

October 7, 2022

Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff:



We are just about at peak foliage so I hope you can get outside and enjoy the beautiful colors this weekend!

For a schedule of school happenings, please see the following:

School Pictures:

ECS – October 24, 2022

HPES – October 11, 2022

School Events:

October 10, 2022 – L NSU/LNMUUSD School Board Meeting, 6:00 pm at GMTCC-CEC

October 10, 2022 – No school

October 12, 2022 – Hyde Park Elementary School Visit/Fire Drill from Hyde Park Fire Department at Noon

October 12, 2022 – Cambridge Elementary School 3rd Grade Curriculum Night, 5:00 pm

October 13, 2022 – Cambridge Elementary School Open House, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Waterville Elementary School Open House, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

October 14, 2022 - LUMS School Dance, LUMS Gymnasium, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

October 15, 2022 – LUHS Dance Recital, LUHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

You can see a complete list of athletic events, registration for PSAT's and SAT's for secondary students, and more on individual school websites.

In community news, please read from Jenna's Promise the Quarterly Report and a list of upcoming events <u>HERE</u>.

In more news from our community partners at Healthy Lamoille Valley, please see the following:

"Community members of all ages are invited to join Healthy Lamoille Valley for a celebratory Fall Coalition Meeting!

Thursday, October 20th at River Arts in Morrisville, 6:00-7:30 PM.

Family-friendly, interactive community event with special guest speaker and honoree, Dr. Linda Caldwell. The theme of the evening is supporting youth, families and community members of all ages in making the most of their time.

Celebrating our 2022 Prevention Honorees and our Live Your Why and TimeWise programs.

Pizza and dessert will be served. Please RSVP: <u>healthylamoillevalley.org/fall-coalition-meeting</u>. Walk-ins welcome.

Children are welcome at both events, please use the Children's ticket for children with child care needs when registering. Please contact Jessica at iessica@healthylamoillevalley.org if you think you will need child care".

As we have communicated, we are always interested in learning more about our towns and how best to connect with community voices. We are committed to meaningful engagement with our communities. In preparation for the work of the Community Advisory Group and other members of our school teams in our efforts to meet the needs of our communities, please take a moment to complete a survey by clicking HERE.

In school news, we share with you a letter to the district from Curriculum Director, Wendy Savery, who will be retiring on February 28, 2023. She writes:

"Dear LNSU Colleagues and Friends,

I am writing to let you know my last official day in LNSU will be February 28, 2023. When I accepted the position of Director of Curriculum in early 2020, who could have imagined the many challenges we would face across the country for such a long period of time. Though not able to perform our jobs under "normal" circumstances, we came together as a district to do the best we could for all involved.

Those years also brought other changes, including a job change for my husband that required us to move to northern New York in August 2021. Due to the "grip" of COVID continuing into the 2021-2022 school year and much work to be done in regards to our LNSU Recovery Plan, I have been commuting (a 4-hour drive) since that time. As you can imagine, the ability to maintain a work-life balance has not been sustainable. I will be officially retiring as of March 1, 2023, which will provide the district time to hire a new Director of Curriculum and for a transition period to occur."

We wish Wendy well in her retirement and thank her for her years of service to our school community.

Lastly, I wanted to highlight another way to help support our schools. It is incredibly difficult to find adequate substitute teachers in order to cover the "normal" absence load of a school system. So, if you or someone you know has any time available, please consider signing up to be a substitute teacher! You can choose to work in any of the Lamoille North Supervisory Union schools. It is a great way for those with flexible schedules to spend some time with all members of our school communities and would be an immense help for our hard working faculty, staff and administrators. If you are interested in this role, please contact our Human Resources Coordinator, Rachel Crawford, at rcrawford@lnsd.org, or (802) 851-1173.

We continue to be grateful for our families, staff, and all members of our school community.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

My very best to you,

Catherine Gallagher, M.Ed.
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