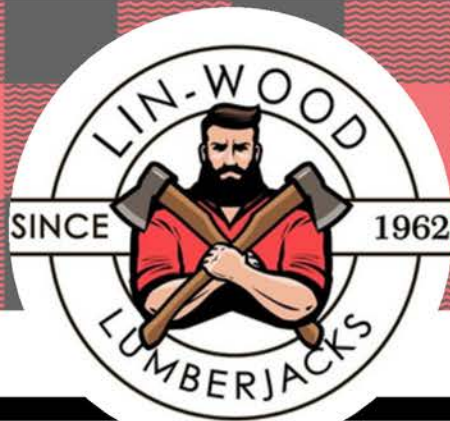




GRATITUDE AND GIVING

As we welcome December and the anticipation of the winter break, it is a perfect time to reflect on a November filled with community spirit, gratitude, and forward-thinking. This past month has been a testament to the character of our district, from honoring our history to planning for our future.

We are incredibly proud to officially share the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District Strategic Plan for 2025-2028. This plan is the result of a profoundly collaborative effort involving students, families, and educators, all working toward a shared vision. It focuses on cultivating the five key competencies of our new "Portrait of a Learner": Responsible Collaborator, Independent Learner, Effective Communicator, Critical Thinker, and Global Citizen. We are excited to embark on this journey to prepare our students for a rapidly changing world.

Our students also demonstrated remarkable empathy and respect this month. On November 7th, our community came together for the annual Veterans Day Assembly, to honor approximately 30 local Veterans. Through special

readings, music from our band and chorus, and guest speaker Joe Evans, our students showed that they understand that the highest appreciation is to live by the words of gratitude we speak.

The spirit of giving continued with our "Socktober" success. I am thrilled to report that our Kindergarten class led the charge in collecting 762 pairs of socks for The Bridge Project. Furthermore, on World Kindness Day, our elementary students added to the "Kindness Quilt," creating patches that represent the intentional acts of goodwill that make our school a more inclusive place.

On behalf of the entire Lin-Wood School District, I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful and joyful holiday season

Together,

Superintendent

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 12/3 - School Board Budget Work Session
- 12/8 - 12/12 - Scholastic Book Fair
- 12/10 - Facilities Committee
- 12/10 - School Board Meeting
- 12/15 - PTA Meeting
- 12/17 - School Board Budget Workshop
- 12/23 - Early Dismissal
- 12/24 - 1/2 - Holiday Break

Announcing the Lin-Wood Strategic Plan

The School Board is happy to share the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District Strategic Plan for 2025-2028. This plan is a shared vision that will guide our district for the next three years, ensuring we prepare our students for a rapidly changing world.

The Strategic Plan was developed to unify our efforts and focus on cultivating five key learner competencies outlined in our new Portrait of a Learner: Responsible Collaborator, Independent Learner, Effective Communicator, Critical Thinker, and Global Citizen. In a world that demands critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and compassionate citizens, we recognized that preparing students is about more than just updating academic goals. This plan is a profoundly collaborative effort, developed by engaging our entire community—students, families, educators, and community members—through empathy interviews, design studios, and surveys.

The plan is structured around four strategic goals organized into three focus areas: **Grow Our Learners (Goal 1)**, **Grow Our Educators (Goal 2)**, and **Grow Our Systems (Goals 3 & 4)**. These goals incorporate clear action steps and success indicators aimed at enhancing student achievement, strengthening instructional quality, and improving systemic support. The plan centers on building student confidence, independence, and readiness for life through rigorous, diverse, and project-based learning experiences. It focuses on deepening teacher capacity to implement innovative instruction and assessment practices. Furthermore, it aims to design the infrastructure, including systems, schedules, and resource allocation, to support innovation, flexibility, and equitable access to learning, and to foster a shared vision for student success grounded in community collaboration.

To view the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan, [click here](#).



Lumberjacks take the Challenge

Lin-Wood was well represented by five dedicated Lumberjacks during the intense 100-question qualifying test for the Granite State Challenge. Their hard work paid off as the team secured a spot in the Wild Card round.

