



Friday, April 29, 2022

Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,

I am hoping that you had a restful and rejuvenating April break, and are ready to enjoy the pace of the next six weeks until summer break! The last weeks of school will pass quickly and time will be filled with many extracurricular opportunities such as sports, performances of all kinds, graduations and other celebrations!



In national news, Friday, May 6th, is National School Lunch Hero Day; a day to formally recognize our School Nutrition Professionals. Under the direction of Karyl Kent, our Supervisory Union has been recognized by the State of Vermont as being a leader in providing healthy meals and nutrition education to our school communities. Although we appreciate them for the work they do every day, we also want to honor their work on this nationally recognized day.

In community news, and as mentioned previously, we are pleased to hold a community conversation, in conjunction with our partners at Healthy Lamoille Valley, on preventing youth cannabis use in our communities. We have received many communications from students and adults requesting more education around cannabis. You can register for this event [HERE](#) or by visiting our district [Facebook page](#). **The date is Wednesday, May 11, 2022, from 6:30-7:30 pm at GMTCC in the CEC. A light supper will be provided for those who attend.** We look forward to seeing you at this event!

In greater Lamoille County news, please click [HERE](#) for information from Emily Rosenbaum of Working Communities Challenge of Lamoille. Specifically, read about community opportunities and upcoming events in our county. A highlight is [HVAC 101 Training](#) that prepares trainees for entry-level work in the booming HVAC industry. There is an opportunity to earn OSHA 10 certification, EPA credentials, and job placement opportunities. Details are below:

- Six weeks, full time
- Held at GMTCC (Hyde Park)
- Starts July 5, 2022
- Earn \$500 a week during training



In our school news, the Hyde Park Elementary School community completed the school mural painted in conjunction with resident artists from Juniper Creative Arts. This mural is called "Nebizun", an Abenaki word that translates to "medicine". The root word Nebi means water and the word in its entirety translates to "water is medicine". As you see from the mural, the central figure is emerging from the portal through the rocks and merging with the Lamoille River. The art is intended to be welcoming, connected to natural resources, and honoring the circle of life. We thank the entire Hyde Park community for participating in the creation of this beautiful mural!

On another note, the partnership with Johnson Elementary School (JES) and Lamoille Health Partners is in full swing. All services are provided based on parent/caregiver consent. Two days per week a licensed counselor from Behavioral Health and Wellness is at JES providing therapy to students. One day per month a licensed dental hygienist from the Community Dental Clinic in Morrisville provides cleanings and dental health screenings. JES is about to begin having a licensed pediatrician from Appleseed Pediatrics on site to provide physical health screenings of students. The three programs are providing an incredible resource for our school community allowing more access to vital physical and mental health services.

And lastly, and as another reminder, 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.

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

My best to you,

Catherine Gallagher, M.Ed.
Superintendent of Schools
Lamoille North Supervisory Union