



Friday, April 15, 2022

Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,

As we begin our official start of April break, I am hoping that all of our staff, students and families are able to enjoy time doing things that bring joy, relaxation, reflection and love. No matter what your plans are for April break, may you find some time to rest and recharge. When we return to school later this month, the weather will be warmer, the days will be even longer, our students will prepare to participate in local assessments, and we will all be working hard to focus on the deep learning that will take place this spring while also looking ahead to next year. The last weeks of school will pass quickly and time will be filled with many extracurricular opportunities as well, such as sports, performances of all kinds, graduations and other celebrations!

On another note, there has been an adjustment to our schedule for all LNSU schools. There will be an early release day for all schools on **Friday, May 13, 2022**, to honor the hard work of our students and staff. We want to take this opportunity to thank our LNSU Board Chair, Mark Nielsen, and CES Board Chair, Mark Stebbins, for their support of our students and staff in this endeavor.

We hope that many of you were able to see the middle school play, Matilda Jr., which premiered last night. There will be one more performance tonight at 7:00 pm in the Lamoille Union High School auditorium. This play is one of very few productions we have had in our school system where students, staff **and** administration all have onstage roles in this production. At the moment, I have one picture to share and will hopefully have more to post on our Facebook page.



As we end this day and begin the break, I want to share with you a poem, written by a community member, James (Chip) Chapados, entitled 'April', which is featured in his book, "A Vermont Year in Sonnets". I hope you enjoy his wonderful writing.

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*Sun and rain work in their own unique ways
Melting snowbanks, unlocking ponds and streams
From Winter's ice. The stark, monochrome schemes
Of frozen cold evaporate as days
Begin to warm. Early Spring's browns and greys
Are punctuated by plants shooting greens,
Lady slipper pinks, and willow bud's creams.
Birds return, creatures stir with the sun's rays.
The mountains' spines of marble and granite
Seen through tree's boughs with leaves still furled
Hold in high crevice and ledge the last snow.
In valleys, on hilltops winter has quit
And nature has, once again, knit and purled
Midst gneiss and lake places for hope to grow.*

As always, thank you for being collaborative, kind and supportive members of our school community. I hope you have a wonderful week!

My best to you,

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