



## Civil Activism

On a national level “civil activism” is on the rise, assuming many forms: public debate, marches, protests and rallies — always passionate, occasionally confrontational, and, for those involved well-intentioned. These events champion points of view that run the gamut of “conservative” and “liberal” ideologies, confronting new issues as well as those that were believed to be resolved. The term, “civil activism”, can be defined by its two words: “civil” - pertaining to government and society and “activism” - pertaining to action in the pursuit of a cause. Civil Activism is a vital attribute of the citizens of our country if one believes that an informed populace is the foundation of a stable democracy.

Not surprisingly, the activism on the national scene may be influencing events on a local level in Lyme. Lyme has always been a civically active community; however, historically, this activism is very different in the manner it is conducted. I think Lyme would define “civil activism” differently. Certainly “activism” remains constant (pertaining to action in the pursuit of a cause); however, “civil” might more appropriately (and ideally) referred to the desired manner in which we conduct ourselves - with civility towards our neighbors (rather than “civil” referring to a focus on government and society). Small towns cannot accomplish the work we need to do without civility. It is the thread which binds us to each other. Without civility, we break a small town into even smaller groups, each of which is defined by its opposition to the other, rather than the common benefit of living in a community which cares for each other.

Debates will eventually yield to decisions, leaving some upset and others relieved. If in the process civility is lost, we all lose. The care for our town can be best expressed by the gesture of reaching out to others who you may not know, or you may disagree with. They are your neighbors, and if you are fulfilling the responsibility of citizens of a small town, you will be working with them on a committee, at a town event, or in a town meeting. Forgive people their fears. Reassure them that, if their fears are realized, we will be there for one another. Despite the fear of rising taxes, I know our town loves our school and our families and children. When resources can't provide for everyone, it has been my experience that Lyme always works toward a creative solution that supports those still in need. This is more likely if we do not divided ourselves into separate groups based upon fears, past grievances, or differences. This is one way way Lyme has earned its reputation as a great place to live. Now it is our responsibility to uphold it.

Participation



Kindness



Lyme



## Civil Tables

While we are on the subject of civility, at the Lyme School this implies actively promoting civility, as in the case of next Tuesday's Gracious Living Luncheon. As you may be aware, we are organizing a luncheon, which has been a dream of many of us for a while.

This special luncheon will include all Lyme School students, with two community volunteers at each table. Lunch will be served family style, with linens and china. Prior to the luncheon, we will be reviewing the expected basic etiquette. (See below) Being polite and behaving in a mannerly fashion is a way to show respect, not only to the host/hostess, but also to the other diners and to oneself. Having an understanding of these social graces will allow all children to feel comfortable in any dining situation outside of their home.



What Every Kid Should Know from the Emily Post Institute

- Come to the table with clean hands and face.
- Put your napkin on your lap.
- Start eating when everyone else does—or when given the okay to start.
- Stay seated and sit up straight.
- Keep elbows (and other body parts!) off the table while eating.
  - Chew with your mouth closed and don't talk until you've swallowed.
  - Don't make inappropriate comments or faces regarding the food.
  - Say "Please pass the..." instead of reaching. Don't help yourself to food as it is being passed to another diner.
  - Chat with everyone at the table and do not interrupt when others are talking.
- Don't make rude noises like burping or slurping.
  - Ask to be excused when finished.
- When finished, place your napkin on the table to the left of your plate.
- Thank your host or whoever prepared the meal.
- Offer to help clear the table

THINK GLOBALLY,

ACT WITH CIVILITY



### 2017 Trivia Night Winners

Thank you to all the organizers and everyone who turned out for what continues to be a great event.

Proceeds support the Artist in Residence Program and help defray the cost for families for the 8th grade trip to Washington DC



wicked smart people

A number of children and volunteers have asked about "dressing up". If your child would like to dress up, that would make the occasion a little more festive and fun :).

Chef Larry will be accommodating gluten-free and vegetarian needs. We are asking that children try not to bring their own lunches on this day. This is a sponsored event, so everyone will be able to participate without a cost to any family. Donations to the Principals Fund would be appreciated for those that wish to support this event.

If you have any questions, please contact Helen Skelly, [HSkelly@Lymeschool.org](mailto:HSkelly@Lymeschool.org), who is assisting in the coordination of this event.



