

Lebanon School Matters

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Classroom Bulletins

Principal Michael Foxall reports that the Mt. Lebanon Open House had an overwhelming response this year with many teachers reporting perfect or near perfect attendance. Lebanon School Board Chairperson Laura Dykstra was on hand as well as Chris Christopolis, Lebanon Fire Chief, and Ashleigh Connelly sharing news and information on safety and an Upper Valley planned response to a pandemic situation. Café Services Dennis Samuel was also available to answer questions or take suggestions on the school breakfast and lunch program.

Family Literacy Night was held on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at Mt. Lebanon School. The evening included enjoying pizza, a story, and classroom activities. This event supports reading in the schools and encourages families to read together at home.

Lebanon International Potluck Supper - A Tasty Tradition

More than 65 ELL (English Language Learner) students, parents, siblings, and SAU staff celebrated at the annual International Potluck Supper on Monday, October 27th. On hand for the festivities were Michael Foxall, principal at Mount Lebanon Elementary, and Nan Parsons, principal at Lebanon High. The party, held in the Mount Lebanon School gym, featured a tempting array of dishes from all corners of the globe. After dinner, several students provided musical entertainment. They wrapped up the evening with guests trying their hands (and feet!) at traditional Vietnamese dance.

Lebanon's ELL program continues to expand rapidly. The number of students whose first language is other than English has risen nearly 30% over last year, and predictions indicate the same rate of growth in the next twelve months. Overall, 38 different languages are spoken by students in the district.

Mount Lebanon school has been awarded with a Certificate of Appreciation for their Organic School Garden. Mrs. Weinberger's class with the help of Ms. Jonias and many many others have planted, weeded, and harvested from their school garden. Children anxiously sign up to

help weed and water as they learn "hands on" what it's like to grow your own food.

Hanover Street School's Open House was an exciting and "spooky" evening. The evening was the opening display of HSS student carved pumpkins. The collection included pumpkins ranging from funny to most looks like Mr. Mellow. Principal Mellow also reports that he especially liked seeing siblings of HSS students who had attended the school come to support their brothers and sisters accomplishments.

Art is everywhere at HSS. The 4th grade art projects are closely tied to their grade specific curriculum for New Hampshire, while the 3rd graders work on concepts and techniques in the form of collages. The 5th grade's focus is historical and cultural with the 6th grade learning about ancient drawing skills.

MLES - Open House



Keeping in the spirit of the election season, HSS student's held an election of their own on Tuesday, November 4th. All 16 classrooms took part to elect the "official" Hanover Street School – Cookie! After stiff balloting among the 16 classrooms the two candidates; Peanut Butter with Hershey Kiss in the Middle and Chocolate Chip, Chocolate Chip became the First Cookie at Hanover Street School. All students enjoyed the winner at lunch on Wednesday.



6th Grade Candidate Forum-SHES

Bonjour! The students of HSS with the help of Madame Dahlqvist are learning French via the Alex et Zoe French method this year. This method emphasizes oral communication and listening comprehension that has shown great promise in local schools and around the world.

Seminary Hill School's 6th grade election predicted the final outcome of the National election by electing Barack Obama as president of the United States in their election on September 20th. Mrs. McNamara's 6th grade Social Studies students presented the two major candidates' views on the most important issues the new president will face once sworn into office. The forum, moderated by Mrs. Gere was held in the appropriately decorated auditorium at Seminary Hill School. The "election" followed on October 27th with polling booths and ballot boxes all supervised by an official voting supervisor and checklist monitor. (Many thanks go to Mrs. Nancy Pyer and Mrs. Beverly Damren) The final results: approximately 2 to 1 for Mr. Obama.

4th grade students visited a fish hatchery in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, to learn more about trout. This science unit gives the students first hand knowledge on the fresh water habitats, ecology, and animal reproduction of trout. After a winter at the hatchery these trout will be released into the Mascoma River in early spring.



Fish hatchery field trip-SHES



Pumpkins and Carvers - HSS



Gardening Club-MLS



Amy Belunis with Todd May



Staff and Student News:

Amy Belunis has been honored by US Dept. of Education with the 2008 American Star of Teaching award. Amy was one of 51 teachers chosen; the **only** teacher from New Hampshire and the only Physical Education teacher to receive this recognition! Todd May, a representative from Washington, presented Amy with her certificate in a surprise announcement at Mount Lebanon School.

Deb Springhorn was nominated by a LHS student to receive the 2008 Yale Teaching Award.

LHS Seniors Holly Ceplikas and Hillary Lynd are National Merit Scholars: Hillary received the top score in the State while Holly placed 12th from the top score. Holly was also chosen as the October Student of the Month at LHS. LHS reports that the college entrance process is well underway for many LHS seniors.

Students at Mt. Leb. continue with their Healthy Snack Store on Friday's where they prepare, sell, and distribute delicious fresh snacks. This is a very popular event.

22 New staff joined the District in September.



Looks Most Like Principal-HSS

Wellness Notes:

Weight Watcher's @ Work is still going strong and meeting weekly at Seminary Hill School. This fall's 24 attendees have recently joined with Weight Watchers National in a Lose For Good Challenge. In this challenge, the total pounds lost are donated in the form of canned good to a local food bin. Our local group has donated their combined weight lost of 158.6 pounds to the Listen Center Food Bin.

The District Wellness team is meeting monthly and is exploring ideas for future offerings such as wellness workshops, guest speakers and road trips.

Ellen Bailey coordinated our annual Flu shot clinic with a total of 300 receiving this benefit.

Fitness Classes are continuing at the CCBA Monday and Thursdays at 4:30 through December 18th. A new session will begin on January 5th; call Dianne Estes to register

Community:

The Lebanon Pedestrian & Bicyclist Advisory Comm. Has been awarded grant funds for the next round of NHDOT's Safe Routes to School program. This will help with the preparation of a comprehensive travel plan for the K-8 grades in Lebanon.

Community Continued:

Voters gave the go ahead to purchase the Moulton property on Route 4 in Lebanon in a special Bond vote in October. Missing by only a few votes, Lebanon voters narrowly defeated approving funds for building a new Middle School on the Moulton property. Discussions continue at public School Board meetings as to how to best serve Lebanon's student population with this land. Stay up -to -date and informed by visiting:

www.sau88.net

Dates to Remember:

Thanksgiving Recess November 26 – 28

Tuesday Dec. 9th (6:30-8:00)

How To Talk So Your Kids Will Listen, And How To Listen So Your Kids Will Talk

Using reflective listening, I-messages, family meetings, and contracts to get your kids to come to you when they have a problem, and to work things out together

Workshop will be conducted by Rick Stockwell and Robin Abendroth in the Hanover Street School music room.

Thursday, December 18 LJHS Winter Concert

Holiday Recess, December 22 - January 2

Full calendar of events at www.sau88.net

LHS Homecoming Bonfire Builders



Conceptual Drawing of Middle School

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