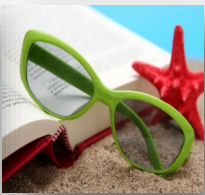




LADSBS News...



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

Important June Dates:

- 4-7 MPPTO Book Fair,
LADSBS, AMPS
- 5 LADSBS Spring Concert,
Band, Chorus & Orchestra
6:30 p.m., NCR
- 6 LADSBS Clean-Up Day
- 10 Grade 5 "Moving Up"
Ceremony, NCR 9:00 a.m.
- 11 MPHS Graduation Walk
- 12 Grade 2 Visit to LADSBS
- 12 Grade 5 Visit to NCR
- 12 Board of Ed Meeting
8:00 p.m.
- 13 Grade 5 Field Trip
Urban Air
- 19 Juneteenth Observed
Schools Closed
- 24,25 1/2 Day K-5
LADSBS 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Last day June 25th
- 26 Report Cards Posted

As the month of June arrives, we eagerly anticipate the excitement of celebrations and new beginnings. Our discussions focus on Moving Up Celebrations, Field Day, student recognitions, student growth (academic, social, and emotional), and our future goals. This is also a time to reflect on our accomplishments from the year and recognize those who contributed to them. For the final newsletter of the 2023-2024 school year, we extend our heartfelt thanks to you, the parents, for your unwavering support!

Throughout this school year, we have witnessed the community come together, whether by honoring our service members on Give Back Day, bringing in goods for those in need, or donating soup for our SOUP-ER Bowl Fundraiser. These acts of kindness set a positive example for your children and greatly enhance our school culture.

Seeing the community unite for the betterment of all is the best learning experience a child can have. It demonstrates the power of teamwork. We hope you enjoy this month's newsletter and take pride in knowing that each of these shared experiences this year have strengthened our LADSBS family.

Enjoy reading about the events of May. Have a wonderful final month of school and a fantastic summer!

"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." - Henry Ford

Third Grade Thoughts . . .

With summer quickly approaching, it is time to stop and reflect on the productive year we've had. Many new lessons have been learned as well as many new friendships formed. Our third graders had an amazing time during their Aquarium field trip, and are looking forward to many more wonderful assemblies and activities planned for the month, as well as wrapping up our curriculum in the classrooms.



This month we have really focused on mastering the butterfly life cycle. It was a wonderful experience for the kids to get to witness this transformation first hand, while raising our butterflies in the classroom. In addition, we will build up our geometry skills in math, immerse ourselves in Chinese culture, and continue to solidify those critical thinking skills in reading.

On June 12th, the third graders will have the opportunity to host a class of incoming second graders. It is always amazing to see how much they've grown and how much pride they take in being part of the LADSBS community. During this visit, they will fill the second graders in on all aspects of LADSBS and will answer any questions they may have.

We are encouraging everyone to participate in the wonderful summer reading program that the local libraries are providing. Take the time to read and enjoy the motivating incentives they offer. Reading over the summer really does make a difference. Most of all, have fun and gear up for fourth grade!

Fourth Grade Focus . . .

Happy June! We cannot believe that our students are in the final month of Fourth Grade! This school year, we celebrated many successes, faced some challenges, and our fourth graders have remained optimistic, motivated, and ambitious, and we are more than proud of them all!

The students really enjoyed our Walking Tour of Miller Place and found it interesting to learn about the history of their hometown. Speaking of history, thank you to all the parents and family members that came to support our Living Wax Museum presentations. We are so proud of how hard students worked making everyone come to life!



Academically, our students have accomplished many goals this year. To wrap up our learning, in ELA, students will be reading the novel, No Talking, by Andrew Clements. Just as we did back in September, our novel study will allow students to work together to discuss author's purpose and themes during this comical read. Students will also be exploring the importance of expressing themselves in their writing. In Social Studies, students will be diving into New York's journey into statehood, and learning how the outcome of the American Revolution impacted our move from colony to state. In Science, students will be able to experiment with our interactive Earth Science kit through hands-on learning experiences. In Math, students will continue to work through Module 6, which focuses on modeling, converting, and comparing decimals.

From the entire Fourth Grade Team, we wish our students the best of luck as they embark on exciting journeys and make new memories. We look forward to seeing our future fifth graders walking the halls of LADSBS, and we wish all of our students and their families a safe, healthy, fun, and happy summer!



Fifth Grade Flash . . .

As we approach the end of the school year, June is filled with excitement and bittersweet farewells for our fifth grade students. This month's newsletter is packed with important information and updates. We are so proud of all the hard work and dedication our students have shown throughout the year and we can't wait to see what the future holds for each and every one of them. We are so very excited for our Fifth Grade Moving Up Celebration on June 10th. All parents are invited to attend this very special event. Our students have been busy working on their "What's Your Word?" stars and bracelets. Another exciting event which will be taking place is our fifth grade field trip to Urban Air on June 13th. Everyone is excited to be able to go have a fun filled day with their classmates.

