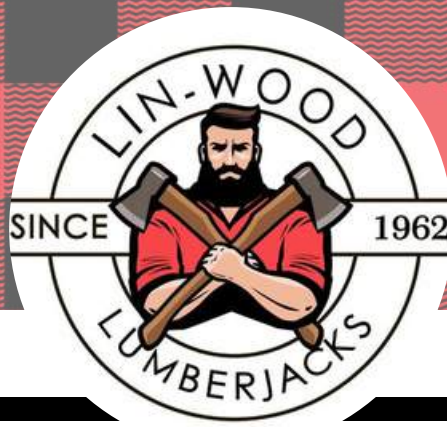




From Ocean Adventures to Kindness Drives

October was bursting with creativity and community spirit across Lin-Wood's classrooms! From celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month to exploring ocean science and giving back to the community, students and staff have been making big waves this fall.

Our Spanish classes led a celebration of culture and community with colorful displays for Hispanic Heritage Month, honoring the many cultures that make up our world. Meanwhile, the Senior Class gave a huge shout-out to the Lincoln-Woodstock community for supporting their concessions stand during the "Under the Lights" tournament. Their successful fundraiser will help fund their April trip to Myrtle Beach!

From the arts to academics, there's been plenty of excitement. Despite state arts funding cuts, Lin-Wood's Poetry Out Loud tradition will continue! Science took center stage, too—thanks to Mrs. Parent and Ms. Houle, who took 48 students to UNH's Ocean Discovery Day. Students got hands-on with robotics, acoustic mapping, and even live sea creatures!

October also saw successful student and staff flu clinics, thanks to partnerships with PSU's Nursing Department and Lincoln Urgent Care. In addition, Lin-Wood students joined International Walk to School Day and are now gearing up for a new Pickleball Club! In the elementary school, kindness bloomed through the "Socktober" project, collecting over 160 pairs of socks for The Bridge Project.

With so much happening, it's clear that Lin-Wood is buzzing with learning, kindness, and community spirit. Whether in the classroom, workshop, or on the field, Lin-Wood students and staff continue to show that education goes far beyond the books—it's about building, creating, and connecting every step of the way!

Together,

Superintendent

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This is Lumberjack Country

Nothing brings a community together better than Lin-Wood athletes playing under the bright lights.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who made this such a special event:

- The Lin-Wood School Board and Booster Club for two great nights of soccer.
- The incredible Lin-Wood athletes for leaving it all out on the field and making our community proud.
- The amazing community for coming out in droves to make this so special.
- The Class of 2026 students for a great concession stand both nights!
- And finally, a massive thank you to Caulder Construction, Sabourn Electric, Northwoods Spray Foam, and Shawn Woods.

The entire Lin-Wood community is looking forward to Lin-Wood Under the Lights 2027!



Planning for the Future

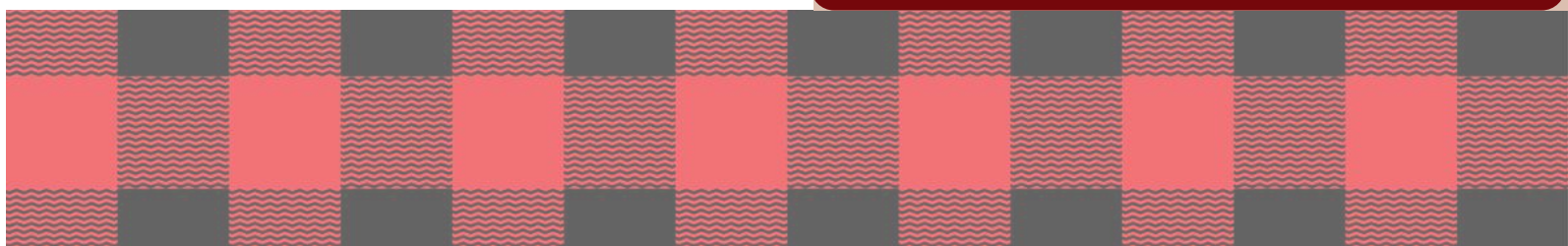
The School Board is currently reviewing the final draft of Lin-Wood's next Strategic Plan. The draft is the result of a multi-month process led by the team at 2Revolutions to gather the perspectives of the community, families, administration, teachers, and students, with having "engaged" students as the priority. The plan includes likes, wishes, and wonders as well as specific action items for the district to undertake over the coming 3 years.

