



# Mount Arlington Public School District

# LAKER INSIDER

Issue No. 24-25-1

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Mrs. Farley's class is excited for the first day of school

## *Principal's Corner*

Welcome to the 1st edition of **Laker Insider** for the 2024-2025 school year! We are off to a great start and I believe this will be an amazing year.

Thank you to all of our dedicated staff for their hard work preparing for and opening up the new school year.

We had great Back to School Nights and I was excited by the level of family participation. It was great to meet you all and I look forward to continuing to build the partnership.

Thank you to the PTO for their support and wonderful kickoff to the school year!

We would love to highlight all of our amazing students so please be sure to turn in your photo consent forms.

## *Notes from the Superintendent*

Welcome back to all Mount Arlington families! We hope you all had wonderful summers and we are so excited to be back for another great school year. I will be continuing my bi-monthly Coffee and Chat with the Superintendent meetings beginning on Wednesday, November 20th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in Room 29 (across the hall from the MAPS media center). Please feel free to bring any ideas or questions you might have for me that evening.

Also, you are always welcome to attend our monthly Board of Education meetings. They take place in the MAPS media center at 7 pm and are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month. The exact dates are always available on our website. If you'd like more information about the Board of Education, please visit our website or use the QR code below to learn more.

### Upcoming Events

- 10/3 - Rosh Hashanah (Schools Closed)
- 10/11 - Picture Days (MAPS & Decker)
- 10/14 - Columbus Day (Schools Closed)
- 10/16 - PTO Meeting 6:00pm
- 10/16 - BOE Meeting 7pm
- 10/7-11 - Week of Respect
- 10/21-25 - Red Ribbon Week
- 11/7&8 - NJEA Convention (Schools Closed)





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## *A Message from the PTO*

On behalf of the MTA PTO, we warmly welcome you back to the start of the new school year! We hope this year brings exciting learning experiences and cherished memories for your children.

We are eager to support our school community and look forward to collaborating with you to create a positive and enriching environment for everyone.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We invite you to join us on PT Board, [www.mta.ptboard.com](http://www.mta.ptboard.com), where we will be posting information about upcoming events, important information and more.

You can also follow us on Facebook (Mount Arlington PTO) and Instagram (@mountarlingtonpto)

Wishing you all a fantastic school year ahead!

Warm regards,  
Brooke, Lisa, Randi and Laura

### **3rd Grade STEM Project** Mrs. Gonzalez & Mrs. Farley

To kick off our science unit, we had an exciting STEM activity that required students to work collaboratively in a group. Unfortunately, Fred's boat has capsized, trapping his life vest underneath it. We had to help Fred, a worm, get into his life vest and back into his boat without touching him.







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## 5th Grade Social Studies

# Historical Perspective

Mount Arlington 5th graders study the events of 9/11 through the perspective of others.

Mrs. Miller-Belmonte's fifth-grade students began the school year analyzing the events of September 11, 2001, by which they learned how first-person accounts and multiple perspectives deepen historical study.

Students worked collaboratively in small groups to study interviews with various people, such as first responders, survivors, family members, and government officials. They reported their findings to the class, sharing what they learned about the speaker, their challenges on 9/11, and how they responded to the events immediately and over time. To enhance the importance of historical perspective and knowledge of

September 11th, the fifth graders worked on a culminating project in which they interviewed a family member to hear their historical narrative. The next time you visit Mount Arlington Public School, take a moment to read their interview reports.





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## MAPS Athletics

*As the new school year kicked off, so did our middle school fall sports season, bringing together excited student athletes, dedicated coaches, and supportive fans. The boys and girls soccer teams and the cross country squad are halfway into a season full of teamwork, development, and competitive spirit. The boys and girls soccer teams are using practice time to build strong foundational skills and game strategy, while learning to communicate and play together as cohesive units. Our team captains are taking on leadership roles, helping to foster positive and encouraging experiences for both new and returning players. The competition in our division is tough, but the coaches are so proud of the progress that has already been made and are excited to see growth continue this season. Cross country has started strong in their first season as an official Mount Arlington team! They have been hitting the pavement hard during practices, which are focused on building stamina, strength, and speed. The coaches are helping each runner to achieve their personal goals, which is evident in the fact that all runners have improved their times in the meets that have been run so far.*

As the fall season continues the coaches are excited to make more memorable moments and see new achievements. We love having teachers, family and friends come support our teams, so please check out the Live Calendar on the school website for information about upcoming games and meets. GO LAKERS!





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## Red Ribbon Week

October 21-25

Celebrating making positive choices every day!  
(GRADES K-5)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kick off Red Ribbon Week!	Peace out to bad choices!	TEAM UP against peer pressure!	Make good choices, be a superhero!	Our school chooses to make great choices, all the time!
				
Wear Red!	Wear peace signs and/or tie dye!	Wear your favorite Sports team Jersey!	Wear your favorite superhero shirt!	Wear Mt. Arlington Spirit Wear!

## Red Ribbon Week

October 21-25

Introducing the 2024 National Red Ribbon Week Theme:  
Be Kind To Your Mind. Live Drug Free  
(GRADES 6-8)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kick off Red Ribbon Week!	"Peace out" to Drugs!	"My future is Drug-Free!"	Drugs can't find me!	MAPS is proud to be DRUG-FREE!
				
Wear Red!	Wear peace signs and/or tie dye!	Wear a college t-shirt or jersey!	Wear camouflage!	Wear Mt. Arlington Spirit Wear!