



Friday, May 5, 2023

Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,

We are in the final stretch of the school year and spring has sprung!

**Please note important upcoming events set forth below:**



May 5, 2023 – Cambridge Elementary School, Spring Musical: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, 6:00 pm

May 5, 2023 – Lamoille Union Middle School, School Dance, 7:00 pm

May 8, 2023 – LNSU/LNMMUUSD Board Meeting, GMTCC, 6:00 pm, [Agenda](#)

May 8, 2023 – Lamoille Valley Vape Awareness Town Hall, GMTCC, 7:00 pm

May 9, 2023 – Waterville Elementary School, Spring Concert, 5:45 pm

May 9, 2023 – Cambridge Elementary School, PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm

In statewide school news, the Vermont Agency of Education has granted a three-day waiver to schools for the days our schools were closed for various reasons. What this means is that the last day for students in all Lamoille North schools will be **Wednesday, June 14, 2023**. Stay tuned for end-of-year celebration and graduation dates from your building principal(s).

In school news, please see information below about happenings in our campus library and the creation of the Lancer Lounge. Under the direction of campus librarian, Meagan Towle, this lounge has created a multitude of opportunities for students to explore, create and share their projects with campus peers and staff.

**Campus News...Welcome to the Lancer Lounge!**



At Lamoille Union Middle and High School Library for the 2022-2023 school year, we created a new creativity space. With help from our facilities crew and support from our administration, the library staff created a space in the library set aside for students to be creative and take a moment for themselves. The students even chose the name themselves through a very extensive voting process (some name suggestions were: Creative Station for Imagination, Creative Fortress, Serenity Space, The Citadel, The Shire, The Georges Bizet Creative Space...we've got some

very creative students)! While being a space for making, it is also a low-tech space, focused on students disconnecting from devices and connecting with their peers or with whatever they are working on.



One of the tables in the space is a sensory table. It has various items for students to touch, smell, and manipulate, like kinetic sand, Play-Doh, and fidgets. Our other table is a Lego table, featuring lots of Legos from generous donations by our school community. We also

have Keva planks available, which are uniform, pine planks that are great for building. Students have enjoyed these tables and have built some great creations this year.



The crafting stations feature a button maker which has been very popular with middle and high schoolers alike. Students can create their own designs from templates or can use what has already been printed out. We have fuse beads, yarn and looms, jewelry-making supplies, beads, fasteners, rainbow looms, and a Cricut for cutting out shapes and letters. We even have a tea station! This space also features lots of art supplies for any student to use. Students can come to the library for paper, paint, stickers, glue, tape, coloring supplies, poster board, hot glue, and more. This way, when working on projects, students have what they need.

The Lancer Lounge has been a great addition to our library this year and we have loved watching the students take ownership of it as they strive to use it responsibly and to keep it clean for others in their school community, while also enjoying themselves and creating. We look forward to building upon what we have and changing it as our students' interests and needs change. Please feel free to visit the Lancer Lounge!



In other news, please see the following information from our community partner, Healthy Lamoille Valley:

*"It is time for Healthy Lamoille Valley's bi-annual community and parent surveys, an opportunity to help create a safe and supportive place for youth. These surveys provide valuable information about underage substance use issues in our community and what can be done to help. Who can use the results of these surveys? You can! Survey findings will be available on the Healthy Lamoille Valley website starting in mid May. Results can be used to:*

- *Understand issues around underage substance use in your community*
- *See what areas need work like increasing awareness of health risks or finding new ways to support and value youth*

*This year our raffle prize is pizza and a movie from the local vendors of your choice, worth up to \$120! Complete at least one of our surveys to be entered to win one of four prize packages. Drawing on May 1<sup>st</sup>."*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023-community>

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023-parent>



In school and community partner news, we invite you to join us on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for the Lamoille Valley Vape Awareness Town Hall. We have received feedback from families requesting education about vaping, vape devices and impacts to health, and are very excited to co-host this evening with our community partner, Healthy Lamoille Valley. The event will take place from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Community Education Center at GMTCC. Food will be provided.

The Town Hall is an opportunity to hear from health professionals from Healthy Lamoille Valley and school leaders from Lamoille North. The event on May 8<sup>th</sup> is a chance to learn about the rise of vaping, its health impacts, the ways in which Lamoille North is preventing its use within our student body, and what we can all do to make our communities as safe and healthy as possible.



**Let's Talk: Take our Lamoille North Communication Survey**

We need your input! As we work to dial in our communication efforts across our Supervisory Union, we want to know how and where you turn for information. Please take our short survey [HERE](#) to let us know how we can better communicate our updates and the great learning and opportunities happening across Lamoille North.

Lastly, I continue to be so grateful for our Lamoille North community members and the strong relationships we have built together. We appreciate your support for our work with your children and youth. Thank you again for your collaboration, compassion and dedication to the wellbeing of our students, staff and families.

My best to you,

Catherine Gallagher, M.Ed.  
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Lamoille North Supervisory Union