



## LADSBS News...

### Important April Dates:

- 1,2 Schools Closed
- 3 Athletes Helping Athletes Program, Grade 5
- 3 Meet the Instruments, Grade 3, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 4, 5 Spring Pictures, LADSBS
- 8 ALS Ride for Life Assembly, Grades 3 & 4
- 8 [Solar Eclipse Viewing](#)
- 10,11 NYS ELA Assessment
- 11 LADSBS Beginner's Strings Concert 6:30 p.m. MPHS
- 15 LADSBS Beginner's Band Concert, 6:30 pm MPHS
- 17 Board of Education Meeting 8:00 p.m. MPHS
- 18 Grade 5 Family Fun Night LADSBS, no sign-up required
- 19 [LADSBS Yearbook Order Deadline](#)
- 22-26 Spring Recess Schools Closed
- 30 LADSBS Art Show 5:00-7:00 p.m., Café
- 30 Grade 4 Historical Walking Tour Field Trip

### **Mrs. Farley & Mr. Grande would like to share...**

Welcome to spring! At LADSBS, our students are diving into an array of exciting activities and events. We're thrilled to share the highlights of March and give you a glimpse of what's in store for April!

Our "March Book Madness Tournament" has come to a close, with I Have a Superpower emerging as the Book of the Year! It was fantastic to see students buzzing with excitement about books. Adding a twist to this year's tournament, all book readings were performed by a masked reader, adding an element of mystery and intrigue. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, our third graders enjoyed an event, "Spring Into Reading," where they embarked on a literary journey around the world, indulging in captivating stories and engaging in creative crafts.

Our calendar has been brimming with exploration and learning opportunities. Our third graders will dazzle audiences with their musical talents at their Beginner's Concerts. Fourth graders had an in-house experience with a journey into the American Indian Territory and a series of hands-on activities. And for our fifth graders, preparations are underway for the Fifth Grade Moving Up celebration, where they'll unveil their My Intent Projects. Additionally, fifth graders were invited to join the Panther Cub Players Drama Production of "Wonka Junior"!

We're steadfast in our commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive environment at LADSBS. Encouraging our students to embody the Golden Rule—treating others as they wish to be treated—is paramount. We urge you to have conversations with your children about the importance of kindness and inclusivity, emphasizing how their actions can positively impact everyone's experience. Together, let's ensure that every moment spent at LADSBS is filled with joy, respect, and teamwork!

*"Be yourself, everyone else is already taken." - Oscar Wilde*

## Fourth Grade Focus . . .

Now that we have entered the third trimester, it is time to finish this year up strong! Our fourth graders have been resilient, motivated, and flexible. We are so proud of all of them!

In Social Studies, we have finished up our Native Americans study. Students participated in the *Journeys into American Indian Territories* live workshop. During this program, students engaged in a variety of workshops including a museum, stories and games, making clay pots, decorating wampum belts, and music. Looking ahead, our fourth graders will be learning about colonial times in New York State. More specifically, they will learn about the first European explorers, the 13 original colonies, and the French and Indian War.



In Science, we are currently working on our unit called, *A Walk in the Park*. During this unit, students take a walk in a park. They stop to admire wildflowers and learn how the internal and external structures of these plants function to support growth and reproduction. Students continue on their walk making stops along the way to look at different animals. Students study these animals and learn how the animals use their senses to take information from their surroundings and process this information. Special emphasis is placed on the sense of sight. Students will realize that animals, like plants, also survive by the interaction between their internal and external structures.

Our field trip to the Vanderbilt Museum was a huge success! Students took a tour of the night sky through an interactive IMAX theater. Through the *We Are Guardians* program, students took a journey into, under, and around the many ecosystems across our planet. They learned about how with the help of satellites and scientific study, we can understand the links between human activities and climate change, and what we can do to work together to improve the health of our shared home. On this field trip, students also participated in *The World of Vanderbilt* program. Some highlights of this program included an introduction to the life of William K. Vanderbilt II, a discussion of the buildings, architectural elements, gardens of the estate, and tours of various galleries. This was a very exciting day for our fourth grade students and it certainly was a trip to remember.



This is going to be a great month of growth and learning for our students. We hope that everyone has a relaxing spring break!

