



LAURENS CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER—2022-23 Budget Edition

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Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Residents of the Laurens Central School District:

The primary focus of this newsletter is to provide you with accurate information about the proposed budget for the upcoming school year and the other items upon which we will soon be voting.

The Board of Education and I are cognizant of the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our residents and local economy and, as we did last year, have taken that into account when preparing the 2022-2023 budget. While federal COVID relief funding has alleviated some potential issues, the future of New York State education funding over the next three to five years is still uncertain. As a result we feel that we are proactively taking appropriate steps to weather difficult times while still providing the highest quality educational experience possible for our students.

DATE AND TIME OF VOTE

The annual budget vote and school board election has been scheduled for May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Laurens Central School, Room 101.

REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING

The required public hearing on this year's proposed budget will be held on May 3, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots for qualified voters may be requested by contacting the District Clerk by email at pweir@laurencs.org or by calling the District Clerk at 607-432-2050. Absentee ballots can be requested up to seven (7) days before the vote if they are to be returned by mail or by 5:00 on the day preceding the vote if they are going to be returned in person. To be counted, all properly completed absentee ballots must be properly filled out and received in the Office of the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2022. The names of all individuals requesting an absentee ballot will be posted on the District web site for voter review.

MILITARY BALLOTS

Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (607) 432-2050, or pweir@laurencs.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 22, 2022. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

QUALIFIED VOTER

A qualified voter is a person who is a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age, a resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election, and who is not otherwise ineligible to vote under the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law (e.g. a person who has been adjudged to be mentally incompetent by a court).

2022-2023 School Budget and Propositions

- In person voting will take place at Laurens Central School, Room 101, on May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Absentee Ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00pm on May 17, 2022.
- Residents will have the opportunity to vote on three propositions, those being:

PROPOSITION #1 — BASIC BUDGET

At the time this newsletter is being written we are asking that the Board be authorized to expend the sum of **\$10,288,927** for the 2022-2023 school year budget.

This will require a tax levy increase of 2.00%.

The total budget number could change based on additional information that comes out about the recently passed State budget.

PROPOSITION #2 — BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To elect one member of the Board for a five year term commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2027, Incumbent Cynthia Struckle.

PROPOSITION #3 — SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Laurens Central School District undertake the acquisition of one (1) 65 passenger school bus. The bus will be used for the transportation of students to both regular and special education programs, field trips and extracurricular activities. **The bus will be paid for in full by funds from the Bus Reserve; there will be no impact on the tax levy from this purchase.**

Budget Development Process

As a school district that relies heavily on state aid, planning a budget that meets the educational needs of our students while at the same time being sensitive to the needs of our taxpayers and residents can be a challenge.

The Board of Education and I have looked at every aspect of the budget with a commitment to reducing or containing costs in as many areas as possible. We are confident that the budget being presented will accomplish three important goals: 1) Provide sound educational programs for our students; 2) be affordable to the community; and 3) continue to plan for the long term financial stability of the District.

We are proposing a budget that will require a tax levy increase of 2.00%. At this time we anticipate using \$186,500 of fund balance and are anticipating the use of \$45,000 of reserve funding to balance the budget. While the use of fund balance and reserve funds could change based on new information that we receive about state aid and the new state budget, the proposed tax levy increase will remain at 2.00%.

We feel that you will be voting on a budget that reflects the needs of our students, our staff and the community and that you will be supporting a school that has a history of providing an excellent education for our students. Thank you for your continued commitment to the children of our District.

— William F. Dorritie

Bus Purchase

We are asking for voter approval to purchase one 65 passenger bus. The bus will be paid for through the Bus Reserve. There will be no impact on the Tax Levy or budget.

The new bus will replace bus 80. Bus 80 is 8 years old with over 75,000 miles on it. The purchase of the new bus will help us maintain a 7-8 year replacement cycle for our bus fleet. As buses age the DOT required body work will cost more to repair the bus than to purchase the bus new. As with all vehicles, as the bus ages it will have increased maintenance costs.

