



LADSBS News...



Dr. D'Aversa & Ms. Cucinello would like to share...

Important March Dates:

- 3 March Madness Begins
- 7 Permission slips due
[Port Jeff Bowl](#)
Grade 3 Field Trip
- 9 Daylight Savings
- 12 Board of Education
Budget Workshop #2
- 13 [Spring Into Reading](#)
Grade 3, 5:30 pm
LADSBS
- 13 Permission slips due
[Vanderbilt Museum](#)
Grade 4 Field Trip
- 14 2nd Trimester Ends
AMPS, LADSBS
- 17-21 [March Book
Madness Spirit Week](#)
- 18 Grade 3 Port Jeff Bowl
Field Trip
- 18 NCR Incoming 6th Grade
Parent Orientation
NCR Café, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Free Breakfast,
All students
- 21 AMPS, LADSBS Report
Card #2 Posted
- 25,26
LADSBS Clubs End
- 26 Board of Ed Meeting
Budget Workshop #3
8:00 p.m., MPHS
- 27 Grade 4 Vanderbilt
Museum Field Trip

The month of March is filled with exciting activities and events at LADSBS! Our “March Book Madness Tournament” has kicked off. Sixteen books have been selected, but only one will emerge as the “Book of the Year!” A Google Tournament Page has been created, featuring the book bracket, which students will have access to. Please know that the link is viewable from your child’s Miller Place email. Click the following link to view: [March Madness](#). Each week, books will go head-to-head, with students reading and voting for their favorite. Every book also includes a link to a recording by a special “mystery reader.” By the end of March, we will crown our winning book!

This month’s character education lesson focuses on compassion. Our classroom lessons on compassion will help create a more supportive and understanding environment for everyone. By learning about compassion, students will develop a deeper sense of empathy for their peers and understand the importance of both listening and offering help when needed. These lessons will explore how compassion can positively impact relationships, both inside and outside the classroom. We will also focus on practical ways to express compassion, such as offering support during tough times, being kind, or simply being present for others. Overall, these lessons will encourage students to build stronger connections and contribute to a more caring and inclusive school culture.

Our clubs will be coming to an end on March 26th. We hope your children enjoyed their experience and we would like your input. Once clubs end, club advisors will be sending out a short Google Survey for you to fill out after the final session. Please take a few moments to provide us with any feedback.

Lastly, the second trimester is coming to an end. Your child’s teacher will be reaching out regarding their progress. If you have any questions or concerns, be sure to communicate them to the teacher.

We will continue to create opportunities both inside and outside the classroom that focus on the whole child. As you read through this month’s newsletter, you will see how we are challenging your children academically while also supporting them socially and emotionally. We encourage you to have conversations with your children about what they are learning and experiencing at LADSBS, and we truly appreciate all of your support!



Fourth Grade Focus...

Happy March, fourth grade families! With spring just around the corner, excitement is in the air as our fourth grade classes eagerly anticipate the fantastic adventures this month will bring. Last month, fourth-grade students participated in the *Journeys into American Indian Territories* live full-day workshop. Throughout the day, they had the opportunity to engage in a wide range of hands-on activities and immersive learning experiences. These included exploring a museum exhibit showcasing Native American culture, listening to traditional stories, and playing educational games that highlighted historical practices. Additionally, students learned to make and shape clay pots, decorated wampum belts, and even experienced the rhythm and melodies of Native American music. The program provided an enriching and interactive way for students to connect with history and culture, fostering both creativity and cultural appreciation.



This month, we're looking forward to the field trip to the Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium on March 27th. Students will take part in the "We Are Guardians" show, where they'll experience a live star talk in the planetarium. They'll then embark on an exciting journey through various ecosystems of our planet as they watch an immersive science film in the Dome Theater. Don't forget to sign up through MySchoolBucks for permission to join us!

In terms of learning, all fourth grade classes are continuing with our HMH Into Reading program, diving into the question, "What does it take to meet a challenge?" In Math, we're progressing with fractions using the Eureka2 program, and students will begin adding and subtracting mixed numbers. Next, we'll return to the Eureka program to explore "Angle Measurements and Plane Figures." This hands-on unit will introduce students to the concept of angles, how to measure them with a protractor, and how to classify 2D shapes based on their angles and sides, including identifying lines of symmetry in these figures. Finally, we'll return to science with our "Waves: Riding the Waves of Information" unit, focusing on wave motion, properties, and communication.

A huge thank you to our wonderful families for your continued support and partnership. Together, we're making March a month filled with learning, laughter, and love!

Third Grade Thoughts . . .