In Math, we are wrapping up our year with the final module, Module 6 ~ Problem Solving with the Coordinate Plane. During Science, students will be busy building their eco-columns as we continue our unit on "*Deer Deer Everywhere*". In this unit of science, matter, energy in organisms and ecosystems are explored through the lens of deer overpopulation. Students take on the role of NYS Department of Environmental Conservation researchers charged with the task of creating a public service announcement on this issue. In ELA, we are continuing our novel study of *Echo*, while wrapping up Into Reading. Between Field Day, Spring Clean-Up Day, concerts, Moving Up, Urban Air, NCR visit, and some special topic secret surprises for the final week, our fifth graders' last days here as elementary students promise to be very memorable.

We would also like to acknowledge our very talented fifth grade Miller Place Panther Cub Players who put on a production of *Willy Wonka Kids* in the high school auditorium last month. For over 8 weeks, fifth grade students worked with Mr. Vogeslberg & Ms. Ely to learn the fundamentals of a musical including dialogue, singing and dancing and staging. Students did an incredible job with their performances on the big stage and a fun time was had by all! Ms. Ely & Mr. V. are incredibly proud of the students and how hard they worked!



With the warmer weather here, it is important to remember some simple safety tips like wearing a helmet while bike riding and putting on that sunscreen! Remember to find ways to encourage reading over the summer and enjoy the many "teachable moments" that present themselves over the next few months. Take pleasure in the simple things, and above all – have fun!

Music Musings ...

General Music: June is full of excitement in the music classroom. Third grade kids are rocking out on recorders. They have all their basic notes learned and fingers are moving real fast now. In the fourth and fifth grade classes, the four basic ukulele chords get easier by the day and the kids are starting to realize just how many songs they can play now. We have quite the crew of drummers now as well. Everyday we warmup with some drumming activities that help get their muscles moving and their rhythms learned. All the classes are even exploring some digital music. Classes are working together to create and record music and even write some lyrics. Never a dull moment in music.

Orchestra: Fourth graders are getting pumped to join up with the Orchestra next year. We are reviewing all the basic skills needed like rhythm and note-reading to help them get ready to join the group in Fifth Grade. It's going to be a dynamite group. Fifth graders are gearing up for their final concert of the year on Wednesday June 5th. The concert starts at 6:30 p.m. at the North Country Road Middle School Gymnasium. It's going to be a packed house so please arrive early for seating. Students in the orchestra will need to arrive at NCR no later than 5:45 p.m. to allow for tuning and warmups. Students must bring their own instrument to the concert. We are very much looking forward to showing you what we got!

Band: The Fifth Grade Band is so excited to put on our final concert at LADSBS this year. They have worked so hard and we are so proud of the beautiful music that we have been able to make. We hope you all can make it to our concert on Wednesday June 5th to hear some fun and exciting pieces of music!

Chorus: Ending the concert, will be the enormous Fifth Grade Chorus! We have over 100 students in this group and certainly have something special to show you. Please discuss with your child where they stand on the riser to allow for optimum viewing. If a student is in Band/Orchestra and Chorus, please discuss and plan accordingly for audience seating. Students that are only in Chorus must arrive at the middle school no later than 6:15 p.m. This will be a night to remember. See you there!



*A very special **Thank You** to all our talented musicians
for supporting our annual **Give Back Day**!*

Art-I-Facts ...

LADSBS Artists are closing out the year with lots of summer inspired art. Third graders made bright oceanscapes inspired by the beautiful photographs of Thomas Fotomas. Fourth graders took a "roadtrip" into one-point perspective drawing with Long Island artist, Grant Haffner, and fifth graders made ocean, beach and surf inspired lithograph prints.

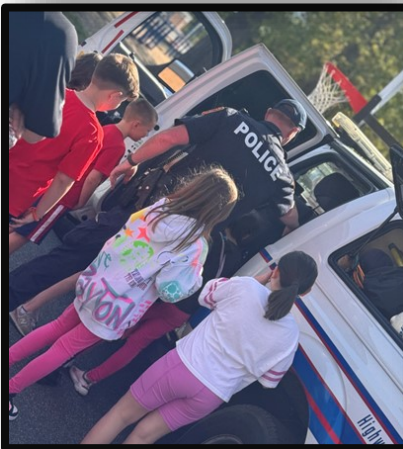
Interested in making art over the summer? Bring your sketchbook to the beach, along on a vacation, or even to a sporting event and draw what you see around you. You can also join in on the fun of the Friends of the Arts summer camps. Information on dates and times can be found on the school website.