The new bus will be used to transport regular and special education students. It will also be used for field trips, athletic and other extracurricular activities. We anticipate receiving \$2,500 for the trade-in of Bus 80.

FINANCES FOR THE BUS PURCHASE

Cost	\$149,826
Total Trade-in	\$2,500
Total Cost of Bus	\$147,326
Less State Aid (86.1%)	\$127,732
Cost to District	\$19,594

The bus will be paid for entirely out of the bus reserve.

There will be no tax impact as a result of this purchase.

The Contingency Budget

As in years past the State provides a formula that Districts must use to calculate their Contingency Budget. Districts must report a Contingency Budget in the event that the proposed budget is defeated twice. Should we need to adopt a contingency budget our tax levy must remain the same as the previous year.

Closing Thoughts

I want to take the opportunity to thank each and every resident for their continued support of our students and our school, even through difficult times like those we have experienced over the past few years. It makes me proud as an alumnus and a community member to work for such an outstanding and supportive school district.

Open Seat on the Board of Education

**One Five Year Term:*

This seat is presently held by Board President, Mrs. Cynthia Struckle.

MRS. STRUCKLE WILL BE RUNNING FOR THE SEAT AGAIN.

I have been a resident of the Laurens Central School District for 29 years. I have two children who graduated from Laurens Central School and are pursuing jobs in the health-care and sales fields. The quality education they received at Laurens prepared them for success in their chosen professions.

I am a graduate of the State University College at Oneonta with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education. For the past 25 years I have worked as the Data Manager for the ONC BOCES Adult Education Program and served as the Test Site Coordinator for the High School Equivalency Test (GED) exam in Oneonta.

Throughout my time on the Laurens Central School Board of Education schools have seen many changes in education whether through state mandates, fiscal challenges, and increased rigor of curriculum to ensure students graduate with the skills needed at a cost that is reasonable to all taxpayers. I am confident that as a school community, in our collaboration as partners, we can empower students with the knowledge, skills and values to be successful in an ever-changing world.

With my background in education, I can use my knowledge and experience to make informed decisions to ensure our children receive the best education possible to succeed in life and be college or career ready.

I encourage all school district taxpayers to go to the polls on May 17 and vote on the school budget.

Head Start is Enrolling For the 2022-2023 Program Year

Head Start is a free preschool program that offers activities to enhance social skills and peer relationships; exposure to books and computers; nutritious meals and snacks; outdoor playtime; and field trips. **To enroll for fall, children must be 3 years old by December 1st and live in a household whose family meets program income guidelines.**

Head Start serves all of Otsego County through centers in **Cherry Valley, Cooperstown, Morris, Oneonta, Richfield Springs, Schenevus, and Unadilla.**



HEAD START

607.433.8055

www.ofoinc.org

Budget Components

ADMINISTRATIVE • PROGRAM • CAPITAL

The laws relating to the budget vote require the budget to be presented to the residents for their review divided into three sections: Administrative, Program and Capital components.

Although presented in three components for informational purposes, the vote cast will be on the total budget. Listed below are the individual items included under each of the budget components.

ADMINISTRATIVE Expenses for the following:

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| • Board of Education | • Curriculum Development and Supervision |
| • District Clerk | • Research, Planning and Evaluation |
| • District Meeting | • Supervision—Regular School |
| • School Administrative Costs | • Central Data Processing |
| • Auditing | • Central Printing and Mailing |
| • Treasurer | • Employee Benefits |
| • Tax Collector | • BOCES Administrative Costs |
| • Purchasing | |
| • Fiscal Agent | |
| • Legal Services | |
| • Personnel Services | |
| • Public Information Services | |

PROGRAM Expenses for the following:

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| • Inservice Training—Instruction | • Guidance |
| • Teaching—Regular School | • Health Services |
| • Programs for Students with Disabilities | • Psychological Services |
| • Occupational Education | • Social Work Services |
| • Teaching—Special Schools | • Pupil Personnel Services |
| • School Library and Audio Visual | • Co-Curricular Activities |
| • Educational Television | • Interscholastic Athletics |
| • Computer Assisted Instruction | • District Transportation |
| • Attendance | • Recreation, Youth Programs |
| | • Local Services |
| | • Employee Benefits |

