Empowering Students to Achieve Excellence

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Celebrating Growth, Achievement, and Community

Dear Lin-Wood Families and Community Members,

As we welcome the month of April, I am proud to reflect on the many accomplishments and meaningful learning experiences happening across the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District. Our schools continue to be vibrant spaces where students are encouraged to think deeply, create boldly, and grow into thoughtful and capable learners. None of this would be possible without the continued support of our families and community, whose involvement strengthens every aspect of our students' educational journeys.

This month's newsletter highlights the diverse opportunities that bring our mission and vision to life each day. From a joyful, district-wide celebration of literacy during Read Across America Week to a celebration of Music In Our Schools Month to the creativity of our youngest learners, we see students engaging with their learning in dynamic and inspiring ways. Our middle schoolers are applying hands-on skills, while high school students continue to excel through organizations like Future Business Leaders of America and the National Honor Society.

We are also excited to celebrate student achievement and growth across multiple areas, including recognition of our ASP Scholars. Equally important are the opportunities we provide to support students' futures, such as our Pathways & Learning Opportunity Series.

At Lin-Wood, we remain dedicated to providing a safe, supportive, and engaging environment grounded in research-based and relevant practices. We strive to nurture lifelong learners who demonstrate self-direction, collaboration, critical thinking, effective communication, and a strong sense of responsibility to others. Thank you for your continued partnership in helping us achieve this important work. Together, we are building a strong foundation for every student's success.

Go Lumberjacks!

Together,

Mary Steady

Superintendent

A District-Wide Celebration: Read Across America Week!

From March 2–6, the Lin-Wood school community brought the spirit of literacy to life. At the Elementary level, students "traveled" across the country by tracking their reading minutes; for every 10 minutes read, they earned "mile marker" tickets to advance across giant hallway maps. Our fifth graders served as expert navigators, tallying totals as the building transformed into a sea of imagination. Meanwhile, the Middle High School kept the momentum going with rotating DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) sessions, ensuring that every student and staff member—regardless of their schedule—enjoyed 20 minutes of dedicated book time daily.

The mornings were filled with mystery and inspiration across all campuses. Students listened intently to "Mystery Readers" and guest speakers like Ms. Peabody and Mr. Perkins over the intercom, while our younger learners submitted guesses via Google Forms to identify their daily secret storytellers. The competitive spirit stayed high with March Madness Book Brackets and "Book Tastings" in the library, where students sampled different genres before casting their votes to crown a campus champion.

The true highlight of the week was the meaningful connection shared between our schools. Our Book Buddies and "Lumberjack Family" read-alouds paired 6–12 English students with elementary classrooms, proving that the joy of a good story spans all ages. Teachers across all departments led by example, sharing their own personal and professional reading lists to spark dialogue about the books that shape us. Thank you to our ELA teachers, our librarian, and our many volunteers for making this a record-breaking week—and be sure to join us for Literacy Night later in May!

Checkmate

Middle school student Bentley Beaudin designed and 3D printed his own chess pieces using TinkerCad. He then used our glowforge to create his chess board using acrylic and wood and painted it. It came out amazing!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 4/6 through 4/10 - Scholastic Book Fair
- 4/8 - School Board Meeting
- 4/9 - Early Dismissal
- 4/10 - No School
- 4/10 - Middle School Semi-Formal Dance
- 4/15 - SAT Exam Day - Grade 12
- 4/16 - Kids Heart Challenge
- 4/16 - Senior Class Trip Information Night
- 4/18 - Penny Social
- 4/20 - PTA Meeting
- 4/22 - SAT Exam Day - Grade 11
- 4/27 through 5/1 - Spring Break

Kindergarten Imagination Comes to Life

Recently, our STEM students used their 3D printing skills to bring our Kindergarteners ideas to life! Seeing these two groups collaborate was the perfect way to wrap up the week.

Future Business Leaders of America

Four FBLA students attended their first NH FBLA student leadership conference in March. They did well, entering a variety of competitions that included taking tests and presenting in front of professional business leaders to be judged. No one placed this year; however, they gained invaluable experience and understanding of the process.

Big Congratulations to Lin-Wood's ASP Scholars

The Lin-Wood community is thrilled to celebrate Chuck Poitras and Hazel Wilson for their acceptance into the prestigious St. Paul's School Advanced Studies Program (ASP) this summer. This highly selective residency offers a rigorous academic immersion, allowing students to dive deep into complex, graduate-level disciplines. Chuck will be navigating the intricate frameworks of power and policy within the Law & Governance course, while Hazel will explore the critical intersection of science and morality in Biomedical Ethics. Teachers and staff are incredibly proud of their commitment to leadership and high-level discourse, and can't wait to hear about their transformative experiences on the historic Concord campus.