A final vote of approval will happen during the School Board's public meeting on November 12th. The plan will begin in January.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- 11/5 - Financial Aid 101 - Granite Edvance
- 11/7 - Veteran's Day Assembly
- 11/10 - Wellness Committee Meeting
- 11/11 - No School
- 11/12 - Policy Committee Meeting
School Board Meeting
- 11/17 - PTA Meeting
- 11/17 through 11/21 - American Education Week
- 11/18 - Middle/High School Fall Concert
- 11/19 - Early Dismissal
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/26 - No School
- 11/27 - No School
- 11/28 - No School
- 11/29 - Lin-Wood Basketball Jamboree
- 11/30 - Lin-Wood Basketball Jamboree



Lin-Wood Hosts Regional Connect Youth Leader Training

On October 7th, Lin-Wood hosted a regional Connect Youth Leader Training, an initiative dedicated to fostering a supportive and healthy school community and reducing suicide risk. Students and staff from area schools, alongside experts from NAMI NH and Primex, learned crucial skills, including:

- Recognizing risk factors, protective factors and warning signs for suicide.
- Connecting with a person they identify as being at risk.
- Connecting a person at risk with resources and further support.

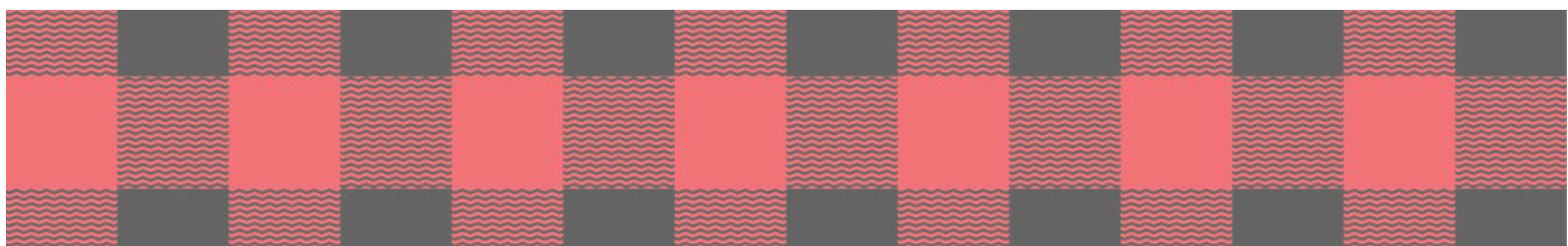


The dedicated Lin-Wood team, consisted of seven high school students, Mrs. Bell and Ms. Peabody. They've gained important knowledge and skills to make a difference in our school and community. A big thank to the Connect Youth Leaders for their compassion and commitment to creating a supportive school and community. Watch for these leaders as they continue to promote mental wellness and suicide prevention across Lin-Wood! For more information on Connect, click [here](#).

Getting to "Y" and Creating Positive Change

This month, the "Getting to Y" club went to PSU for the Getting to "Y" NH Statewide Student Leadership Summit & Training. Two amazing presenters, who call themselves Nobel Sheep, engaged students in a number of activities which empower students to make the most of who they are and motivates them to do the most with what they have. Students engaged in activities surrounding leadership - learning their leadership style - learning how to engage their peers in activities around mental health - learning the warning signs of people struggling with mental health. They discussed action plans, generated from the YRBS survey, for our school. Their top priority being the Care Closet, which Willa is almost finished painting.

The "Getting to Y" club uses data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, which high school students take every two years, to create positive change in the school and community. Club members have been trained to look at data and to identify both positive and negative behaviors of Lin-Wood students. The data is used to educate students about the effects of risky behaviors hoping to create positive change in school climate. Learn more about Getting to "Y" [here](#).



Exciting New Enrichment Programs Spark Joy and Learning at Lin-Wood Middle School

