

Parent Newsletter



October RECAP

October was a busy month as we hosted a series of exciting events that fostered community, spirit, and learning. We kicked off the month with World Day of Bullying Prevention, followed by Unity Day, where students wore blue and orange to promote kindness and inclusivity. The PBIS Fall Festival luncheon event brought students together with games and seasonal fun. Students and their families gathered for a Student Government outdoor Movie Night. Students flocked to the PTA sponsored Scholastic Book Fair that encouraged the love of reading. The month wrapped up with a fun Spirit Week which brought creative themed days, along with Red Ribbon Week which brought awareness. For Halloween, our sixth grade students were thrilled by the spooky Haunted Locker Room, while our fifth graders were immersed in the Día de los Muertos Experience which provided a cultural journey, honoring traditions through decorations and educational activities. Together, these events highlighted our school's commitment to unity, celebration, and growth.





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Upcoming Events @ LMS

November

- 11/04: Session 1 Clubs Begins
- 11/13: PTA Meeting
- 11/13: Health Fair
- 11/14: Families for Families Raffle Event
- 11/19 - 11/20: Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/23: Turkey Trot
- 11/25: Pie Face Contest



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Grade 5

Curriculum Corner

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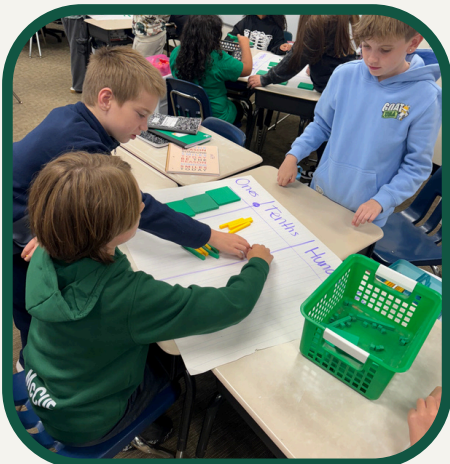
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In reading, students have begun exploring nonfiction texts while stepping back in time to learn about the Harlem Renaissance. They are honing their skills in identifying main ideas, summarizing content, and analyzing historical texts.

In writing, students are using their research and note-taking skills to inform about Ancient Civilizations.



Math



Students are starting to explore how to multiply whole numbers. Student will learn and grow as they explore modeling, the box method and finally the algorithm for multiplication. Within this unit, students will also learn how to estimate and use powers of ten while multiplying whole numbers.

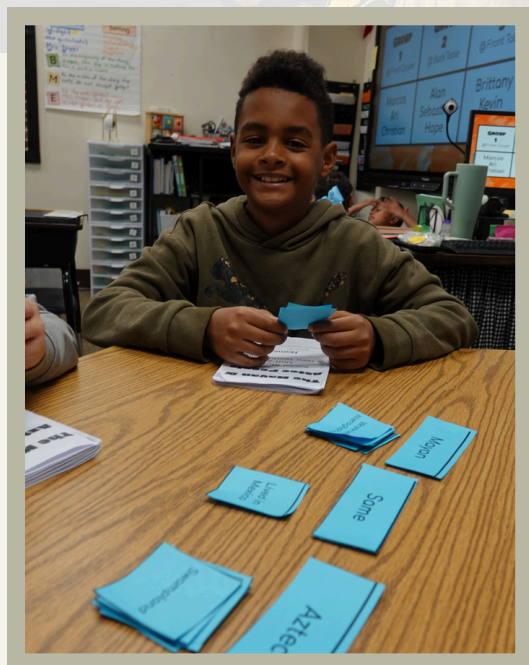
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Curriculum Corner



