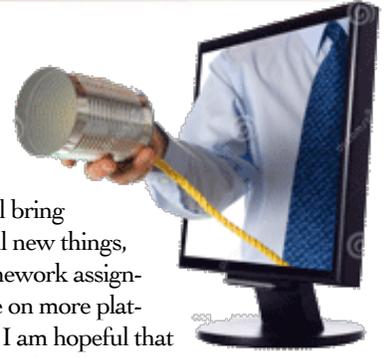




# Bridging the Gap

One would think that the digital age would make communication easier, yet in some ways it is even harder. Fortunately, technology may also be able to assist us. Currently, we are investigating a platform that will result in a new website and a smart phone app that will bring more information and more resources to parents and students. It will, like all new things, bring changes to the way things are done — which is the point really. School calendars, homework assignments, events calendars, stories on school activities and the school menu will all be more accessible on more platforms. The newsletter will also likely take a different form and be more digital in its presentation. I am hopeful that it will also have the benefit of contributions from a wider group of contributors including students and not have constrictions of space or a schedule for the release of stories and updates. We are also hopeful, ...wait for it... that we can update contact information and emergency contacts electronically. Bringing the end to the annual emergency card transcription. I know this will be a difficult change, especially for the Franciscan Monks I contracted with each fall as a parent to copy last year's emergency card information to this year's card.



We are undertaking two other efforts to increase communication as well. Both take place in Middle School when the amount of information you can rely on coming from you children decreases dramatically. (Funny that I used the word “dramatically” as that is one thing that often increases at this developmental stage...but “whatevrrrrr”). One of these changes is the advisor program (discussed below). The hopes, among other things, is to build a single point of contact between parents and their child's teachers. Parents will also be introduced to a new way to sign up for teacher conferences that promises to be easier.

Regardless of what form or process we use to communicate, it comes down to the simple choice each of us makes of what, how and to whom, we direct our communication, as well as whether we actively seek to understand what is happening around us or simply expect the information to insert itself into our view. Underlying all of this is the desire to promote frequent, open communication; practice respect, civility and understanding in how we are communicating; and when we encounter barriers to that communication to seek ways to remove those barriers. As we introduce these new platforms, please share your thoughts with those than can do the most with your feedback here at the school.

## Building different relationships

The middle school advisory program is in full swing, and we are learning more each day about what is most effective and those things that we are changing. Each Monday and Wednesday morning, the advisors in grades 6-8 meet with their advisory classes from 8:00-8:20 a.m. At this time, the advisors check in with their students on their academic progress, their organization, and their overall progress in middle school. Here advisees and advisors strengthen their relationships and build a connected, supported environment in small group meetings outside of academic classes.

We also have an hour in our schedule on Fridays where advisories either meet to work on community projects together with their advisor or work with Mr. Percy Hill on social/emotional skills and problem solving. Some of the advisory projects to date have been planning the middle school morning meetings, writing in house middle school newsletters, exploring service opportunities, and planning school-wide multi-age activities.

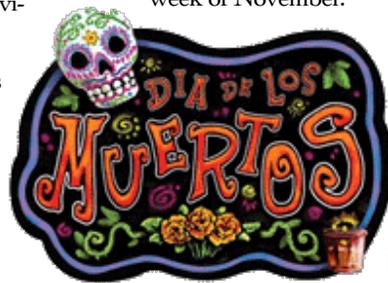
In our time with Mr. Hill, students meet in larger groups of three advisories at a time. This allows for building relationships between 7th and 8th graders and and their advisors. In 6th grade, the hour with Mr. Hill brings both 6th grade sections together for activities focused on team building and cooperation.

In the spring, we will have the opportunity to incorporate the 6th graders into mixed 6th-7th grade advisories as the 8th grade will be working with Mr. Pendleton on the solar car project.

Our goals for students in advisory are to build strong relationships with adults in the school and a sense of community across grades. As we near the end of first quarter, middle school teachers already report a stronger sense of connectedness with and among their advisees. If you have further questions please feel free to speak with your child's advisor or the advisory steering committee, Heather Stadheim, Tom Harkins and Lisa Damren.

