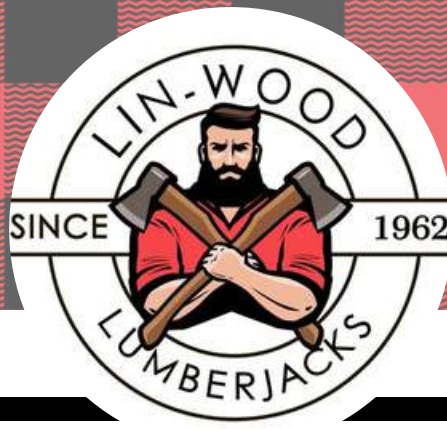




Empowering Students to Achieve Excellence

I'm delighted to connect with all of our Lin-Wood families, community members, and students as we reflect on an inspiring start to the 2025-2026 school year! September truly was filled with exciting activities and a great spirit of renewal.

This newsletter highlights the tremendous success of our recent Open House, where families acknowledged the hard work of students and engaged in hands-on STEM and music activities. We also celebrated Homecoming 2025, a powerful tradition that's more than a game or a dance. It reminds us that "Lin-Wood isn't just a school. It's a family," bringing together generations of Lumberjacks to celebrate our community's pride, perseverance, and strength.

In addition to our kick-off events, we also recognized the start of Hispanic Heritage Month, which is celebrated annually from September 15th through October 15th. We encourage everyone to take a stroll through the humanities wing hallway to see the cultural displays the Spanish classes constructed!

In that wonderful spirit of community and collaboration, we welcomed several new faces to our team: Faith Horton (1st Grade), Mary-Beth Ruane (2nd Grade), Courtney Peabody (PE), and Savannah Campbell (paraeducator). Furthermore, we are excited for Megan Houle in her new role as our STEM Educator, and Shawn Woods joining us as our Tinker Space assistant and custodian.

We are all committed to a fantastic year of "Empowering Students to Achieve Excellence" together! Please take a moment to read on and learn more about other great initiatives, such as the new Lumberjack Pantry—a confidential resource designed to ensure every student's basic needs are met—and our school-wide celebrations of Constitution Day.

Together,

Superintendent

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Open House a Success

What a fantastic night for the Lin-Wood community! Open House was a huge success, celebrating the hard work and talent of students from both our elementary and middle high schools. Families were invited to wander the halls, admiring student work from every grade level. Teachers had a chance to connect with families, and we were thrilled to highlight our music and STEM programs with engaging, hands-on activities that had visitors of all ages participating.

Additionally, middle high school families had the opportunity to gather valuable resources and information about our student information system (Alma), as well as a variety of clubs and extracurricular activities available to students. The evening wrapped up with many families grabbing a bag of popcorn before heading outside to enjoy a delicious BBQ sponsored by our wonderful food management company, Fresh Picks. It was a perfect way to celebrate our entire school community!



ALMA

Student Information System (SIS)

Lin-Wood leverages ALMA as our Student Information System.

What is an SIS?

A Student Information System (SIS) is a secure online platform that helps schools manage and organize important student data, such as grades, attendance, schedules, and contact information. For parents and families, an SIS is a valuable tool that provides easy access to real-time updates on their child's academic progress and school activities. It helps families stay informed, engaged, and better able to support their child's learning and success.

To access ALMA, visit:

<https://www.lin-wood.org/families>

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 10/3 - Student Flu Clinic
- 10/8 - School Board Meeting
- 10/8 - Policy Committee Meeting
- 10/10 - No School
- 10/13 - No School
- 10/20 - PTA Meeting
- 10/22 - PSAT Day Grades 10 & 11
- 10/22 - Facilities Committee Meeting
- 10/22 - School Board Meeting
- 10/24 - Middle School Dance
- 10/28 - Picture Retake Day

Welcome to the Class of 2029

The High School kicked off the year by welcoming the Class of 2029! Students had the opportunity to meet teachers and fellow students and have a little fun as they embarked on this major transition.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time to ensure orientation was a success. Shout out to sophomores Hazel, Nora, Keyara, and Briar for helping out with our scavenger hunt!



CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE SERIES FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Conscious Discipline is a social-emotional learning and behavior management approach for more peaceful, at-home discipline practices. Each week you will watch a video on your own and then join an online facilitated discussion with other parents and caregivers to share about putting the skills of Conscious Discipline into practice.

[Learn more and register.](#)

Introducing the Lumberjack Pantry

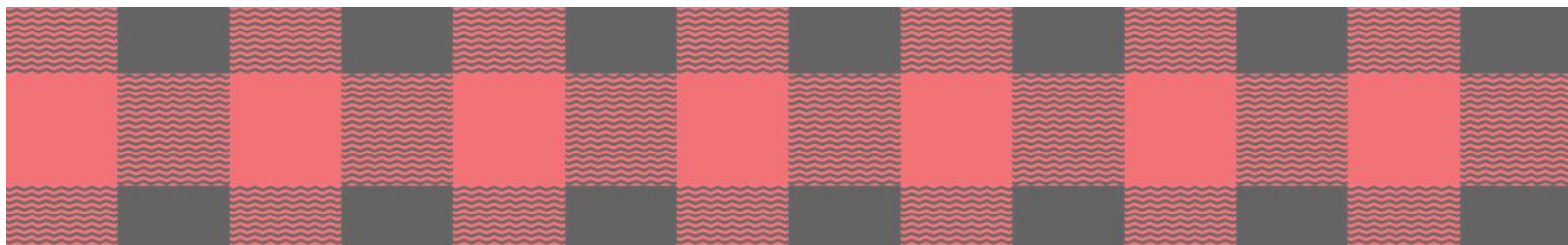
The Lumberjack Pantry is a dedicated resource for students who need access to food and essential supplies.



Our goal is to ensure every student has their basic needs met so they can focus on learning and participating fully in school life. The pantry is stocked with basic items, including:

- Non-perishable food: Microwaveable soups, pastas, oatmeal, and a variety of snacks
- Hygiene products: Toothpaste, deodorant, and menstrual supplies (further hygiene supplies such as soap, shampoo and conditioner are also available though not regularly stocked in the cabinet)

Located in a marked cabinet in Mr. Manning's office, this resource is designed to be confidential and easy to access for all Middle and High School students. MHS Students may access it as needed as long as Mr. Manning's office is open. Elementary students who may have similar needs can be connected with Mrs. Bell for these items or further basic needs (this is due to concerns for potential food allergens for younger students). By offering these necessities, we aim to remove small but significant barriers to a student's well-being and academic success.



Constitution Day 2025

Constitution Day, observed annually on September 17, commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787 and recognizes all American citizens. Also known as Citizenship Day, it encourages Americans to learn about the Constitution's governing principles and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Public schools honor Constitution Day by providing educational programs and resources that promote a better understanding of the Constitution. At Lin-Wood, we celebrate in many ways.

At the Elementary School:

In Kindergarten, the children learned about the Pledge of Allegiance. They practiced standing up, facing the flag, putting a hand over their heart, and reciting the Pledge. First Grade used Constitution Day to review the classroom rules that were created the first week of school. They made a large classroom constitution and little mini-constitution to bring home displaying our classroom rules. Tea painting and feather signing the constitutions added to the historical fun! Second grade read about the Constitution, watched several educational videos, and learned about the three branches of government that were formed by the Constitution.



