

# Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative Connection

## Florence Rideout Elementary School and Lyndeborough Central School Newsletter

Newsletter November 2014

Principal-Timothy O'Connell



### A Note from the Principal—Mr. O'Connell

October certainly has been a very busy month at Florence Rideout and Lyndeborough Central Schools. I cannot believe we are already into the month of November. There is a chill in the air and before you know it, the snow will be falling. I am very proud of our students who have already shown tremendous growth this fall.

Thank you for participating in our parent conferences. It was great to see so many families involved in their child's education and academic growth. Should you have further concerns regarding your child's progress, please remember that teachers and staff are available throughout the school year and welcome any questions that you may have.

Your child may have shared with you that emergency drills were practiced at school recently. We practice a variety of emergency drills throughout the school year so that we are familiar with procedures in the unlikely event of an emergency. These drills include school evacuation, shelter-in place, and lockdown. We often conduct these drills in coordination with local Wilton and Lyndeborough Police and Fire Departments. In the event of a local emergency, please help us by remaining calm. Do not call the school, police, or fire department. The school district will utilize an automated telephone notification system to inform you about the situation. Please make every effort to provide the school with current telephone numbers and student medical information.

Anticipation continues to mount as the first phase of construction draws closer to completion. We are still planning to occupy the new classrooms in the phase one addition after February winter recess. Several classes and programs will be moving into new and/or different rooms to accommodate the second phase of construction. We are working very closely with Hutter Construction so that they adhere to the construction schedule and complete the project by the beginning of school next year.

Finally, a few reminders regarding dismissal procedures and policies. Parents/guardians need to always provide the school with a note (signed and dated) when regular dismissal plans are altered. This is for safety purposes and is in the best interest of your child. We will not change dismissal plans with a phone call or e-mail. We will, however; accept a scanned signed note attached to an email.

On behalf of the Florence Rideout and Lyndeborough Central staff, thank you for the countless ways you support our school community whether it is reading to your child every night, practicing math facts daily, or supporting our PTA and PTO. Have a wonderful, restful Thanksgiving weekend and thank you for reading this November issue of the Co-Op Connection.

### F.R.E.S. Upcoming Events

November 5th—  
School Board Mtg  
@WLC 6:30

November 11th—  
Veterans's Day—  
No School

November 12<sup>th</sup> -  
PTO Meeting  
@6:30

November 14th—  
Grades close

November 14th—  
K-G3 Roller Skate  
@FRES gym 6:30

November 15th—  
20th - Scholastic  
Book Fair

November 18th—  
School Board Mtg  
@WLC 6:30

November 21st—  
Report Cards

November 26th—  
28th—  
Thanksgiving  
Break—no school

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November 5th—  
School Board Mtg  
@WLC 6:30

November 11th—  
Veterans's Day—  
No School

November 14th—  
Grades close

November 14th—  
K-G3 Roller Skate  
@FRES gym 6:30

November 18th—  
PTA Meeting 4:30

November 18th—  
School Board Mtg  
@WLC 6:30

November 21st—  
Report Cards

November 25th -  
Thanksgiving Feast  
12 noon

November 26th—  
28th—  
Thanksgiving  
Break—no school

**LCS Student of the Month-November**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Spencer Gibson 4th Grade - Mrs. Roper**



**FRES Student of the Month-November**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Mariah Littlefield 4th Grade - Mrs. Fuller**



**Computer—Mrs. Meagher**

**Typing Practice**—All students in grades 2-5 have been set up with typingweb.com accounts to practice their typing. These accounts can be accessed from any computer with internet access. Rainy days are a great time to encourage your child to practice their typing skills. As we begin to take standardized tests on the computer, it will be important for students to type efficiently. The lessons in typing web should be done in order (regardless of skill and grade level), and the program will award trophies for completing each lesson. If the students are logged in, all work is saved and they will also receive rewards for completion in computer class. 1<sup>st</sup> graders will begin working on their typing skills in January.



If you want to help your child log in to their account, go to [typingweb.com](http://typingweb.com).

Username Sample: **doe.j22** where doe is the last name, j is the first initial and 22 is the graduation year

Password for all students is: **temp987\$**

**Art with Mrs. Luter**



Greetings from the Art Room....Students in K-5 have been very busy lately making all kinds of wonderful artwork. We have used a variety of tools and materials ranging from drawing and painting to sculpture and collage. As students finish each project, I photograph their artwork and post it to their class online gallery. These galleries can be found on the art page at each school. If you scroll all the way to the bottom of the art page, you will find a list of folders that have been divided into school/ year. Select your child's school then find their class. Every project folder is titled and a description of the lesson is also provided. Artwork is uploaded with a student's first name only (and last initial if there are more than one in a class). I encourage you to visit the gallery website monthly for new updates!