CAPITAL Expenses for the following:

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|------------------------|--|
| • Operation of Plant | • Transfers to Capital and Debt Service Fund |
| • Maintenance of Plant | • Employee Benefits |
| • Debt Service | |

Administrative Component Details

NAME OF ACCOUNT	2021-22	2022-23
BOARD OF EDUCATION		
Board of Education	\$16,700	\$16,700
District Meeting	\$2,150	\$2,150
District Clerk	\$2,932	\$3,096
School Association Dues	\$5,700	\$5,700
Total Board of Education	\$27,482	\$27,646
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION		
School Administrative Costs	\$163,942	\$169,005
BOCES Administrative Costs	\$130,500	\$134,500
Total Central Administration	\$294,442	\$303,505
FINANCE		
Treasurers Office	\$99,247	\$102,722
Auditing	\$21,500	\$16,560
Tax Collector	\$3,773	\$3,826
Fiscal Agent Fees	\$3,500	\$3,500
Purchasing	\$3,000	\$3,000
Tax Refund	\$3,000	\$3,000
Total Finance	\$134,020	\$132,608
STAFF		
Appraisal	\$11,500	\$11,500
Personnel	\$39,100	\$39,500
Public Information and Service	\$1,300	\$1,300
Records Management	\$1,232	\$1,261
Total Staff	\$53,132	\$53,561
CENTRAL SERVICES		
Central Printing and Mailing	\$17,900	\$18,400
Central Data Processing	\$85,000	\$93,000
Insurance	\$2,200	\$2,700
Total Central Services	\$105,100	\$114,100
ADMINISTRATION AND IMPROVEMENT		
Curriculum Development & Supervision	\$174,015	\$179,117
In-Service Training	\$500	\$500
Research, Planning & Evaluation	\$31,625	\$36,070
Total Administration & Improvements	\$206,140	\$215,687
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Total Employee Benefits	\$154,944	\$152,560
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	\$975,260	\$999,667

Program Component Details

NAME OF ACCOUNT	2021-22	2022-23
INSTRUCTION		
Teaching—Regular School	\$2,016,466	\$1,959,767
Programs for Students with Disabilities	\$1,331,948	\$1,388,876
Occupational Education	\$200,000	\$200,000
Teaching—Special Schools	\$75,687	\$60,307
Total Instruction	\$3,624,101	\$3,608,950
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA		
School Library & Audio Visual	\$131,835	\$134,069
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$100,701	\$102,642
Total Instructional Media	\$232,536	\$236,711
PUPIL SERVICES		
Attendance	\$12,000	\$12,600
Guidance	\$97,011	\$106,247
Health Services	\$50,756	\$52,223
Social Work	\$0	\$0
Psychological Services	\$60,461	\$62,036
Co-Curricular Activities	\$38,350	\$39,350
Interscholastic Athletics	\$128,850	\$149,805
Pupil Personnel	\$0	\$0
Total Pupil Service	\$387,428	\$422,261
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION		
District Transportation Services	\$606,796	\$613,922
Total Pupil Transportation	\$606,796	\$613,922
CIVIC ACTIVITIES		
Civic	\$6,106	\$6,156
Census Taker	\$0	\$0
Total Civic	\$6,106	\$6,156
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Total Employee Benefits	\$1,626,911	\$1,601,877
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$6,483,878	\$6,489,877

Capital Component Details

NAME OF ACCOUNT	2021-22	2022-23
CENTRAL SERVICES		
Operation of Plant	\$826,300	\$840,299
Maintenance of Plant	\$66,700	\$68,701
Equipment	\$0	\$0
Total Central Services	\$893,000	\$909,000
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Total Employee Benefits	\$206,592	\$203,413
DEBT SERVICES		
Total Debt Services	\$1,684,117	\$1,686,970
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	\$2,783,709	\$2,799,383

