



March 21, 2025

Dear Parents and Friends,

We hope that you all had a great week. We would like to share the following information with all of you:

March 25, 2025 - Early Release Day

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 will be an early release day for LCS. Students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm. This day is a staff in-service day.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all of our families for joining us for our parent/teacher conferences. It was great to see all of our families at the school meeting with their child's teachers.

Scholastic Book Fair

We had another fantastic book fair this spring. Thank you to Ms. Ley for coordinating this event for our students and families.

Budget Update

Please know that Board Chairman Ian Rogers, Superintendent Sally Keating and Business Manager Jonathan Paradis have presented the 2025-2026 Board of Education Budget to the Town's Board of Finance at an 8.77% increase. Most of this increase is due to special education costs, health insurance, contractual requirements and school tuitions. These are non-negotiable items. The primary goal of this budget is to maintain staffing. Thus far, there have been very minimal reductions of hours of a few staff members. Next Wednesday evening, March 26, 2025, there is a Town Board of Finance Meeting at 7:00p.m. at the Lisbon Town Hall. At this meeting, there will be an update of the status of the Board of Education Budget. This is a public meeting.

Grade 8 Graduation

Grade 8 Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the LCS Gymnasium.

Spring Sports

Starting Monday, March 24, softball and baseball practices will begin after school until 5:00 PM. Softball will be coached by Stephanie Croughwell and Jen Nowakowski. Baseball will be coached by Adam Dyer and Michael LaChance. Players should bring a baseball/softball glove and appropriate footwear, preferably cleats. Additional gear such as bats and helmets is also welcome. Track and Field will also begin on Monday under the coaching of Marty Mlyniec, Rachel Ibbison, Bill Beckwith, and Jill McAvoy. Practices will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00 to 5:15 pm. Students in grades 6-8 can still sign up for track. For more details, please click here to learn more about track and field practice.

SBAC testing

The SBAC testing window at LCS begins the week of April 7. NGSS testing for grades 5 and 8 will take place the week of April 21 and April 28 respectively. Teachers in grades 3 through 8 will inform their parents when the ELA portion and Math portion will be given in their classrooms. Students are asked to bring in their headphones or earbuds on testing days. Please [click on this link](#) for Parent Resources for CT Summative Assessments.

Brunch with the Bunny

Please join the LCS PTO for “Brunch with the Bunny” on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the LCS Cafeteria. Please [click on this link](#) for more information.

Appropriate Footwear

As stated in the student handbook, appropriate footwear must be worn at all times during the school day. Acceptable options include shoes, sandals, flats, boots, flip-flops, and sneakers. Sneakers are required for participation in gym class. Additionally, to ensure student safety during recess, students must wear sneakers if they wish to participate in activities such as soccer, basketball, tag, or any other game that involves running, as these activities carry a higher risk of injury.

Outside Beverages

The LCS Wellness Committee has updated its guidelines on outside beverages being brought into school by students (e.g., Dunkin’ Donuts, Starbucks, McDonald’s, or any caffeine or high-sugar drink). These beverages are not permitted to be consumed in the school by students. Water is the only beverage allowed in classrooms throughout the school day. We kindly ask that parents refrain from sending students to school with these beverages. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

LCS Job Opportunities

We are currently seeking one (1) long-term substitute (Gr. 3), two (2) long-term substitutes (Gr. 6), and substitute teachers to join our team. Please [click on this link](#) to view the employment application or feel free to share it with prospective candidates.

Ethel L. Ducharme Scholarship

We are accepting applications for the Ethel L. Ducharme Scholarship. This scholarship is for students who graduated from the eighth grade at Lisbon Central School and will pursue undergraduate or graduate studies toward a career in medicine, including but not limited to physician, nurse, therapist, or medical researcher. For more information, [please click on this link](#). The application deadline for this scholarship is April 23, 2025.

2024-2025 Yearbooks

Please [click on this link \(updated\)](#) to order this year’s yearbook. We have less than 30 copies available for purchase. Purchase may be completed online or by sending in a check or money order (no cash) made payable to the LCS Student Activity for \$25.00. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gracia at jgracia@lisbonschool.org.

Community Partners

Please [click on this link](#) for information from Slater Library about a couple of upcoming events. Please [click on this link](#) for upcoming events offered by the Griswold Recreation Department. Please [click on this link](#) for information about the 2025 Spring Break Soccer Camp at Connecticut College.

From the Nurse's office

Please [click on this link](#) for an update from Mrs. Svab about the administration of medications at the school. Please [click on this link](#) to read the latest Public Health Happenings Newsletter from UNCAS Health District featuring information on the flu and National Nutrition Month.

Healthy Hint of the Week

Create routines and habits. Daily habits and routines help us stay motivated and get our daily goals done.

That is all we have for this week’s Dear Parents and Friends. Have a great weekend!

Christopher & Sal