



LADSBS News...



Important May Dates:

- 1 Grade 4 Historical Walking Tour
(Rain date: May 3)
- 6 Puberty Program, Grade 5
- 7 Budget Hearing, 7:00 pm, MPHS
- 7 Incoming Parent 3rd Grade Orientation, 6:00 p.m.
LADSBS Cafe
- 7-8 NYS Math Assessment
- 9 Give Back Day, LADSBS
(Rain date: May 10)
- 13 Jared Campbell Assemblies
- 15 NYS Science Assessment, Grade 5
- 20 ALS Ride for Life Visit, LADSBS
- 21 Aquarium Field Trip Grade 3
- 21 **Budget Vote**, NCR
6:00 am—9:00 pm
- 23 LADSBS Field Day
(Raindate 5/31)
- 24-27 Calendar Adjustment
Memorial Day Weekend
Schools Closed
- 29 Board of Ed. Meeting,
8:00 pm, MPHS

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

Spring sunshine has arrived! As we step into the second week of May (5/6 – 5/10), we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. Let’s take a moment to express gratitude to your child’s teacher. While the end of the school year draws near and excitement builds, it’s crucial to remember that these final months are vital for students’ progress. Keeping them focused on their studies remains paramount. Please continue to stay in touch with your child’s teacher regarding any concerns you may have.

We have been busy planning field trips, ceremonies, and celebrations as we head into the end of this school year. Congratulations to all our 4th grade musicians for stepping onto the stage and providing a fantastic concert for us. We also held our first “Meet the Instrument Night” to give our third grade students an up close look at the instruments they can choose to play in fourth grade. Our annual Art Show, held in the cafeteria, showcased the artistic talents of every child in the building, making it a truly remarkable event.

As we concluded our *Family Connect Nights* initiative led by the LADSBS School Improvement Team, the fifth graders and their parents were treated to a “Family Game Night.” Participants engaged in three different game rooms: “Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?,” “The Family Feud,” and a selection of traditional board games. It was a fun evening filled with laughter and friendly competition, strengthening the bonds between students, parents, and the school community.

Our Character Ed Program is a major component of the LADSBS curriculum. Our fifth grade students are busy working on their “My Intent” projects, choosing a word that describes themselves and realizing what makes them unique. Third and fourth graders were discussing the “Power of their Words” and the impact their words have on others. Focusing on the whole child and creating well rounded citizens who are understanding of the differences of those around them, is something we strive to instill in our students at LADSBS.

Lastly, on behalf of everyone at the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School, we extend warm wishes for a Happy Mother’s Day to all the incredible moms out there.

“Despite the forecast, live like it’s spring.” -Lilly Pulitzer



Third Grade Thoughts . . .



May is an exciting month for our third graders! They have been enjoying learning about China in Social Studies. They learned about China's geography and will continue to learn more about the Chinese culture. Students have also been learning about graphing in math and they are enjoying reading stories in our HMH books. This month we will be learning about caterpillars and butterflies and we will be taking our second field trip to the Riverhead Aquarium. We are all excited to visit the butterfly house and see all the animals. We are also looking forward to the Jared Campbell concert on May 13th!

Try to enjoy the beautiful month of May and the beginning of warm weather by reading with your child outside. You may also want to explore all the pretty plants "popping up" around you. We would like to thank the Service Club for putting together Give Back Day to honor people in our community. May is National Teacher Month! Don't forget to thank your teachers during the month of May.

Fourth Grade Focus . . .

May is here! The fourth graders have been working so hard this year and are coming to the final stretch! The students should be proud of everything they have accomplished so far.

In math, students will be working in Module 2. This short, five-lesson module focuses on unit conversion and measurement. Following Module 2, classes will begin Module 6: *Decimals*. For Module 6, students will apply their knowledge of place value to help with lesson topics.

In ELA, students are continuing with lessons in HMH. Target comprehension skills include identifying the main idea and supporting details, as well as understanding the author's purpose for writing a story. Students are also learning how to safely conduct research and identify sources for their informative writing pieces.

In social studies, students are learning about the 13 Colonies and the American Revolution! Students are following the timeline of events - learning about historical figures and important battles along the way. This will lead into learning about the formation of our government.

In science, students will be learning about rock formations and fossils, the effects of weathering and erosion, and Earth's geographical features in our latest unit called *Earth Processes in New York State*.



To add to the fun, the fourth graders have a field trip to look forward to this month. The students have already started their Miller Place Historical Walk on April 30th, May 1st, and May 2nd to learn about the history of their community. We are making a special stop to get ice cream at McNulty's too! On May 9th we will have Give Back Day, and on May 13th we will have a Jared Campbell Assembly. Then, fourth graders will showcase their athleticism and sportsmanship at Field Day on May 23rd! We are looking forward to a great month!



Fifth Grade Flash . . .

Throughout the month of April, our students have demonstrated remarkable dedication and perseverance in their studies. With the introduction of new material, students embraced the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills.



An exciting math project our fifth grade classes have been diligently working on was designing their very own zoo exhibit! Students collaborated in groups to create a zoo animal using various sized boxes. Each group carefully calculated the volume of their rectangular prisms. It was a hands-on-learning experience that allowed students to apply their math skills in a real world context!



As part of our reading program, students have been exploring various genres of texts from fiction to nonfiction, poetry to drama. Through guided instruction, they have been applying learned reading strategies to comprehend and analyze each text deeply.

Students delved into the era of European exploration and the profound impact of the Columbian Exchange. As part of their exploration, students created Explorer Lap Boards. These boards served as a platform to showcase their understanding of various European explorers who played pivotal roles during this transformative period in history.