Social Studies

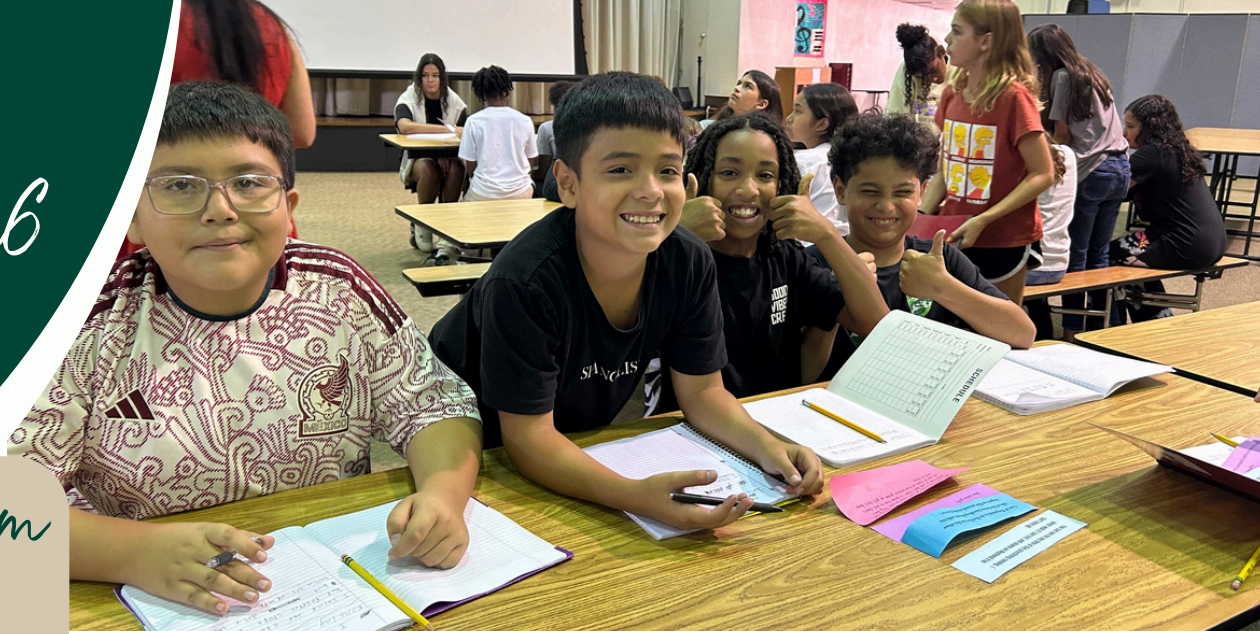
Fifth graders are finishing their unit of study: A New Rising World, where they have explored a variety of Native American groups throughout the Western Hemisphere and how they adapted to their environment in order to survive.



In Unit 3, fifth grade social studies students will begin learning about European Exploration and its effects on the Western Hemisphere.

Grade 6

Curriculum Corner



ELA

Sixth grade students will begin their second unit, "A Recipe for Success." In this unit students will read texts about successful people to determine what specific steps contributed to their successes. Students will build on prior skills by shifting focus from finding multiple main ideas to synthesizing a central idea. In addition, students will learn to analyze the ways ideas are introduced, illustrated, and elaborated upon.



Math

Students are starting Unit 2 which introduces them to dividing fractions, using standard algorithms to add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals and using standard algorithms to divide whole numbers.



Grade 6

Curriculum Corner

Science

Sixth graders are completing their first module of the Forces and Motion Unit. Students explored Newton's Laws of Motion and completed many hands-on activities.

Students will begin their second module, Mechanical Energy. Within this module, students will learn to understand the difference between Potential and Kinetic Energy.





Let's chat about...

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What's Goin' on at LMS!

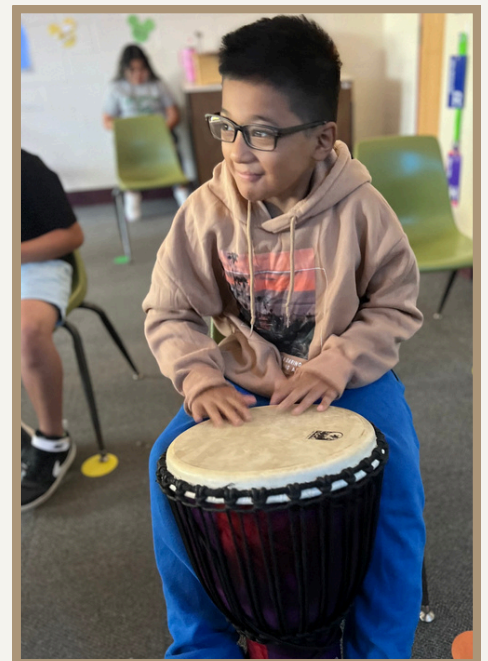
Art

Mr. Hampson's fifth grade art classes will be focusing on portraiture by using "foreshortening" (a technique that alters the size of objects to create a 3-dimensional illusion.) This project will enhance their skill in depicting depth and perspective in their art.

Ms. Bartol's sixth grade art classes just finished up their Dia de Los Muertos portraits which were showcased at our event, the "Day of the Dead Experience." Up next, students will be learning about 3D art and creating their own miniature graffiti fences while employing the use of color, shape, and form! Looking forward to seeing how creative these 6th graders get!

