

LOUDONVILLE NEWS

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December 2011						
				1 Gr. 6 Alt. Math Experience, 9-1 Homework Club Giraffes, 3:30-4:05	2 Spirit Day Wear your Loudonville Red! Gr. 1 Trip to Flat Stanley	3
4	5	6 Elementary Report Cards go home Homework Club	7 K-6 Parent Conference Day (no pm kdg) AM dismissal, 10:45 Gr. 1-6 dismissal, 12:00 Winter Concert, 7:00	8 Homework Club	9 PTA Holiday Staff Breakfast	10
11	12 Gr. 1 Craft and Bake Sale (lunchtimes)	13 K-6 Parent Conference Day (no pm kdg) AM dismissal, 10:45 am Gr. 1-6 dismissal, 12:00 pm	14 Gr. 1 Craft and Bake Sale (lunchtimes) Building Council, 3:30 pm Gr. 2 Parent Physical Ed Night, 7-8 pm	15 K-6 Parent Conference Day (no pm kdg) AM dismissal, 10:45 am Gr. 1-6 dismissal, 12:00 pm	16	17
18	19 Bd of Ed. meeting at SJHS, 7:30 pm	20 K-6 Parent Conference <i>Snow Date</i> Homework Club	21 Hanukkah Begins	22 Hanukkah Homework Club	23 Hanukkah Holiday Family Breakfast, 8:15 am	24 Hanukkah Christmas Eve
25 Hanukkah Christmas Day	26 Hanukkah Kwanzaa (all employee holiday)	27 Hanukkah Kwanzaa	28 Hanukkah Kwanzaa	29 Kwanzaa	30 Kwanzaa	31 Kwanzaa
<i>School Vacation</i>						

From the Principal – Ms. Kerry Flynn

As we celebrate the final month of 2011, we find many wonderful things to report and information to share. First, I want to thank everyone who helped to support the Equinox Fruit Cup collection and the Operation North Colonie Cares collection for our soldiers. As always, I enjoy working with the PTA as we work with common goals and a shared mission in supporting students' academic and social growth. The G.I.R.A.F.F.E.S. Club continues to organize activities designed to promote a positive school climate through their positive leadership. We are fortunate to have the creativity and enthusiasm of Miss Wing and Mrs. Fitzgerald guiding this group of students. Special giving projects are underway in a number of classrooms, including the annual First Grade Craft Fair and Bake Sale (December 12 and 14) to raise funds for hurricane victims and the New or Gently Used Book Collection for a deserving school coordinated by our third grade teachers, Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Yerdon.

This is also a season of cold and unpredictable weather! Please remember to send your children to school dressed for outdoor recess and please label all clothing and anything else your child brings to school. Please also remember that in the case of an early school dismissal (15 minutes or more before regular dismissal time) the After-School Program will not operate. Students who normally attend the program are sent home on their regular bus. Please update your emergency contact information if any contact numbers change, so we can effectively activate the automated messaging system in the case of an early dismissal.

Also, congratulations to our 6TH grade "players" and director, Mrs. Kimbler, for outstanding performances of *The Jungle Book*. Your many talents entertained all of us!

This year the Science Fair will take place in March. The Science Fair is a great opportunity for students to explore a personal interest or curiosity independently and in depth. Information will be forthcoming after the winter break.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AT SHAKER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



The December Board of Education meeting takes place on Monday, December 19 at Shaker Junior High School at 7:30 p.m. Board members will be available to meet informally with the public in the assembly room from 7:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Walk A Mile In Their Shoes – Thank You from Lynn Minderman, Qholaqhoe Mountain Connections, Inc.

Students, Faculty, Staff, Parents, Community of Loudonville Elementary School - - -

Your program, "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes" was extremely successful and will help improve the lives of the 113 orphans in Likoting Village, Lesotho. The donated shoes will allow many of these children to go to school, as they cannot attend if they are barefoot. The generous money donated will allow us to purchase a pair of goats, a pair of sheep, and two calves so they will have a sustainable source of food. I will return in March with pictures and notes from the children. They will be thrilled, absolutely thrilled!

