



September 9, 2022

Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff:



I hope you were able to enjoy the long Labor Day weekend. We continue to be graced with beautiful weather! There is a distinct feeling in the air that summer is slowing turning into what is sure to be another gorgeous Vermont fall. School routines have been established for the most part and our students are transitioning well into their studies and enjoying new and existing friendships and taking part in extracurricular events.

As always, we are interested in community input and want to hear from all of our stakeholders. Accordingly, we will once again begin the process for forming a community advisory group and will be asking you for your interest in participating. The focus of this group will be to strengthen school-community relationships and collaboration, and this group will provide a way to bring forth the structure for stakeholder input. We will be seeking interested students, parents/caregivers, community partners and any educators, to work with us to share ideas and create higher-level engagement among all of our stakeholders. Please access the application [HERE](#). The deadline for submitting interest in this group is **Friday, September 30, 2022**. After applications are submitted, we will review them and choose applications randomly in the event there are many. We will ensure a balance of advisory group members representing each of our school communities. You will be notified the first week of October of your application status. We will then send a doodle poll to members with some suggested meeting times and the monthly date and time will be set based on a majority of participant availability. We hope that members will participate for the entire school year.

In community news, I share some information with you from Emily Rosenbaum at Working Communities Challenge of Lamoille (WCC) about internet access and devices and a nursing program, as follows:

[Affordable Connectivity Program \(ACP\)](#) helps eligible families pay for internet access and devices:

- Up to \$30 a month discount on internet service
- Discount of up to \$100 on laptop, tablet, or computer

[Licensed Nursing Assistant](#) course

Leads to testing for a state license as an LNA.

- 64 hours online instruction
- 30 hours of lab/clinical time: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-7
- At Green Mountain Technology & Career Center in Hyde Park, VT.
- Mandatory meeting 9/26 3:30-4:30
- Cost: \$1450.00. Many students qualify for the VSAC Advancement Grant to provide funding for this course.

In other community news, our partners at Healthy Lamoille Valley share the following:

### [Resources for Parents/Caregivers & Families](#)

[“Talk. They Hear You.” Mobile App](#)

This new app from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) is designed to help parents and caregivers, educators, and communities:

- **Get Informed.** Increase awareness about underage drinking and other drug use.
- **Be Prepared.** Introduce skill-building techniques and share available resources and tools.
- **Take Action.** Increase actions to help prevent underage drinking and other drug use.

**For 5th-8th graders and their families**

**Live Your Why: Passport Edition**

Until December 30th, 2022

For Lamoille Valley 5th-8th grade youth and their families:

Parents/Caregivers of 5th-8th graders, your child has until December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to submit their Share Your Why activity sheets for a \$30 valued prize: an art supply kit or gift certificate to Power Play Sports. These activity sheets are a way for youth to explore new interests and deepen ones they already have with the option to share those interests with other local youth. If they submit their sheets before September, they will be entered to win a \$100 Amazon gift card! To learn more about the program, including activity ideas and where to pick up and submit the sheets, visit [www.healthylamoillevalley.org/passport](http://www.healthylamoillevalley.org/passport).

We continue to be grateful for our many community partners who work alongside our school teams to support our students and families in Lamoille County.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

My very best to you,

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