



Superintendent's Update January 2021

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***"You must do the
thing you think you
cannot do." –
Eleanor Roosevelt***

***Appleton students
enjoy the ice rink!
Thank you to Mr.
Mitchell for your
inventiveness and
hard work!***

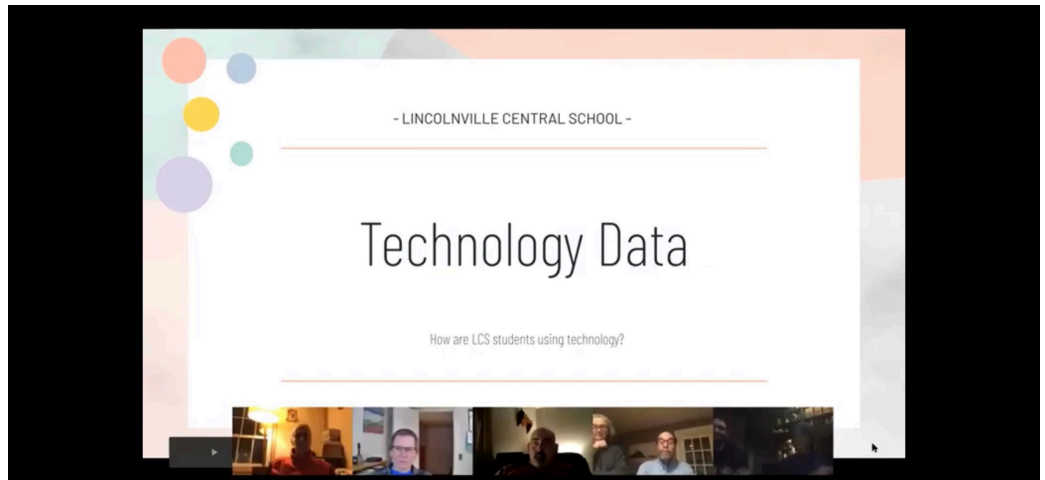


Dear SU #69 Community,

We are at an odd crossroads right now. We can see a way out of the pandemic and perhaps a more normal school day, but we are not there yet. We are not there yet, and there are challenges facing us still. Vaccines are on the horizon, but we are still facing higher case numbers just about every day and the possibility of a new, more contagious strain of the virus reaching Maine. We are told that our health and safety measures are the best way to reduce spreading the virus. In fact, the positivity rate in schools in Maine is a fraction of that in the community. **Therefore, at a time when we are all ready to turn the page and return to normal, we need to double down on our efforts to remain safe in school.**

- Check your child's mask supply-make sure they are well-fitting and meet the guidelines for effective face coverings.
- Continue to complete the daily check in with your children, check for symptoms and keep your children home if you suspect COVID 19 symptoms.
- Remind your children of the importance of hand hygiene and social distancing.
- Continue to practice safe health measures yourself, we are all counting on one another!
- Call our wonderful, knowledgeable nurses if you have any questions.

*Lincolnvile 8th
graders present their
data to the LCS
School Board!*

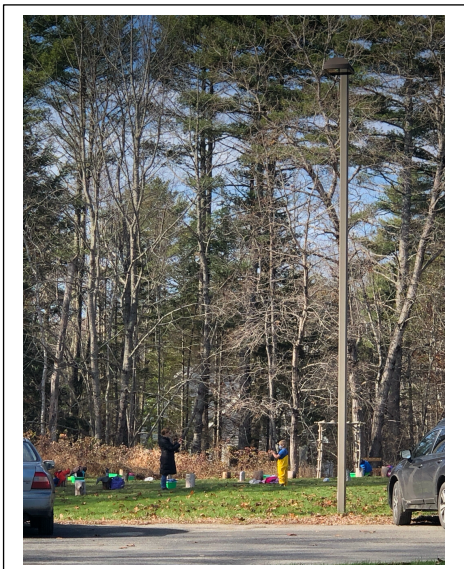


On January 4th, three 8th grade students from LCS, presented data they had collected about technology use among their peers. The students developed interview questions, interviewed students and families and then pulled all the data together in a comprehensive, clear presentation that was then presented to the Board. Congratulations to the LCS 8th graders on a job well done!

Maine Teacher of the Year Nomination Every day, our teachers are working hard to make sure that our students are safe, happy and learning! Annually nominations for Teacher of the Year are requested from the community. Here is a link to a notice from the Maine DOE-teacher of the year nominations are open until **February 5, 2021**.

If you know of a teacher deserving of this honor, click the link below:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/FMfcgxwKkRPFGkgPjCFBqnRdwgCFzWJC?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>



Sarah Schrader, an HES teacher, has won a mini-grant for outdoor learning from the Maine Environmental Education Association.
Congratulations, Sarah!

All of our teachers and students have done an amazing job embracing opportunities to learn outside whenever possible-one of the positive effects of the pandemic!