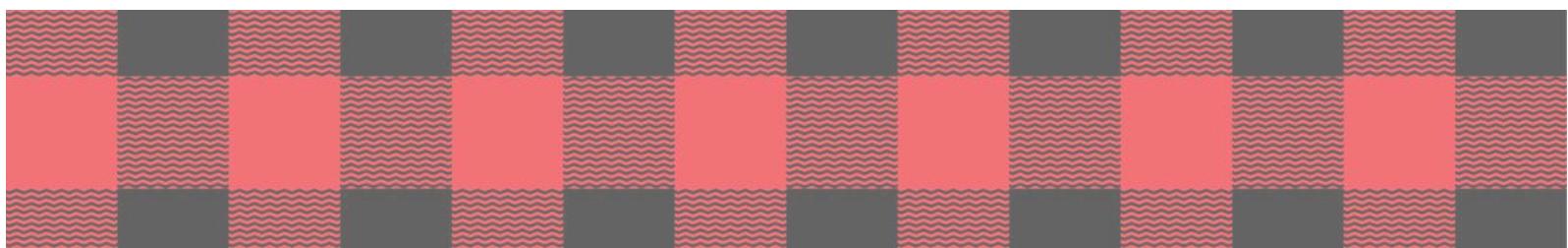
At the Middle School:

On Constitution Day, sixth-graders did an activity where they worked with a partner to distinguish between a "right" and a "rule". The understanding was that rights were fundamental freedoms protected by the Constitution and rules were the laws created by our government to protect those rights. Students also did a sorting activity, had a discussion, and watched a short video. In April, they will do an entire unit that studies the Constitution in depth, so this lesson was an introduction to that much bigger unit.



At the High School:

The AP Government class conducted a deep analysis of the Constitution reading each Article and discussing its meaning. They then built upon their analysis during a week-long project in which they worked to better understand the people who wrote the Constitution. The US History class discussed the election of 1900 and the implications of the constitution on presidential election and succession. The AP US History class studied the role of writers like Thomas Paine in the Revolution and in the era of the Constitution.



Building Skills & Becoming Lumberjacks

There is a new program at the middle school that is designed to support STEM programming. In Woodworking, students have been learning to read a tape measure (in fractions of inches) and accurately place nails at measured points. They also learned how to use a handsaw with wood clamped in a vise. The class also took advantage of the school grounds and truly became lumberjacks. They cut small trees from around the property and used them to create coat hooks, which we've been nailing, screwing, and gluing onto boards to make coat racks.

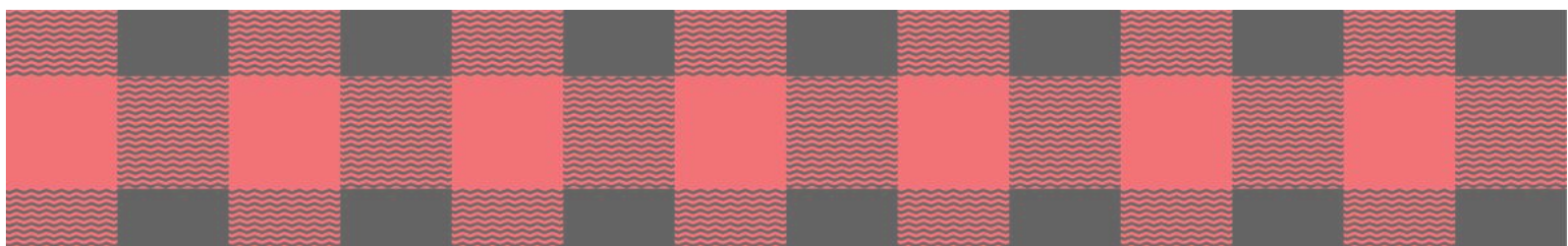


Hispanic Heritage Month

Hola a todos! Welcome (**Bienvenidos**) to the start of Hispanic Heritage Month! Each year it is celebrated in the United States from September (**septiembre**) 15-October (**octubre**) 15th. Feel free to take a stroll through the humanities wing hallway (**pasillo**) to see all the cultural displays the Spanish classes (**clases**) have constructed.

Also for fun (**para divertirse**) and to celebrate (**celebrar**) diversity, the students have strung up the world flags (**banderas**) banner. Come and see how many countries (**países**) you can name!

