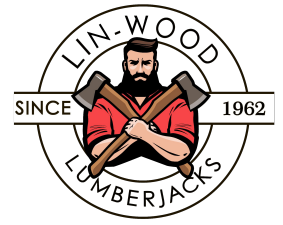


# Lin-Wood Cooperative School District



*Empowering Students to Achieve Excellence*

Fall 2023 Edition

## Principal's Message

By Jason Robert

There is a lot of excitement around the start of a new school year! It has been a pleasure welcoming back our staff and students as well as welcoming our new students and staff for the first time.

Our new teachers include Camryn Burr who joined us as our high school studies teacher. Camryn joined us as covering a maternity leave at Merrimack Valley High School. Emilie Talpin has also joined us as our new middle and high school French and foreign language teacher. Emilie joins after extended time teaching at the collegiate level at UNH and St. Anselm. Hailing from France, she brings an exciting new perspective to our school's foreign language department.

I am also excited to welcome several other new staff that will support our team in a variety of ways. Sayre Cronin and Melissa Cabral has joined our support staff. Courtney Donati has returned to Lin-Wood as our school nurse and Lincoln police officer, Betsy Scrafford has joined our staff as our School Resource Officer.

In addition to new staff we had several staff start new roles within Lin-Wood.. Paula Houde, shifted to middle school ELA. Faith Bossie transitioned into our special ed department at the elementary school and Peter Stivali has left the classroom after many years to serve as our assistant principal.

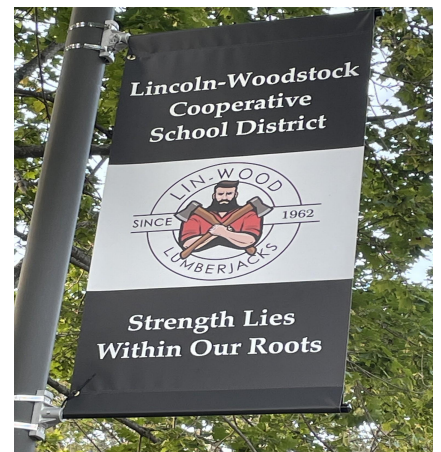
As we have reached the halfway point of the first semester, Lin-Wood students are as busy as ever. Our student athletes have recently completed their fall seasons with much success. Homecoming was amazing and was a great showcase of school spirit from our students and community. Our middle and high school soccer teams have had successful seasons, both in record and in growth. Our cross country has also shown amazing growth through the year with a great showing at the NH State Meet.

Many of our students and staff wear a variety of hats and extend themselves to support a variety of school clubs, organizations and events. Math Club, FBLA, Student Council, MS Activities Club, Granite State Challenge EarlyAct, and Elementary Robotics have started up and are running smoothly. In addition to these opportunities middle and high school have home club running after school regularly.

It's been a great start to the school year and we are all excited to see where it goes!



Our seniors, attended a college tour at PSU. In addition to participating in a tour, our seniors all had a sit down with the admissions office and were accepted on the spot to PSU for the Fall.



Just another way to show Lumberjack Pride with the addition of banners to our parking lot with support of our Booster Club!

# Summer Highlights

## Summer STEM Camp



Students in K-6 partnered with WMSI for 2 weeks of STEM Camp which included problem solving, robotics, programming, and stop motion animation.

## BOYS AND GIRLS OF SUMMER



Girls and Boys of Summer went on epic quests, kayaking and mountain biking, then unwinding with books atop picturesque White Mountains. And shoutout to those making the most of the New England Disabled Sports program at Loon Mountain!



Dana and Wanda from our custodial staff revamped the outside grounds around the elementary school this past summer. Make sure to check out the fresh landscaping and new additions.



# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



After a visit to the Lincoln Library, the 4th and 5th students were extremely interested in the photography display. When they found out these photos were taken by one of our teachers, they were excited to meet her.

Mrs. Talpin came to speak about her photographs, cameras, subjects, and more last week. She has sparked their interest in digital photography and we now are attempting our own digital photography project.

## ABC Boot Camp



The Kindergartners have just concluded their ABC Bootcamp! For the last 26 days they have learned a letter a day. The sound it makes, things that begin with that sound, and how to form each letter in upper and lowercase. They have drawn their own pictures in their own ABC books and practiced writing labels.

## LUMBERJACK FAMILIES + HALLOWEEN FUN



Some Halloween fun for our Lumberjack Families! Fun outside with our Pumpkin Relays!





# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (CONTINUED...)



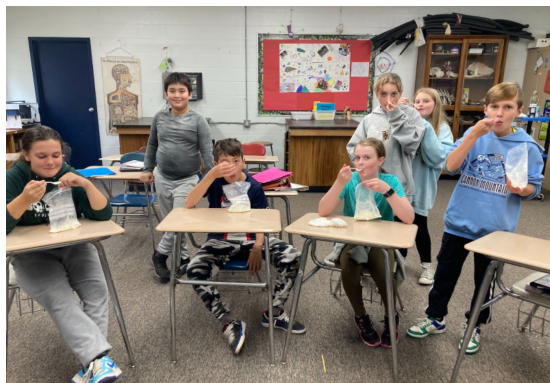
Students in grades 4 and 5 attended a team building/leadership outdoor program at the Upper Valley Stewardship Center in Pike, NH. Students and staff worked together throughout the day to achieve, problem-solve, and experience various tasks and situations presented through them. All of our students participated and had the opportunity to take on leadership roles.



