



Loranger Memorial School

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Happy April,

We seem to be continuing to speed through this school year. The first day of April is dreary, but we're excited for what this month brings. Here are the announcements for this week.

NWEA Assessments

Teachers and staff are working to establish our schedule for the spring administration of NWEA, and we plan to conduct this over the first two weeks of May. 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. If you have any questions please reach out to myself or your child's classroom teacher.

Outdoor Recess

As we progress 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 our snow is now gone, we still have wet and muddy areas on our playground and boots are very helpful for students to have. I also want to remind you that the warmer weather brings with it ticks. Our teachers and staff do a great job of having students check their clothing after recess and other times outdoors, but it is also a good idea to check at home in the afternoon/evening.

Middle School Spring Sports

There is a middle school (grades 6-8) spring sports parent meeting for Tuesday, April 5th at 6:00 for any student who has signed up to participate in either baseball, softball, or track. If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Stewart at tstewart@rsu23.org. We'll see you there. Go GULLS!

Family Garden Project

We wanted to share this amazing opportunity! Please see the eligibility requirements and information on how to apply on the bottom of [this flyer](#).

Vision & Hearing Screenings

We will soon be completing our State Requirements for vision and hearing screenings. Vision and hearing screenings are necessary to help identify concerns that can affect a student's progress at

school. You will be notified and asked to follow up with your child's primary care physician and/or specialist if further action is needed.

Hearing screenings will be conducted on 3rd and 5th graders. Vision screenings will be conducted on our 3rd, 5th, and 7th graders.

Please reach out to our school nurse at kgagnon@rsu23.org if your child has had a comprehensive vision or hearing exam with a specialist in the last 12 months or if you would not like your child to be screened.

Backpack Program

If you would like your child to participate in our weekend food backpack program, in which they will receive a backpack filled with food items on Fridays, please reach out to our school counselor, Ms. Milligan. You can reach her by calling 934-4848, or email at jmilligan@rsu23.org. We are happy to help. We have recently received a wonderful donation from The Brunswick and some other community members, and are so grateful for what they have provided for our families and students!

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale! \$18 for softcovers, and \$25 for hard covers. Available online at <https://tr5.treering.com/validate>. Our school passcode is - 1016348252954617. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Ms. Pothier at 207-934-4848 x1142, via email ppothier@rsu23.org.

Morning Arrival

Morning arrival times for our students are as follows:

- Grades 3-5 doors open at 7:45, and classes begin at 8:00.
- Grades 6-8 doors open at 8:15, and classes begin at 8:30.

We are starting to see multiple students in grades 6-8 arrive prior to 8:15, and we are not able to supervise those students during that time. We ask that you please adhere to our arrival time of 8:15 for students in grades 6-8. Thank you!

Family Vacation Forms

During the school year some families take vacations and ask that we excuse their children from school days. This is not a problem, however, we do have forms for the student, parents, teachers and administration to sign off on in order to help students understand the expectations of making up missed work. The forms can be provided by the staff in the main office. Thanks for your help!

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Wednesday 4/6 - Early Release Day
- Friday 4/15 - Friday 4/22 - April Vacation

That's all for today!

Matt Foster