



TOGETHER, WE THRIVE

Dear Lin-Wood Families and Community,

I hope you all had a restful winter break and a wonderful holiday season. As we step into this New Year, it is the perfect time to reflect on the incredible spirit of "Together" that continues to define our district.

Looking back on December, I am still moved by our community's immense generosity—from the weekend food kits to the Rotary "Adopt a Family" program. That same spirit of excellence carries us into 2026, fueled by the recent achievements of our students in STEM, athletics, and public speaking.

As we return to our classrooms and routines, I look forward to the growth and opportunities the coming months will bring. Let's make this year our best one yet!

Go Lumberjacks!

Together,

Mary Steady
Superintendent



IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1/7 - School Board Budget Workshop
- 1/14 - Policy Committee Meeting
- 1/14 - School Board Meeting
- 1/19 - No School
- 1/28 - Facilities Committee Meeting
- 1/28 - School Board Meeting
- 1/29 - Candidate for School District Office Filing Period

Fresh-Baked Kindness: Local Sourdough Bakery Shares the Love

"A River Runs Through It Sourdough Bakery" donated homemade sourdough loaves to include in the Fresh Weekend Food Kits that are shared within the Lin-Wood community. Eunice's generosity is greatly appreciated!



Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

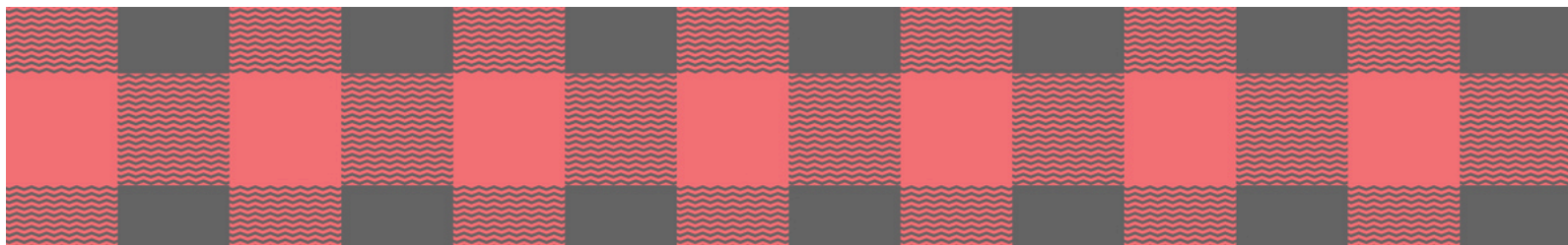
There is nothing better than getting outside in the early days of winter with friends.



Lin-Wood Staff Give Back

The collection for our Rotary Community Chest Adopt a Family is complete. During the collection, 32 different faculty members donated items. Prior to the holiday, the gifts were delivered to families in our community complete with wrapping paper, tape, and food for a holiday meal.