Walk/Roll To School was successful once again this year. Mr. Loukes has continued to organize this opportunity to promote wellness throughout our school community. This was the first year that we have made this event K-12 and look to continue that in the future. We were joined by just over 50 people which included staff, students, family members, and emergency personnel. A huge thank you to those who supported this opportunity



# MIDDLE SCHOOL FUN



Grade 6 Science-Working hard to learn and practice science skills. Our Recipe for a Rainbow lab allowed us to practice following directions accurately and writing procedures. Our Which is Warmer? Investigation let us ask a scientific question and answer it using temperature probes and data analysis. Our States of Matter lab let us enjoy the yummy results of slowing milke molecules down into a solid!



Projects in Mr. Goodbout's class



Grade 7 and their cool backpacks after a visit from the Mount Washington Observatory



## Hubbard Brook



Found the  
playscape at the  
highland center!



## Middle School Wellness Walk



The entire MS enjoyed hiking along local trails of the White Mountains with their advisories. It was a great time to get to know each other better and to have fun in the fresh air!



# HIGH SCHOOL

## HS English Department News

Our high school students are beginning their journeys with both the local Rotary Speech competition and Poetry Out Loud. The Rotary chooses the topic, and our students write and deliver original speeches. This year's topic is about Hope in Our Schools. They have the opportunity to win \$200 if they then enter the school competition, which takes place in the gym on Nov. 17. Poetry Out Loud is an annual authentic public speaking opportunity in which students memorize a chosen poem from [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org) and perform within our English classes on Dec. 14. Then our classroom winners, along with some exhibition performances by elementary and middle school students, will participate in our school wide competition at The Woodstock Station on January 18 at 4: 30 PM.



This week ADAPT has loaned us their Mtn. bikes. So you may see this crew flying past your windows at some point. Here is a picture of day 1 of Mtn. biking with my HS class.



ELO's (Experiential Learning Opportunities) are in full swing this fall! Due to the generosity and time of our community partners, students are attending their ELO's and learning valuable skills outside of the classroom walls. Special thanks to the Riverwalk Resort, Alba Architecture, Plymouth State University-Athletic Trainers, Golden Girls Concessions and Lin-Wood Public School! For more information on how to become a community partner, please reach out to Dori Weeden at [dweenen@lin-wood.org](mailto:dweenen@lin-wood.org) or by calling 603-745-2214 ext 258



## FBLA Fall Leadership Conference: An Insider's Perspective

By Gabby Ronconi



Stepping into the wooden double doors, I had no clue what to expect. It was my first time going, and seeing the amount of kids just like me, was insane. No matter how much my chapter advisor, Melissa, prepared me, I was extremely nervous. As the state officers started to regulate the crowd, I could only imagine what they had planned for us throughout the day. Although the events weren't as bad as I thought they were going to be, they definitely put me, and probably a majority of the other kids, out of their comfort zone. We constantly had to work together, make in depth conversations, and create innovative solutions given to us. Myself, including many others, were able to participate in many activities like creating a tower of shoes, playing games in order to learn more about each other, and working together to fold a tarp while we are all standing on it—which required a ridiculous amount of hard teamwork and dedication from all of us. When all of the schools regrouped with one another, we were also required to give a proposal to sell a product. The only catch was we had only 5 minutes to prepare this. Knowing my other members, I knew I would be secluded to go on the stage and talk alone—to over 400 hundred people. I don't usually mind public speaking, but this was definitely a surprise plastered at my feet. However, with the support of my team members, and the upbeat attitude of everyone else in the room, I got an 8/10 on my presentation. Regardless if I wanted to or not, I was forced out of my comfort zone and into a whole new environment with no lifeguard on deck. Yet, that does not change the fact that I am glad that I went, not a single bit. The new experiences, people I was able to meet, and the insightful knowledge I learned exceeded the prior expectations I had of the affair. That's why, what I had experienced at the FBLA event, FLW, was definitely worth the while and worth the risk of going.

High School  
Robotics Class





# Special Guests & Events

## YEAR OF THE BOOK



Marty Kelley & Simon Brooks have come to Lin-Wood Elementary to share their love of reading, writing, drawing and storytelling. As part of our Year of the Book grant, students have already selected 2 (of 10) books they will choose for free this year.

## SAVE A LIFE TOUR

Lin-Wood High School students participated in the Save A Life Tour. The Save A Life Tour provided an opportunity for students to experience the impact of distracted driving and the importance of safe driving practices. This included a short video and an opportunity to interact with simulators that provided a distracted driving experience. At the conclusion of the event, students made a pledge to drive safely.