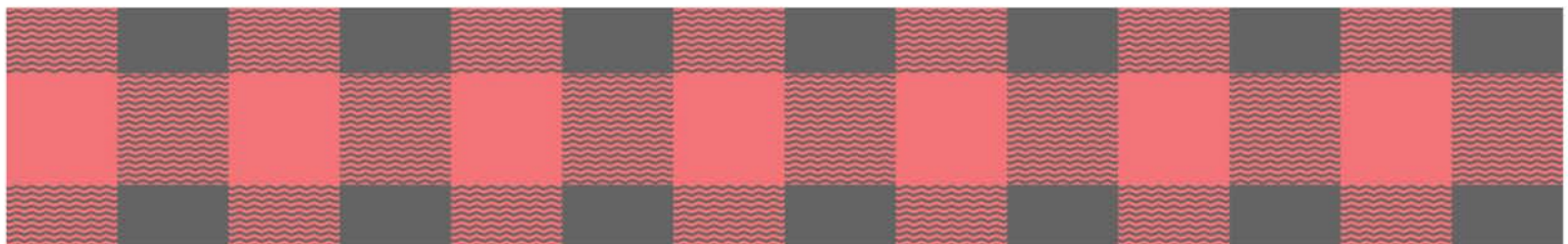
Led by coach Mr. David Webster Jr., the team showcased their knowledge and even got to meet the show's host, Jon Cannon. Great work!



Lin-Wood Honors Veterans

A testament to our community's respect for Veterans, Lin-Wood's annual Veterans Day Assembly occurred on Friday, November 7, 2025. The assembly saw approximately 30 Veterans being honored by our Lumberjack community. Students from grades 5-12 gave special readings; the Middle and High School chorus graced the event with their beautiful voices with a performance of Marches of the Armed Forces; the High School band added to the ceremony with a performance of "A Celebration of Taps", the 5th graders created cards inspired by the main compositional elements of our iconic American Flag and second graders created cards to give the Veterans as they exited the gym. Guest speaker Joe Evans recognized the 250th birthday of the Marine Corps, shared his Army experience, and spoke about the role of women in the military.

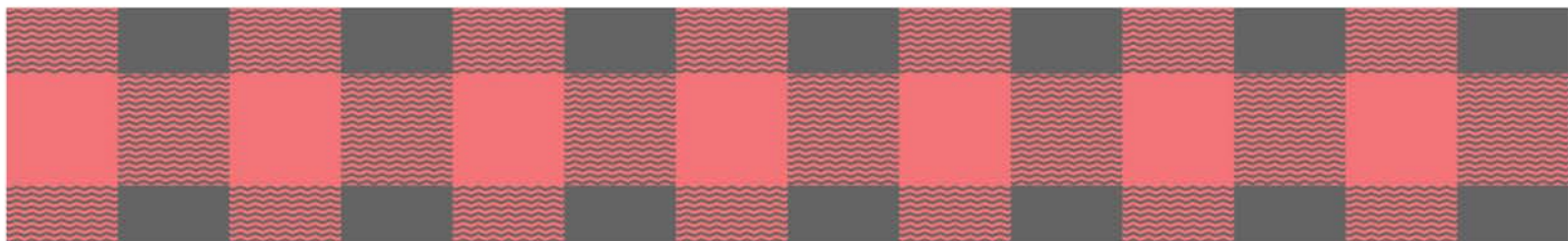
The Lin-Wood family takes Veterans Day very seriously. We believe our Veterans deserve a program of honor, respect, and love. If you are a Veteran or know someone who should be added to our mailing list, don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Houde at phoude@lin-wood.org.





“As we express our
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*- John F. Kennedy in his 1963 Thanksgiving
proclamation, issued before his death.*



Sharing Wisdom: Help Us Build a Family Holiday Self-Care Resource

As the holiday season approaches, this time of year may bring a mix of joy and stress—from managing packed schedules and travel to high expectations and financial pressure. Lin-Wood believes that supporting students means supporting the whole family.

The Wellness Committee is compiling a community-sourced resource of practical, real-world self-care strategies for parents and students to use during the busy holiday season and are looking for the community's help.

They are asking people to share their most effective, non-judgmental ideas for keeping stress low and connection high within your family unit. What is one thing that helps your family recharge and reduce stress over the holidays?

