



# Lynx in the Loop

February 17, 2023



I know it seems like we always say it was a busy week here at LMS, but it means there is always something going on for fun and excitement. Our 5th graders had both a Valentine's Celebration and a visiting field trip from Beaver Brook. Although Mother Nature thwarted the snowshoeing activity, there was still fun to be had by all! They dissected owl pellets, went on Nature Walks, and heard a bunch about critters that live in and around Litchfield. It was both fun, and an opportunity to learn in one!

Several students in 5th-8th grade participated in a trial run with Lego and FIRST Robotics to test their problem solving skills and more. The even more exciting part is that Lego left our school several kits which will be applicable in Computers, Tech Ed, and even some of the Science classes. Thanks to Mrs. Corbeil and Mr. Sulzen for helping to facilitate this exciting experience.

8th graders continued to build and test their race cars. There was such creativity in what they were building and smiles were all over the 8th grade as they worked and planned.

Finally to clarify some confusion surrounding iReady and it's use with students here at LMS, it is not about a test or test prep. This program does offer assessment which is given only in the fall, winter and spring to help provide information for teachers on areas of strength for students. Additionally, iReady has an individual "my learning path" that provides games, lessons and activities, directly at a student's instructional level. Teachers are using one of these lessons in Math and one in Reading each week to provide direct instruction in individualized ways for students. This allows both acceleration and remediation on an individual basis during the week ranging from 15-30 minutes in total time for lesson completion.

All the BEST,  
Jen Grantham and Martha Thayer



## Important Dates

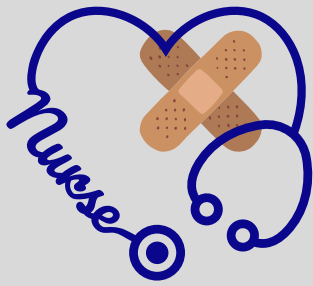
- February 20-24th-
  - School Spirit Week:
    - 2/20- Anything But a backpack (must fit on bus)
    - 2/21- Pajama Day
    - 2/22- Decades Day
    - 2/23- Dress like a Celebrity
    - 2/24- Monochrome Day
  - As always, School Dress Code Rules still apply!
- February 25-March 5th-
  - School Vacation Week

	<b>2022-2023 LMS YEARBOOK</b> ON SALE \$30.00	
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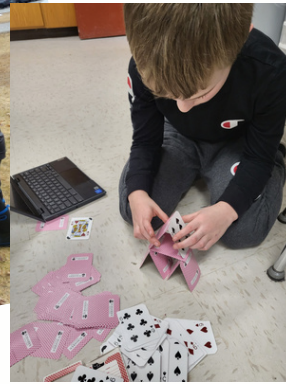
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Please see the [Litchfield School District's protocols](#) for returning to school in case of illness. This was updated as of 1/11/23. Please email Mrs. Chambers at [kchambers@litchfieldsd.org](mailto:kchambers@litchfieldsd.org) with any questions. As always thanks for your attention to this important check-in with your students to ensure personal responsibility and good health!



### **PTO News:**

Join us on Thursday, February 16th at 6pm. in the Library Learning Commons for our next meeting. We'd like your input for events you'd like to see planned this Spring. We have some great things on the docket, come find out more!