Total General Fund Budget

	2021-22	2022-23
Administrative Component	\$975,260	\$999,667
Program Component	\$6,483,878	\$6,489,877
Capital Component	\$2,783,709	\$2,799,383
TOTAL BUDGET	\$10,242,847	\$10,288,927

Estimated General Fund Revenues

	2021-22	2022-23
State Aid	\$6,967,263	\$7,013,522
Real Property Taxes	\$2,843,202	\$2,899,926
Charges for Services	\$2,000	\$2,000
Use of Money and Property	\$2,000	\$2,000
Miscellaneous	\$140,000	\$140,000
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$288,382	\$231,479
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$10,242,847	\$10,288,927

Three-Part Expenditure Breakdown Percentage of Total Budget

	2021-22	2022-23
Administrative Component	9.52%	9.72%
Program Component	63.30%	63.08%
Capital Component	27.18%	27.21%
TOTAL BUDGET	100%	100%

Property Tax Report Card for Laurens Central School

	2021-22	2022-23	% CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR
AMOUNT OF BUDGET	\$10,242,847	\$10,288,927	0.45%
ESTIMATED STATE AID	\$6,967,263	\$7,013,522	0.66%
ESTIMATED TAX LEVY	\$2,836,202	\$2,892,926	2.00%
PROJECTED GROWTH ENROLLMENT	340	340	0.00%
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	1.23%	2.00%	62.60%



MAY 2022

LAURENS CENTRAL SCHOOL

Breakfast K-3 \$1.95
Breakfast 4-12 \$2.10
Lunch K-3 \$2.20
Lunch 4-12 \$2.45

Monday

Assorted Cereal **2**

Chicken Parm Wrap
Broccoli

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Scrambled Eggs w/Home Fries **9**

Chicken & Biscuits
Peas

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Sausage Gravy & Biscuit **16**

Ultimate Chicken Bowl
WW Roll

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Assorted Cereal **23**

Spaghetti & Meatballs
Corn
Garlic Bread

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

NO SCHOOL **30**

MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday

Scrambled Eggs w/ Cheese **3**

Soft or Hard Shelled Taco
Refried Beans
Corn

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Hash Brown Egg Bake **10**

Pulled Pork on a Bun
Tater Tots
Broccoli

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Oatmeal w/Brown Sugar **17**

Sloppy Joe
French Fries
Carrots

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Chocolate Chip Pancakes **24**

Oven Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Breakfast Burrito **31**

Chicken Tenders
French Fries
Carrots

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Wednesday

French Toast Bake **4**

Hamburger/Cheeseburger
French Fries
Carrots

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Breakfast Pizza **11**

Chicken Quesadillas
Corn

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Pancakes w/ Sausage **18**

Tuna Noodle Casserole
Peas

WRAP DAY
Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas

Breakfast Sandwich **25**

Macaroni & Cheese
Carrots

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Thursday

Breakfast Biscuit Sandwich **5**

Chicken Stir Fry
Egg Roll

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Breakfast Burrito **12**

BBQ Rib Patty
Brussel Sprouts

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Assorted Muffins & Yogurt **19**

Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Waffles w/Sausage **26**

Chicken Patty
Tater Tots
Beets

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Friday

Pancakes w/Bacon **6**

Assorted Pizza
Spinach and Romaine Salad

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Waffles w/Bacon **13**

Assorted Pizza Muffins
Spinach and Romaine Salad

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

French Toast Sticks **20**

Assorted Pizza
Spinach and Romaine Salad

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Scrambled Eggs w/Home fries **27**

Assorted Pizza
Spinach and Romaine Salad

Soup/Salad w/Chick Peas or Sandwich

Breakfast and Lunch must include 3 items and one MUST be a fruit and/or vegetable. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer



May 2022 Guidance News

IMPORTANT DATES

May 4	8th Grade Parents' Night at 6:30 PM
May 5	Registration deadline for the June 4th SAT
May 6	Registration deadline for the June 11th ACT
May 7	SAT exam
May 24-25.....	8th Grade Science Performance Test
May 24-25.....	4th Grade Science Performance Test
June 4	SAT exam
June 11	ACT exam
June 13	Last full day of classes
June 15-23	Regents Exams

8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

(Please disregard the information that was in April's newsletter about Parent Nights)

This year, 8th Grade Parents' Night will be held May 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the MPR. Reminder notices will be sent home with all pertinent information. Topics to be addressed include NYS and LCS course requirements for graduation and student class scheduling information. Teachers will also be introduced to share their course requirements and expectations. We hope to see you there!

6TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

At the time of this writing, 6th grade Parents' Night has not been scheduled. Once a date and time is finalized we will put information out via Parent Square and on the school website.

EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP AND ENHANCED TUITION AWARD

Seniors may apply for the Excelsior Scholarship (for SUNY colleges) or the Enhanced Tuition Award (for private colleges in NYS) beginning sometime in early May. The applications will open shortly and the deadline to apply is mid to late July, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year. Please visit www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior or www.hesc.ny.gov to find more information about these programs & for online applications.

SUMMER CAMPS & PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AND TEENS 8-18 IN NEW YORK STATE

Have you heard about www.summeroncampus.com? Over 100 colleges are indexed with more than 70 categories of sports, arts and academic summer camps for 8-18 year olds as well as summer workshops and clinics for college students and adults. You will also find descriptions of winter and spring break programs as well as year-round programs for kids and teens. Another great site is www.newyorksummercamps.com. New York State has more summer programs than any other State in the nation! Check it out!

Read Across America March Madness Tournament of Books

Our March Madness Tournament of Books has come to an end! Our elementary students read a total of 50,377 minutes during the month of March. This is amazing! Thank you for encouraging your child to read at home!



The winners of the March Madness Tournament of Books are:

Bracket 1: Mrs. Mann	2,455 minutes
Bracket 2: Ms. Loforte	9,206 minutes
Bracket 3: Mrs. VanDeusen	23,001 minutes

*Our winners will
enjoy a pizza party!!*

The LCS Music Department presents the Final Concerts

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

We are still working out some details and once we have them information will be posted on the school website on the parents' page.

Quilt Raffle



The LCS Class of 1968 is having a raffle to help with the updating of the monument at the Laurens American Legion. They will be adding the names of our classmates. Tickets are \$5.00 and we are selling 200 to raise \$1000 for the project. We are raffling a Queen Size quilt.

Drawing will be held on Memorial Day, May 30, 2022.

Tickets are on sale at the Legion, at Laurens Central School or by calling:

Donna Decker at 607-431-9330 or
Suzi Whitmore at 607-286-7102

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!

We honored our senior basketball players as their season came to an end in February.
We wish them the best of luck in the future.



*Senior Boys Varsity Basketball Players
Adam Ayala-Peddie, Brock Mann, and
Antony Provost*

CONGRATULATIONS TRI-VALLEY BASKETBALL ALL STARS!

- *Gabby Andrades*—2nd Team
- *Natasha Solovitch*—Honorable Mention
- *Brock Mann*—Honorable Mention



*Senior Girls Varsity Basketball Players
Genesis Bushnell, Kiernan Dunham, Jaden Gravelding,
Cassidy Moxley, Natalie Segina, and Natasha Solovitch*