REMINDER

Parents are asked to notify the school each day their child is absent. Voice mail is available 24 hours a day. We are happy to provide work for absent students who feel well enough to complete it. Please make your requests for work in the morning when you call your child in sick.

Please let us know if your child will be late. We are required to make phone calls if students are not present when attendance is taken.

New York State Education Department regulations require that we record absences, tardiness, and early dismissals more carefully than ever before. Please be sure to include the reason for your child's absence, tardiness, or early dismissal on their attendance note.

ART NEWS

The following students will have their artwork on display at North Colonie Central Office on Fiddlers Lane for the month of December: Ava Zandri, Ajalay Christopher, Davin Testo, Lily Luper, Charlie Favreau, Anna Hazleton, Amy Job, Grace Gilday and Alexia DiNuzzo.

LOST AND FOUND

Please come take us home, we are lost. We are your coats, hats, sweaters, pants and shoes. All items left over the Holiday break will NOT be here upon return in January. We would like to thank Mrs. Macutek and her Boy Scouts for volunteering to take on this community project to donate these items to homeless people or a shelter. Please check in the Health Office before you leave for the Holidays and take any items home that belong to you. Thank you again, Mrs. Macutek. ~Mrs. Dopp



The 11th Annual First Grade Craft and Bake Sale will be held during all lunch periods on Monday, December 12th and

Wednesday, December 14th. The price range of the food, craft, and other items is from 50 cents to 5 dollars (this amount is a suggested donation.) This year all proceeds will stay local and will benefit our friends and neighbors who were affected by Hurricane Irene.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER

Inclement weather is the expected norm during the winter season, and the schools will remain open under all but very severe storm conditions. When a decision to close school, or delay the opening of classes is made, that information will be on the district web site, www.northcolonie.org. Announcements will also be made on the local radio and T.V. stations between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. Information can also be found on: www.timesunion.com or www.wnyt.com

If a delay is announced, please continue to listen to radio stations to find out how long the delay will be and whether schools will be open or closed for the day. If severe weather conditions or another type of emergency force early dismissal of classes, students will be dismissed in the following sequence, at 30-minute intervals:

1. Shaker High and Junior High
2. Early Elementary Schools (Blue Creek, Boght Hills & Southgate)
3. Late Elementary Schools (Forts Ferry, Latham Ridge, Loudonville)

Due to North Colonie School District's automated emergency phone system, the PTA emergency phone chain has been discontinued. The Loudonville PTA will no longer be making calls if school is unexpectedly releasing early. Instead, the school district's automated emergency phone system will leave a message. Please be sure your phone numbers are current with us.

School News Notifier is a great way to stay updated as well. Sign up at www.northcolonie.org

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Planned absences from school for travel or vacation are strongly discouraged. Please refer to page 20 of the Student/Parent handbook for details regarding such absences.

Mark Your Calendar and Save your Old Equipment

There will be an **Electronics Recycling Event Fundraiser** for the entire **North Colonie School District** on **Saturday March 31st** from 10am to 3pm. This event is being held by our Special Ed PTA. **Please save your old obsolete electronics** and bring them to the Shaker High School parking lot on the above date. We will be accepting old tv's, monitors, printers, cell phones, fax machines, stereo equipment, video equipment, etc. (Please no batteries, glass, dehumidifiers or air conditioning units) More information to come in future newsletters. Note: there will be no December meeting for our PTA. See our website for our meeting schedule:

www.northcolonie.org/septa/septahome.htm

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Rebecca O'Keefe and Brenda Garretson for their help with **Picture Retake Day**. Thanks ladies! Your help was much appreciated.

HOLIDAY VACATION

December 26 - January 2. The school building is closed during this week. See you on January 3, 2012.