To get the ideas flowing, consider three categories:

1. Setting Boundaries: What is your best tip for saying "no" politely, delegating tasks, or lowering the "perfection" bar for holiday events? (Example: We only attend one holiday party per weekend or we delegate the holiday tasks like gift wrapping.)
2. Prioritizing Rest: How do you guarantee quiet time? (Example: We schedule a full "Pajama Day" into the break or we turn off all devices an hour before bedtime.)
3. Mindful Connection: What small activity helps you stay grounded and grateful? (Example: We write one thing we're thankful for on a note and read them all aloud on New Year's Day.)

To submit your tip, please send it via this form [Holiday Self-Care Tips: Lin-Wood Wellness](#).

The Committee will be Accepting submissions until January 1, 2026.



Halloween Shenanigans at Lin-Wood!





World Kindness Day

World Kindness Day is an annual observance on November 13th dedicated to promoting kindness, goodwill, and empathy worldwide. It encourages individuals and communities to perform intentional acts of kindness to foster compassion and make the world a more positive place.

This year, at Lin-Wood Elementary school, students celebrated by creating a kindness patch for the Kindness Quilt. Each patch represents a random act of kindness or what kindness means to them.

When students learn about kindness they build empathy and self-esteem, improve their mental and physical well-being by reducing stress and increasing happiness, and create a more positive and inclusive learning environment.

Kindergarten Shares the Warmth

October was "Socktober" for elementary students at Lin-Wood! Congratulations to the Kindergarten class who collected the most pairs of socks to be donated to The Bridge Project.

Tracy Shamberger, coordinator of The Bridge Project, stopped by for a visit and students gifted her with the **762 pairs of socks** that were donated by the Elementary School! Tracy also read the class a silly story about socks and a story about kindness. Way to go Kindergarten and special thanks to all our Elementary students and families for their sock donations!

The socks will be available as part of The Bridge Project's Share the Warmth project to provide individuals with warm winter coats and clothing.



THE BRIDGE PROJECT IS COLLECTING NEW AND GENTLY USED COATS AND WINTER GEAR OF ANY SIZE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS. GENTLY WORN ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEAN WITH NO RIPS OR STAINS. EVERYTHING WE COLLECT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED HERE IN OUR LINCOLN-WOODSTOCK COMMUNITY, TO ANY PERSON IN NEED.

COLLECTION BOXES LOCATED AT:

- *WOODSTOCK TOWN OFFICE - 165 LOST RIVER ROAD
- *WHITE MOUNTAIN PICKLEBALL CLUB - US RTE 3 # 559
- *LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 198 MAIN STREET
- *DAYDREAMS HAIR & NAIL STUDIO - 264 MAIN STREET
- *RIVERWALK RESORT - 22 SOUTH 19TH DRIVE
- *UNION BANK - 135 MAIN STREET
- *THE BRIDGE PROJECT - 264 MAIN STREET



DONATE to Bridge Project

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF WINTER COATS NOW UNTIL DECEMBER 15TH, 2025

Anyone looking to receive a winter coat from our Lincoln/Woodstock Community must schedule an appointment by contacting Tracy at Tracy@thebridgeprojectnh.org

Here We Go: Lin-Wood Students Apply

This year, Lin-Wood participated in Apply NH day on October 23rd. This annual event is a college application event that removes application fees for New Hampshire colleges and universities for the day. By day's end, seven seniors submitted 45 college applications! Good luck to those who participated!



 SCHOLASTIC

WE'RE HAVING A
BOOK FAIR!

12/8 - 12/12

LINWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
72 Linwood Dr
Lincoln, NH 03251

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! Find bestselling series and characters that students love from more than 100 publishers. Plus every purchase benefits our school. We hope you can join us for the Best. Week. Ever!



Literature to Life

7th and 8th grade students attended a compelling "Literature to Life" performance of Lois Lowry's acclaimed novel, *The Giver*, on November 18th, at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. Literature to Life offers a unique educational experience, presenting an authentic, text-driven adaptation of a novel through the skillful work of a single performer.