Music

Fifth graders will be finishing up their "Soundtrack of My Life" projects, and will present them to the rest of the class! The students will also start their recorder unit. Within the unit, students will learn technique, note reading, sound production, rhythm, and rehearsing.



Performance Groups

Fifth Grade

Please continue to remind the students to come to their weekly lessons with all of their materials.

Practice makes progress so encourage them to continue filling out those practice logs!



Sixth Grade

Please continue to remind all 6th grade band, chorus, and orchestra students to come to the Tuesday early morning rehearsals and weekly lessons with all of their materials.

Practice makes progress so encourage them to continue filling out those practice logs!



Physical Education



The physical education classes are continuing their fall units. The boy's classes are working on their flag football and soccer units. The girl's classes are in the middle of their flag football and badminton units. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather as our classes continue to be outside.



Library



November is a busy month in the Library! Fifth graders are working hard on a research project for Native American Civilizations while sixth graders are starting their "Balloons Over Broadway" project. Group members will be researching the History of the Thanksgiving day parade, designing and building their own floats, and finally conducting a parade in the activity court at the end of the month!

Counselors' Corner

November is the perfect time to tap into the Restorative Practices (RP) our students have been working on this school year. Utilizing Circle Questions in the car, at meal time, or at your Thanksgiving table can help to spark conversation and further build community within your family. With a focus on gratitude, consider taking the time to use one of the following RP questions this holiday season: (1) What is something or someone you are thankful for in our community, and why? (2) How can we show kindness and generosity to others during the holiday season? (3) What is one thing you're grateful for today that brought a little joy, peace, or inspiration into your life?. Taking part in activities together are also a wonderful way to build community within your family.

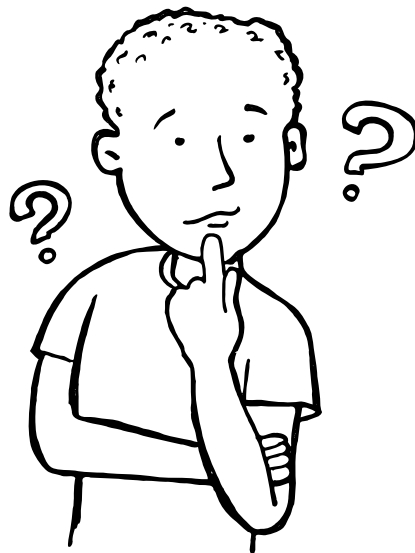
Here are a few gratitude based restorative activities you and your family can try out! (1) **Gratitude Walk:** Head outside for a gentle walk where each person names something they're thankful for in their lives. This combines the calming effects of nature with mindful gratitude. (2) **Recipe Sharing Circle:** Have each person share a story or memory connected to their favorite Thanksgiving dish. This can be a way to celebrate family traditions and make meaningful connections through food. (3) **Story Sharing and Reminiscing:** Invite each person to share a favorite memory from past Thanksgivings or something they appreciate about the people present. This encourages a sense of connection and nostalgia.

Wellness at LMS



During the month of November, LMS School Counselors Mrs. Horsham and Ms. Garbacz, along with the assistance of Mr. Scott Schuster, Director of College and Career Pathways, introduced Naviance to Longwood Middle School for the first time.

Naviance is a web-based platform that helps students prepare for college and careers. Fifth and sixth grade students worked with the school counselors in the “Career Cafe” to take a Career Interest Profiler to help them determine what skills and abilities they have and match them with potential careers and higher education opportunities.



Wellness at LMS

Social Workers

November is here! And with that our thoughts turn to the Holidays. Families for families is an annual event that will be held here at the Middle School on November 14th. Some of the funds raised will go to helping our needy families in the district. We are also doing a food donation drive with the Community Service Club taking the lead. The food will be dropped off at Branches in Middle Island, which in turn will help us with our Thanksgiving baskets.



Psychologists

We can't believe it's already November! This month we will focus on coping skills and strategies to use when we feel uncomfortable feelings! We want students to understand how different body parts may feel when we experience an emotion. For instance, how fast our heart begins to beat when we feel nervous, scared, or angry. We want students to be able to identify helpful coping skills and strategies and even learn new ways to cope. We encourage you to ask your child to teach you about the skills they learned, such as belly breathing, and try them together! In addition, explain to your children what strategies and coping skills you use when dealing with uncomfortable feelings!