



Loranger Memorial School

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Good morning LMS Families,

I hope everyone had a restful April Vacation and are happy to be back in the swing of things. Hard to believe that we are in the final push of the 2021-2022 school year and next week is the month of May. Just a few announcements for you this morning.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation

Next week is teacher and staff appreciation week. The staff here at LMS have been working extremely hard through another year marred by the pandemic. Next week is an opportunity for all of us to show them our appreciation for the hard work they do each and every day. We can show our appreciation in many different ways, and the PTO/Boosters are helping us to “treat” our staff throughout the week. If you choose to show your appreciation to your child's teacher or other staff member, it doesn't need to be extravagant. A simple hand written note sharing how they impact your child each and every day can really mean a lot to our staff. Let's show them what they mean to us!

Along with staff appreciation week, RSU23 will be holding a district wide spirit week.

- **Monday, May 2nd is Pattern Day – Wear stripes, polka dots, zigzags, squiggles and more!**
- **Tuesday, May 3rd is Career Day - What do you want to be when you grow up?**
- **Wednesday, May 4th is Jersey Day - Wear your favorite team/player (jersey, t-shirt, sweatshirt, hat, etc.)**
- **Thursday, May 5th is College Day - Wear something from your favorite college (jersey, t-shirt, sweatshirt, hat, colors, etc.)**
- **Friday, May 6th is School Spirit Day - Wear Blue & White Day**

Let's show our spirit and appreciation for our staff next week!

Spring Athletics

Our Middle School Athletic teams are in full swing. If you're interested in catching our student athletes in action, you can find our schedules [here](#). Go GULLS!

NWEA Assessments

Teachers and staff have established our schedule for the spring administration of NWEA. We will be testing all students in grades 3-8 from Monday May 2nd, through Wednesday, May 11th. The schedule varies by grade level, and each student does not test on every one of those days. We ask that you **please ensure your child is present for the full day** on those days so we can have proper testing environments. Late arrivals and early dismissals can really impact students and their performance.

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.

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 5/4 - Early Release Day
- Monday 5/30 - No School Memorial Day
- Friday 6/10 - Last Day of School

Have a great weekend!

Matt Foster