¡Que tenga un buen día! (Have a good day!)



🌲🔨 Homecoming 2025 🔨🌲

Once a Lumberjack, Always a Lumberjack!

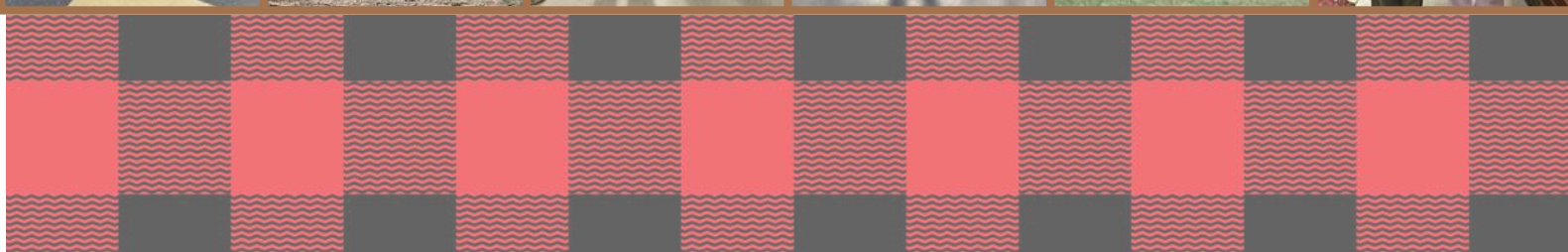
It's more than a game. More than a dance. It's a tradition — one that brings together generations of Lumberjacks to celebrate pride, perseverance, and the strength of our small but mighty community. From the heart of the White Mountains, we carry a legacy of grit, heart, and unity. Let's raise our voices, wear our colors, and stand proud — because Lin-Wood isn't just a school. It's a family.



The results are in...

Lin-Wood Scores!!!

- Boys Varsity Soccer (4-1)
- Girls Varsity Soccer (2-0)- two wins
- Boys MS Soccer (6-1)
- Girls MS Soccer (0-1) 1 win and 1 loss



Game Schedule:

- 10/1 - Cross Country: Home
- 10/4 - Boys Varsity Soccer v Lisbon: Away
Girls Varsity Soccer v Lisbon: Away
Boys MS Soccer v Lisbon: Away
Girls MS Soccer v Lisbon: Away
- 10/6 - Boys MS Soccer v Campton: Away
- 10/7 - Boys Varsity Soccer v Colebrook: Away
Girls Varsity Soccer v Colebrook: Away
Boys MS Soccer v Haverhill: Home
Girls MS Soccer v Haverhill: Home
- 10/9 - Boys MS Soccer v Profile: Away
Girls MS Soccer v Profile: Away
- 10/12 - Boys MS Soccer v Haverhill: Away
Girls MS Soccer v Haverhill: Away
- 10/14 - Boys Varsity Soccer v Littleton: Home
Girls Varsity Soccer v Littleton: Home
Boys MS Soccer v Littleton: Away
Girls MS Soccer v Littleton: Away
- 10/15 - Cross Country: Away
- 10/16 - Boys Varsity Soccer v Pittsburg: Away
Girls Varsity Soccer v Pittsburg: Away
- 10/17 - Boys MS Soccer v Profile: Home
Girls MS Soccer v Profile: Home
- 10/18 - Boys Varsity Soccer v Profile: Home
Girls Varsity Soccer v Profile: Home
- 10/22 - Boys Varsity Soccer v Groveton: Away
Girls Varsity Soccer v Groveton: Away
Boys MS Soccer v Littleton: Home
Girls MS Soccer v Littleton: Home
- 10/24 - Boys MS Soccer v Berlin: Home
Girls MS Soccer v Berlin: Home



SAVE THE DATE

Senior Athletic Recognition Night will be held
Tuesday, October 14th from 6 to 8 pm.



