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March 28, 2025

Dear Parents and Friends,

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

**Grade 8 Graduation**

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

**Budget Meeting - March 31, 2025**

The public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 budgets will take place on Monday, March 31, at 7:00 PM in the LCS cafeteria. The Board of Education's budget reflects an 8.77% increase over the current year, driven primarily by non-negotiable expenses, including special education costs, health insurance, contractual obligations, and school tuition. The public is welcome to attend.

**Planning and Zoning Survey**

Have your voice heard for the Town of Lisbon's future! The Community Survey for the Plan of Conservation and Development is available to take online until April 4, 2025. If you prefer to fill out a paper copy of the survey, please visit the Town Hall, 1 Newent Road or the Active Aging Center, 11 Newent Road, during regular business hours. The paper surveys may be completed and returned to either location by April 4th. [Click on this link](#) for the QR code to take the Survey online! For project information and updates, visit the [POCD Website](#). To reach out with questions about the 2026-2036 Plan of Conservation and Development and/or the Survey, please use the [Contact](#) form on the Town website.

**Pre-K Screenings**

2025-2026 Pre-Kindergarten Registration Child Find Developmental Screenings will be taking place on [Thursday, May 1, 2025](#), for children who turn 3 on or before August 31, 2025. Screenings are by appointment only. Please [click on this link](#) for more information.

**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 have their Chromebooks fully charged and to bring headphones or earbuds on testing days. Please [click on this link](#) for Parent Resources for CT Summative Assessments.

**OLSAT Assessments, Grades 3, 5, 7**

We are mailing home results of the OLSAT (Otis Lennon Ability Test) that is given to students in grades 3, 5 and 7 each year. We utilize these results to help identify students who may be eligible for gifted and talented identification. We routinely look at students' scores against a rubric to identify students who may be gifted, talented or both. Parents are notified if their child is eligible. Families of students who took the OLSAT should receive their results in the mail next week.

### **Brunch with the Bunny**

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

### **2024-2025 Yearbooks**

Please [click on this link \(updated\)](#) to order this year’s yearbook. Yearbooks are going fast!. 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](mailto:jgracia@lisbonschool.org).

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **From the Nurse's office**

Please [click on this link](#) for some Spring Health Tips from the Nurse’s office. Please [click on this link](#) to read the latest Public Health Happenings Newsletter from UNCAS Health District featuring information on checking your vaccination status

### **Healthy Hint of the Week**

Put aside some time to get outdoors to experience the fresh air, sun, and trees.

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

Christopher & Sal