



# Lynx in the Loop

January 6, 2023



As the New Year begins, we are happy to report that almost every class is back to their "home" location.

Both staff and students have been resilient, flexible and understanding during this occupied construction.

Good news is that Mrs. Leite will be back in the Music Room by mid- January and that is our last displaced class.

You may have heard from your students that it was a bit chilly at LMS this week. As all perfect storms go, it seems as though our power outage before vacation had an impact on our new heating system. The space heaters were going full tilt at all times, and classroom temperatures were being closely monitored. The new parts are arriving which are covered under warranty and will have our systems back to full operation in no time.

North Branch Construction will be finishing up this phase by February vacation, leaving only a few more steps this school year to get us to the summer final step of the kitchen and cafeteria.

Students will be setting goals for our Winter i-Ready window which will help us determine their progress over the next few weeks. Encouraging your student to do their BEST helps us to show us what they know and how we can help them to do better!

Finally, if you could please remind your student to check our lost and found, the items are piling up including winter jackets, sweatshirts and water bottles. If you are missing something, we bet you will find it here!

All the BEST,  
Jen Grantham and Martha Thayer

## Important Dates

- January 9th
  - Girls' Basketball @Sanborn
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- January 10th
  - Robotics Prep and Intro
  - LMS Jazz Band
- January 12th
  - Art Club- Art of Puzzles
  - Boys' Basketball vs Pelham
  - Girls' Basketball vs Pelham
- January 25th- SAVE THE DATE!!!
  - Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age @6:30 pm at CHS Auditorium





Please see the [Litchfield School District's protocols](#) for returning to school in case of illness. This was updated as of 12/1/22. Please email Mrs. Chambers at [kchambers@litchfieldsd.org](mailto:kchambers@litchfieldsd.org) with any questions. As always thanks for your attention to this important check-in with your students to ensure personal responsibility and good health!



## Main Office Updated Hours

7:00 am- 3:15 pm

*Visit us!*

*Don't forget to bring your ID for dismissals!*

## Screenagers Screening Coming to Litchfield- January 25th

" Screenagers explores parental struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction and offers solutions to help kids find balance.

Young people spend an average of 6.5 hours a day on cell phones, computers and other devices. That doesn't include the time they use screens for school and homework. 'Screenagers: How Much Screen Time is Healthy?' is a documentary that explores how much screen time is too much. Physician and mother of two Dr. Delaney Ruston became interested in this issue when her preteen started begging for a smart phone. Dr. Ruston saw other parents equally confused on how to balance technology with a young developing mind. She decided to delve deep into the science behind screen time to understand how it affects young people's minds and development. Through personal stories and input from leading researchers, SCREENAGERS sheds light on the impact this screen time is having on kids. The documentary explores how learning, playing and socializing online affects teens' developing attention span, fragile self-esteem and moral instincts. SCREENAGERS examines the real risks of failing in school, social isolation and digital addiction. Ultimately, the film explores solutions to handle screen time and provides parents with tools to help young people develop self-control and find balance in their digital lives."

***Taken from imdb.com plot summary***

We know there are times when you need to contact your student. Please do so through the main office phone line. Texting or calling students during the day is disruptive to the learning environment. Student phones should be turned off and away. This includes dismissals. If your child isn't well, the nurse should evaluate them and will contact home when necessary.

Thank you for your help with this.