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 April:

YouScience Aptitude Discovery

April 13 & 14, Period 2-RM 31 (9th grade)

Applying to College 101

April 20, 6 pm (11th grade & families)

SAT Exam Day

April 22, 8-11:30 am, RM 31 (Seniors)

Engineering an Escape: STEM Meets Literacy

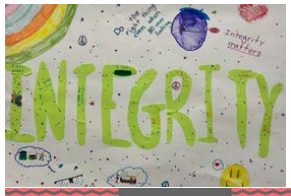
After finishing Lois Lowry's The Giver, our Grade 8 students didn't just discuss the ending—they engineered a way to change it. Taking on the role of Jonas's secret allies, students were tasked with a high-stakes design challenge: How do you transport an infant safely across a frozen, perilous landscape on a single bicycle?

Using their ingenuity and compassion, "allies" built prototypes for a specialized carrier designed to keep Gabriel safe and secure during the flight to Elsewhere. It was a powerful fusion of storytelling and hands-on building as students worked to ensure Jonas and Gabriel reached their destination.

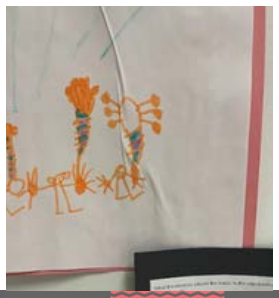
What our student "allies" focused on:

- Beating the Cold: Using clever materials to keep baby Gabriel cozy and warm against the winter elements.
- A Smooth Ride: Creating "suspension" systems to protect him from bumps and falls on the dangerous road.
- Staying Put: Designing strong, reliable ways to keep the carrier locked onto the bike while Jonas pedaled for their lives.

Lin-Wood Students Are Learning to Do the Right Thing



Students in grades K–5 explored the importance of integrity during their latest guidance unit, engaging in thoughtful and creative activities to better understand what it means to do the right thing. Our kindergarteners read What If Everybody Did That? by Ellen Javernick and responded with imaginative drawings and writing, illustrating the chaos that could happen if rules were ignored. In grades 2 and 3, students created "integrity hands," writing personal examples of acting with honesty and responsibility on the palms. Fourth graders took their learning a step further by designing posters to promote integrity throughout the elementary school, encouraging their peers to make positive choices every day.



Celebrating the Power of Music at Lin-Wood

The school community was thrilled to wrap up Music In Our Schools Month® celebrations this March with a spectacular K-12 assembly! The Middle and High School ensembles took center stage in the gym, treated Elementary students to a "front-row" experience, and reminded everyone of the incredible talent at Lin-Wood. From soaring choral harmonies to the precision of our concert bands, the performance was a powerful testament to the cognitive and social growth that a quality music education provides. The community feels immense pride for our student-musicians and the dedicated educators who help them find their voice—thank you to everyone in the community for supporting the arts!

National Honor Society Inducts New Members

On March 25th, the Osceola chapter of the National Honor Society, led by advisory Katie Parent, inducted its newest members. Students are initially recognized by their scholarship, having a 3.5 GPA or higher. In addition to the scholarship pillar, membership into NHS is based on being a student who is outstanding in the pillars of Leadership, Service, and Character. Students complete a candidate form and, through the evaluations submitted by the faculty, acknowledge how they met or exceeded these pillars; only then does the selection process begin. The faculty council utilizes the student information form, the faculty evaluations, and deliberates over each student. This year's faculty council members were Heather Krill, Jen Whitcher, Jess Halm, Courtney Peabody, and Shaun Hagan.

The ceremony celebrated the students who rise to the occasion and consistently elevate the school community. This year's newest members to celebrate are Maisie Anderson, Evan Bujeaud, and Willa Clark. Additionally, Edna Dutilly and Wyatt Weeden have maintained their status from last year's recognition and emceed this event. Courtney Peabody spoke about Maisie Anderson. Heather Krill spoke about Evan Bujeaud, and Jen Whitcher spoke about Willa Clark. It was a lovely gathering to celebrate these students alongside their families. Thanks to the faculty council for their time and to the Family and Consumer Science class for their contributions to the reception. Please congratulate these students on this outstanding accomplishment.

Game Schedule:

4/13 - Boys Varsity Baseball v Gorham: Home
Girls Varsity Softball v Gorham: Home

4/15 - Boys Varsity Baseball v Colebrook: Home
Girls Varsity Softball v Colebrook: Home

4/22 - Boys Varsity Baseball v Mt. Royal: Home
Girls Varsity Softball v Mt. Royal: Home

4/24 - Boys Varsity Baseball v Groveton: Home
Girls Varsity Softball v Groveton: Home

Support Your Lumberjacks!
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The Lincoln Police Benevolent Association and the Lin-wood School District are happy to announce that fundraising is ongoing for a Comfort Dog at the school. SRO Scrafford will be the dog's handler and it will be assigned to the school every day it's open. The LPBA is raising funds for the Dog, so if you see them out and about, have questions or want to donate, head over to their Facebook Page.

Lin-Wood Wins Regionally

Jesse Corey had a massive weekend at the Eastern Finals in Gore, NY. Jesse took 1st Place in both the Slalom and Giant Slaalom, proving hard work really pays off. Congratulations, Jesse!