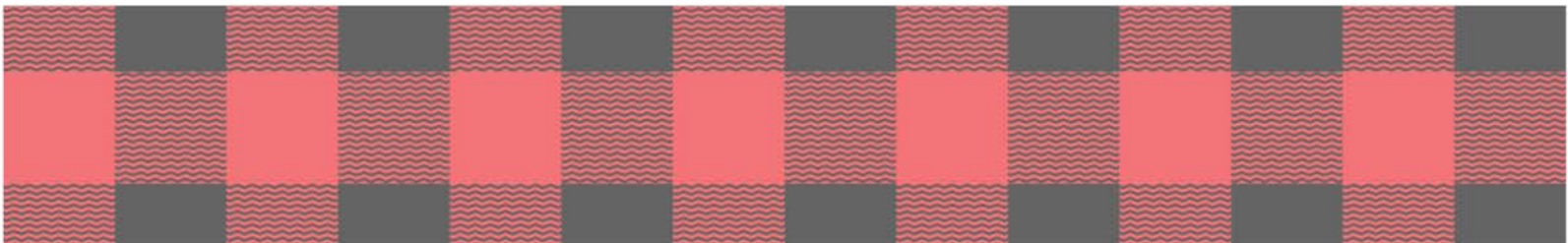
The students would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the Middle School Activities Club for their generous contribution, which fully funded this valuable cultural and educational field trip.

FBLA is Back!

After a brief hiatus, Lin-Wood students again have the opportunity to join Future Business Leaders of America, or FBLA. FBLA is the largest business Career and Technical Student Organization in the world and aims to inspire and prepare students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences.

Although Lin-Wood's chapter is still relatively new, students have already participated in several activities including:

- Attending the FBLA Leadership Conference at UNH in October
- Hosting "Dress Like a CEO/Entrepreneur" day
- Representing FBLA during lunch periods and marketing the club to new recruits
- Participating in the organization of food for local families
- Banking for K-5 every Thursday morning.



High School English Take the Stage

November kicks off Lin-Wood High School's 18th season of collaborating with the local Rotary Club for the Annual Rotary Speech Contest, an opportunity for every high school English student to write, prepare, and deliver an authentic speech to their classmates. Students are able to choose whether or not they would like to enter the actual competition to be held this year on Nov. 20. While public speaking is not always a favorite competency for students to practice, in participating they learn that doing hard things and working through their challenges only makes them stronger students and humans. Despite Lin-Wood's small size, there are typically 10-12 students who wish to take the next step and enter the local competition held this year at the Woodstock Station on Dec. 10 at 7 AM during a Rotary meeting. From there, the winner moves on to compete against students from Plymouth and Bristol, and then northern VT.

Another authentic public speaking tradition (17 years in the making) occurs with Poetry Out Loud. Lin-Wood students first take part in classroom competitions which will take place in December, followed by a school-wide competition held in January. These winners move on to a regional competition, and the State House in Concord in March if they survive subsequent rounds.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Whitcher (jwhitcher@lin-wood.org) or Ms. Krill (hkrill@lin-wood.org) with any questions.



With JOY, PRIDE & BELONGING, we
UNITE FOR GOOD

HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST - CASH PRIZES!

DISTRICT WINNER RECEIVES \$1,750 & RUNNER-UP \$1,500

2025-2026 Speech Contest Topic:

Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo suggested that peace begins by knowing and caring for your neighbor.

How can we be instruments of peace?

Prepare & deliver a five-minute speech, which relates this topic to your life, school, neighbors, and Rotary Values.

High school age students only. Memorization not required. Details at www.Rotary7850.org

Supporting Research that can end MBC



In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and in memory of Claire Bujeaud, the Lin-Wood Class of 2026 took to the streets to support METAvivor.

METAvivor was established in 2009 by a small group of metastatic breast cancer patients who were determined to make a difference. At the time, no organization was dedicated to funding research for the disease, and no patient groups were speaking out about the lack of stage 4 cancer research. Since its founding, METAvivor has become internationally recognized for raising awareness and funds explicitly for MBC research.

Due to the generosity of the Lincoln-Woodstock community, the Class of 2026 will be sending **\$1379.75** to METAvivor!!!



EarlyAct Club puts Service Above Self

The EarlyAct Club has chosen their officers for the 2025-2026 school year. Alex Caulder and Whitney Bell will serve as Co-Presidents, Kay Superchi was selected as our Secretary, and Mary Horton was chosen as the club Treasurer. Officers are voted for by the club members.

EarlyAct is a program sponsored by the Lin-Woodstock Rotary Club and is a fun and meaningful way for students in grade 3-5 to put "Service Above Self" and become "Students of Action" by planning and carrying out service projects for our school and local community.

