



Loranger Memorial School

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Hi there LMS Families,

Happy Easter everyone. One week left until April Vacation, and next week is a four day week (no school Friday). The week after that is April Vacation. After we return from break it's just a few months left in the school year, but it will go by very fast. We're looking forward to all that comes with the final months of school and celebrating such a great year. A few notes for you this week.

Grade 5 at the State House

This past week our fifth graders visited the State House in Augusta and learned about our state government. They also testified in support of a bill to introduce the Pink Edged Sulfur as our State Butterfly. Ms. Seaver, Ms. Nye, and some of our fifth grade students will be sharing their experience with our School Board this coming Tuesday at 6:00 in the town hall if you would like to hear more about it.

LMS Podcast Memo

[Here](#) is this week's episode of our LMS Podcast. Our students continue to do great work with this!

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.

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.

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](#).

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>

Substitute Teacher Intensive through Adult ED

There is another upcoming Substitute Teacher Intensive program being offered through adult ed. Class information is as follows:

- Substitute Teacher Intensive
- Mondays/Wednesdays, 3:30-5 PM @ OOB High School
- April 24th-May 24th, 2023
- \$99 (reimbursed upon successful completion of the course)

Substitute teaching is valuable and rewarding, benefiting the employee and the school. Whether new to substitute teaching or looking to freshen your classroom presence, this program will enhance critical skills & understandings that will lead to your success at any grade level. Through class presentations, discussions and readings we will address behavior expectations, cover how to get and keep students on task and build positive relationships. Examine lesson plans at all grade levels, preview what to expect on any day on the job, and discuss the role of technology in today's classrooms. Consider the variety of subbing opportunities in special education and review the professional behaviors that will ensure you're kept as busy as you wish. Leave the course with a notebook containing the course presentation, relevant readings and resources that will support you on the job. Tours of elementary, middle and high school buildings will give you a sense of what today's classrooms look like no matter which district you work in. Course requirements include state-mandated fingerprinting, Criminal History Records Check (CHRC), and submitting a job application to RSU23 &/or Saco Schools (unless already employed by either district). Access to a computer & valid email address is required. Course fee reimbursed upon successful completion of all requirements. If hired by Saco &/or RSU 23 schools, you will receive the highest substitute pay rate for that district.

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:

- Friday 4/14-Friday 4/21 - April Break
- 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

Have a wonderful weekend,
Matt Foster