



# Line School Beacon

October 2, 2015

## Upcoming Events

### **Acoustic Concert with Jillian Jensen and "The Musical Medic" Brian Saulnier**

On Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM at Line Elementary School, the Limerick Public Library & Limerick Fire/EMS are collaborating to offer an exciting musical program featuring Jillian Jensen (as seen on X-Factor) with "The Musical Medic" Brian Saulnier—This acoustic concert is a community fundraising event to benefit the Line Elementary School's anti-bullying program. Tickets will be available at the door and advance sales available at the Limerick Public Library. Adults \$5.00, Ages 12-18 \$3.00, Under 12 Free. There will be a Meet and Greet and refreshments following the concert.

### **Literacy News**

Save the Date for K-5 Family Night!  
'Fall into Reading & Math'

We will be having our Fall Family Night hosted by Title I staff on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:45-7:00 pm at Line School! We will send home more

information about this event in the middle of October.

### **News from Grade 5**

Line School 5th grade students from Ms. Karish and Ms. Knight's classes will be hosting a sock drive for "Socktober". This is a nationwide campaign made popular by Kid President. As the weather gets cooler, not everyone has access to appropriate footwear. Students will be collecting new socks for men, women and children. There will be a drop off box in the foyer, as well as the two fifth grade classrooms. Our final collection will be on Trunk or Treat night. We will be donating these socks to local organizations that will distribute them to people in need. We thank you for your support, and have a happy Socktober!

### **Mrs. Fossett's Grade 3 Class**

Our class has had a very exciting start to our year. We have worked very hard to develop our classroom routines and procedures. During the first couple of days of school we met as a strand and developed our S.O.P.s as a group and everyone got to vote on the topics that we turned into our vision. After the vision was complete, we worked on a lesson as a strand around the words "grit" and "perseverance". Each student in the strand received a piece of wood and a piece of sand paper. Each student was asked to round out a corner using different grits of sandpaper. When the lesson was done we debriefed in our classes about

why some grits worked better than others and why. We also discussed different strategies they used and how it tied in to their learning. The students quickly discovered that there was more than one way to get the wood smooth and there was great discussion within our 3rd grade classroom about different learning strategies. It was also discovered by my students that someone might have to put in more effort with something than others, but with the right tools and strategies the target or goal could be much easier to complete. This has really set the tone for working hard in our classroom. We are looking forward to an amazing year in third grade. Stay tuned!

### **Line School Physical Education News -Ms. Fearon**

It has been a great start to a new school year in Physical Education. The students at the Line Elementary School have Phys. Ed. once a week for 40 minutes. To start the school year off, grade 3-5 will be working on cooperative activities. This will help build their teamwork and communication skills and prepare them for upcoming team building activities throughout the year. Just a few examples of these activities are the Human Knot and Titanic. The Human Knot is an

activity where the students connect with their hands and make a knot and they have to work together to untie that knot without letting go of each other's hands. Titanic is a game where the students are separated into groups and given a certain amount of equipment and have to figure out how to get across the "water" with all their teammates and equipment without touching the water.

Grades K-2 are working on spatial awareness and locomotor skills. These include games with a "go" and "freeze" cue to show that students can follow directions. We talk a lot about staying in our own space and not bumping into our friends while moving. One game we've worked on is a game called "hula hoop twister." This game involves music as a cue. The students go and stop on the cue of the music while practicing many different locomotor skills.

We've had a great start to our school year and I'm looking forward to a great year to come!

### **Library Notes- Mr. Tranchemontagne**

It's been an exciting first month of school over at the library! It's amazing to see how excited our students are about reading, and equally amazing to see the diversity of interests our students have. I've been reading stories to our younger students about fall and we're planning on some fun fall-themed festivities. Our older students are working diligently on creating their own books. My plan is help these students create their own books that will be available in the library for all students to check out. I am also about to order new books - hopefully all of

our students are excited about that!

### **News From Grade 2 Mrs. Gagnon's Class**

Just a reminder to families that Mrs. Gagnon's 2nd Grade class will be taking the **Fall NWEA** tests during the week of October 5. We will have the NWEA Math test on Monday 10/5/15 @ 9:10 am. The NWEA Reading test will be on Wednesday 10/7/15 @ 11:45. Please be sure that your child has a good night's sleep the night before their test and eats breakfast (at home or school) in the morning.

### **Ms. Judkins' First Grade Class**

First graders have gotten off to a running start! We have been learning about classroom S.O.P.'S and our Code of Cooperation. They are doing an amazing job making our classroom safe and respectful.

We just finished an apple unit. We learned about the life cycle of an apple, Johnny Appleseed and read many stories and poems about apples. On Friday we will be making applesauce.

I asked the 1st graders what their favorite thing about first grade was and here are their responses

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Brielle - Different name tags  
Katie - Learning the new ABC's  
Jessa - Clipping up  
Tyler-Literacy Block  
Ben- Math games  
Landon-Counting by 5's  
Kennadi-Stations  
Alina-Calendar  
Maddox-My whole life in 1st Grade  
Lilly-Learning in school  
Brittany- My friends and recess

Miley-Morning meeting  
Isaiah-Alphabet  
Mia-Math  
Lane-Calendar  
Joey-Counting backwards  
Kira-Morning meeting  
Zane-Music

We are looking forward to a year filled with great learning and fun!