2022 Senior College Acceptances



- *Cassidy Moxley*—Accepted to SUNY Cortland, Keuka College with \$21,000/yr scholarship—both Elementary Ed.
- *Josh Houck*—Accepted to Cazenovia College – Visual Communications—Graphic Design (\$33,000/yr in scholarships), SUNY Oswego, Keuka College, SUNY Cobleskill.
- *Emily Brown*—Accepted to SUNY Delhi, SUNY Alfred, SUNY Canton—Vet Tech, SUNY Cobleskill – Animal Science
**Attending SUNY Delhi for Vet Tech
- *Kya McNicol*—Accepted to Keuka College—Pre-Vet (Presidential Scholarship = \$19,000/yr), Univ. of Montana—Microbiology, Ohio Univ – Animal Science, Univ. of Texas at Arlington – Vet Studies, Ole Miss – Univ of Mississippi—Animal Sciences, Univ of Texas at San Antonio—Biology, SUNY Morrisville—Vet. Med, SUNY Delhi—Vet Tech., Texas A & M—Animal Sciences, University of Montana with \$13,000 scholarship.
**Attending Texas A & M for Animal Science
- *Kiernan Dunham*—Accepted to SUNY Canton – Graphic design/visual arts, SUNY Delhi – Vet Tech
**Attending SUNY Delhi for Vet Tech
- *Lacie Bolster*—Accepted to SUNY Delhi, SUNY Cobleskill and SUNY Broome—Culinary Arts.
**Attending SUNY Delhi for Culinary Arts
- *Genesis Bushnell*—Accepted to SUNY Buffalo State – Special Ed/Elementary Ed
- *Natasha Solovitch*—Accepted to Medaille College – Vet. Tech. with \$21,000 per year trustee scholarship, SUNY Delhi—Vet Tech., SUNY Cobleskill: Animal Science
**Attending SUNY Delhi for Vet Tech
- *Jaden Gravelding*—Accepted to Herkimer CCC, SUNY Cobleskill – both for Business Admin.
**Attending Herkimer CCC
- *Athena Saggese*—Accepted to SUNY Plattsburgh – Birth-6 Education/Special Education
**Attending SUNY Plattsburgh
- *Natalie Segina*—Accepted to Clarkson University, RIT, RPI, Russell Sage College, SUNY Buffalo, SUNY Oneonta, University of Rochester, Ithaca College

** New as of 4/4/2022



Anti-Bullying Class Project

After learning about a middle school student in another school that was being severely bullied, Mrs. Lyons shared the story with her 7th grade Health students. The students immediately wanted to offer whatever help they could.

After brainstorming several options, the students decided on sending a care package to the bullied student filled with cards and letters containing encouraging and uplifting messages. The 7th graders spent

two periods carefully writing their personal messages and hand-decorating their cards; several with hand-drawn images of penguins, which they learned was the students' favorite animal. One of our students, Courtney McCarthy, even hand-sewed an adorable small stuffed penguin in her own time to include in the care package.

Through this project, the 7th graders were able to put into practice knowledge they learned about bullying in the FACS 7 class earlier in the year, as well as information from the Health 7 mental health unit. Mrs. Lyons is very proud of the empathy and caring attitude each of her students displayed while working on this class activity!



Thank you from Key Club

On behalf of the Key Club we would like to thank everyone who helped with this year's Easter Egg Hunt Service project. A special thanks to the Laurens Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary and Mrs. Weir for their donations. We hope everyone had a Happy Easter!

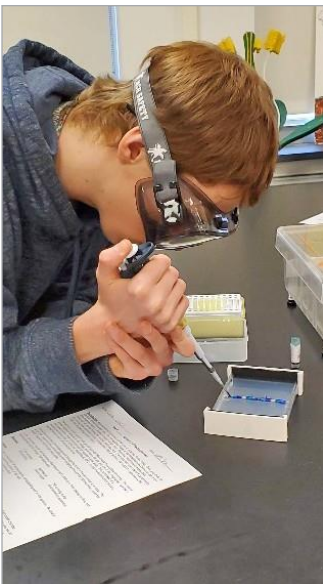


Mr. Bolton's 6th Grade Class dissected earthworms!



Living Environment

Mrs. Murch's Living Environment students with Mr. Pollock learned how to separate dye molecules using gel electrophoresis. The students did a great job completing this exciting lab and are appreciative of the opportunity.



2022-2023 Kindergarten Registration Registration Packets have been sent out!

We will be holding Kindergarten Registration on Friday, May 20, 2022, for children that live in the Laurens District and will turn five years old on or before December 1, 2022. If you have a child that will turn five years old on or before December 1, 2022, please call Mrs. Hall in the main office at 607-432-2050 in order to ensure that your child is on our list of incoming Kindergarten students.

