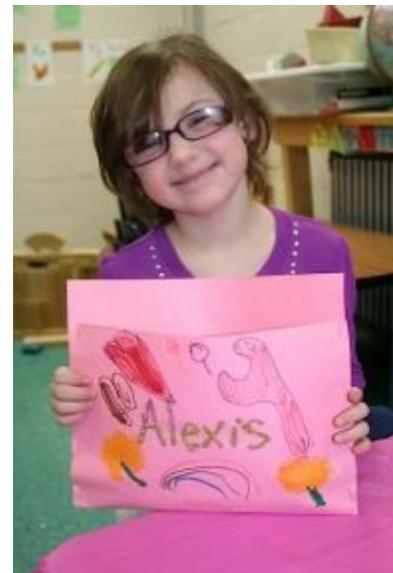
## Focus Class - Grade Four, Ms. Richter

We have been learning about fractions for the past month. The students are able to compare fractions by finding a common denominator or by using a landmark fraction as a guide. They have added, subtracted, multiplied, and even divided some fractions! Intervention time was used for group work involving measuring shapes and then plotting them on a number line. The students enjoyed this activity. As a culminating activity, the students made "Fraction Flowers" to showcase all they have learned in this unit. They now adorn our bulletin board in the hallway!



## Valentines Day

We were not able to include Valentine's Day events in the last newsletter in order to get it out before vacation. Here are some photos of students completing some fun activities in class revolving around Valentine's Day.



## Leaps of Imagination

The 4th grade students completed their work with Leaps of Imagination. As a culminating event to showcase their work, they had a reception at the Frost Gallery in Rockland, where their work is still on display. Students created some fabulous pieces of artwork and were able to speak about them very nicely at the reception.



## Read Across America Week

This past week we celebrated Read Across America Week. We began the week with Cat in the Hat Day on Monday. Students wore Dr. Seuss hats that day. On Tuesday we had Topsy Turvy Tuesday and students and staff wore their pajamas to school. Wednesday was Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Wacky Wednesday and we wore wacky or mismatched clothes. Thursday was Thing One and Thing Two Day and we dressed as twins. Friday was Fedora Friday and we wore hats. Students and staff had a wonderful time with these theme days. What a way to celebrate reading!

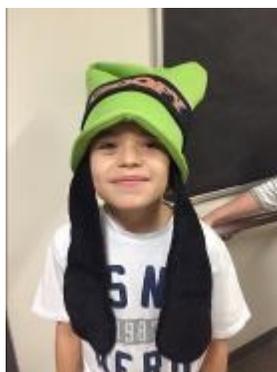


Wacky Wednesday

# Thing One and Thing Two – Twin Day



Fedora  
Friday



The Oceanside High School basketball team came to visit students at Lura Libby school. They talked with students and signed autographs.



## From the Nurses' Office

Cushing Community and Lura Libby School students, staff and families all recently joined the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women movement to help raise awareness about heart disease. During the week leading up to Wear Red Day, students listened to heart healthy messages during morning announcements. When Wear Red Day finally arrived, students and staff came to school dressed in the color of the day and ready to make their donation to the American Heart Association. Everyone seemed pleased with their thank-you gifts and we almost went quacky over those ducks! CCS raised \$135.00 and LLS raised \$349.00 in donations. Overall, RSU 13 students, staff and families raised \$1055.00 for the American Heart Association.

Thank-you, from the bottom of our hearts! Nurse Hall and Nurse Lash

### LIFE'S SIMPLE 7 FOR KIDS

1. Avoid smoking and using tobacco products.
2. Be physically active every day.
3. Eat a heart healthy diet.
4. Keep a healthy weight.
5. Keep your blood pressure healthy.
6. Keep your total cholesterol healthy.
7. Keep your blood sugar healthy.

These rules work great for grown-ups too.

# CONNECTIONS

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## *GIRLS' NIGHT OUT*

Knox County and Lincolnville girls in grades 3, 4, and 5 and their mom, step-moms, grandmothers, aunts or other significant women in their life are invited to attend the March sessions of the *Girls' Night Out* program. The sessions will be held at the Pen Bay YMCA on the following dates:

Thursday, March 3 @ 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 10 @ 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 17 @ 6:00 pm

The focus of the popular program is to have fun while enhancing the bonds between girls and parents and provide information about issues such as: tobacco or other substances, anti-bullying, physical activity, and good nutrition. Each evening starts with a "*Getting to Know You*" activity, followed by **FOOD**: a light healthy meal prepared by the chef and students at the Mid-coast School of Technology; **FACTS**: a short discussion on making healthy choices, and **FUN**: playing non-competitive games and activities, swimming, and rock climbing, where all can participate equally.

We look forward to *connecting* children and families with **FOOD**, **FACTS** and **FUN**. The series is **FREE!** But you must register to participate. Enrollment is limited, so sign-up today! *Participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions.*

To register, contact Nancy Laite 236-6313, Ext: 2 or [nllaite2@myfairpoint.net](mailto:nllaite2@myfairpoint.net)

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