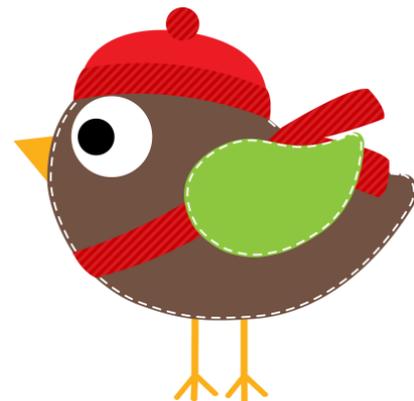


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Concert Rehearsal

On **Wednesday, December 6th**, buses will be dropping students off directly at the Town Hall first thing in the morning and will not be stopping at the school. If you transport your child please bring them directly to the Town Hall at the regular time, 8:30 – 8:40^{AM}. The breakfast program will not be available that morning; however, special arrangements can be made if necessary. Please contact the office.



School Council members STILL needed

PRES is looking for 2 to 3 people to join our School Council. A Leyden parent, perhaps a School Choice parent, and, a Community Member from Leyden. Parents and community members are welcome and encouraged to help the principal and teachers to improve their school by joining and participating on the School Council.

The School Council will meet once a month with a mission to help develop goals for our School Improvement Plan that includes the curriculum, instruction, assessment, and, the budget process. Depending on the volunteer's schedules, the meetings could be right after school, in the evening, and/or alternating between the two. Please contact Bob Clancy at PRES if you have interest or would like more information.

Fifth & Sixth Grade Craft Fundraiser & Raffle

The students in grades 5 & 6 will once again have a table of crafts at the Leyden Craft Fair on December 9th to raise money toward their end-of-the-year field trip.

They are also collecting items for a raffle that will be held during the fair. Please consider making a donation of your craft, a gift certificate to a local business, or any item that can be raffled off.

If you are artistic, have connections with local businesses, or have something you would like to donate please drop it off at the school. Contact Allison Snow @ 772-0924 with questions.

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

Upcoming Events

December 5

Report Cards go home

December 6

Early Release, 12:00
no lunch served

*Parent/Teacher Conferences

PRES Holiday Concert, 6:30PM
@ Leyden Town Hall

December 7

1:45 Release

*Parent Teacher Conferences

December 14

School Committee, PVRS

December 22

Early Release, 12:00
no lunch served

Dec. 25 – Jan. 2

Holiday Break

Parent Teacher Conferences

Please call the office to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher.

772-6245

News from the 5th & 6th Grade

In math both grades are working in new units. The 6th grade is doing Operations with Whole Numbers, Fractions and Decimals. Given the solid foundation in fractions the students received in 5th grade, this unit should be should go relatively smoothly.

The 5th grade unit is about multiplying fractions. In this unit it is imperative that students stop to consider the question, "Is my answer reasonable?" Building on the fraction concepts learned earlier this year, students are using unit fractions to decipher fractional amounts using multiplication. Later in the unit, students will be asked to multiply fractions by fractions. Also, we will revisit the Commutative, Associative, and Distributive Properties and apply to fraction work.

In social studies we are learning about Native American tribes. For this unit the students will be in reading novels in two groups, one group will read *Runs with Courage* and the other group will read *Morning Girl*. Additionally, each student will study a tribe in depth. Along with this students, will do an interesting project in technology, making a short movie about their tribe. In addition, students will be asked to write an informative essay summarizing their research. Also, in language arts, students will continue to use the tools good writers use to short paragraphs, and record their nightly reading and write reflections about it. We have been studying the spelling rules and will begin using the Megawords spelling program. In science, we will continue our study of the earth, moon, stars, and planets.

I would like to thank two people who have worked with our students this year. Rachel Pride has come in on several Fridays to work with our class on the Pearl Rhodes garden in front of the school, and has taught us many things about soil. Charlie Smith is now working with students to create crafts to sell at the Leyden Craft Fair next month. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you are looking forward to the holidays!

Lisa Armstrong

Meet our SCA AmeriCorps Volunteers

Kelly Escarcega

Kelly Escarcega is from Northwest Arkansas, home of the Ozark Mountains. She studied History and Intercultural Studies, but has always had a love for the outdoors and conservation. She decided to undertake SCA Massachusetts AmeriCorps program to get more of a taste of environmental education and conservation work. She is excited about living in community with other cool like-minded people. She thoroughly enjoys coffee, good books, hikes, and loves traveling.



Cooper Eisenhard

A lifelong Pennsylvanian, Cooper Eisenhard joins the SCA Massachusetts AmeriCorps with the goal of surviving the harsh New England winter and connecting to youth through a shared love of the outdoors. Cooper brings his experience as a camp counselor and food services professional to this position and hopes to develop his skills as a conservation leader over the course of this position. Outside of these professional goals, Cooper is most excited to build lifelong relationships with a diverse cadre of aspiring conservationists.

