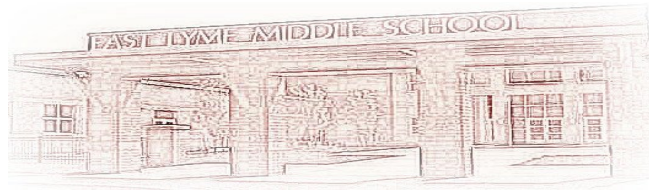


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January 14, 2026

Dear Grade 4 Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to East Lyme Middle School! We are looking forward to meeting you. As your child prepares to enter grade 5, we have planned several opportunities for you and your child to get to know us better. Please take note of the dates below:

- 1. Wednesday, March 4th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the cafeteria is Parent/Guardian Information Night & Tour** (snow date – March 5th). During this night for parents/guardians, we will provide you with an overview of our school. In addition, our Leaders Club members will take you on a tour of East Lyme Middle School and share their experiences at ELMS.
- 2. Wednesday, March 25th 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the middle school gym will be our Music Expo** (snow date – March 26th). The East Lyme Middle School Music Teachers are excited to be holding their Music Expo! Grade 4 students will hear performances from different musical groups, try instruments, and ask questions they have about selecting a music class for middle school.
- 3. Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00 - 7:00 PM in Meeting House Hill** our School Counselors will host a parent/guardian information presentation entitled, **“What to Expect: The Middle School Years.”** This presentation will provide you with information about adolescents’ social, emotional, and physical growth, a typical day at ELMS, how to access information, and the programs that are in place to support every child, such as Restorative Practice and Advisory groups.
- 4. Friday, May 15th is “Move Up Day.”** All grade 4 students will visit East Lyme Middle School with their grade 4 class and teachers. During the visit, students will tour the building with some of our Leaders Club members, meet staff, enjoy lunch, play on our playground, and participate in community building activities.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to East Lyme Middle School. Please make reference to our website that focuses specifically on grade 4 to 5 transition for the 2025-2026 school year:

<https://www.eastlymeschools.org/middle-school/general-info/4th-to-5th-grade-transition>

Sincerely,

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