Adeline 4R LCS



Mike 2S LCS

~Mrs. Luter



Zoe K- AM FRES



## School Nurse News — Mrs. Gifford, RN & Mrs. Zoltko, RN



So many exciting happenings surrounding the Nurse’s Office! Second grade is just finishing up a unit on nutrition, hygiene, dental care, and the 5 senses. To wrap up this unit, we will be celebrating their knowledge with a Jeopardy-style game show called “The Brain Strain”. The three second grade classes will participate on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

After talking about all of the healthy things that we can do for our bodies, the children planned a healthy Halloween party! We will be making applesauce and hummus just to name two of the fabulous choices that they have made. Third grade has started their year off learning about the OrganWise Guys. Basic Training for Better Health and The Heart Healthy Challenge have taught them all about germs, t-cells, white blood cells, and even cardiovascular disease and stroke! These third graders are even reading food labels like champs!



Let’s not forget our Fuel Up to Play 60 poster challenge. Teams of children from second grade to fifth worked on a poster that showed both fueling up and healthy eating. Winners will be chosen this week. First prize is a spot for the duo on the student support team for the Fuel Up to Play 60 committee! All entries show outstanding work – thank you to Mrs. Luter for taking some time during Art class to help this contest come to life! ~Mrs. Z

## Guidance Counselor’s Corner—Ms. LaRoche & Ms. Dufour

Unity Day was a huge success! The participation by our students was outstanding! Our presenter Chris Poulos was fantastic and the kids enjoyed his cool bike tricks and positive message. Thank you for all your support!



Last month we began a new program where we talk about a new character word each month and display these behaviors around school and in our daily lives. Our first word was “respect”. We had 4 lessons that gave definitions, examples and asked the students questions pertaining to respect. This month we will introduce “responsibility”. We hope your students come home talking about and modeling the character word of the month! ~Ms. Dufour and Ms. LaRoche

## Library—Mrs. Griffin



The LCS first graders will be taking a walking field trip to the Lyndeborough Town Library on November 7th. This will be a great learning experience for them. FRES kindergarten and first grade students visited the Wilton Town Library on October 28th. FRES kindergarten and second grades students will visit on November 5th.

There are now new books available in both school libraries. Many of which are nonfiction resources to use in science and social studies projects. There will be even more new books coming in the months to come. ~Mrs. Griffin

## Reading—Mrs. Cargill



Happy November! I am excited to announce the reading incentive program **Book It!** The **Book It!** Program is sponsored by Pizza Hut restaurants and will run from now until March 31, 2015. Each month teachers will send home information and criteria for your students to complete along with their reading. If your student successfully completes the activity, they will receive a certificate for a free personal pan pizza at Pizza Hut. As you know, the best way for a child to become a better reader is to practice their skills. Most teachers expect their students to read at home each night. This program can be completed along with your student’s reading homework and offer great rewards for their completion.

Please look for more information about this great program which will be coming home soon. Teachers will be distributing the materials throughout the month of November. Enjoy and have fun reading! ~Mrs. Cargill

## GYM Class with Mr. Shenk

Greetings from physical education class. October has been an active month. Students are engaged in class activities and learning. There has been tremendous progress by the students in understanding the procedures for P.E. class. This is a small thing that makes a big difference. Physical education is more fun when the class activities flow smoothly. It is important that everyone does their part. That way we can be more active, get more opportunities to practice, and have more fun. Students are completing a racket unit that features some of the best games of the year. They are developing skills of striking, agility, catching, and cooperation. We also enjoyed some nice days outside playing football.



November will feature a floor hockey unit which will continue the theme of striking and ball control. Please remember to bring proper footwear to physical education class. It is also a good idea to dress in layers, especially as the weather gets colder.



November workout Challenge Complete for 30 seconds each: Jog in place, Ski Jumps, Scissor jumps, Jumping Jacks, and Mountain climbers

November skill practice Make sure you have a safe space: Galloping, Skipping, Shuffling, Grapevine, and Back peddling

\*Students could win a prize for completing this month's workout challenge. Just have them bring in signed note to confirm. Mr. Shenk

## Lyndeborough Central School PTA



Wow, it's November already! Time flies when you are having fun at LCS! Halloween festivities were a great success and there was a lot of excitement! Everyone should have his or her Yankee Candle Catalogs. If you did not receive one or need another, we have extras in the office. Orders are due by 11/7/14 insuring delivery before Christmas, happy shopping!

