



Loranger Memorial School

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Good morning LMS Families,

I hope you have enjoyed the first week back from vacation. We've had a great week at school, and we're concluding today with our STAR assemblies to award our STAR students of the month. Congratulations to all of our winners! Please take some time below to read about our upcoming MEA assessments, as our students will begin testing next week. Thanks!

LMS Podcast Memo

Here is this week's [Podcast](#) Memo. Great to have our podcast team back producing such wonderful content!

State MEA/NWEA Assessments

Teachers and staff are working to establish our schedule for the spring administration of the required state assessment also known as the MEA. The State DOE has collaborated with NWEA for this year's version. We will be administering this assessment 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 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.

Employment Opportunities

We have some employment opportunities in RSU 23. Please click on the following link if you are interested in joining our team! <https://www.applitrack.com/rsu23/onlineapp/default.aspx>

Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration for Jameson Elementary

Information regarding Pre-K and Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year can be found [here](#).

Morning Arrival Procedures

Our doors open for school at 7:45 for grades 3-5 students and 8:15 for grades 6-8. We do not have supervision for students inside or outside the building prior to those times. It is very important that students are not here earlier than that as they are not able to enter the building and do not have supervision outside. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 to sign off on in order to help students understand the expectations of making up missed work. The forms can be found in the main office. Thanks for your help!

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Wednesday 5/3 - Early release day
- Monday 5/29 - Memorial Day - No School
- Wednesday 5/31 - End of year LMS concert
- Friday 6/9 - Grade 8 Promotion
- Monday 6/12 - Last day of school

Enjoy the weekend

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