## Third Grade Thoughts . . .



Happy April! Now that Spring is here, we are able to enjoy the warmer weather along with the many exciting things that are happening in third grade! The “March Book Madness” competition was a huge success! The students loved having the chance to hear wonderful books and vote on their favorite in hopes that it would be the big winner. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, third graders were able to come back to school in the evening for our *Spring Into Reading* event! Students were able to travel to different countries in the world, listen to a story, then complete a craft to take home. LADSBS was filled with many smiling faces!

This month, we are continuing to work on fractions in Math, spending time gaining a strong understanding of the concept. We will also begin to work on collecting and displaying data with graphing. In Social Studies, we will be focusing on China, comparing China to other world communities. We wrapped up our *Invisible Forces* science unit with a field trip to Port Jeff Bowling Alley! A great time was had by all! We will be starting our Butterfly unit which is an exciting unit for the students. They will have the opportunity to watch butterflies go through their life cycle right in the classroom! We are full steam ahead in ELA, continuing our journey exploring stories and plays and our students are loving it.

The New York State ELA Assessment is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, and the NYS Math Assessment is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. We are continuing to reinforce concepts that have been covered throughout the year as well as introduce new ones through our daily lessons.

Now that the warmer weather is approaching, we will soon be able to enjoy recess as well as some class time outside! Enjoy the spring recess!

## Fifth Grade Flash. . .

What an exciting month March was! There have been so many exciting events that occurred, including participating in “March Book Madness” (the masked reader version), and dressing up for a spirit week! We also celebrated Women’s History Month and the countless women from history and the present who have made an impact on the world with their accomplishments. In March, the fifth graders also took a field trip to the Brookhaven National Lab and learned about some exciting new concepts, seeing how our science studies apply to the real world.

In Math, the fifth grade classes finished Module 4, which included multiplication and division of fractions and decimal fractions, and began Module 5 where they are learning about the volume and area of figures and shapes.

In ELA, fifth graders enjoyed their novel study, *Hatchet*, while also continuing to explore the different genre texts in our HMH Into Reading modules. The students are continuing to apply their comprehension skills in all of the texts they read in order to become stronger readers.

In Social Studies, the fifth graders have dove into learning about the Columbian Exchange and European Explorers. Additionally, we will begin to learn about the geography of the United States, along with other places in the world, and learn why they are important. In the final months of the school year, our science lessons will consist of studying weather and climate and their effects on the environment.

As we approach these last few months, it is incredible to see how much our students are growing and learning day by day. We are looking forward to a great month of April and we hope that you and your family have a fun and relaxing Spring Break!

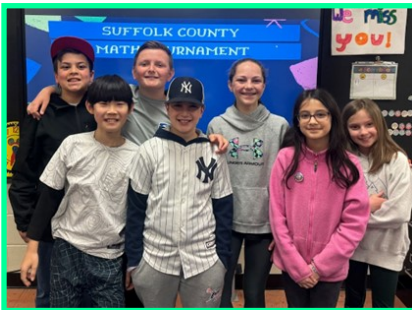




# Marvelous Math . . .

March has been another busy month in the Math Lab! Our third, fourth and fifth graders have all become experts with fractions. Adding, subtracting, comparing ... you name it they can do it! We have used models, fraction bars, dry erase boards, colored pencils, and good old fashioned paper and pencil to explore the true value of a fraction.

Looking ahead, our fifth graders will be diving into solving for area and volume. They will use the decimal and fractional skills that we have learned to multiply and divide in order to solve. We will also be using manipulatives such as cubes and nets to make models to help our understanding. Our fourth graders have embarked on their geometry unit. They are identifying and measuring angles using protractors. In third grade, we continue to learn about fractions and how to make equivalent fractions. For the remainder of the year, we will be focusing on spiral review in order to keep all of those skills sharp that we have been working on since September! This will help the students to be successful as they move forward with their curriculum.



The 2023-2024 Math Olympiad season with Ms. Brenner has ended, and we couldn't be prouder of all our young mathematicians for their dedication and hard work. This year, the brightest minds among our fourth and fifth graders have shined through, earning a spot in the Suffolk County Tournament coming this May. A big round of applause for our Top Five fourth grade math wizards: Hazel Kamath, James Kinkaid, Cyrus Lindemann, Ainsley Vigliotta, and Madison Toner. And let's not forget our brilliant fifth graders: Connor Johnson, Lorenzo Guzman, Zachary Zane, Luke Kimmy, and Margaret O'Callaghan. A special shoutout to Connor Johnson for an incredible achievement, scoring an impressive 23 out of 25 points during the season.