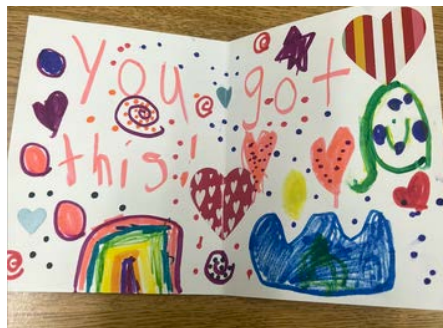
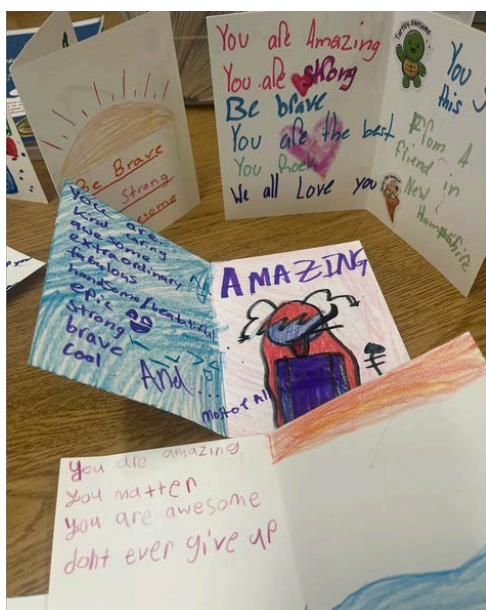
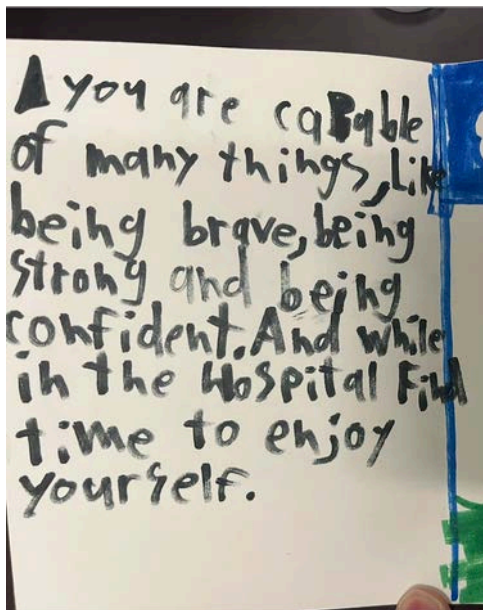
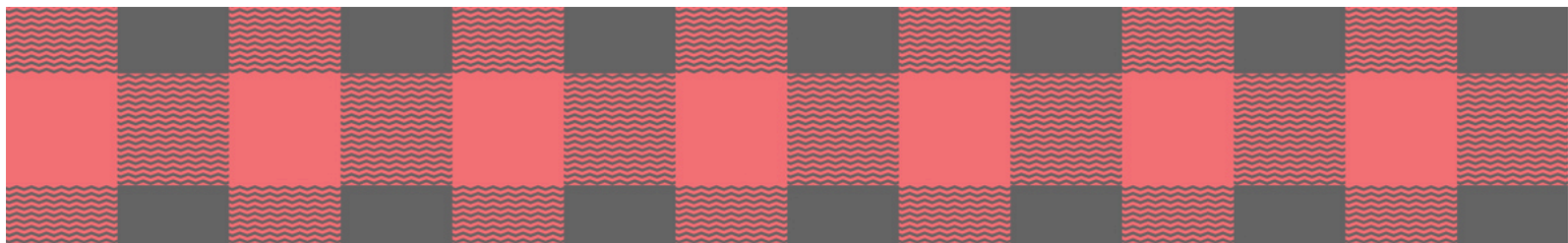
Thank you to those who contributed and thank you to our local Lincoln-Woodstock Rotary Club for supporting and implementing this program each year.





Brave, Courageous, Strong, Amazing, Smart, and Kind

During a recent Lumberjack Family Meeting, students and staff worked to create cards to send to child patients during their hospital stays. Students worked together to brainstorm uplifting messages with the fifth graders providing leadership and helping the younger students. This project brought so much joy to everyone involved! At the end of the meeting, staff reminded everyone that not only are the patients brave, courageous, strong, amazing, smart, and kind, so is every young Lumberjack!



Students Fuse High-Tech Engineering with Traditional Craftsmanship for White Mountain Pickleball Club

In a stellar example of modern project-based learning, students in Mr. Webster's STEM class have successfully designed and fabricated a custom signage project for the White Mountain Pickleball Club. The project served as a comprehensive lesson in modern manufacturing, requiring students to bridge the gap between digital design and physical assembly.

The initiative began with creative concepts and artistic direction provided by Mrs. O'Connor and Mr. Loukes. Students then took these concepts and applied the Standards for Technological and Engineering Literacy (STEL-7), using vector-based software to create precise digital schematics.

Using the classroom's Glowforge laser cutter, students learned to manage complex settings such as focal depth and laser power to bring the design to life. This process reinforced the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS MS-ETS1) regarding engineering design, as students optimized their prototypes to fit material constraints.

"This project wasn't just about making a sign; it was about the workflow," said Mr. Webster. "The students had to act as engineers, taking a client's creative vision and making it structurally possible."

Once the components were laser-cut, the project moved to Mr. Woods' Industrial Arts class. In the wood shop, students applied finishing carpentry techniques to assemble and mount the final piece. The result is a professional-grade sign that stands as a testament to the power of cross-departmental collaboration.



