

Live Oaks Family News

March 22, 2024

Happy Spring, Live Oaks!

- As you know, safety is our number ONE priority at Live Oaks School. We need your help. Each morning, our drop-off driveway becomes cluttered with cars in the wrong lanes.
- Please pull in and pull all the way to the right at the curb and patiently wait to move up through the line to drop off your children. Children should only get out on the curb (or passenger) side of the car.
- If you are not dropping a child off in the drop-off lane, you should be in the other lane and moving slowly because students and staff may be walking through the lot on their way into school.
- **ONLY STAFF MEMBERS CAN PARK IN THE PARKING AREA SURROUNDING THE GARDEN!** This is very important because families with children pulling in and out of these spaces and moving between cars **CREATES A VERY DANGEROUS** situation.
- Families who are walking their children to a door should park in the farthest lot **ONLY**.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Our very own Grade 5 student, Justice, was our school finalist for the annual Junior Woman's Club Spelling Bee. Justice competed in the district-wide spelling bee last week and did a great job! Justice is pictured second from left! We are so proud of you, Justice!



On Friday, we had an All School Gathering for students. We welcomed presenter “Billy B.” and listened to a presentation on “Climate, Let’s Define It!”. Thank you to our OWLSOME PTA for funding this event!



Career Day 2024

LOS family members are invited to participate in our third annual Career Day! This event will be held on Friday, April 26th, 2024. If you have any friends, family, or know members of the community that may be interested in presenting their career to LOS students, please complete or pass along the following link: [Career Day Presenter Interest Form](#). Submissions are now open and will be accepted until Friday, April 19th, 2024.

Presenters are asked to reflect on the following talking points:

- Job title/description
- Day in the life
- Skills or tools needed for the career
- Bring in small items/props related to the career
- Wear a uniform or dress for the career

Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Alli Marino, school counselor, at amarino@milforded.org.

Coaching Corner

Early literacy skills are the cornerstones that set students up for reading success. We've mentioned the 5 main components of reading in a previous newsletter (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension). The following article focuses on how families can support phonics and decoding at home. It also makes the important connection between reading and writing. While reading with your children, it's also important to practice spelling the words that your child encounters within the text to reinforce the skills they're learning in school.

[7 Tips for Decoding Success: A Guide to Early Reading Skills](#)

Look out for our next Literacy Coaching Corner to address decoding strategies for older readers.

The Community Connections Center

[CCC Website](#) with weekly news: The Community Connections Centers; here to help you with whatever you may need.

Upcoming:

- Friday, March 29 No School
- April 1 through April 5 No School for Spring Recess
- April 24 Early Dismissal for Students
- April 26 Career Day!
- SBA Testing Window (Grades 3-5) April 29 through May 17
- NGSS Testing Window (Grade 5) May 13 through May 24
- May 15 Early Dismissal for Students



Sincerely,

Rose Marzinotto

Follow me on Twitter [@RoseMarzinotto](#)

Please note: The majority of our communications from both the school and the district will be electronic. This letter, with live links, was emailed Friday afternoon. If you did not receive the email, please check your spam folder and if not there, please make sure that your email is up to date in powerschool. If you are still having trouble, please contact the Instructional Technology department through computerhelpdesk@milforded.org or at 203-783-3446.



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March 21, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may be aware, the United States is experiencing an increase in measles cases and outbreaks across the country. From January 1, 2024 to March 14, 2024, 58 individual cases of measles have been confirmed in 17 states. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), most cases have been among children aged 12 months and older who had not received the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. In addition, all but four cases were related to international travel.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It spreads easily through the air by coughing and sneezing. Measles starts with a fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes, and sore throat, and is followed by a rash that spreads all over the body. Measles can be serious. Children younger than 5 years of age and adults older than 20 years of age are more likely to suffer from complications including ear infections, diarrhea, pneumonia, and encephalitis.

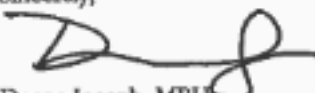
The best way to protect against measles is to get the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine shot (called the MMR shot). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends routine childhood immunization for MMR vaccine starting with the first dose at 12 through 15 months of age and the second dose at 4 through 6 years of age or at least 28 days following the first dose. When both doses of MMR vaccine are given, MMR is 97% effective in preventing measles.

Please be aware that should your child be exposed to measles and is unimmunized or under immunized, he/she will be excluded from school for a period up to 21 days while they are monitored for signs and symptoms of the disease.

If your child is not adequately immunized, we encourage you to contact your child's primary care provider to obtain the vaccine. In addition, to assist you in getting your child vaccinated, monthly Immunization Clinics are held at the Milford Health Department on the second Tuesday of each month from 2:30 – 4:30 pm. Our next clinic is on April 9th. Please call 203-783-3285 with any questions and/or to schedule an appointment.