Pictured: 25/26 Officers, members of the Lin-Wood Rotary, and School Advisors



The Lin-Wood Alumni Spotlight is a monthly feature in which former students share about their life after Lin-Wood: where they are, what they are doing, and where they are headed. If you have questions or know of an alum that would like to be featured, contact Matt Manning at MManning@lin-wood.org.

Lin-Wood Alumni Spotlight

Andrew Wilson

Lin-Wood Class of '22 - Dartmouth College Class of '26

Journey & Accomplishments

I am currently in my senior year at Dartmouth College where I am pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. After graduation this spring, I hope to stay an additional year to earn my Master's degree.

This past summer, I interned at MVP Robotics in Bradford, VT doing mechanical design work and troubleshooting. In my other breaks, I've been working locally for Morris Brothers Landscaping and welding for Ingalls Metal Works.

I still ski and currently serve as a captain on the Dartmouth Club Ski Team.

A recent accomplishment I'm most proud of is designing and fabricating the chassis for the Dartmouth Formula Racing Team race car – from sketching, CAD, cutting, and welding.



Skills Built at Lin-Wood

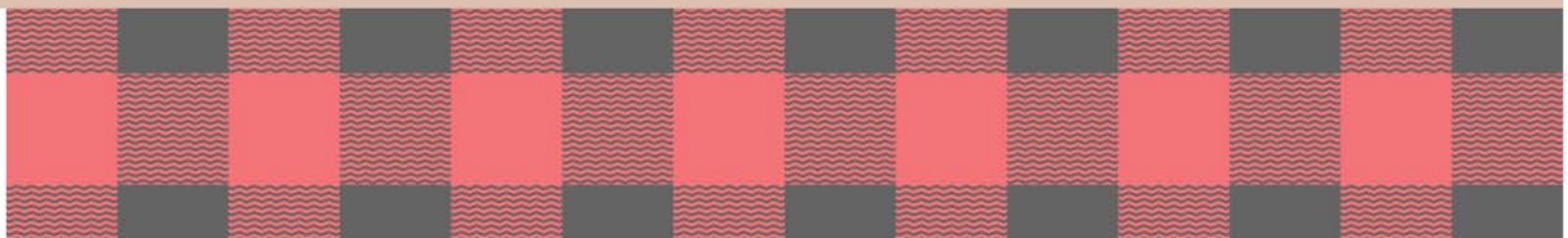
I'm incredibly grateful for Lin-Wood's welding program guided by Mr. Houde, Mr. Goodbout, and my CTE experience with White Mountain Regional. The hands-on skills I developed gave me a competitive advantage in college engineering. I've completed multiple welding projects at Dartmouth and even helped classmates with fabrication and research builds. Only a small school like Lin-Wood can offer both AP academics *and* real trade skill development.

Advice for Current Students

Find something that motivates you and lean into it. Passion may look different for each person – culinary, language, trades, engineering, or physical fitness. Take advantage of opportunities like ELO and ask for support – Lin-Wood is flexible enough to help you shape your path!

Favorite Lin-Wood Memory

Driving Jeff Clermont's 906M loader to school so I could weld and repair a plow attachment – while my mother (Ms. Wilson) watched from recess duty... an iconic mix of pride and 'please don't do that'!



Game Schedule:

- 12/5 - Girls Varsity BBall v Groveton: Home
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- 12/6 - Boys JV BBall v Lisbon: Away
- 12/9 - Girls Varsity BBall v Littleton: Home
Boys Varsity BBall v Littleton: Home
- 12/11 - Boys MS BBall v Bartlett: Away
- 12/12 - Girls Varsity BBall v Pittsfield: Home
Boys Varsity BBall v Pittsfield: Home
- 12/13 - Boys JV BBall v Profile: Home
- 12/18 - Boys MS BBall v Thornton: Away
- 12/19 - Boys MS BBall v Bartlett: Home
Girls Varsity BBall v Colebrook: Away
Boys Varsity BBall v Colebrook: Away
- 12/22 - Boys MS BBall v Profile: Away
Girls Varsity BBall v Profile: Home
Boys Varsity BBall v Profile: Home

Congratulations!



Pickleball for All



The Lin-Wood Pickleball Club has been hitting the court with the help of White Mountain Pickleball Club. Students and staff have been honing their skills, getting exercise, and having fun!