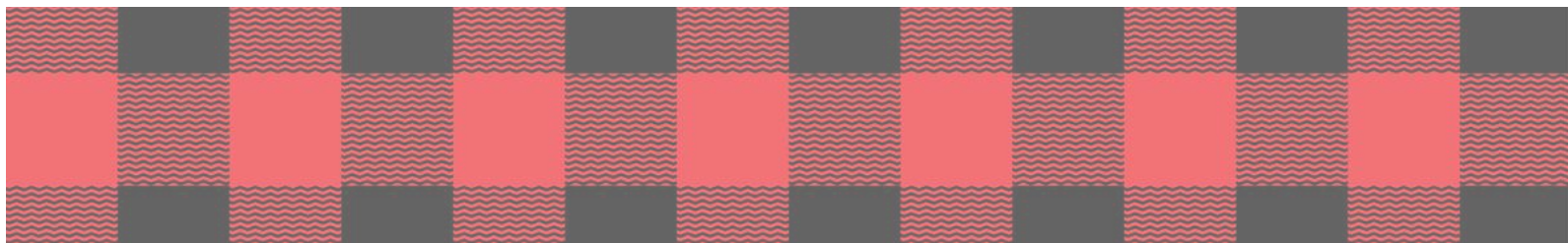
A wave of excitement is sweeping through Lin-Wood Middle School with the introduction of several engaging new enrichment programs designed to foster project-based learning, practical skills, and community spirit. During the dedicated enrichment block, students and teachers alike are diving into STEM, Cooking, Wood Working, and Community Service classes, discovering new passions and honing valuable skills.

These new enrichment programs are clearly a hit, demonstrating the power of project-based learning to make education engaging, relevant, and enjoyable for all. As the Middle School continues to embrace these innovative classes, students are not just learning; they're discovering, creating, and making a positive impact, all while having a blast.



STEM Class: Robotics, Programming, & Friendly Competition with Mrs. Houle

In the dynamic STEM class, students are putting their coding and engineering skills to the test by programming robot cars. But it's not just about movement; these young innovators are constantly finding ways to improve their creations, even adding musical enhancements as their robots engage in spirited battles. This hands-on approach to STEM is not only educational but also incredibly fun, as students see their code come to life and collaborate on design challenges.



Culinary Adventures in the Cooking Class with Mrs. Morris

Budding chefs are taking over the kitchen in the new Cooking Class. Each week, students plan a delicious meal or project, which includes a trip to the local Price Chopper to carefully select their ingredients. By the end of the week, the class transforms those ingredients into a delectable dish, learning about nutrition, budgeting, and culinary techniques along the way. It's a feast for the senses and a valuable life skill in the making.

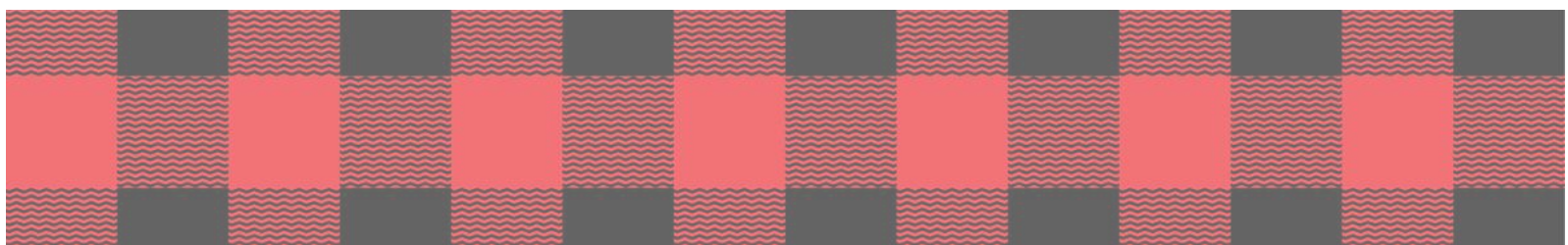


Life Skills/Community Service: Developing new life skills with Ms. Steeves

The Life Skill class is tackling many aspects of middle school age living. They have helped to prepare meals at the community center where they go every Wednesday and support the senior citizens' lunch program, cleaned up around campus, visited the post office to mail some postcards, and explored laundry and dishwasher use in the family consumer science room. They also hope to learn some personal finance skills with one of our local banks and work with Officer Scrafford on emergency services and situational awareness. The students have enjoyed planning the topics of discussion to help them learn new life skills.

The class is also participating in a book talk with Ms. Duris on Mondays leveraging the *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* program. Before Term 1 is over, the class will learn how to make a bed at Riverwalk, build a fire with the Lincoln Fire Department, do laundry, and how to stay safe with Officer Scrafford.

Together, the class has found many opportunities to learn a variety of helpful skills!



Wood Working Class: Building Skills from Generous Donations with Mrs. Wilson



The middle school woodshop is buzzing with activity! Students dove into the basics of woodworking by learning how to measure accurately and use hand tools safely. So far they've made boxes, coat hook racks, cutting boards, picture frames, bird houses and even a bat house. Final projects will be pickleball paddles and balance boards thanks to very generous wood donations.