For additional information on Measles, please visit the CDC at: <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/>. Additionally, as spring break approaches, if you plan to travel internationally, make sure you and your loved ones are protected against measles before departure. For information on planning for travel, please visit the CDC at www.cdc.gov/measles/plan-for-travel.html.

Sincerely,



Deepa Joseph, MPH
Director of Health



Andrew J. Carlson, MD
School Medical Advisor

Live Oaks PTA

Our next PTA meeting is Thursday, April 11

PTA 2023-2024 Executive Board *(click on names for email contact)*

President- [Skye Cornell](#)

Vice President- [Michele Moll](#)

Treasurer- [Kelly Blanchard](#)

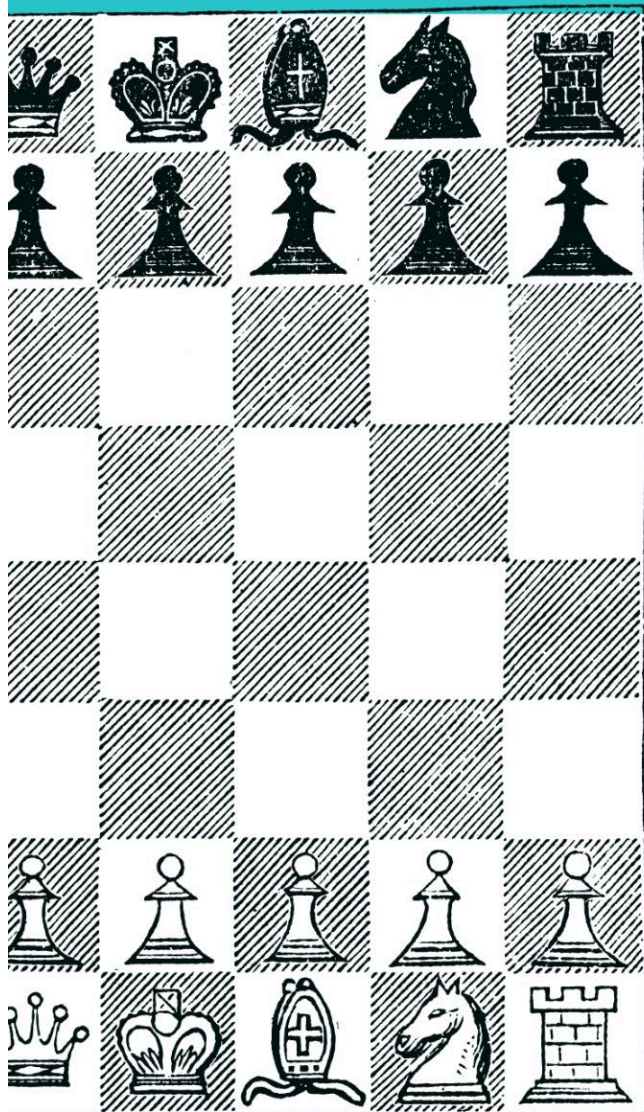
Secretary- [Erin Fallon](#)

[Click here to join the PTA!](#)

If you have a question about membership, please reach out to [Julie Pinkhusson](#)

[Sign up here for the Chess Club!](#)

If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of 5 chess boards, please contact Kim at: kimberlyrihel@gmail.com



CHESS CLUB



THURSDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL
3:30 TO 4:30 PM

GRADES 2-5
(LIMIT OF 10 CHILDREN)

Hosted by LOS staff,
Mrs. Robertson and
parent volunteer,
Kim Rihel

8 Week Session: April 11th - May 30th
\$100 Per child.

Please sign up with this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050548A4AD28A31-48294121-loschess#/>

Payment: Venmo: @LOSPTA1 or send in a check/cash next day with student to secure spot.

WARRIORS & RAINSTICKS

PRESENTED BY MRS. COMMODORE & MRS. COSTANTINI
Last Wellness Warriors Session of the school year

SPECIAL

8 week class
April 9, 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21, 28

Tuesdays Afterschool
3:30-4:30

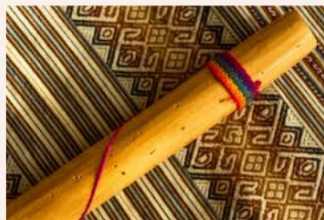
Description:

Wellness Warriors will teach participants strategies to power down their busy minds and bodies through gentle mindful yoga practices and guided breathing techniques. Students will also create their very own RAINSTICK that can be used as a calming, mindful tool that sounds like gently falling rain.

