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# Newsletter

## Learning to Hear and Be Heard

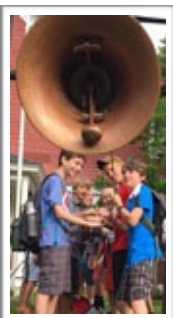
We have two significant events taking place in the next few weeks: the school play and student conferences. As I thought about how to address each in this newsletter, it occurred to me that they shared a common theme which is **communication**.

The most obvious ways that acting involves communication include teaching students that they can be comfortable speaking to large groups, learning how to project their voice, and learning how to express emotions effectively. However, one less obvious, but equally important outcome of acting, is learning empathy. To understand your character and to be able to respond as that character would, you must understand them. Being involved in theater is a concrete and tangible means to promote the development of empathy - a critical skill for all of us, as it is a necessary component of communication to be able to understand what others may be trying to express. In these ways theater is a place where we teach and practice skills required for effective communication.

If the drama program strives to encourage these skills, student conferences are an example of where these skills are applied (mostly by adults, but also by students). It also points out places in our system of education where communication is insufficient. Report cards attempt to summarize in one symbol (or grade) the progress a student is making either in discrete areas or as a whole. I think we can understand the evolution of this practice, however, I think we can also recognize its limitations. Imagine a play of one word, where an actor speaks from behind the curtain— one word— upon which the audience is supposed to understand an entire story.

This is why we have conferences, so we can communicate directly with an “audience”— both with words and their connotations— all the details and emotions in order to understand a part of the story of your child.

While I am sure the play will be a success, I know that conferences can occasionally feel tragic (and even at times comedic). Not knowing which, I hope you learn something from them that is worth the price of admission— The actors certainly have worked hard in either case and deserve our applause (However, in the case of the latter they try NOT to break any legs).



T-shirts on sale!! \$12.00

### Director's Reminders:



Remember the no cell phone rule in movies and the performances.



The doors open no earlier than 7:00 pm, there are no reserve seats, and the play will begin promptly at 7:30 pm.



Please remain quietly in your seats during the performance and assist the younger audience members to do so as well.



### Unwanted Guests

Please check your email for a note from Nurse Rose concerning our current status of having unwanted guests (the six legged kind). If you have any questions or need assistance call 795 2125 we can help. Maintain calm and think of it as bonding time between you and your child.

## INK Spot

Imagination and Knowledge



After weeks of practice working on dances and lines and music I asked the 8th grade:

Other than learning your lines (...cough\*), what was something you learned from the play?

Here are some of their responses :

“Teamwork”

“I learned how to put myself out there and take a risk do something slightly uncomfortable.”

“I gained confidence” .

“Don’t just go half way, go all the way” .

“I learned how to be a good team mate” .

“I learned to speak loudly and confidently” .

“I learned better time management” .

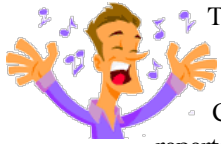
“I learned how to work well with others - to work hard and understand that the play is a result not just of my effort but everyone's effort combined” .

“I learned way to engage the audience” .

“How to be excited about made up things” .

“Confidence teamwork and how to fake it till you make it” .





This Sunday April 3rd at 2pm the **Hyannis Sound** will give their annual Lyme concert at the First Baptist Church (in Lyme Center). A broad repertoire, sparkling stage presence, and incredible vocal talents this group of current and former Hyannis Sound singers will offer a musical cure for the mud-season blahs. Admission is by donation at the door. We're excited to have Hanover High School's three a cappella groups - Dachords, Soar Throats, and Hilights - as the opening act. Hope you can join us!



There will be an early release craft day at the Lyme Congregational Church next Wednesday, April 6, from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Please email [Scottaleksey@gmail.com](mailto:Scottaleksey@gmail.com) if your child will be attending or if you would like to volunteer. Thank you.



Menus

Week of 4/4 to 4/8 • Week of 4/18 to 4/22

Al a carte Fruit and Milk are available everyday



**American Red Cross Babysitting Certification** May 7, 2016 8:30am to 3:30pm at the LCC. \$28.00. Scholarships are available. Students must be at least 11 years old and must attend the entire session to receive their certification. Limited to 8 students; a minimum of 4 students. All participants should bring a morning snack, a bag lunch and a water bottle. Please call the church office at 795-2850 if you are interested or email Lorry Kenton, at [lorry.kenton@gmail.com](mailto:lorry.kenton@gmail.com).

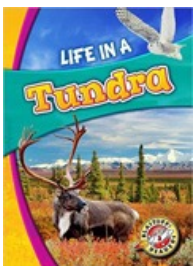


After-school and spring break camps in pottery, mixed media and metalsmithing (for ages 10 and up). CraftStudies @

the Hanover League of NH Craftsmen offers children ages 5 and up the opportunity to spend three hours a day for one week exploring pottery, mixed media, papier mache and more in their spring break camps. And children aged 8 and up TWO hours a week messing about in clay or metals. <http://www.hanoverleague.org/children-teens/>. Call 603 643 5384 for more information.

THE LYME SCHOOL'S Spring Talent Show

Wednesday, April 27th at 8:15 am



New to our Library

Life in a Tundra by **Kari Schuetz** is one of 12 new titles acquired to support the 5th grade habitat research project. These beautiful, fun, fact-filled books are available to anyone and cover habitats

as diverse as rainforest, deep sea, chaparral, grassland, and tundra just to name a few. These titles were purchased with Blisters for Books funds.

<b>CONFERENCE WEEK</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Homemade Mac & Cheese Corn Bread Peas & Carrots Fresh Fruit  Option: <b>BYO Salad</b>  <b>School Ends 1:30</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Tuna Salad Melt WG English Muffin Macaroni Salad Corn Fresh Fruit  Option: <b>BYO Salad</b>
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Sloppy Joes - WG Roll Oven Roasted Potatoes Fresh Vegetables Fresh Fruit  Option: <b>BYO Salad</b>  <b>School Ends 1:30</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Rotini Pasta with Bolognese WG Roll Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit or Juice  Option: <b>BYO Salad</b>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Cheese or Chef's Choice Pizza Salad Bar WG Chips Fresh Fruit  Sandwich Option: Egg Salad  <b>School Ends 1:30</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Cheese or Chef's Choice Pizza Peas & Carrots Salad Bar Fresh Fruit  Sandwich Option: Egg Salad
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Cheese Ravioli with Homemade Red Sauce Bread Sticks Sweet Peas Fresh Fruit  Option: <b>BYO Salad</b>  <b>School Ends 2:00</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Brunch for Lunch! Waffles, Home Fries, Sausage Links, Maple Syrup Fruit or Juice  Option: <b>BYO Salad</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Beef Stroganoff with Egg Noodles Garlic Dinner Roll Green Beans Fresh Fruit  Option: <b>BYO Salad</b>  <b>School Ends 1:30</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Powerhouse Chicken Chili Refried Beans Corn Bread Salad Bar Fruit  Option: <b>Egg Salad</b>



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