The class has been fortunate to have incredible support from the community. A huge thank you to **Jim Martin** of East Branch Builders for donating lumber, and to furniture maker **Kyle Bennington** for donating furniture grade hardwood, plywood, clamps, a planer, a vise and his time. He visited the class several times and taught students how to make beautiful hardwood cutting boards, complete with wood that he donated to the program. Students were also grateful for **Dave Kraus** who came in several times to help troubleshoot challenges students met on various projects! He was instrumental in helping with the coat hook project and taught them about joining, planing and sanding. A very special thanks goes to **Aubuchon/Ace of Lincoln** for their incredibly generous donation of \$400 in tools—it's been a few years since the woodshop was used, and their gift has given students almost everything a beginner class could want!



Thanks also to **Mark Houde** and **Shawn Woods** for answering questions and offering their troubleshooting expertise, and to **Sayre Cronin**, a Lin-Wood paraprofessional, for being a true ace at problem-solving. As an added note of acknowledgement, **Mark Houde** also supported a student interested in engines. He took the time to set him up with a snowblower and other engines as well as with the tools needed to work on them. This ability to tailor instruction to individual student interests is something that can only happen in a small school with dedicated staff.

Mr. Woods' High School Industrial Arts Class

Mr. Woods' high school class has completed several projects so far. Students have built a ramp for the athletic shed, repaired the walkway stairs, repaired the elementary playground fence, designed and built a carpet roller device for the gymnasium, and worked on numerous small engine repairs on leaf blowers, chainsaws, snowblowers, and riding mowers.

- **Sabourn Electric** donated new equipment to the shop including a new tool box, complete tool set with sockets and wrenches, pry bar set, pliers set, screwdrivers set, and a complete SAE (imperial) and Metric box end wrench set.
- **Andre and Faith Desjardens** donated an air compressor and several items for the students to work on including a snowblower, and a L series riding mower.
- **Russ Clark** donated a large assortment of hand tools including numerous screwdrivers of all sizes, pliers of all types and sizes, and a couple of precision hammers. Russ will also be donating more within the next few weeks.



Pathways & Learning Opportunity Series

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



White
Mountains
Community College

Open House
November 14, 9 AM to 12 PM
11th & 12th Grades

Growing Minds and Greens: Lin-Wood Digs into Hydroponic Gardening!

Elementary students will be getting their hands wet this winter — not dirty — as they explore the exciting world of hydroponic gardening! A hydroponic garden grows plants without soil, using nutrient-rich water instead. Through this hands-on project, students are learning about plant science, sustainability, and healthy food systems while applying math and literacy skills to track growth, measure nutrients, and document their discoveries. It's a fun, fresh way to see learning—and veggies—come to life right in the classroom!



A Breath of Fresh Air

This month our middle school took a wellness walk – it was a huge success! Students and staff had a great time exploring different local gems, with groups enjoying time at Lincoln Woods, the Serendipity Trail, and the Discovery Trail. Everyone loved getting outside and enjoying the beautiful fresh air!



Coming Soon: Winter Athletics!



Birds of a Feather, 4th Grade is Learning Together

Lin-Wood 4th graders are learning about bird beak adaptations. The students explored how different birds use their beaks to eat different food like fish, grubs, and more. They had fun learning about nature by mimicking how birds eat with tools like chopsticks, spoons, and more.

Here is a bit of what was learned:

- **Worm & Mealworm Eaters (blackbirds, mockingbirds):** Worm-eating birds need thin, pointed beaks that can securely grab the worms and beetle larvae called mealworms.
- **Nut Eaters (blue jays, robins, wild turkeys):** Nut-eating birds have strong beaks that can crush shells to get to the nutritious nuts inside.
- **Nectar Eaters (hummingbirds, chickadees, finches):** Nectar-eating birds have long, thin beaks and tongues specially formed to gather the liquid using capillary action.
- **Fish Eaters (pelicans, sea gulls, herons):** Fish-eating birds use their beaks to scoop up fish and then filter out the water before eating their prey.
- **Meat Eaters (eagles, hawks, crows, chickens):** Meat-eating birds have heavy, strong beaks that are able to rip the flesh from their prey.
- **Tree Grub Eaters (woodpeckers, sapsuckers):** Grub eaters have drilling, probing beaks that can reach the insects where they are burrowing.