## El Día de los Muertos

Part of the focus of the Early Language Program at the Lyme School is understanding and experiencing holidays from other cultures. As part of that focus, students will be learning about The Day of the Dead (El Día de los Muertos) during the first week of November.

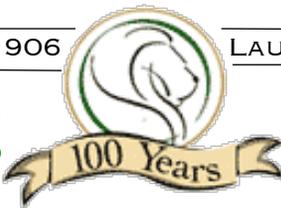


The Day of the Dead is a holiday celebrated on November 2nd throughout Mexico (and other Spanish-speaking countries), during which people honor and celebrate loved ones that have passed away. Many people

choose to display an *ofrenda* (offering) in their homes with a memorial to the deceased loved one. Typically on display are a picture of the person, marigold flowers, candles, cut-up paper (papel picado), and other items of significance to the holiday or to the individual being honored.

This year, the Lyme School will be honoring and celebrating Bill Ackerly, long-time resident and beloved member of the Lyme community. There will be an *ofrenda* on display in the lobby of the school from Monday, October 30th to Friday, November 3rd. Please stop by and share in the celebration if you get the chance.





# FALL TALENT SHOW

**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 9th  
at 8:30 am**



## Menus

Week of 10/30 to 11/3 • Week of 11/6 to 11/9

Al a carte Fruit and Milk are available everyday



## OPEN HOUSE

Chesley School

The oldest surviving one-room schoolhouse in Lyme  
161 Break Hill Road (just beyond the southern jct. with Isaac Perkins)

Sunday, Nov. 5 1:00 - 3:00

Drop in for warm cider & cookies the Lyme Historians



For an afternoon of fun and creative activities check out CraftStudies @ the Hanover League of NH Craftsmen's schedule of sewing, pottery, mixed media and more. [Click here.](#)

<http://www.campusce.net/craftstudies/course/course.aspx?catId=17>



The next American Red Cross Babysitting Certification class will be offered on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 8:30am to 3:30pm at the Lyme Congregational Church. The cost is

\$28.00. Scholarships are available. Students must

be at least 11 years old and must attend the entire session to receive their certification. Class size is limited to 8 students; a minimum of 4 students is needed to offer the class. 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 the class instructor, Lorry Kenton at [lorry.kenton@gmail.com](mailto:lorry.kenton@gmail.com). This class is popular and tends to fill quickly so register soon.

**ZOMBIE FUN - RUN!**

BENEFITTING THE 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

**- AT THE LOCH-LYME LODGE -**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT 11:30 A.M.**

**(FOLLOWING THE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL)**

FRIENDLY ZOMBIE RUN: \$5 11:30	ELEMENTARY ZOMBIE CHASE: \$10 12:15	MIDDLE SCHOOL + OLDER: \$10 1:00
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<b>Monday</b> 	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Shells, Meat Sauce & Cheese Casserole Garlic Dinner Roll Steamed Cauliflower Fruit  Option: BYO Salad	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Local Turkey, Dressing & Gravy Baked Potato WG Garlic Dinner Roll Sautéed Green Beans Fresh Fruit/Apple Cider  Option: Salad Bar
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> "Fried Chicken" Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Fresh Fruit & a SURPRISE!  OPTION: BYO Salad	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Local Beef Stroganoff WG Dinner Roll Sweet Potato Casserole Salad Bar Fresh Fruit Option: Tuna Salad on WG Bread
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Cheese Pizza or Chef's Choice Steamed Vegetables Salad Bar Fresh Fruit/Juice  Option: Turkey & Cheese on WG Bread	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Cheese Pizza or Chef's Choice Baked Potatoes Salad Bar Bartlett Pears  Option: Egg Salad on WG Bread
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Tacos, Tacos & More Tacos! Local Beef or Chicken Taco Bar Refried Beans, Homemade Pico di Gallo, Salsa, Chips Fresh Fruit  Option: BYO Salad	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> WG Breaded Chicken Tenders Roasted Potatoes Corn on the Cob Fresh Fruit Juice  Option: Turkey & Cheese on WG Bread
<b>Friday</b>	<b>HOT LUNCH:</b> Shepard's Pie with Local Ground Beef, Corn Green Bean Casserole WG Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit Salad Bar Option: Tuna Salad on WG Bread	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>