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**After-School
&
Summer Programs**

For Elementary & Middle School
Grades 1-8

Offering:

- Literacy Development
- Technology Education
- Health & Safety Education
- Cultural Enrichment & Recreational Programming
- Community Service
- Diversity Education
- Parent Education

Transportation, meals, and snacks
available for all students



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Portland Locations:
Reiche Elementary School (1-5)
Lincoln Middle School (6-8)

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A Note From Mr. Matt ...

Hello everyone! We'd like to share a few Program highlights from the last couple of weeks.

- **Donna Gaspar** Jarvis has returned to the Program and is currently providing creative drama workshops with our 3rd and 4th grade groups. Donna has assembled a variety of theatre games that provide an engaging method for children to develop skills in movement, voice, characterization, improvisation and development.

- **Michelle Turner** and **Julie Stewart** are set to begin "Girls On The Run" on Tuesday, February 6th. GOTR is designed to increase young girls activity/fitness levels and self-esteem while teaching life skills that will be beneficial as they enter middle school/adolescence. The Program will be provided for 4th and 5th grade girls in Safe and Smart as well as 4th and 5th graders who are not currently in the Program.

- **Along with help from the Recreation Department**, we have begun an indoor floor hockey clinic on Friday afternoons. It has been interesting for the staff to observe how few of our students have played this game before. We feel it's good to expose our students to more than just soccer, soccer, soccer!

- I have to say that our staff and students are hanging in there quite well considering the freezing temps and how seldom we've been able to get out. Our after school staff has done an especially good job in providing "creative" indoor activities for the kids. 49 days to SPRING!

- **Thank you to the University of New England** for donating more than 100 books for our students!

- **Welcome Mr. Brewster** to the after school staff. Kevin will primarily be working with students from our 3rd grade group.



News from Reiche Elementary School

First Grade Ms. Falk & Mr. Keith

The first grade safe and smart class has been studying the food pyramid and healthy snacks. We made pizza in the kitchen and are going to be making food stamps! Yum!! In addition, we are studying ourselves and what makes us different and unique. We have a series of books that we will be putting together and publishing for Safe and Smart. Yoga continues to be an ongoing practice. Happy February! Ms. Falk

Second Grade Ms. (Bonnie) Harris & Ms. Farah

The second grade has been busy doing homework and an Alphabet Tree project. The Alphabet Tree is fun because we have to find the letters in a magazine, cut them out, then glue them in the correct spot on the tree. Ms. Harris is reading a Shrek book out loud to us. We also get to watch some Electric Company DVD's. Art with Mr. Kennie is fun on Thursday. We are looking forward to some different beads for Friday. We now have both gym and Library on Mondays. Thank you to Ms. Farrah, Ms. Mack, Venita, Paul, and Makoto! Ms. Harris



Third Grade Mr. Brewster, Mrs. Reed & Ms. Catarina

Our energetic third graders have been keeping busy in the new year. We continue to work on our homework and have also been playing "Go Fish" with site words and completing challenging word searches. In addition, we've worked with three dimensional felt shapes, completed some free drawings and have begun a drama program. We're keeping warm with floor hockey, indoor soccer and jumping rope.

Mr. Brewster



Mohamed, Abdulkadir,
Abdirahman & Mustaf
posing during their
drama workshop.

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Scott Pease

**Reiche Elementary School
Teachers & VIP Staff**Jessica Falk, Teacher **Gr. 1**
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Alyssa Anton, USM TEAMS
Jeannette Soules
Kellen White, UNEAweis Abdalla, Ed Tech **Gr. 4**

Caralen MacKenzie, Ed Tech

Volunteers:Venita Hodgdon
Erin O'Brien, UNEScott Pease, Teacher **Gr. 5**

Judy Harris, Ed Tech

Volunteers:Caitlin Cashman
Mary MacDonald, USM TEAMS

Janny Kerkhof, Technology

**Lincoln Middle School
Teachers & VIP Staff****Group A**Sarah Martin, Teacher
Andy Roy, Ed Tech**Group B**Heidi Cameron, Teacher
Dave Bing, Ed TechPhil Skillings, Health & Wellness
Teacher

Kelly McConaughy, Volunteer

Third & Fourth Grade Mr. Aweis & Ms. Mac

Our 4th grade group has been working hard. We like to get our work finished first so we can do the fun things in Safe and Smart. Last Friday we began an indoor floor hockey program. It was a new activity for most of the kids in the group and a lot of fun. On Tuesday, each student in the group was able to pick out their own book from a donation made by the University of New England. Hopefully the weather will warm up soon so we can get outside for fresh air and exercise!

4th Grade Staff



Mr. Pease, Delvin and Mark flip through some of the free books donated to the program by the University of New England.

**Fifth Grade Mr. Pease**

The fifth grade class is starting a pottery project in art. We are making bowls and cups. Mr. Kennie will be firing them this week, so they should be done before vacation. We have moved to the music room to do our homework and play games. It is a nice and quiet place to hang out.

Mr. Pease

**News from Lincoln Middle School****Group A Ms. Martin & Mr. Roy**

Technology at its best! Students in Ms. Martin's and Mr. Roy's Safe and Smart group studied for their spelling test using Scholastic's Word Wizard on their laptops. Students were able to type their spelling list into the program then test themselves by unscrambling the words. After they spelled the words, the game gave them a score ... 90s and 100s all around!

Ms. Martin



Ms. Martin helps Fardowsa and Fatuma get ready for an upcoming spelling test.

**Group B Ms. Cameron**

Cooking continues at Safe and Smart. Recent things that have been made include cookies and tacos. Making the food is as fun as eating it. Future menu items include homemade blueberry muffins and cookies for Valentine's Day.

Ms. Cameron

Jeffrey prepares the meat for after school tacos at Lincoln.