Dylan Robie came to speak to the MHS in October about his career as an athletic shoe artist. His advice to students: "Don't try to be like everyone else. Instead, follow your unique passions and work hard. It will lead you somewhere!"

## JEAN'S PLAYHOUSE



Students from the Middle and High School walked to Jean's Playhouse to see Much Ado About Nothing.



# CLUBS + ORGANIZATIONS

## Metavivor Fundraiser



The Class of 2026 supported Breast Cancer Awareness by collecting donations for METAvivor! With help we donated \$1087.75



The first dance of the year for middle school was a Halloween Costume Dance. The middle schooler were joined by guest DJ's Destiny, Abishai, and Emma!



Seven FBLA attended a leadership training in Manchester, NH this fall. During the event, our leaders had the opportunity to participate in a numerous leadership opportunities with other student leaders throughout the state of New Hampshire. Our students are looking forward to the annual spring conference to reflect back about the year.





# HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK



# LET'S GO LUMBERJACKS!!

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### Boys Varsity Soccer

Spencer Arpin  
Dylan Blood  
Kacen Burrows  
Mason Clark  
Rashawn Daniel  
Addison Donati  
Asher Donati  
Brodie Hoover  
Liam Manning  
Andrew Morris  
Brodie Murray  
Colt Sothard  
Lucas Truong  
Wyatt Weeden  
Gideon Wright  
Ben Willey  
Vasek Zak

### Girls Varsity Soccer

Maha Awan  
Campbell Barnaby  
Bri Blood  
Aubrey Champy  
Kate Clermont  
Kiley Clermont  
Abishai Corey  
Hadi Corey  
Brynne Drapeau  
Abby Harvey  
Caroline Hiltz  
Asha Ivester  
Mackenna Mack  
Ali Oddis  
Meredith Sabourn  
Destiny Salz  
Hailey Salz

### Varsity Cross Country

Maisie Anderson  
Phoenix Barnaby  
Ellis Doherty  
Seamus Fadden  
Khloe Goodbout  
Blake Mosman  
Devin Parker  
Madysen Sworab



### Boys MS Soccer

Camden Anderson  
Ian Anderson  
Ollie Bujeaud  
Jesse Corey  
Beckett Donati  
Rhys Hagan  
Sawyer Kelley  
Carver Krill  
Ben LaMotte  
Taylor Lin  
Boone Martin  
Henry Martin  
JJ Proehl  
Lukas Scambio  
Damion Watson  
Max Whitman  
Phen Wright

### Girls MS Soccer

Lacey Avery  
Aza Aylward  
Campbell Barnaby  
Keyara Blake  
Brianna Blood  
Aeris Boucher  
Teegan Boucher  
Stella Brophy  
Greta Krill  
Emma Modzelewski  
Isabella Powers  
Bella Snyder  
Mackenzie Tousignant  
Nora Weeden  
Penelope Weeden  
Hazel Wilson  
Juniper Wright



# LUMBERJACK ATHLETICS

What an incredible season of soccer this middle school girls team was able to have! We began the week before school started, and it was much more evident this season compared to last that our athletes worked out, trained more and exercised OVER the summer to ready their bodies for physical play and long soccer matches. Pick up soccer every Sunday and Tuesday also helped them to get many touches on the ball. Our season finished up with three wins, six ties (including three at the Haverhill Tournament against much bigger schools), and four losses.



Eighth grade captains Hazel, Bri, Campbell and Nora demonstrated positive team spirit, sportsmanship and a tremendous work ethic. Other important eighth grade contributors included Bella, Keyara, Emma, and Teegan. The seventh grade also proved to be very strong competitors including Greta, Pelly, Lacey, Bella, Stella, and Aza. Sixth graders who stepped up into big roles were Aeris, Mackenzie and Juniper. While we battled some injuries and illness, we were very grateful to Isla coming in from the fifth grade late in the season and then Zoe joining us for the last few days to finish out the season. While we missed Campbell when she moved up to support the varsity team, we are so proud of her seamless transition to a much bigger experience. Coach Ryan and I are lucky to have had the opportunity to coach these girls and truly loved every minute.





# LUMBERJACK ATHLETICS (CONTINUED...)

## Boys Soccer



By Addison Donati

As for the last soccer season for Lin-Wood, I couldn't ask for a better group of teammates to spend it with. Even though our record didn't show it, this fall was one of the most enjoyable sports seasons yet. Each game there was an improvement; whether it was skills, communication, or chemistry, a visible change was apparent. Because it is just two of us seniors, there will be lots of chemistry and I hope it gives the team next season a better outcome than this year.

## Cross Country



There are many ways to measure success. Although our season record was poor, we worked hard and improved as a team. After a rough preseason, we bounced back and put in a lot of work to prepare for the rest of the season. In my four years of varsity soccer, this group was the closest off the field. This had its positives and negatives, but made our season lots of fun. The companionship among our team

## Girls Soccer



Our girls varsity soccer team played strong this season ending with a final record of 12-6 which included a quarterfinal berth in the NHIAA tournament. This was their best season in several years and the first time in nearly two decades that they earned the right to host a home playoff game.