

# The Trailblazer Tribune

## News and Announcements about Leicester Central School

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### The Co-Principals' Corner

Greetings!

It was great seeing many families from Leicester, Whiting, and Sudbury at last evening's Open House! We are looking forward to all the great educational opportunities that will take place here next year as we become a school of Kindergarteners through grade 4 learners. On Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., students currently enrolled in grades 4, 5, and 6 will have the opportunity to visit Sudbury Country School for an afternoon of music, games, and refreshments and meet the students with whom they will be attending grades 5 and 6 at S.C.S. or O.V.U.M.S. as seventh-graders. Bus transportation to S.C.S. will be provided for those who choose to attend, but parents/guardians will be responsible for picking up their children there at 5:00 p.m. Of course, parents/guardians will be invited to tour the building and speak with staff members when they arrive to pick up their children. Permission slips to attend this event will be sent home soon.

In the meantime, we wish our grade 6 students and chaperones well on their trip to Boston next Thursday and Friday. Among other activities, they will tour the Museum of Science there.

Sincerest congratulations to Ms. Christine Noonan, our teacher of pre-K/K, who will receive her Master's Degree from Champlain College this weekend. She completed studies in the field of Early Childhood Education with a focus on Educational Administration.

We were delighted that each of our classes had the opportunity to participate in "Green-Up Day" last week, cleaning up our school grounds and surrounding areas. A number of projects will take place this summer to spruce up in and around our school building, including our outdoor classroom area.

We were pleased to host Mr. Rod Driscoll, co-principal, for this week's Community Circle. Mr. Driscoll played some beautiful guitar and dulcimer music for us and promised to return for an encore performance again soon. Another upcoming presenter at our school will be Mr. Geoffrey Lawrence, principal of O.V.U.M.S., to speak with Student Council members and others about the middle school experience.

Students in grades 3-6 are taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (S.B.A.C.) tests in English/Language Arts and Math. The tests measure students' academic progress in these key areas and

help us determine the best instruction with which to provide our students. We will share with parents/guardians the test results for their children and also communicate to our school community the results as a whole, which we also use for planning and evaluating curriculum and instruction.

### **P.T.O. Update**

The P.T.O. is a good forum in which to ask questions and voice concerns. Your input is valued and appreciated as we work together to educate the children of Leicester. Many thanks to the P.T.O. for hosting two recent Open Houses for our school community.

### **Help Wanted**

If you have a truck and are able to help haul away brush and other compostable yard debris, please contact the school at 247-8825. On Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, students from O.V.U.M.S. will—as part of their community service projects—be clearing out the woods behind the school and creating a pathway there.

### **Summer Recreation Program**

A sure sign of summer is the planning of the summer recreation program here at L.C.S. It will take place from Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> (excluding July 4<sup>th</sup>) and be under the direction of Ms. Nancy McGill and Mrs. Eleanor “Ellie” Holsman. The program times are as follows:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays: 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Thursdays: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (all-day fieldtrips)  
Fridays: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### **Thank You Notes**

. . . to Ms. Chrystal Phillips for organizing the craft show as a fundraiser for the grade 6 class trip,  
. . . to Ms. Annina Seiler and Ms. Sarah Lundquist of the Addison County Solid Waste District for their presentation to our school about composting and recycling, and  
. . . to grades 3-4 students for reading the news over the intercom for morning announcements.

### **School Calendar**

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>: Flynn Theater Trip. (Grades Pre-K/2)  
Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>: Grade 6 Class Trip to Boston  
Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>-Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>: L.C.S. Garage Sale (Details next week.)  
Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day Holiday  
Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (9:00 a.m.): Memorial Day School Assembly  
Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> (3:00-5:00 p.m.): Grades 4.5.6 Mixer/Open House at Sudbury Country School

Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> (6:30-8:30 p.m.): Middle School Transition Night

Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>: Wellness Trip to Bowl-A-Rama

Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> (6:00 p.m.): Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony

Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>: Tentative Last School Day for the 2017-18 Academic Year (Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.)

Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Summer Recreation Program (except July 4<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>: First Day of School for the 2018-19 Academic Year (Kindergarten dismissal at 11:45 a.m. for the first week.)