



Lura Libby School

March Newsletter



A Note from the Principal . . .

As I write this note, I realize that March is more than halfway over and April will be here before we know it. Once next week begins, it will be spring. Weather report as I write this is for a possible Nor'easter on the first day of spring. We will see if that changes by the time this newsletter makes its way home. Over the past two weeks, everyone has been very busy. Both schools celebrated Pi Day, which was a fun-filled day of math activities. Lura Libby held its first Family Dance, which was extremely well attended. It was a really fun family event. Students, their families, and staff members danced the night away. Enjoy the next couple of weeks!

Important Dates	
Early Dismissal—Parent/Teacher Conferences Dismissal at 12:00 p.m., Conferences 12:30-7:00 p.m.	3/23
The NED Show Assembly	3/30
April Vacation	4/18-4/22
Kindergarten Registration and Screening for incoming students No school for current kindergarten students	4/25
LLS Family Literacy Night	4/28
Children's Stage Adventures Grades 2 & 3 Performance of <i>A Sword Called Excalibur</i> by Grades 2 & 3 on Friday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.	5/2-5/6
Early Dismissal	5/11
Maine Author, Josh Alves	5/12
Kindergarten Registration and Screening for incoming students No school for current kindergarten students	5/13
LLS Fine Arts Concert, K-Gr. 2—5:30 p.m. Gr. 3 & Gr. 4—6:30 p.m.	5/25
Memorial Day Holiday	5/30

Kindergarten Registration and Screening

If you have an incoming kindergarten student, please contact the office to get your registration packet. Completed packets are due back to the Lura Libby School office by March 30th. When you return your packet you will set up a registration and screening appointment. The dates that you can schedule an appointment for are Monday, April 25th and Friday, May 13th. You must bring your kindergarten student with you to the appointment to be screened. The appointments last approximately one hour. You must register your kindergarten student in the school in the town in which you reside. If you have any questions, please call this office. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who has a kindergarten age student.



Notice to Kindergarten Parents

There will be no school for all kindergarten students on Monday, April 25th and on Friday, March 13th due to the registration and screening for incoming kindergarten students. Kindergarten teachers and their classrooms will be used that day for the registration and screening process.

Focus Class – Kindergarten, Ms. Simendinger

February has been an interesting and fun month. We have learned about the Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We ended our study with portrait drawings of each president.

This month we have enjoyed a week of Dr. Seuss stories and activities. It has been fun to note what makes Dr. Seuss books fun for kids. Our list included funny or silly, made up words and creatures, rhyming, and funny illustrations.



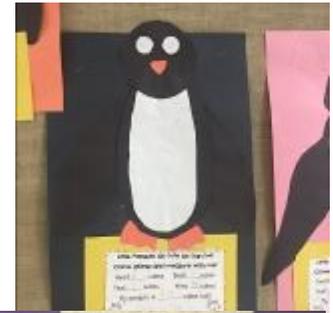
Focus Class – Kindergarten, Ms. Vinal

In our class, we have been studying our 5th math unit called “Make a Shape, Build a Block.” In this unit students have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes. Students have worked on observing and describing shapes and hunting for real world examples in the classroom and at home. Another way students have developed an understanding of shape is through constructing shapes themselves. The students accomplished this with the use of geoboards, pattern blocks, geoblocks and clay. A favorite lesson the kindergarteners loved was doing Shape Murals (as seen in the photos). Students worked in small groups to create a mural using shapes to represent a scene of their choosing. They had a blast doing this project and also experienced “teamwork” to successfully create their murals, which is our school-wide focus word of the month.



LLS Hallways

When you are in the building, be sure to check out some of the student work in our halls. Typically when we move through the halls we are rushing to a final destination. However, if you have the time to take a few minutes to stop and look, you will see some very interesting student work gracing our halls.



Pi Day

Students and staff at Lura Libby School celebrated Pi Day a bit early this year to coincide with the scheduled early release day on May 9th. The official Pi Day is May 14th. The school shut down for the morning and celebrated math. The event kicked off with an assembly in the gym. Then students rotated through stations run by staff members with mixed grade level groups. They participated in many activities including: Pattern Block Fun, Origami, Jelly Bean Math, Windsock Making, Grid Art, Math Jeopardy, Hula Hoop Math, Pizza Pi Math, and more. It was a wonderful day of celebrating math for all!

