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April 2, 2010

Book Fair

Mark your calendars for the Spring Book Fair, which will be held April 19th through April 23rd. This is the Buy One, Get One Free Fair, so don't miss it!

Dress Code

Spring is here along with warm weather. Please remind your children that appropriate dress for school is required. The length of skirts and shorts should be to the child's finger tips or no more than 3" above the knee. Here is how the dress code reads in our handbook:

It is expected that students, with your guidance, will be dressed appropriately for school. Clothing or attire, which through print or illustration is found to be personally offensive to another student or staff member, depicts or promotes the following, will not be allowed.

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| 1. Drug Use | 5. Violence / Abuse |
| 2. Alcohol Use | 6. Profanity |
| 3. Smoking | 7. Racism |
| 4. Sexual Acts | 8. Sexism |

If a student is found wearing clothing that is inappropriate, he/she will be asked to call you for a change of clothes. Sneakers with wheels are not allowed.

Middle School Chorus Bake Sale

Prior to the Wizard of Oz performance on April 14th and 15th, Yellow Brick Road Brownies, Dunkin' Donut Munchkins, and bottles of water will be sold by the Middle School Chorus. Proceeds will help defray their cost of participating in the Great East Music Festivals in May.

Kids Helping Kids

The Ellis School Student Council is having a food drive to benefit the Fremont Food Pantry until April 9th. Your child will be helping other children in the community by bringing in:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Tuna and/or Mayonnaise

Many of our community members will benefit from your child's generosity!



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Lost & Found

Have you been looking for your child's.....

- "Missing" pair of Sneakers
- Insulated Lunch Box? - there are eight in the Lost & Found
- Coat?
- Warm Winter Hat? - there are 36 in the Lost & Found
- Hooded Sweatshirt?
- Winter Gloves? - there are 47 in the Lost & Found
- Black Ski Pants?

You might just find it in the Lost & Found!!

Before [April](#) Vacation, please take a few minutes to stop by Ellis School and look through the accumulated items neatly arranged, making it easier to "find" something that has been "lost" in the Lost & Found. Note: gloves without a mate are inside the desk.

All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on April 23rd.

Guidance News

SST TOUR

Eighth Grade students will be going to the Seacoast School of Technology in Exeter for a tour on April 8th. Permission slips are due April 6th. We will be leaving Ellis School by 8:45, and will be back for 11:00.

Career Exploration

During the week of April 19th, I will be working with Mrs. Kenney during the 7th and 8th Grade Unified Arts time to assist students in taking a personality test. After taking the personality test on-line, students will then explore careers that match their personality traits.

Milton Hersey School

An information session about Milton Hershey School that will be happening at the Lamprey River Elementary School in Raymond, NH, on April 6th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Milton Hershey School is a **cost-free** residential school that looks to serve students who come from situations of low income and social need. Our basic criteria is that families must be below 150% of the poverty guidelines (\$27,465 for a family of 3), students must be between the ages of 4-15 at the time of enrollment, have the ability to learn, have no major emotional or behavioral issues that disrupt life at home or school, be able to participate in the programs offered, and be born in the U.S.



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Families First

On April 21st, *Communicating Without Arguing or Attitude* will be presented by Joanna Wicklein, CFLE, of Families First Health & Support Center, beginning at 6:30 pm at the New Outlook Teen Center, 20 Front Street, in Exeter.

S.A.S.S.

Due to scheduling conflicts, we were unable to re-schedule S.A.S.S. to come to our classrooms. As a result, we scheduled them to come into the 7th and 8th Grade classrooms the last week of September. We will also schedule a Parent Information Night.

Notes from the Nurse

Spring is here and so are things like allergies, poison ivy, ticks, mosquitoes, stubbed toes, and head lice. Although there have been just a few random cases of head lice, I know they are out there, and other schools have been dealing with them.

PARENTS ~ PLEASE remember it is your responsibility to check your student's head for lice weekly. It is a lot easier and more efficient for parents to check their student's head, than it is for the nurse to check 543 heads! Mass head checks for lice are not recommended, and we do not practice this here at Ellis School. However, if you notice your child scratching at the nape of the neck and behind their ears and you have checked but want help, just call the School Nurse. If you find live lice or nits and are unsure what to do, call the School Nurse for help! When a parent treats a student for head lice they have a few responsibilities:

1. Call and let the School Nurse know your child was treated.
2. Call any parents of your child's friends who have close contact and let them know your child was treated.
3. Come in with your child and have the nurse check their head after treatment.
4. Have your child come to the nurse every Monday and Friday to be rechecked for at least 3 weeks.
5. Educate your self by going to the Ellis School Nurse's web page and scroll down for links to Lice Information.
6. Have your child wear their hair up in braids or pony tails if they have long hair.

Spike came to Ellis School last week and visited the Pre-School and Kindergarten classes. Who is SPIKE? Spike is a porcupine who promotes Poison Prevention Awareness, and through the Northern New England Poison Center, a program was presented to the students and information sent home. Remember that you may call 1-800-22-1222 for any questions regarding poison and safety.

The Bicycle Helmet Promotion from the NH Safety Department was a great success. Thanks to everyone who purchased the helmets at a great price. Bike safety starts with wearing a helmet to protect your head!!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND SCREENING: Parents planning to have a child attend Kindergarten this Fall, should send to the School Nurse the current physical and shot record of their child which has been signed by the doctor. All new incoming students must be compliant by NH State law regarding this matter. Thanks!!



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Chorus Concert

On May 19th, Chorus students in grades 4 through 7 will present their Spring Chorus Concert at Sanborn Regional High School, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. We hope that you will all come to watch your children perform!

Important Dates

April 5th through April 9th - Ferry Beach - 6th Grade Trip

April 13th - Parent Forum 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

April 13th - School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

April 14th through 15th - Wizard of Oz at Ellis School

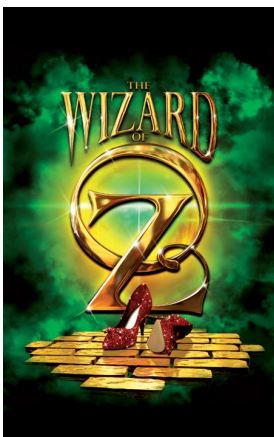
April 15th through 23rd - School Book Fair

April 23rd - Progress Reports

April 26th through 30th - School Vacation Week

May 19th - Spring Chorus Concert Grades 4 through 7

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April 14th and 15th
Ellis School Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$5.00 prepaid for adults, and \$2.00 prepaid for children

Make checks to Ellis School
Put in an envelope addressed to Mrs. Burns