\$100 PER STUDENT

INCLUDES 2 ADDITIONAL CLASSES & MATERIALS

Space is limited to 24 students



***indoor and outdoor activities**

Please fill out and return w/ payment Due by March 28th

I give permission for my child to attend the Wellness Warriors & Rainsticks

8 week afterschool class on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 starting Apr. 9th

Send Cash or Check to school office. ATTN: Wellness Warriors Check made payable to LOS PTA. Any questions? contact us at Zendenprograms@gmail.com

Parent/Guardian Name

Best Contact Number

Email

Child's Name

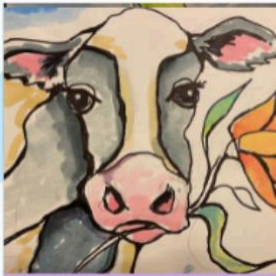
Grade

Teacher

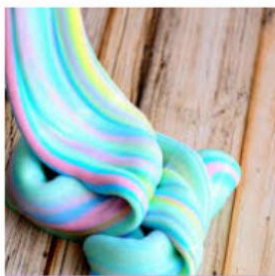


Live Oaks

4 Week After School Session



April 16



April 23



April 30



May 7

Join The Giggling Pig Milford for after-school enrichment right here at Live Oaks!

From watercolors to slime making to ceramics, each week brings a new and exciting art project! Dress for a mess!



4-week session
April 16 - May 7
Tuesday's (K-5th grade)
3:30 - 4:30 pm
\$90 per child

Register Here





Live Oaks PTA Events

February - May 2024

FEBRUARY

- Tues, Feb 6th** **5:30 - Valentine's Day Card-making for Milford Seniors.** In partnership with Milford Little League.
6:00 - PTA meeting. Child Care provided.
- Sat, Feb 10th** **Tackling Hunger Tailgate.** 11 - 1 @ Mary Taylor Memorial on Milford Green. Partnership w/PTA + Milford Little League to benefit Milford Food Bank, Beth-El Center and Purple Pantry
- Fri, Feb 23rd** **Mardi Gras-themed school party** featuring DJ Mr. Walsh

MARCH

- Thurs, Mar 7th** **PTA meeting** at 6:00. Child Care provided.
- Mar 11th - 14th** **Screen free week** w/restaurant, game, yoga and activity nights

APRIL

- Thurs, Apr 11th** **PTA meeting** at 6:00. Child Care provided.
- Thurs, Apr 18th** **Parent Appreciation and Student Art Show**

MAY

- Mon, May 6th** **PTA meeting** at 6:00. Child Care provided.
- May 6th - 10th** **Teacher Appreciation Week** and **Spring Book Fair**
- Plant Sale - Date TBD**

After School Art Program

by Picasso Parties

LOS 6 Week FALL Program On Mondays! **\$108 Per Child.**

WEEK 1 - MARCH 25TH
FLOWER CANVAS PAINTING

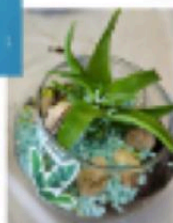
WEEK 2 - APRIL 8TH
WOOD MASON JAR PAINTING

WEEK 3 - APRIL 15TH
UMBRELLA MIXED MEDIA

WEEK 4 - APRIL 22ND
PAPER FLOWERS

WEEK 5 - APRIL 29TH
PUPPY PASTEL

WEEK 6 - MAY 6TH
TERRARIUMS



Immediately Following Dismissal Until 4:35. Sign-up due by 3/17.

www.picassoparties.com/after-school-programs or

Form & Check to School Made Payable to Picasso Parties.

When using Venmo please note Child's Name & LOS After School

NAME _____ GRADE _____

TEACHER _____

PARENTS' NAME _____

CELL _____

EMAIL _____

WHO WILL BE PICKING-UP YOUR CHILD? _____

Picasso Parties
@picassoparties



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Collection Dates March 11th- April 9th
Drop off box located in the front

Ramadan is a time for acts of kindness and charity toward others. During the month of Ramadan, please join us in supporting the Milford Food Bank, housed in the Milford Senior Center, by donating food and toiletries.

Donations Needed:

- Coffee
- Juice boxes
- Mayonnaise
- Jelly
- Canned Ravioli/Chili/Sloppy Joe
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Anything Sugar-free
- Jarred Pasta Sauce
- Canned tomatoes
- Individual school snacks
- Protein bars
- Salad Dressing
- Gravy (any kind)
- Jiffy Cornbread Mix
- Jiffy Pie Mix
- Tea
- Jell-O with or without sugar
- Pudding with or without sugar
- Hamburger Helper

Toiletries :

Toilet paper, cleaning supplies, deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.

**** Please think of how you would fill your own pantry.****