One of the exciting Science investigations that our students conducted was cloud formation in a bottle. Through experimentation and observation, students explored the factors that contribute to cloud formation including temperature, humidity and atmospheric pressure.

April has truly been an incredible month filled with exciting events and memorable moments. It was our fifth graders' last visit from our Miller Place High School athletes. Students have learned so much from this wonderful program. A special thank you to all of our high school athletes that took the time to come and teach life lessons to our fifth graders.



As we reflect upon these moments, we're reminded of the power of community, curiosity and connection. Thank you for being a part of our journey and for making April a month to remember!



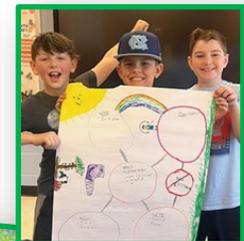
Solar Eclipse . . .

Last month, our students and entire community had the unique opportunity to view a solar eclipse! Students were very excited to join together in witnessing such a spectacular event, it was certainly out of this world!



Health Happenings . . .

During the month of April, students in Health class have been learning all about how the Health of the Environment impacts our own physical health. Mrs. Dunn worked with students in groups to come up with ideas on how we can make LADSBS more "Green". Third and Fourth grade students created posters, and Fifth grade students created google slides presentations. Great teamwork everyone!





Nurse's Note . . .

Now that the warmer weather is approaching, it's important to be informed about the risk of ticks as we spend more time outdoors. Here are some tips from the NYS Center for School Health to protect yourself and family against tick-borne illnesses.

1 PLAN & PREVENT

Use an EPA registered tick repellent with more than 20% active ingredients like DEET, picaridin or IR 3535 on exposed skin. You can find the EPA registration number on the label. Wear light colored clothing and tuck your pants into your socks. Try to stay in the center of clear, well-travelled trails.

2 CHECK & REMOVE

Check your body and clothes after coming back from tick-infested areas. Look in the hair, under your arms, in and around the ears, behind the knees, around the waist and between the legs.

Remove ticks with a fine tipped tweezer using steady upward pressure then clean the area with soap and water.

3 WATCH & CALL

If you develop a rash, chills and fever, headache, stiff neck, muscle and/or joint pain, and swollen glands after removing a tick, tell your parents or doctor. Tell them when the bite occurred and areas where you could have gotten the tick.

Kindness Corner. . .

Congratulations to our April Kindness Coupon Raffle winners:

Carter Chaput, Ainsley Vigliotta, AJ Mussi, Ben Velasquez, Antonio Latora, Julia Rella

Thank you all for keeping up the kindness!



Our fifth grade students are finishing up their "My Intent" projects and have truly shown us what "shining stars" are really about! We are so proud of all the wonderful things our students have been showcasing throughout the school, and can't wait to see what else our 5th grade stars will do!



Art-I-Facts . . .

Thank you to all of our talented artists and families that came out to support our art program at the annual Art Show! Families gathered to admire geometric animal portraits, galaxy paintings, art supply sculptures, clay pizza and more! We can't wait to see what amazing artwork next year's show brings.



School Spirit..

During the month of April, students and faculty celebrated Autism Acceptance Day by wearing the color Red or something that represents their unique self. We are so proud of how our students and community come together to show support for one another. Great job!



Music Musings . . .

Orchestra The Fourth Graders are officially pros now. They conquered their first recital with great success. Smiles and laughs all around in what was a great experience for both performers and audience. Now we can relax a little bit and start working on some really great songs that will push us into the end of the year. We can't wait to see these guys next year in the Fifth Grade Orchestra.



The current Fifth Graders, on the other hand, are still hard at working perfecting their songs for their upcoming concert in June. This group of kids have figured out how to make a massive sound on their instruments. Not an easy feat at such a young age and with such delicate instruments. We are sure to bring the house down at the concert in June.

Chorus Fifth Grade Chorus is rocking. We got quite a show planned for you and we can't wait to perform for you. We can promise it will be unforgettable. Music has just brought so many kids together this year—it's such a beautiful thing.



General Music It's recorder time. The third graders have started the famous instruments. From "Hot Cross Buns" to "We Will Rock You", the kids are starting to work on their breath control, dynamics (volume) and note-reading. Such a great way to get them ready for instrumental music next year.

Fourth and fifth graders are getting really good at drumming and ukulele. While the fourth graders are still working on controlling their muscles, learning how to push the strings and perfecting strumming patterns, the fifth graders are starting to connect how learning a few simple chords can help them play so many different songs. That initial learning curve was tough, but they got through it and they are starting to understand the patterns of the musical language. Some of them can even play and sing at the same time.



Band April was a huge month for musicians here at LADSBS! We had 20 band students from fourth and fifth grade attend the NYSSMA festival on April 16th at Bellport High School. They represented Miller Place extremely well and received fantastic scores! The fourth grade recital went amazingly well on April 15th! Students were so excited to share a night of music and they did a fantastic job! We are so proud of them all. Fifth Grade Band students are working hard on their band songs for their concert later this year in June.

Board of Education



Save the Dates...

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

- *Fifth Grade Moving Up, 9:00 a.m. June 10th*
- *Fifth Grade Urban Air Field Trip June 13th*
- *1/2 Day K-5 for Students June 24th and June 25th*

Citizenship...We help others!

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Helpful Hints...

- With the warmer weather coming upon us soon, our Lost & Found items are piling up! Please check for any sweatshirts, jackets, water bottles, etc. that your child may have misplaced and ask them to check out the lost & found items located in the cafeteria
- Please help us keep all students safe by reinforcing the rule that cell phones are not to be "on or out" at any time during our school day, including bus rides. Any student who has an emergency should come to the office or nurse where access to a phone will be provided and the proper guidance from an adult will be employed.



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

