



Loranger Memorial School

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Good Morning Loranger Families,

What a great week we have had here at LMS. The weather is starting to feel a lot more like summer and we are winding down an incredible year. These next few weeks will go by extremely fast, and I'm excited to be a part of the end of year process at Loranger.

Just a few notes for you this week.

Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an online or mail in application.

You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, or by calling 833-511-0311.

Outdoor Learning

With the changing of the weather, our teachers will be utilizing outdoor spaces more frequently. With that increase of outdoor use we want to be cognizant of our summer bugs, particularly ticks. It may be a good idea to have students perform a tick check when they arrive home in the afternoon, especially if they have done a considerable amount of outdoor learning. We will also be doing our part here to check for ticks prior to entering our building.

Apex Youth Connection Summer Camps

Apex Youth Connection offers low-cost camp options for area youth and they are looking to get the word out. You can get more information on those camps [here](#).

Kindness Challenge Alert from Mrs. Milligan, LMS School Counselor

Did you know about our kindness challenge at LMS? Every morning, we announce acts of kindness that students and staff have done. If someone sees a member of our community doing something kind, such as holding the door for someone without being asked, complimenting someone, helping someone with their work or making them feel better if they are upset, they send an email to Ms. Milligan describing the kindness and it is announced during morning announcements. They also have a slide made on our school tv screens with a picture of them and a description of their kindness. This is being done to encourage acts of kindness in our school. This program was started

in February and we have already had over 150 recognitions. We are also recognized as a Certified Kindness School - look for the flyer on our front door which celebrates this!

NWEA Assessments

The Maine DOE has finalized an agreement with the NorthWest Evaluation Association, also known as NWEA, to be used as the State assessment for the next few years. This is an assessment that we at Loranger already use. We will be offering the spring administration of NWEA over the next month of school. Each grade level team of teachers will set aside time to assess students. The NWEA is an adaptive online assessment that creates a personalized experience for each student. While administering this Assessment is now mandated by the DOE, it is also a great tool to measure student progress and growth. It helps assist teachers in identifying students who may be at risk for not reaching grade-level benchmarks so interventions can be provided early and often. The NWEA also can help identify students who are surpassing grade-level benchmarks so enrichment opportunities can be provided to further the learning that is already occurring. This is a very useful tool for helping us to ensure that all students get the specific learning support they need so all students can be successful. The DOE also requires us to assess students in grades 5 and 8 in science. Our grade 5 and 8 teams are working out the details for that assessment as we get more information from the DOE. If you have any questions please reach out to myself or your child's classroom teacher.

Rental Assistance

The government has released rental assistance funds for families impacted by the economic downturn due to the pandemic. For more information please click this link:

<https://yccac.org/covid-19-rent-relief-program/>

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:

- Monday, May 31st No school - Memorial Day
- Thursday, June 10 - Grade 8 Promotion
- Friday, June 11 - Last day of school

Enjoy your weekend,

Matt Foster