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Stay in the Know

Did you know that you can stay in the know with Lumberjack Athletics by visiting <http://www.lin-woodlumberjacks.com>? Check it out!

Climbing into Literacy

The Kindergarten class kicked off the year with the classic children's book, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. The story follows the letters of the alphabet race up the coconut tree in a bright, bouncy chant—until the tree can't hold them all and they come tumbling down in a chicka chicka BOOM! BOOM! Upon reading the story, students created their own trees from play doh, paper towel tubes, and popsicle sticks. Once their trees were ready, they used foam letters to see how many they could stack until their tree toppled. They tried this on multiple trees to practice their problem solving, patience, counting skills, and fine motor skills.



Robotics through Legos

The middle school STEM class is working with LEGO robotics to learn and develop their coding skills. Their first challenge is SumoBots! Once students have designed and built their robots, they work to knock the opponent's robot off the table. They continue to modify their robots and coding to improve performance.

Engaging in LEGO Robotics gives students an opportunity to work and grow in math, reading, and science while fostering 21st-Century Skills in the areas of collaboration, critical thinking, and communication.



Why is Experiential Education Important? A Comprehensive Guide

At its core, experiential education is about engaging students in hands-on experiences that apply what they learn in the classroom to real-world situations. It's a holistic approach that encompasses various strategies, from project-based learning to student teaching, and it's grounded in the belief that the most effective learning occurs when students are actively involved in the learning process.

[LEARN MORE](#)



College Planning: Understanding the Process



Ms. Whitcher, Mr. Manning, and a group of Juniors and Seniors visited Plymouth State University for an introductory meeting with the admissions team. They had the opportunity to tour campus, ask questions, and deepen their understanding of the programs and opportunities that PSU has to offer.

The trip happened in conjunction with the College Planning class at the high school. As part of the curriculum, students learn how to comparison shop for colleges, not only looking at tuition costs, which is a huge factor, but looking at specific majors and the demographics of college campuses.

Students are challenged to ask the question, what do you want your college to offer? Some answers are club sports teams, nursing programs, coed dorms, small class sizes, diversity, and a variety of clubs and organizations. The class is also busy writing a college essay and filling out the common application. The goal is to be ready to apply to colleges on November 5th, which is our free Apply NH Day, which allows students to apply to any school in NH for free - no application fees apply.

Pathways & Learning Opportunity Series

To support our students as they prepare for life after Lin-Wood, our staff have created a yearlong series of learning opportunities. Here is what is on the calendar for October:

 **Touch-A-Trade - Oct. 3, 9 am to 12 pm (All HS Students)**
This hands-on event gives students the chance to explore skilled trades, connect with local employers, and learn about real-world career pathways—including pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships.

 **Early College & Career Planning - Oct. 6-7, Period 2-RM31 (9th Grade)**
In this Granite Edvance presentation, 9th-grade students will discover how to explore their interests and skills.

 **Saint Paul's Advanced Studies Program Presentation - Oct. 9, Period-RM 31 (10th & 12th Grade(s))**
The St. Paul's School Advanced Studies Program (ASP) is an intensive five-week residential summer program for talented and motivated rising high school juniors and seniors.

 **YouScience Aptitude Discovery - Oct. 14-15, Period 2 RM 31 (11th Grade)**
Students will discover their aptitudes and explore possible best-fit pathways by completing YouScience brain games.

 **Financial Aid 101 - Oct. 16, 6 pm @ Lin-Wood MPR (Seniors & Families)**
This session covers the federal financial aid process (FAFSA), explores additional aid options and scholarship searches, and emphasizes critical deadlines

 **PSAT Exam Day - Oct. 22, 8-11 AM (10th & 11th Grade(s))**
PSAT exam for juniors will take place in the gym.

 **Beyond 8th: Career & College Kickoff - Oct. 24, 9 AM - 12 PM @WMCC (8th Grade)**
Guest speakers with a focus on the value of postsecondary education, high school grades, and college access.