Your hard work and passion for mathematics inspire us all! Congratulations to each and every one of you. You've shown exceptional skill and perseverance, and we can't wait to see how you all perform in May. Keep up the amazing work!

# Field Trip Fun...

The month of March was filled with adventures for all grade levels at LADSBS! Our third graders had a blast during their field trip to Port Jeff Bowl, fifth graders visited the Brookhaven National Lab for hands-on activities, and our fourth grade students visited the Vanderbilt Museum, as well as a PSEGLI assembly on electrical safety.



# Spring into Reading . . .

During the month of March, students had an exciting and busy time celebrating the importance of reading with many activities including Dr. Seuss' Birthday, Spirit Week, Spring Into Reading, our annual March Book Madness Tournament and a MPPTO Read-A-Thon. We would like to thank everyone for participating in these events and for continuing to encourage reading and literacy both in the classroom and at home.



## March Madness



The results of our March Book Madness Tournament are in! It was an incredible race between Out Of The Ballpark (read by the Pig) and I Have a Superpower (read by the Giraffe)! However, with 53% of the school-wide vote, the WINNER of our 2024 March Book Madness Tournament is...



### "I Have a Superpower" (read by GIRAFFE)



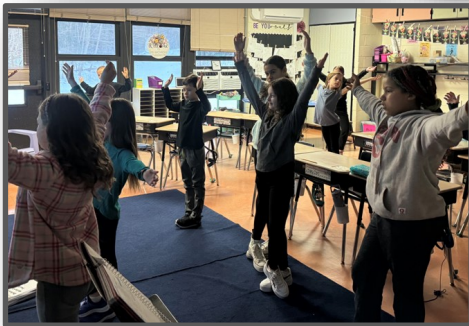
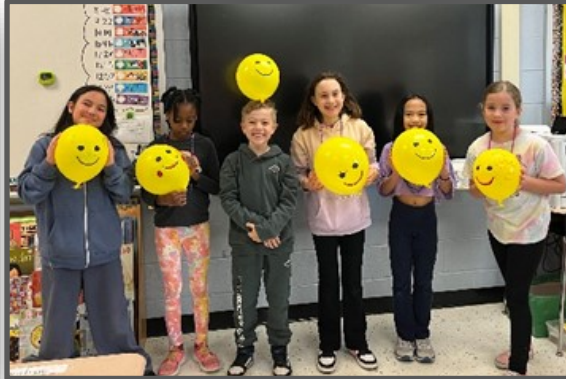
The runner-up masked reader (behind the Pig)... Ms. Brenner!  
The "champion" masked reader (behind the Giraffe)...Ms. Runfola!



**Fairness...**

## Club Corner...

The month of March brought an end to our morning clubs, but we hope students continue to enjoy all of the new interests and hobbies that they discovered. We had approximately 270 students participate this year, and could not have done it without your support!



## Art-I-Facts...

We would like to extend a big congratulations to the students who had artwork selected for the SCA-LA Children's Exhibition! Fifth graders R.J. Boos, Zachary Zane and Maggie Doepp, fourth graders Ainsley Vigliotta and Katerina Spaniolas and third grader, Landon Chacon, proudly displayed one work of art to represent LADSBS in this county-wide art show. A special thank you to all the families that came to the artist reception on one of the rainiest days of the year! This month, we're working on geometric drawings, water-color vase still lifes and assemblage pieces designed to look like metal.



Our annual LADSBS Art Show will take place on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Every LADSBS student will have work on display, so please come support our artists!

## Caring...

## Music Musings . . .

**Orchestra:** The Fourth Grade Orchestra students are gearing up for their first concert. We are working on polishing our sound and stage presence all while doing some deep breathing exercises to help us contain the nerves and excitement. The concert will be held Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the MPHS beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please have students arrive no later than 6:00 p.m. and no earlier than 5:30 pm. We have many procedures and announcements to go over in addition to tuning and warming up prior to the start of the show. Students must arrive with their instrument, music book, folder, rosin, shoulder sponge (violins and violas), shoulder rest (violin/viola if you own) and rock stop (cello/bass if you own). As always, please continue to encourage your child to play with a smooth and long bow. We always want to strive for that beautiful string instrument sound. Twenty minutes of daily practice helps keep the fingers strong and the mind sharp.