The Lyme Collaborative\*  
presents

### A CITIZEN TOWN HALL ABOUT PUBLIC EDUCATION IN NH

with **DAN VALLONE**,  
*Reaching Higher New Hampshire  
A Public Education Policy Resource*

#### What we'll talk about:

- How the legislative process works
- State vs. Local roles and responsibilities
- Key opportunities and challenges at the state level
- Resources and tools for the public
- How to get more involved

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 7 p.m.**

Lyme School, 35 Union St., Lyme, N.H.

\*The Lyme Collaborative's purpose is to provide opportunity for common goals related to health, education, and social cohesion to be presented to the community on a broader stage. The Collaborative, which acts as an umbrella to shared school and library programming, serves as a promoter of discussions within the Lyme community that encourage positive growth in these crucial areas.

For more information, speak to **Jeff Valence** (school principal) or **Judy Russell** (library director).



#### 7th & 8th Grade Boys & Girls Lacrosse Registration end today!

If your child loves to play lacrosse or wants to learn this fun and fast-paced sport visit [www.hanoverlacrosse.com](http://www.hanoverlacrosse.com) to register for the upcoming spring season by Friday, March 17.

Any questions? Contact Donna Mackall, registrar, at [atticusmac@comcast.net](mailto:atticusmac@comcast.net).




#### Converse Free Library presents: Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m.

**K.J. Dell'Antonia**, who lives in Lyme with her family, will help us kick off Converse Free Library's **1000 Books**

Before Kindergarten program. K.J., a *New York Times* columnist and contributing editor for The Well Family page and a contributor to the *Sunday Book Review*, is also the co-host (with Lyme's Jess Lahey) of the #AmWriting podcast. She is co-author, with Susan Straub, of *Reading with Babies, Toddlers & Twos*. During her visit with us on the 25<sup>th</sup>, she'll discuss her take on engaging babies and little ones with books and making reading a family affair.




All Lyme families with children from birth to pre-kindergarten age are invited to attend. We will be signing children up for this high-pleasure, low-pressure program and handing out exciting giveaways!



Lyme School's  
**Gracious Luncheon**  
PRACTICING POISE AND ETIQUETTE AT THE TABLE


**Tuesday, March 21st**  
Donations to support this event can be made  
c/o The Principal's Fund



**Menus**

Week of 3/20 to 3/24 • Week of 3/27 to 3/30

Al a carte Fruit and Milk are available everyday



<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Cheese Ravioli in Homemade Red Sauce, Corn Break, Peas and Carrots, Salad Bar</p> <p>Option: Chicken Salad on WG Bread</p>	<p><b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Baked Chicken Fritters, Baked Potato, Sweet Corn, Fruit or Juice</p> <p>Option: Bologna and Cheese on WG Bread</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>GRACIOUS LIVING LUNCHEON!!!</b></p> <p>Local Beef &amp; Pork Bolognese, Rainbow Rotini, Garlic Dinner Rolls, Corn, Peas &amp; Carrots</p>	<p><b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Grilled Turkey and Cheese on WG Bread, Roasted Red Potatoes, Fresh Cole Slaw, Fruit</p> <p>Option: Nutella and Jelly Sandwich</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Cheese or Chef's Choice Pizza, Salad Bar, Veggie Chips, 100% Fruit Juice or Fresh Fruit</p> <p>Option: Ham and Cheese on WG Bread</p>	<p><b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Cheese or Chef's Choice Pizza Salad Bar Veggie Chips 100% Fruit Juice or Fresh Fruit</p> <p>Option: Ham &amp; Cheese on WG Bread</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Brunch for lunch! Cinnamon French Toast, Maple Oatmeal, Local Sausage, Local Maple Syrup, Fruit or Juice</p> <p>Option: BYO Salad</p>	<p><b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Homemade Mac and Cheese with Local Ground Beef, Focaccia Bread, Grilled Homestyle Potatoes, Fruit</p> <p>Option: Salad Bar</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Chicken Parmesan, Egg Noogles, Italian Bread, Green Bean Casserole, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit</p> <p>Option: Egg Salad on WG Bread</p>	<p><b>NO SCHOOL!</b> Teacher Inservice Day</p>



Contact me at: [JValence@LymeSchool.org](mailto:JValence@LymeSchool.org)  
Phone: 795-2125 or just stop by.



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