It is hard to believe that March is already here! This is a busy and exciting month for third grade. We have begun to work on Area in math and are relating it to multiplication and division. We will then start to explore Fractions and will spend a great deal of time exploring the ins and outs of fractions and how they are used in our world, as well as comparing them to each other. In Science, we are learning all about Forces and how they affect our world. We are doing a lot of exciting experiments exploring Forces. We are deep into our HMH reading program. We are beginning to explore Stories and Plays, which is very interactive and exciting for our students. We are also continuing to produce various writing pieces to add to our end of the year writing portfolio.

This year we will be participating in our School-Wide March Madness Reading Contest and are very excited to see which books make the final cut! On March 13th, we will be having our evening family event, *Spring Into Reading*, and our third graders, along with a parent, will get a chance to read Fairy Tales from around the globe and “visit” a variety of countries through literature. This will connect nicely to our Social Studies units, where we are exploring cultures around the world and comparing them to our culture here in the USA. We will also be doing our first field trip of the year to Port Jeff Bowl on March 18th to explore how forces play a part in bowling. We will be doing some St. Patrick’s Day activities to welcome spring as well! Happy Spring!



Fifth Grade Flash . . .



What an exciting month February was! There have been so many exciting events that occurred. We celebrated African American History Month and the countless African American figures that have helped shape history. We also celebrated Kindness Spirit Week as well as our second visit from our Miller Place high school athletes. Our Athletes Helping Athletes program introduces our fifth grade students to some of our high school role models who help inspire us to work as a team.

In Math, the fifth grade classes finished Module 3, which included addition and subtraction of fractions. Then the fifth grade classes started Module 4, which included multiplication and division of fractions and decimal fractions. This module is from our new Eureka Squared program.

In ELA, fifth graders started to enjoy 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 dove into learning about the Columbian Exchange and European Explorers. We also learned about the Transatlantic Slave Trade and the impact that the chosen European Explorers had on the new lands that they discovered.

In Science, the fifth graders have started their new BOCES science unit called “Got Water”. We will be learning about the different spheres of the Earth and the interactions they all have with one another. We will be participating in hands-on investigations throughout this unit and recording data in our science journals.

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 March!



Kindness Corner . . .

Last month, we celebrated the spirit of kindness by supporting our district-wide participation in P.S. I Love You Day. This special event brought together our students and staff to show unity in spreading love, kindness, and support throughout our school community. During our themed spirit week, everyone participated in activities that encouraged positive interactions, acts of kindness, and a deep sense of togetherness.



It was heartwarming to see how our students and staff embraced this message, creating an atmosphere where kindness truly made an impact. Thank you to everyone who took part in making this week so memorable. We are proud of the meaningful connections fostered throughout our school and look forward to continuing to spread kindness in all we do!

Congratulations to our February Kindness Coupon Raffle winners:

Ryan Zorn, Aaron Kimmy, Thomas Vatter, Eva Ludwig, Dulce Lopez, Lillianna Ehlers

Thank you all for keeping up the kindness!



Music Musings . . .

4th & 5th Grade Band The LADSBS Band would like to congratulate Cyrus Lindemann on his participation in the SCMEA honors band this month. He was chosen as a member of this band due to his fantastic NYSSMA scores and dedication. The Fourth Grade Band students are putting the finishing touches on their recital songs. The beginner band recital will be held on April 24th and our students are so excited. The Fifth Grade Band students are working hard to make sure that their songs sound good. We have been working on making a balanced band and playing as a team. We are having a blast!

5th Grade Chorus: Elevating Ensemble Unity and Performance Our Fifth Grade Chorus continues to shine as they refine their vocal technique and ensemble skills! This month, we've focused on enhancing our collective sound by further developing blend and balance. We've also been honing their dynamic range, helping them navigate both powerful crescendos and softer, more intimate moments with ease. These efforts are fostering a more cohesive and polished sound, and we're excited to see how these refinements will come to life in their next performance.

5th Grade Orchestra: Strengthening Ensemble Coordination The Fifth Grade Orchestra is advancing in their ability to perform as a unified ensemble. As we continue to master polyphony, students are now working on synchronizing their playing, ensuring that individual parts fit together seamlessly in the larger musical tapestry. This month, they've been refining their timing, paying close attention to dynamics, and working on cues from the conductor to maintain cohesion.

4th Grade Orchestra: Building Technique and Musical Expression The Fourth Grade Orchestra has made incredible strides in their technique and musicianship! As they continue to perfect their bowing and finger placement, we're also emphasizing musical expression—encouraging students to think about how to bring emotion and personality to their playing. The growth in their confidence and sound is evident, and we are excited to watch them showcase their musicality in upcoming class performances.

