



Friday, June 2, 2023

Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,

We are in the final stretch of the school year! Students are completing Capstone projects and other academic endeavors, wrapping up athletics, participating in end-of-year performances and field trips, and entertaining thoughts of summer!



Please note important upcoming events set forth below:

- June 2, 2023, Cambridge Elementary School, Classroom Placement Letters mailed
- June 6, 2023, LUHS, Business Program Awards, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, GMTCC-CEC
- June 7, 2023, Cambridge Elementary School, Step Up Day, Grades 1-6, 8:30 – 9:15 am
- June 8, 2023, Hyde Park Elementary School, School Celebration
- June 8, 2023, GMTCC, Pre-Tech Banquet, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, CEC
- June 8, 2023, LUHS, Student Athletic Council Banquet, 6:00 pm
- June 9, 2023, Johnson Elementary School, Community BBQ, 11:15 am – 12:55 pm
- June 9, 2023, LUMS, Farewell Dance, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- June 9, 2023, LUHS, Student & Staff Awards, 8:30 am
- June 10, 2023, LUHS Graduation, 11:00 am
- June 12, 2023, Cambridge Elementary School, The Perils of Mr. Punch, Episode #73, 10:00 am
- June 12, 2023, Hyde Park Elementary School, 6th Grade Graduation, 6:00 pm
- June 12, 2023, Waterville Elementary School, Field Days & Community Picnic
- June 12, 2023, LNSU/LNEMUUSD Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, GMTCC-CEC
- June 13, 2023, Cambridge Elementary School, 6th Grade Graduation, 6:00 pm
- June 13, 2023, Eden Central School, 6th Grade Graduation, 6:00 pm
- June 13, 2023, Johnson Elementary School, 6th Grade Graduation, 5:30 pm
- June 13, 2023, Johnson Elementary School, Graduation Dance, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- June 13, 2023, Waterville Elementary School, 6th Grade Graduation, 6:00 pm
- June 13, 2023, GMTCC Completion Ceremony, 6:00 pm, LUHS Gymnasium
- June 13, 2023, LUMS, Golden Plunger Field Days
- June 14, 2023, LNSU, Last Day of School for all Students, Early Release Day**
- June 14, 2023, Cambridge Elementary School, Musical Performance by Jeh Kulu, 9:30 am, followed by assembly and Welcome Summer BBQ
- June 14, 2023, Johnson Elementary School, Talent Show, 9:00-10:30 am
- June 14, 2023, LUMS, 8th Grade Awards Assembly, 8:30 am
- June 14, 2023, LUHS, Athletic Department Celebration, 6:00 – 8:00 pm



There are some big plans coming together for Lamoille North that you may have already heard about. We are excited to introduce to you the Lamoille North Cricket Hill Project. Please see [HERE](#) for an overview of this project.

The Lamoille North School Board voted to move forward with the scope of the project, which will ultimately be brought to our voters in late September. This project has been several years in the making and includes building a state-of-the-art Track and Field Facility, Performing Arts space at the Lamoille Union campus, an Early Education Center, administrative office space and a host of infrastructure enhancements. As we know, the education landscape across Vermont and the nation continues to shift and evolve and so must the offerings we have available to our students, staff, and communities.

Lamoille North prides itself on keeping our facilities and resources in good working order, thanks again in large part to our skilled facilities team and community support. With that being said, these district enhancements are needed, and the time is now to make them happen. The Cricket Hill Project touches upon some of the State's, the County's and the School District's longest-running hurdles: lack of childcare, more access to public health and wellness facilities, an increase in demand for educational space, safety and security, and more. We feel this project will meet these needs.

Months of discussions among our school staff, students, and School Board have led to the current project elements. While several rounds of design work have already happened and been approved by the Lamoille North School Board, refinements will continue to be made. We continue to look for ways to 'future-proof' these investments, to make sure they serve our school community for decades to come, and to make sure we anticipate potential future changes and improvements.

As of May 2023, the current parts of the Cricket Hill Project combine for a total price tag of \$13 million to \$16 million. If the Cricket Hill Project is approved by voters, based on current bond rates, the estimated annual tax increase to a home value of \$100,000 would be about \$50. We'll soon be communicating more about upcoming informational sessions and places you can go to learn more about the project and its elements.

Our students deserve every opportunity we can provide them. The Cricket Hill Project expands what we can do for our students, and what we can provide to our communities; child care for staff members and local families, a new career path for students at the Tech Center, modern health and wellness facilities for our student-athletes and Lamoille County as a whole, and a boost for our growing performing arts programs are, together, the focus of the Cricket Hill project. This effort symbolizes the future of Lamoille North. Stay tuned for more information and ways you can participate in discussions around this project!



In news from our community partners, the 6th Annual Opioid Forum will be held on June 20, 2023, from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm at GMTCC, Community Education Center. The theme of the evening is "Together Achieving Safety Through Knowledge". The evening will feature panelists and there will be an opportunity for questions and conversation. Refreshment will be provided. Please see [HERE](#) for detailed information and to R.S.V.P., although registration is optional. We encourage anyone who is interested to attend this important event!



In state news, the General Assembly adjourned on Friday, May 12, 2023, but will reconvene for a veto session on June 20, 2023. Here is a list of bills, including links to the “as passed” version, that were passed by the Legislature this session and are of interest to the education community:

- [H.492](#) an act relating to setting the homestead property tax yields and non-homestead property tax rate
- [H. 494](#) an act relating to making appropriations for the support of government. The Governor vetoed this bill.
- [Act 1 of 2023 \(H.42\)](#) an act relating to temporary alternative procedures for annual municipal meetings and electronic meetings of public bodies. This was enacted early on in the session.
- [H.217](#) an act relating to child care, early education, workers’ compensation and unemployment insurance
- [S.138](#) an act relating to school safety. The Governor signed the bill into law on May 30.
- [H. 165](#) an act relating to school food programs and universal school meals
- [H.481](#) an act relating to public health initiatives to address death by suicide
- [H.461](#) - an act relating to miscellaneous changes in education laws

For your information, please note that our last school day for students will be **Wednesday, June 14, 2023**. This will be an early release day.

Lastly, I continue to be so grateful for our Lamoille North community members and the strong relationships we have built together. We appreciate your support for our work with your children and youth. Thank you again for your collaboration, compassion and dedication to the wellbeing of our students, staff and families.

My best to you,

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