

The Otter Creek Academy Times

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The Principal's Corner

Fall is here! I sure notice it each morning as it stays darker and darker later and later. Another sign of fall is the distribution of interim progress reports for students, which teachers are completing as you read this and which will be distributed to students to take home next Friday.

Thank you for your support of the two fundraising projects taking place at this time. Funds raised through the Gifts 'N Things and holiday wreath campaigns will be used for field studies, trips to dramatic and musical performances, and other valuable student activities.

Most importantly, please read below some special (and well-deserved) recognition recently received by Mrs. Laura Coro, our amazing teacher of grade 4. We are so proud of her and all her colleagues, who are dedicated and diligent in supporting students and families.

Mrs. Coro Honored as an Outstanding Teacher

Mrs. Laura Coro, grade 4 teacher, was recently honored at a ceremony at The University for Vermont. Outstanding Teacher Recognition Day is an annual event sponsored by the university as a way of honoring teachers who serve students, families, colleagues, and the profession with distinction, as Mrs. Coro has done here at Leicester Central School for the past 40 years. Congratulations, Mrs. Coro, and thank you for all you have done—and continue to do—for our school community. The following remarks about Mrs. Coro were made during the ceremony: *“Laura Coro is an exceptional elementary teacher at Leicester Central*

School. Having taught for four decades, Laura is skilled at building relationships with students and families. In the last couple of years, Laura has embraced Expeditionary Learning and has been a leader in her school in implementing E.L. Her leadership and mentoring have helped to transform Leicester Central School, and demonstrate her love for lifelong learning and her eagerness to learn new ways and try new things. Laura understands the need to differentiate instruction for all learners and applies approaches that work best with individual learning needs. Laura is the consummate professional teacher.”

Interim Reports to be Sent Home Next Friday

Please watch for your children in Kindergarten through grade 6 to bring home their interim progress reports next Friday, as we approach the halfway mark through the first of three marking periods. First trimester report cards will be distributed at student conferences in November, as will information about students' S.B.A.C. (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) scores from tests many of them took last spring. If your child does not bring home an interim progress report about how they're doing in a number of academic areas, please contact the school, and we will furnish you with another copy.

Fundraisers Support Student Activities at Each Campus

Students at L.C.S. and S.C.S. are participating in two fundraisers to support student activities such as field studies, musical and dramatic performances, and other projects and events throughout the school year. One fundraiser is through Gifts 'N Things and involves selling wrapping paper, food items, and other gifts, and the other fund drive features holiday wreaths. Please note the dates below for the deadlines for these fundraisers. Your support of these projects is greatly appreciated.

Please note there will be no school on Friday, October 19th.

Parent/Community Groups Come Together

The new Otter Creek Academy P.T.O. will strive to unite behind the common purpose of supporting all three of our schools while helping them maintain their own identities, annual events, and things that make them special. **The next meeting of the Otter Creek Academy P.T.O. will take place on Thursday, October 11th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. The group will be planning the “Trunk or Treat” event to take place on October 31st. Please join us!**

Integrated Field Review Visits to RNEU Schools

On Thursday, October 11th, Integrated Field Review (I.F.R.) teams will visit all schools within the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union. This group of teachers and administrators from other parts of the state and representatives of the Agency of Education will tour each building and talk with students, teachers, and administrators. They would also like to meet with parents and guardians, as well. After their visit, they will come up with commendations and recommendations for each school, based on a review of the data they collect. We are eager for the feedback of such a representative group, especially as our three schools grow and evolve. If you would like to be a member of the parent/guardian team with whom I.F.R. representatives meet, please contact Mr. Fleury at tfleury@rnesu.org.

O.C.A. Calendar:

Wednesday, October 10 th :	Student Banking at L.C.S. and S.C.S.
Wednesday, October 10 th :	Hawk Hill Fieldtrip for Grades 3-4
Thursday, October 11 th :	STARBASE Fieldtrip for Grades 5-6 Students
Thursday, October 11 th :	Winslow Farm Fieldtrip for Grades 1-2
Thursday, October 11 th :	Integrated Field Review Visits to Schools
Thursday, October 11 th :	O.C.A. /P.T.O. Meeting (5:30-6:30 p.m.) at L.C.S.
Friday, October 12 th :	Interim Progress Reports Sent Home
Tuesday, October 16 th :	"Alice in Wonderland" Castleton Performance for Grades K,1, and 2
Thursday, October 18 th :	STARBASE Fieldtrip for Grades 5-6 Students
Friday, October 19 th :	No School
Wednesday, October 24 th :	Gifts 'N Things Orders Due Back
Thursday, October 25 th :	STARBASE Fieldtrip for Grades 5-6 Students
Tuesday, October 30 th :	"Nocturnes and Nightmares" Castleton Performance for Grades 3 and 4
Wednesday, October 31 st :	"Trunk or Treat" Event. (L.C.S. Parking Lot)
Thursday, November 1 st :	STARBASE Fieldtrip for Grades 5-6 Students
Thursday, November 1 st :	Celebration of Learning Event at L.C.S.
Friday, November 2 nd :	Wreath Orders Due Back
Thursday, November 8 th :	STARBASE Fieldtrip for Grades 5-6 Students
Friday, November 9 th :	First Trimester Ends
Monday, November 12 th :	Inservice Sessions for Teachers -- No School
Tuesday, November 13 th :	"As You Like It" Castleton Performance for Grades 4-6
Tuesday, November 13 th :	Student Conferences at L.C.S. and S.C.S. (3:00-7:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, November 14 th :	Student Conferences at S.C.S. (3:00-6:00 p.m.)
Friday, November 16 th :	Gifts 'N Things Orders Arrive
Monday, November 19 th :	Student Conferences at L.C.S. (3:00-7:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, November 21 st – Friday, November 23 rd :	Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, November 26 th :	Wreaths Arrive
Friday, December 21 st – Tuesday, January 1 st :	Holiday Recess
Monday, January 21 st :	Martin Luther King Day -- No School
Friday, January 25 th :	Interim Progress Reports Sent Home
Monday, February 18 th – Friday, February 22 nd :	Winter Recess
Friday, March 1 st :	Second Trimester Ends
Wednesday, March 6 th :	Student Conferences at L.C.S. (3:00-7:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, March 12 th :	Student Conferences at L.C.S. (3:00-7:00 p.m.)
Friday, March 15 th :	Inservice Session for Teachers -- No School
Monday, April 15 – Friday, April 19 th :	Spring Recess
Monday, May 27 th :	Memorial Day -- No School
Tuesday, June 18 th :	Last Scheduled Student Day of the 2018-19 School Year