



Loranger Memorial School

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Good afternoon Loranger Families,

What great weather we're having this week. Feels like spring, and even a little like summer! I hope you all have been able to enjoy it.

Here are this week's notes for you.

Outdoor Recess

As we move into Spring, also known as mud season in Maine, please be mindful of the mud and water on our playground when you prepare your child for their school day. Even though most of our snow is now gone, we still have wet and muddy areas on our playground and boots are very helpful for students to have.

Morning Arrival

We are starting to see an increase in students arriving prior to our opening door time. As a reminder, our doors open for students in grades 3-8 at 7:45, and for grades 6-8 at 8:15. More students in grades 6-8 are arriving prior to that 8:15 arrival time, and we want to make sure that everyone is staying safe, not just from this pandemic, but also as those students may be unsupervised during that time. As often as possible, please be sure that grades 6-8 students are not dropped off until after 8:15. We have an adult who will be on the back side of our building next to the ball field at 8:00 if earlier arrival is unpreventable. As a reminder, our arrival times this year have been established so that we can provide adequate coverage without grouping students outside of their designated cohorts. Your understanding, flexibility, and assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

End of Trimester 2

The end of trimester 2 is fast approaching. The last day of the trimester will be March 19th, and staff will be preparing report cards the following week to be sent digitally when they are complete. We know that the progress of your child is just one of the many things on your mind during this coronavirus pandemic, and we are working diligently to provide the best in school and remote learning opportunities while limiting the harmful impacts from this unprecedented situation. As a school we continue to collaborate to create the best possible learning experiences for all of our students, even if they are very different from anything we have done in the past. Similar to the end of Trimester 1, our Trimester 2 report cards will be a reflection of the academic accomplishments of the last few months. We thank you for your continued support of us and your child in this process.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Our spring parent teacher conferences start next week. As in the fall, they will be virtual, and sign ups are available through the Virtual Paragon online system. Our first conference night is on

Thursday, March 18th from 3:30 to 7:00, and our second conference night is Wednesday, March 24th from 3:00 to 7:00. Sign ups are open and will remain open through the 24th. Once scheduled, teachers will be communicating with parents to provide links to attend the virtual conference. To schedule your conferences using our digital scheduler, please click on the following link: [Loranger Memorial School 2021 Spring Conferences](#). The link is also posted to our website under the "Parents and Students" tab. The master password is OOB3to8. Once you have entered the master password you will need to login. If you created a login last spring, click the login button, and proceed from there. If you do not remember the login you created, click either the "I forgot my user name" or the "I forgot my password" link and you will be provided with assistance. If you have never used this system, you will need to click "Create New User Name" and follow the on screen instructions. Sign ups are now open. If you have any questions or need assistance you can use the "Request Support" link on the reservation system webpage, or reach out to the main office at LMS.

Reminder of Student Support Services

As we approach one calendar year to significant school impact from the pandemic, I want to remind families of some supportive adults here that can assist if your child may be struggling with pandemic related things or any social/emotional, mental health, or health needs in particular. Judy Miligan, our school counselor can be reached at jmilligan@rsu23.org, and Matt Michaud our school Licensed Clinical Social Worker can be reached at mmichaud@rsu23.org. Also, our School Nurse, Karen Michaud, can be reached at kmichaud@rsu23.org with any health related questions.

School Nutrition Program

Breakfast and lunches are available daily at school and are free to all students throughout the entire school year. We ask that you still complete a Free and Reduced Application. These applications help us to receive funding and programming that helps all students district-wide. In addition, if you qualify, you can get Spectrum internet for only \$14.95/month! Applications are available at the front office and on our website at: <http://rsu23.schoollunchapp.com>. School breakfast and lunch menus are also posted on the RSU 23 Website on the [Food & Nutrition Page](#). Please feel free to contact Caroline Trinder, Food & Nutrition Services Director, with any questions at ctrinder@rsu23.org or 934-4461 ext. 1239. We are looking forward to serving healthy and tasty meals all year!

Free Breakfasts and Lunches are also provided every Wednesday behind Loranger Memorial School between 10:15-10:45am, no need to RSVP, just show up!

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Friday, March 19 - No school for students, Professional Development Day
- Wednesday, March 31 - 8th grade family night with OOB High School

Enjoy the weekend!

Matthew Foster