General Music: Advanced Rhythm and Expression In General Music, our focus has shifted to expanding rhythmic versatility and expression through more complex rhythms and syncopation. Using instruments like the glockenspiel, xylophone, and percussion, students are learning to incorporate a wider variety of rhythmic patterns, which helps them create more dynamic and engaging performances. This month, we've also explored how rhythm can be used expressively within different musical genres, from classical to contemporary.

School Spirit . . .

In honor of our LADSBS “**March Book Madness**” competition, we will be having a spirit week to celebrate reading. Please join us in dressing up for each theme!



Monday, 3/17: Lucky to Love Reading
Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day & wear the color green

Tuesday, 3/18: Read a T-Shirt Day
Wear a fun shirt with words on it

Wednesday, 3/19: Book Character Day
Dress up as your favorite book character

Thursday, 3/20: Reading JOGS the Mind
Wear exercise clothes

Friday, 3/21: Pajama Day
Wear pajamas and cozy up with a book





Family Fun . . .

A huge thank you to the LADSBS School Improvement Team for their dedication and hard work in organizing exciting events for our students and families! Last month, we hosted an Escape Room event for our fourth graders, where students had a blast exploring the building at night during a thrilling scavenger hunt. As they worked together to solve challenging math problems in each room, they unlocked clues to help rescue the penguins and escape in time! To celebrate their success, students posed for fun photos at the Escape Room photo booth, creating a memorable keepsake from an evening filled with teamwork, problem-solving, and excitement!



Library Media Center . . .

This month in the library, third and fourth grade students are exploring notable Black Americans from both history and today as part of a mini biography research project for Black History Month. Students are using the Virtual Reference Collection and the Biography for Beginners database to learn about a variety of influential individuals, including Maya Angelou, Simone Biles, LeVar Burton, Benjamin Oliver Davis Jr., Mae Jemison, and Jesse Owens, to name just a few. Through this project, students are honing their research and notetaking skills while cultivating a lifelong love of learning.





Club Corner . . .

We will be wrapping up the final few weeks of morning clubs during the month of March, with our last meetings taking place on March 25th and March 26th. This year, our clubs have focused on a wide variety of interests such as sports, arts, digital and academic subjects, community service and much more. Thank you to all of our parents for providing morning transportation and for all of your support!



Community Counts . . .



The hallways of LADSBS are filled with extra cheer! Continuing with our theme of kindness, we've added vibrant hallway and stair decals that serve as constant reminders to spread positivity and kindness. These cheerful visuals encourage everyone to greet each day with a smile and inspire one another to foster a welcoming and supportive environment. Let's keep the good vibes flowing as we work together to make our community even brighter!



Give Back Day!

The LADSBS Service and Kindness Club is hosting our annual Give Back Day on Friday, May 9th from 8:30 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. We would like to honor all community and family members of our students that have served our country and community in the following areas: Current Military Service and Veterans, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters and EMT's. It is our privilege to be able to honor and thank our families and community members who have sacrificed their time to serve our community. We invite you to come and be honored and also get to meet with our students and share your stories and experiences with them.

Please use the link provided to [sign up via Google Forms](#). We need all sign-ups completed as soon as possible. You do not need to be able to attend the whole time, any time you can be here will be wonderful for our students. Don't be shy - Sign up and join us! We hope to see you on May 9th!

EVERY STUDENT MATTERS ... EVERY MOMENT COUNTS!

Board of Education

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



Don't Forget . . .

Sign-up for our upcoming LADSBS events:

- **Give Back Day**, May 9th
- **Spring Into Reading Event**, Grade 3
March 13th

Citizenship...We help others!

District 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

Miller Place UFSD Job Opportunities . . .

School Nurse

Our Andrew Muller Primary School (pre K-2) is seeking a compassionate and skilled Registered Nurse to join our District. The School Nurse will provide essential healthcare to our young students, handle daily medications, manage health records, and respond to medical needs as they arise. This position offers NYSHIP health insurance, follows the school calendar with summers off, and includes enrollment in the NYS Retirement System. Qualified candidates should hold a valid NYS RN license.

Full-Time Aide

Our Andrew Muller Primary School (pre K-2) is seeking a full-time aide (10-month position) to assist teachers and support students throughout the school year.

If you are interested in any of our district opportunities, please fill out the Civil Service Application listed on our website under [Employment Opportunities](#) and email it to personnel@millerplace.k12.ny.us



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