Lumberjacks Speak for Peace and Competition

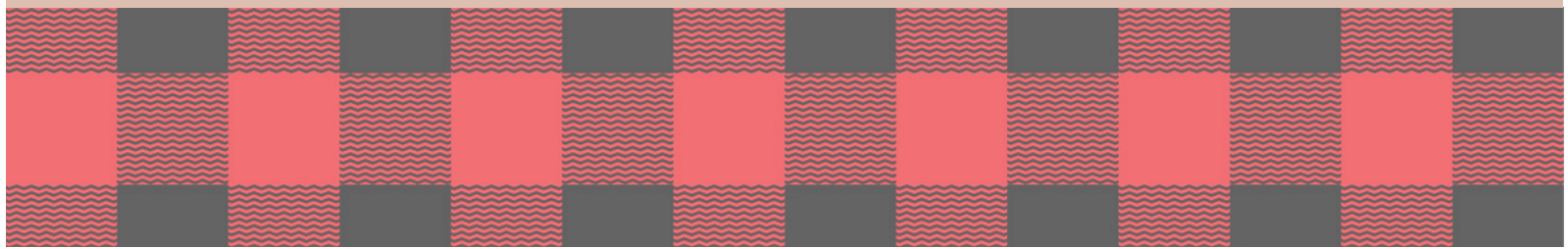


Eight Lumberjacks participated in the Annual School-wide Rotary Speech competition in early December. Kudos to Seamus, Phoenix, Stella, Sawyer, Kai, Maisie, Edna, and Evan for presenting their speeches to the entire student body focused on this year's theme, "How Can We Be Instruments of Peace?"

Congratulations to Maisie Anderson and Kai Mansharamani for being selected to take their speeches to the next level and present to the full Rotary Club.

Serving Up Success: Pickleball Club Smashes Its First Season

The inaugural season of the Lin-Wood Pickleball Club was a smashing success. Over the course of the month, 12 enthusiastic students and 5 staff members dedicated themselves to learning the sport, meeting for two 1.5-hour sessions each week for a total of six days of play. A huge thank you is due to the White Mountain Pickleball Club (WMPC) for generously hosting the Lin-Wood group, providing the perfect venue for this new endeavor. The club's success was greatly bolstered by the expert guidance of Ron West, owner of WMPC, who patiently and skillfully taught the students the fundamentals of the game. Special appreciation also goes to Lin-Wood Teacher Aaron Loukes for working directly with Ron to handle scheduling, transportation and assisting with teaching the club members at WMPC each week, ensuring a smooth and fun experience for all involved.



Game Schedule:

- 1/5 - Girls Varsity BBall v Newfound: Away
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- 1/7 - Girls Varsity BBall v Woodsville: Away
Boys Varsity BBall v Woodsville: Away
- 1/9 - Ski Team Meet at Canon Mountain
Girls Varsity BBall v Pittsburg: Home
Boys Varsity BBall v Pittsburg: Home
- 1/10 - Boys JV BBall v Lisbon: Home
- 1/12 - Boys MS BBall v Profile: Home
Girls Varsity BBall v Profile: Away
Boys Varsity BBall v Profile: Away
- 1/14 - Girls Varsity BBall v Pittsfield: Home
Boys Varsity BBall v Pittsfield: Home
- 1/16 - Girls Varsity BBall v Nute: Away
Boys Varsity BBall v Nute: Away
- 1/21 - Boys JV BBall v Moultonborough: Away
- 1/23 - Boys MS BBall v Thornton: Home
Girls Varsity BBall v Pittsburg: Away
Boys Varsity BBall v Pittsburg: Away
- 1/24 - Boys JV BBall v Gorham: Home
- 1/30 - Girls Varsity BBall v Moultonborough: Away
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Ski Team Meet - Kanc Classic at Kancamagus
Recreation Center
- 1/31 - Boys JV BBall v Profile: Away

Lin-Wood Ski Season is ON!



The Lin-Wood High School Ski Team is officially hitting the slopes, and is ready for a fantastic season! Leading the way this year is our dedicated and experienced lone senior, Wyatt Weeden! Wyatt is a natural leader and his passion for the sport is sure to inspire every skier on the mountain. Join the team as they make some turns, clock some fast times, and have a great year together! Go Lumberjacks!



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