Here at the LCS PTA we are all very thankful for the opportunity to work with the students, staff, and families of LCS. The month of November brings a special time to pause and show our appreciations at LCS. We are pleased to be hosting a Thanksgiving Feast inviting members of our community to join us. The students will be making tablecloths for our feast with their personal notes of what they are thankful for. "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." - John F. Kennedy

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day we will not have our PTA meeting that day; it is scheduled for Wed the 12<sup>th</sup>. We would like to say thank you to all the Veterans who have served our country and to those who are currently serving.

We wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday!

## Florence Rideout Elementary PTO

Happy Halloween from the FRES PTO! We have so many wonderful things to celebrate. We had an All Skate, the first time that all grades from Wilton and Lyndeborough got to show off their costumes and skate around the gym, play games and have fun. Thank you to Lisa Sweeney and all the volunteers who made this night great!



The Kidstuff coupon book fundraiser is coming to an end. Please be sure to send your check in or send the coupon book back. All books are tracked so if you have not returned them, expect a reminder. The sale ends November 7th. Those who sent in \$25 checks to the PTO can start using the coupons immediately. Enjoy savings from many businesses in the area such as Circle K, Giorgio's, Dunkin Donuts, Macy's, Toys R Us, and Sport's Authority or enjoy Story Land, Water Country, the Polar Caves and more! If you use just a few coupons, the book pays for itself.

November is Book Fair month. The fair will run from Saturday, 11/15 through Thursday, 11/20. We will be offering weekend and evening shopping hours again this year so parents and grandparents will have the opportunity to do some holiday shopping.

Thank you to all the staff and parents for your continued support. We enjoy providing activities, enrichment, and equipment for the students and it is because of your involvement that we can do this. Our next PTO meeting is Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30 pm in the cafe. Everyone is always welcomed, so please join us!

**Kindergarten Fun—  
Mrs. MacPherson & Mrs. Roos-Unger**



October was a busy time for the kindergarten at LCS. We continued to work on phonemic awareness. Students are writing entries in their

writing folders and sharing them with their peers. We have been working with numbers 0-10 and exploring different ways to build numbers. We were delighted to go on our first field trip to Brookdale Farm in Hollis. We organized our field trip with the kindergarten classes at FRES. Students were treated to a hayride, apple picking, corn maze, and pumpkin picking. We are planning our Halloween class celebration---- BOO!

~Mrs. Roos-Unger

We have had a great month in the kindergarten at FRES. We enjoyed our field trip to the Brookdale Farm in Hollis. It was nice to see both classes together and fun to meet the kindergartners from Lyndeborough. The weather was great and we brought back a huge pumpkin for each school and lots of apples! We brought some home and baked others with caramels in them and a yummy topping. We will be going to the Wilton Library soon and are looking forward to that. We are also having a fall craft day this week and getting ready for Halloween fun!

We have done more writing for our writing folders, making sure we have the setting on our papers so everyone will know where the story takes place. We have been adding more "popcorn words" and putting letter sounds together to make words throughout the month. We are using bigger numbers and checking to see if groups of things are equal or not.



We have enjoyed all the lessons on respect we have learned this month and have had some great conversations about what respect is and what it looks and sounds like. We are looking forward to the November weather and learning about Thanksgiving and scarecrows. Our housekeeping area will become a restaurant so that should be fun too!

~Mrs. MacPherson

**Music News—  
Mrs. Knotts & Mrs. Bertrand**

October Music Notes

During October both FRES and LCS learned the song "Walk With Me" for Unity Day on Oct. 22. We gathered together as an elementary community for the first time that afternoon sang it at the afternoon assembly. In music class this song helped us learn about form and harmony.

**At FRES:**

- We have recently finished our study of Ludwig van Beethoven. I was encouraged when many students were disappointed to see his story end!
- 5th Graders are working on finishing Beethoven project.
- 4th graders are playing recorder songs that have 3 different pitches & will expand to 5 by the end of November.
- 3rd graders are learning how to read pitches from the staff in preparation for playing precorders in November.
- The primary grades and Orffens are now working diligently on their music for the December 17 (snow date the 18<sup>th</sup>) holiday concert. Each grade level will have 2 songs and everyone will sing one final song together.



**At LCS:**

- The LCS students are getting ready for their winter concert which is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, at Florence Rideout.