Kindergarten registration packets have been sent out to those that are on our most up-to-date Kindergarten list. If you have not received a registration packet, please contact Lindsey Gifford at 607-432-2050 ext. 2100.

Parents will receive a packet of information regarding the registration process, including a letter indicating the time that their child is scheduled to attend registration. Please make sure you have the following documents with you the day of registration:

1. Child's Birth Certificate
2. Proof of residency (electric bill, rent bill, phone bill)
3. Child's immunization record

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to LCS! If you have any questions pertaining to Kindergarten Registration you may contact Lindsey Gifford at 607-432-2050 ext. 2100.

Mrs. Gifford, Director of Instructional Support Services



2022-2023 Pre-Kindergarten

Registration Packets for our Pre-K Program will be sent out the first week of May. There will be information in the packet that needs to be completed. Please look for a date in the June newsletter in which you will be able to bring in the Pre-K registration packet to the school along with the appropriate documentation. This documentation will include:

1. Child's Birth Certificate
2. Proof of residency (electric bill, rent bill, phone bill)
3. Child's immunization record

If you have a child that will turn 4 years old on or before December 1, 2022 and do not receive a registration packet, please contact Lindsey Gifford at 607-432-2050 ext. 2100.

We are looking forward to welcoming our youngest Leopards to our School Community!



Share and Shine March Award Winners for Honesty



May Calendar of Events

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| 2..... Colorguard Advocates, Rm 115, 6:00 p.m. | 13..... Track Oneonta Invitational
MSB vs. Unatego |
| 3..... VSB @ Morris/Edmeston
VBB @ Schenevus
MBB vs. Edmeston,
MSB vs. Richfield Springs
Track Tri-Valley Relays @ CVS
Budget Hearing MPR 7:00 p.m.
Village Mtg., Rm 129A, 7:00 p.m. | 14..... Zumba MPR 9:00 a.m.
VBB vs. Jefferson/Stamford
Milford Softball Tournament |
| 4..... 8th Grade Parents' Night, MPR, 6:30 p.m. | 16..... Tri-Valley Steeplechase
MSB vs. UV/GMU
Booster Club Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 p.m. |
| 5..... MSB vs. CVS in Milford,
MBB vs. CVS
Zumba, MPR, 6:00 pm
Elementary Class Pictures | 17..... BUDGET VOTE DAY,
Rm 101, 12:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Final Concert MPR |
| 6..... VSB @ Milford,
VBB @ Richfield Springs | 18..... Track Championship @ Edmeston
BOE Meeting, Rm 115, 7:30 p.m.
MSB vs. Schenevus |
| 7..... Zumba, MPR, 9:00 a.m.
Track Cooperstown Invitational
MBB vs. Worcester | 19..... Zumba, MPR, 6:00 pm |
| 8..... Happy Mother's Day | 20..... Kindergarten Registration |
| 9..... VSB Playoff #1
MBB @ CVS/SS,
MSB vs. Morris | 21..... Zumba, MPR, 9:00 a.m. |
| 10..... VBB Playoff #1
Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m.
MBB vs. Jefferson/Stamford | 23..... MBB @ Edmeston
MSB @ Edmeston |
| 11..... VSB Playoff #2
Track Harbaugh Invitational
MSB @ Unatego
POMP Mtg. via Zoom 7:00 p.m. | 24..... NYS 4th & 8th Performance Science Test
Zumba MPR 6:00 p.m. |
| 12..... VBB Playoff #2
Zumba MPR 6:00 p.m. | 25..... NYS 4th & 8th Performance Science Test
Track Class D Championships @ Marathon
Share and Shine, 2:00 p.m. |
| | 26..... Share and Shine, 2:00 p.m.
Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 28..... Zumba MPR 9:00 am
Prom 7:00 – 11:00 pm |
| | 30..... NO SCHOOL—MEMORIAL DAY |
| | 31..... Zumba, MPR, 6:00 p.m. |



with Linda Reeves, Holly Deleski, and Tracy Bender

Licensed Instructors: Zumba/Toning

Tuesday & Thursday Evenings, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday mornings, 9:00 a.m. at Laurens Central School

\$5/class or get your coupon card (\$25 & \$50)

We have toning sticks, but you can bring your own.

