

RSU 34 SCHOOL BOARD REPORT LEONARD MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2011

Kayaking Sponsored by Butler Foundation

Earlier in October the Butler Foundation of New York offered a chance for our eighth graders to get into some kayaks. We took the LYNX team to Mud pond where the students and staff received formal training and a chance to spend the day on the water. Kayak instruction was provided by the Maine Outdoor Education Center out of Millinocket, Maine. The whole experience was paid for by the Butler Foundation. Special thanks to Scott Phillips as he was the person who found out about the philanthropy the Butler foundation provides for schools to get their kids enjoying the outdoors. Scott is a parent of a sixth grader and works as a Old Town Canoe sales rep. We heard of this pretty late in the season and, as such, we just couldn't get the RIVER OTTER team involved. We had planned to get this team out in canoes, but the officials at MOEP made the call to cancel due to firearms season on deer. They felt it could be a safety issue to have students in the out of doors during this time.



Dillon Morrill says it all!!

It is the hope of Scott and all of us here at Leonard Middle school that the Butler Foundation continues to look at developing an Outdoor Recreation program here in the Old Town area. This is exactly what they did in Millinocket and now we may have a chance to see this happen in this area. The Butler foundation has supported the building of two such outdoor centers in upstate New York. In the meantime there has been at least some sort of commitment to provide services for our area through the Maine

Outdoor Education Program out of Millinocket. The most exciting piece to this opportunity is how the Lynx team has incorporated the experience into their curriculum on such short notice. As part of the Language Arts class students students have been exploring the topic of "Who Are We?". This experience took the class on a different slant in terms of finding out "who we are" in challenging situations and how we respond to experiences outside the four walls of the classroom.

PARENT FORUM

THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, LMS AND PEAKS IS SPONSORING A



PARENT FORUM. THE PURPOSE OF THE FORUM IS TO GET PARENTS MORE INVOLVED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS OF THE SCHOOL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE EVENT AND HOPE TO HAVE A GOOD TURNOUT OR THE DISCUSSION.

Congratulations to Kathy Johnson. She recently was hired at LMS as an ed tech. She has been our long term sub in the office for the guidance secretary.

Deb Ziobron, health teacher and Adam Fournier, P.E. teacher recently attended the state conference for Health and PE.

LMS PICTURE



THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL.. ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE IN PICTURE EXCEPT FOR MRS. CYR AND MR. KEANE WHO WERE TAKING THE PICTURE.

LMS AT MAMLE

Each year several Teachers from LMS attend the Maine Association of Middle Level Education annual conference held at Sugarloaf. Once in a while we have a teacher present one of the sessions. This year we had five teachers present. Even more special was that one of our teachers presented with 5 of her students. Mrs Priest presented the service learning project that she did with her general music kids. These students showed 150 middle level teachers their project as they ate their lunch. Congratulations also to Tracey O'Connell, Liz Mares, Gert Nesin, Jody Layman and Misty Burgess for their efforts at presenting at the conference. Needless to say Leonard Middle School took center stage as a premier middle school in the state.

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at this time

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