~Mrs. Knotts

**Preschool News  
Mrs. Lammers & Mrs. Dane**

Preschool is off to a great start. The 3 year old class is learning all about school, the color red, and apples. The 4 year old class is learning all about me and friends. They also met mat man and are eagerly working on their names and letters.



Preschool continues to work on their names and letters. The 3 year old class made a scarecrow and had all sorts of fun with pumpkins. They enjoyed cleaning one out and painting their own pumpkins. The four year old class enjoyed learning about apples and pumpkins. The apple sauce they made tasted great! They have enjoyed singing many different abc songs and look forward to the Halloween parade!

***The 3 year old program is still looking for some more friends. If you have a 3 year old you would like to have join our integrated preschool, please call 654-6714 to get more information.***

~Mrs. Lammers & Mrs. Dane

## First Grade Happenings — Ms. Lemire, Mrs. Andreasen, & Mrs. McGandy

The first graders have settled into their daily routines. Homework has begun to come home, and the students are excited to show what they have learned. The first grade students from LCS and FRES enjoyed spending the day together at Stonewall Farm in Keene, NH. The students used an old cider press to make cider. The press took our apples and turned them into sweet apple cider. Students also met The Great Pumpkin who taught them about the life cycle of a pumpkin. After a fun hayride through the woods, we all ate lunch together before returning to school. We can't wait for our next adventure together.



~Ms. Lemire, Mrs. Andreasen, & Mrs. McGandy

## Second Grade News — Mrs. Hebert, Mrs. Desmarais, Miss. Sanborn, & Ms. Songer

Happy November! We enjoyed a wonderful Halloween party to celebrate and conclude our Nutrition and Hygiene unit. The students made applesauce, hummus, and no bake pumpkin treats that we enjoyed at our classroom parties.



This month, the second grade will be busy traveling around the country learning about 10 U.S. Symbols and why they are important to us. This will segue into learning about our government. Soon, the second graders will be able to name the three branches of government, who is in each one, what their jobs are, and where each branch is housed. This unit will culminate with a poster project. We look forward to seeing the students' hard work!

In Math, we have learned how to add 2-digit numbers with and without regrouping. Now we are starting to subtract 2-digit numbers with and without regrouping. The second graders have been working hard to become stronger readers and writers, please continue to encourage your child to read nightly! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

~Miss. Sanborn, Mrs. Hebert, & Mrs. Desmarais



October has us so excited about Halloween, which brings about learning about flying mammals—bats! It's a great piece to our science which has us learning about animals, their food chain, their habitats, and how they grow, change and adapt. Our L.A. stories take us on a visit to the E.R. and a peek into the friendship of a goose and butterfly. In math we will be doing a "spook"tacular job of regrouping and adding 2 digit numbers and reviewing place value. Lots going on in Grade 2 at LCS.

~Mrs. Songer

## Third Grade Thoughts — Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Martz, & Mrs. Buttrick

Third grade has been busy cruising the seas with explorers as we learn about some of the early and more well-known people who explored the new world. We've also discussed some of the opportunities for exploration available today. Our classes have also had opportunities to learn about pirates and Australia, read about and make stone soup, and write and publish haunted house stories sure to scare your socks off!



All of the classes are preparing for parades and parties on October 31; the day when all of the ghosts and goblins come out to haunt us. Happy Halloween!

~Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Martz, & Mrs. Buttrick

## Fourth Grade Footnotes — Mrs. Fuller, Miss. Dignan, & Mrs. Roper

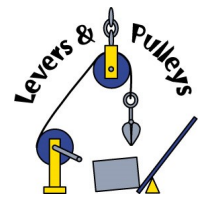


The fourth grade social studies classes at FRES and LCS have been studying geographic tools over the past month. We have been honing our skills with globes and maps. Some of our map skills include; using the grid system, the compass rose, and various types of maps. As we continue, we will also be studying satellite-produced images.

~Mrs. Fuller, Ms. Dignan, & Mrs. Roper

## Fifth Grade Facts — Ms. Moore, Mr. Zink, & Ms. Nahass




We are very excited that the 5<sup>th</sup> graders from both schools will join "forces" on November 5<sup>th</sup> to enjoy an engaging presentation put on by an educator from the Boston Museum of Science. The show will be a lot of fun with active student and teacher participation. It includes experiments around force and motion, as well as simple and complex machines all of which align to our science curriculum. Who will get to lift their teacher three feet off the ground?



~Ms. Moore, Mr. Zink, & Ms. Nahass

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