Any questions Call 433-4761 & 432-7521

News from the Nurse . . .TICK TIME!

This time of year kids spend a lot of time outside and ticks are everywhere! It's a good idea to check your child's skin daily, from head to toe. Below is some helpful information.

TICK REMOVAL: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

First, don't panic. It's true that Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease in the United States, but your child's risk of developing Lyme disease after being bitten by a tick is very low. To be safe, though, you'll want to remove the tick as soon as possible because risk of infection increases between 24 to 48 hours after the tick attaches to the skin.

WHAT TO DO

Step 1: Use tweezers to grasp the tick firmly at its head or mouth, next to the skin.

Step 2: Pull firmly and steadily until the tick lets go of the skin. Do not twist the tick or rock it from side to side.

If part of the tick stays in the skin, don't worry. It will eventually come out on its own.

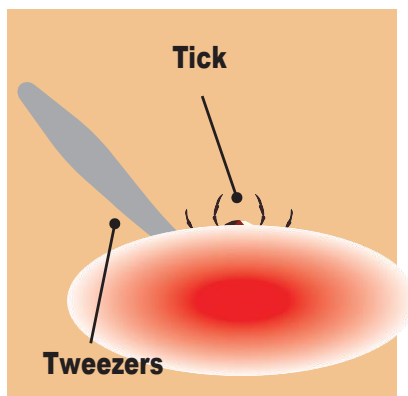
Step 3: Release the tick into a jar or zip-locked bag in case you want to have it identified later on.

Step 4: Wash your hands and the site of the bite with soap and water.

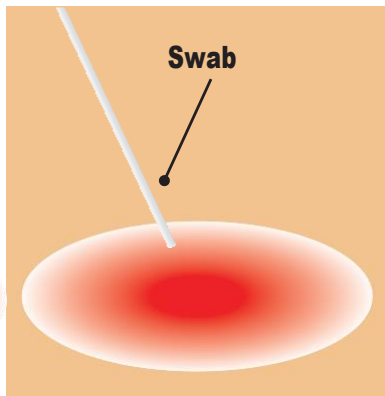
Step 5: Swab the bite site with alcohol.

Never use petroleum jelly or a hot match to kill and remove a tick. These methods don't get the tick off the skin, and can cause the insect to burrow deeper and release more saliva (which increases the chances of disease transmission).

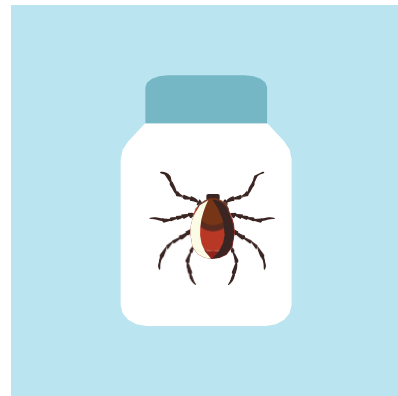
REMOVING A TICK



Grasp and pull.



Swab and check the area.



Save the tick.

NEXT STEPS

Call your doctor after the tick has been removed to find out if your child should be evaluated. In certain cases, a doctor will prescribe antibiotics if a child is at high risk of developing Lyme disease.

Call the doctor right away if your child develops a red-ringed rash or if the skin becomes red and irritated. Also call if your child has flu-like symptoms, joint pain or a swollen joint, or facial paralysis. Although other conditions can cause similar symptoms, you'll want to have your child evaluated early on so that if it is Lyme disease, treatment can begin as soon as possible.

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On Memorial Day 2022, Laurens Central School would like to honor all of those brave Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice at home and abroad in the defense of freedom.