Community Corner . . .

We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to everyone who participated in the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School "Give Back Day" held during the month of May. Our students invested lots of work and excitement into the occasion!

Current and retired military members, veterans, police officers, firefighters and other first responders were invited in and thanked for their service. Guests were greeted by our student musicians performing patriotic music, given light refreshments and honored by the LADSBS school community.

Thank you for your support in showing these wonderful members of our community how much we appreciate all that they do for us!



In celebration of Memorial Day, Ms. McCann's Third Grade Class laid a White Table at the entrance of the school as a commemorative to the men and women who gave their lives serving our country.

They read the book "America's White Table" that depicts a young girl learning about her uncle's time as a POW in Vietnam. She discovers the tradition of setting a symbolic white table that takes place in mess halls around the nation at military bases

to honor those who have died, and decides to set her own. Each item on the table symbolizes different aspects of the struggles of the families' and soldiers'. It is set on Memorial Day each year with the creative help of Mrs. LaVopa. Students then sketched pictures of the table they set and wrote about how they felt being a part of this tradition.

School Spirit . . .

Thank you to the ALS Ride for Life organization for driving through the Miller Place community last month and visiting our LADSBS students. We are grateful for all of the awareness and inspiration that you spread within our community!

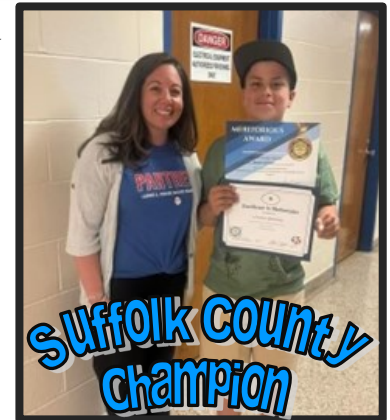


The LADSBS Math Olympiads team, lead by Ms. Ally Brenner, wrapped up a stellar season, earning a spot on the Math Olympiad's High Achievement List for ranking in the top 20% of the 4,091 participating teams. Lorenzo Guzman and Connor Johnson distinguished themselves by placing in the top 2% of the nation out of the 90,000 participants nationwide!

Math Olympiads



The top-performing fifth and fourth graders advanced to the Suffolk County Math Championship. The fourth grade team, comprised of Hazel Kamath, Madison Toner, James Kinkaid, Cyrus Lindemann, and Ainsley Vigliotta, and the fifth grade team, featuring Lorenzo Guzman, Connor Johnson, Margaret O'Callaghan, Zachary Zane, and Luke Kimmy, represented our school with pride.



Out of over 360 students, Hazel Kamath secured seventh place among fourth graders, while Connor Johnson achieved tenth place among fifth graders. Our fifth-grade team excelled, finishing sixth overall out of more than 40 teams.

We are incredibly proud of their dedication and outstanding achievements!

Kindness Corner . . .

Congratulations to our May Kindness Coupon Raffle winners:

Damian Baffa, Zoey Devoe, Devon Dunn, Dane Hyatt, Tyler Wolters, Charlotte Riela

We hope you all continue keeping up the kindness this the summer, and we appreciate all of the kind acts that you displayed throughout the school year!



Field Day Fun . . .

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, students and staff participated in a full day of activities during our annual LADSBS Field Day. Some of our fifth grade students were also invited to be AMPS Helpers during their Field Day, and students certainly enjoyed visiting their younger peers. Thank you to all the parents, family members, and our MPHS Athletes Helping Athletes for all of your support!



Nurse's Note . . .

HEALTH OFFICE END OF SCHOOL YEAR REMINDERS

Health examinations are required for all new students and those entering 3rd and 5th grade. The [NYSED Student Health Examination Form for School](#) is available online. Please download and print the form prior to your child's appointment with their healthcare provider. **The forms are on the district website under the Parents tab, then select Health Services.**

If your child has medication in the Health Office, NYS law requires that it must be picked up by a parent or guardian or it has to be discarded at the end of the school year. If you are unable to come to the Health Office before June 25th, and do not want your child's medication discarded, please contact the Health Office at (631) 474-2721. New [medication authorization forms](#) are required each school year and can be found on the **district website** under the **Parents tab, then select Health Services.**

EVERY STUDENT MATTERS. . . EVERY MOMENT COUNTS

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Helpful Hints . . .

Thank you for continuing to send your child with a water bottle to school each day. With the hot summer weather upon us, we are getting outdoors much more often and want to be sure everyone stays hydrated!

Did you know that SOPE Education Services is offering summer fun in the Miller Place School District? All children entering grades K-6 are welcome to register and attend. You can find more information and register for their summer sessions by visiting www.scopeonline.us.

Have a wonderful and safe summer everyone!



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