TURKEY SHOOT 2011 -

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the annual Turkey Shoot! More than 50 families participated and many won pies, turkeys and certificates! \$1,121 was raised to support the physical education department at Loudonville School. Congratulations to the following students:

Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade
1st Place						
Logan Royce	Jack Hoblock	Colin Brant	Joey Mirabile	Justine Hulbert	Cameron Decker	Josie Hulbert
Sarah Conroy	Jack Gialanella					
Joey Shanahan	Annika Robin					
	Christian Jarocki					
2nd Place						
Annabel Kelsey	Lauren Zhu	Will Guthrie	Matt Calicchia	Michael Kelsey	Rachel Gee	Ryan Parks
Geena Fratangelo	Brandon Morrell	Sam Bevevino		Patrick Walters	Tessa Inglee	Kelly Fitzpatrick
	Julianna Mirabile	Sean Gilday				
	Emily DeVoe					
	Brianna Hardwick					
3rd Place						
Colin DeVoe	Giancarlo Conti	Ryan Murphy	Robert Fratangelo	Lauren Massry	Mia Graziano	Jack Masson
Deen Magdon-Ismail	Ammar Singaporewala	Emily Bette	Kate Fitzgibbons		Lily Abbruzzese	Jaelin Robin
Claire Romania		Gabe Powers	Laura Romania		Demani Johnson	Ryan Eagan
Carleigh Ahl		A'Dante Bianchino	Vivian Tidd		Olivia Burns	Bridget Larkin
			Abby Vara			Spencer Cox

**Coming February 7th 2012 for our Whole School District
A Free Presentation for all Parents and Teachers At our Shaker High School at 7 PM
(the room will be posted on the main entrance)**

**The Roadmap From Learning Disabilities to Success
- Presented by: Kathy Johnson, MS Ed -**

During this hour and a half presentation, Kathy Johnson, author of **The Roadmap From Learning Disabilities to Success**, will present the Pyramid of Potential – a model for brain development to overcome the symptoms related to ADD/ADHD, autism, dyslexia, and other learning disabilities. There is no silver bullet, but there is a process to follow according to individual cognitive abilities. She will show how parents and teachers can spend a modest time each day to develop the connections in the brain that were not wired in the critical first 3 years of life, but that can be developed at any time. **After completing the process, parents have seen their children independently completing their homework; teachers have seen children become able to learn (and therefore require less teaching time!)**

Research tells us that IQ can change, and that brain development can happen. Come spend a few hours learning how!

Kathy Johnson comes from Ballston Spa, NY where her business since 2000, Pyramid of Potential, is based. The information she imparts started with helping her own children succeed. Since then, she has become certified in many therapies and trainings that have become pieces of the Pyramid. She now screens children and works with their parents to develop an individualized plan of attack to work towards success and independence, has several products for sale internationally including her Roadmap book and a DVD series, and nationally gives professional development seminars on overcoming learning disabilities aimed at educational professionals. Please read more at www.pyramidofpotential.com.

If you plan to attend please rsvp to ncsepta@gmail.com so we are able to address space needs. Thank you.

November 23, 2011

Dear Loudonville Families,

For many years, the students at Loudonville Elementary School have generously collected books for another school. We will be continuing our book collection project again this year.

We are collecting gently used or new books for the Schoharie Elementary School. Schoharie is an area that had severe storm damage from Hurricane Irene. The school has about 430 students in grades K-6. A gently used book is a book that has no tears or writing in it. Please consider donating books to this book collection project. The books should not be wrapped. Many books are needed for this project. Our goal is to collect enough books for every student at Schoharie Elementary School.

We will be collecting books until Wednesday, December 14, 2011. There will be three book collection boxes. One box will be located near the office, and the other boxes will be located near the third grade classrooms. Thank you for helping with this book giving project!

If you have any questions feel free to email Mrs. Chittenden at dchittenden@ncolonie.org or Mrs. Yerdon at erinyerdon@ncolonie.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chittenden's Class

Mrs. Yerdon's Class