The Fifth Graders have just received their third and final song for their spring concert and the excitement is building. Our repertoire for this one has got a little bit of everything: classic rock, improvisation and even some American spirit. We have a few months to go and the kids are already sounding great. NYSSMA is right around the corner. Please encourage the students to commit to daily practice at home in order to get them prepared and settle the nerves. It is certainly not easy to perform a solo in front of others.



**Chorus:** The Fifth Grade Chorus is sounding more and more like an adult choir. The shape of one's mouth when singing really does change the sound. We have our daily dose of exploring silly sounds which always adds a dash of good fun, however, the students are well aware that when singing with a rounded "O" shape, it creates a beautiful and mature sound. They just received their third and final song for the concert and we couldn't be more excited to share it with you at the concert.

**General Music:** With all the excitement from ukulele, drumming and glockenspiel, we will continue the March essential question in April: "How do you write music?". The students are gaining proficiency in their ukulele chords and strumming patterns, as well as developing ideas about how to create their own music. We've been exploring rhythm, melody, beat, chords and now we can move onto the final piece: The lyrics. Everyone has a story to tell, and music can sometimes be the perfect vehicle to deliver it.

**Band:** April is a busy time for our LADSBS musicians. We would like to invite all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students to our "Meet The Instruments Night" on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. where students will watch and listen to demonstrations on all of the band and orchestra instruments by our Miller Place High School students. This will better assist them in deciding which instrument they would like to play in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Our current 4<sup>th</sup> graders also have an exciting month with their recital being held for band students on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Miller Place High School. This will be a fun night of music making for all! We can not wait to share our hard work with you. Our Fifth Grade Band students are working hard as well. We have 20 students in the Fifth Grade Band who will be participating in the NYSSMA festival on April 16<sup>th</sup>. We wish them all the best of luck!

## Kindness Corner . . .

Congratulations to our March Kindness Coupon Raffle winners:

*Eva Green, Roman Golod, Lorenzo Bobot, Jaden Udaze, Matthew Harpaul, Erynn Darragh*

Thank you all for keeping up the kindness!



EVERY STUDENT MATTERS ... EVERY MOMENT COUNTS!

## NYS Testing Reminder...

### Board of Education

**Lisa Reitan, President**  
**Bryan Makarius, Vice President**  
**John Galligan, Trustee**  
**Andrea Spaniolas, Trustee**  
**Johanna Testa, Trustee**

NYS grades 3-8 ELA, Math and Science Assessments are approaching.

ELA—April 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

Math—May 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Science (Gr. 5 only) —May 15<sup>th</sup>

Please complete the Miller Place NYS Assessment Intent Form for your child as soon as possible:

[LADSBS NYS ASSESSMENT INTENT FORM](#)

**Citizenship...We help others!**

## Central Office Administration

**Seth A. Lipshie, Superintendent of Schools**

**Susan G. Craddock, Assistant Superintendent**

**Sandra A. Wojnowski, Executive Director for Educational Services**

**Colleen V. Card, School Business Official**

**Christopher J. Herrschaft, Director of Human Resources**

**Ron Petrie, Administrator for Physical Education, Health,  
Athletics and Intramurals**

**Kurt Roth, Administrator for Instruction and Data Reporting**

**Barbara A. Weir, Director of Technology**

**Dennis Warsaw, Director of Facilities**

**Jeremy Koch, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services**

**Donald Pearce, District Treasurer**

**Patricia Morbillo, District Clerk**



### [Summer Enrichment Program](#)

The SUNY Cortland Literacy MSED program is sponsoring a virtual literacy tutoring program over the summer semester from June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>. We welcome students in incoming grades 1-5. For more information, please visit the district website or the LADSBS announcements page:

[SUNY Cortland Summer Literacy Tutoring Program 2024 Information](#)

[SUNY Cortland Summer Virtual Tutoring Program Letter to Parents](#)



**“The sum of us is greater  
than all our parts.”  
Maya Angelou**