



Friday, April 8, 2022

Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,

We are quickly approaching April break and I find myself reflecting on how fast this year has flown by! Soon we will be attending graduations, welcoming students into our summer programs, basking in consistently warmer weather and tending to gardens.



All of our schools are either actively engaging in SBAC testing or soon will be. There are many other important events happening in our schools. Cambridge Elementary School Principal, Mary Anderson, writes:

*"I am so pleased to announce that after a couple of weeks of planning, we are ready to roll out a school-wide fundraiser to benefit the people of Ukraine through the work of World Central Kitchen. Below is a link about this amazing organization which responds to people affected by worldwide crises with hot meals. They are currently providing meals to Ukrainian refugees as they cross into bordering countries." <https://wck.org/>*

*"I believe strongly in the importance of teaching our youth the importance of helping others in need. Many of our students are well aware of the situation in Ukraine and want to help. Our students love to extend a hand whenever they can!"*



In other news, the spring athletic season has officially started!! Our Athletic Director, Tim Messier, reports the following:

*"Our athletic teams have finally been able to find areas to practice outdoors. Interscholastic events kicked off earlier this week throughout the state and our first spring event will feature the Girls' Lacrosse team playing at Colchester on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Our Track, Baseball, Softball and Boys' Lacrosse teams continue to have preseason practices and scrimmages. Their respective season opening events are scheduled to begin next week.*

*Spring Sport schedules are available on the Lamoille Union High School website under the Athletic Department tab. As a reminder, all athletic schedules are subject to change and are updated as soon as possible when weather and field conditions affect playability. We look forward to seeing spectators at our upcoming athletic events. Thank you all for your continued support of Lamoille Union Athletic and Co-Curricular activities at Lamoille Union".*

In community news, I want to share with you the April Healthy Lamoille Valley Newsletter. Please read it [HERE](#). You will find opportunities for all ages, including an April vacation camp for youth. And, as you are aware from my last newsletter, I want to remind you about our upcoming Community Forum. It will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, from 6:30-7:30 pm at GMTCC/CEC. We will be partnering with Healthy Lamoille Valley to present resources and facilitate discussion for attendees on substance misuse and available supports in and for our communities. We hope to see you there for this very important forum!

Lastly, I share with you that April is Autism Acceptance Month. One of our speech language pathologists shared the following information and I would like to share a slightly adapted excerpt with you:

*“This is a month where we recognize the need for supporting, understanding, accepting, including, and empowering the people on the autism spectrum (ASD). Previously, April was known as Autism Awareness Month. However, with new research and the approach to a more neurodivergent world, it transitioned to Autism Acceptance Month in 2021. This shift in language reflects input from the ASD community to promote inclusivity and advocacy for the human and civil rights of all people with ASD. For those with people in their lives on the spectrum and those who work with students with ASD, I hope you will consider messaging that goes beyond awareness and promotes full acceptance and appreciation of the many contributions of people with autism.”*

As always, thank you for your communication and commitment to our school community. I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

My best to you,

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