



LADSBS News...



Important May Dates:

- 2 Puberty Program, Grade 5
- 6 Budget Hearing, 7:00 p.m., MPHS
- 7 Incoming Parent 3rd Grade Orientation, 6:00 p.m. LADSBS Cafe
- 7 NYS Science Assessment, Grade 5
- 9 Give Back Day, LADSBS (Rain date: May 19)
- 9, 10 LADSBS Drama Production, "Seussical", 7:00 p.m., LADSBS Cafe
- 12-15 Grade 4 Historical Walking Tour (Rain date: May 16)
- 19 Mad Science Assembly
- 20 **Budget Vote**, NCR 6:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.
- 21 LADSBS Field Day (Raindate 5/22)
- 23, 26 Memorial Day Weekend Schools Closed
- 28 Board of Ed. Meeting, 8:00 p.m., MPHS
- 28 Grade 5 In-School Music Concert, LADSBS
- 29 LADSBS Clean Up Day
- 30 Long Island Aquarium Field Trip, Grade 3

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

As we welcome the spring season, we're excited to share the many fun and enriching events we have planned. Highlights include Field Day, outdoor concerts, and a special science assembly—Fire and Ice—presented by Mad Science. We're also looking forward to celebrating Laddie Day, Give-back Day, and Clean-up Day, each designed to support our students' social, emotional, and academic growth.

The first week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week as well as Nurse Appreciation Day (May 6). Words can't fully express how thankful we are for our dedicated teachers and our school nurse. Every day, they work tirelessly to help our students grow—academically, socially, and emotionally. We encourage you to take a moment to thank your child's teacher with a simple note or kind word—it truly means a lot.

As the school year winds down, excitement naturally builds. Still, it's important to remember that these final months are a critical time for learning. Students often make meaningful progress during this period, so we ask for your continued support in keeping them focused and engaged. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

We've also been busy planning field trips, ceremonies, and celebrations. Congratulations to our talented 4th grade musicians on a wonderful concert performance! We're excited for the upcoming 5th grade Spring Concert as well! Our annual Art Show, held in the cafeteria, was a great success, showcasing beautiful artwork from every student in the school. What a terrific display of creativity!

Finally, to all the mothers in our community: thank you for the love, support, and countless sacrifices you make each day. From all of us at Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School, we wish you a very Happy Mother's Day.

Wishing you a joyful and inspiring month of May—Happy Spring!

Third Grade Thoughts . . .

May is an exciting month for our third graders! They have been enjoying learning about Brazil in Social Studies. They learned about Brazil's geography, economy and will continue to learn more about Brazilian culture. Students have also been learning about fractions and will move towards graphing in math. They will continue to enjoy reading stories in our HMH books and writing in different genres.



This month we will begin learning about caterpillars and butterflies and we will be taking our second field trip to the Long Island Aquarium. We are all excited to visit the butterfly house and see all the animals.

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 our upcoming "Give Back Day" to honor people in our community. May is National Teacher Month- Don't forget to thank your teachers!

Fourth Grade Focus . . .

May is here! The fourth graders have been working incredibly hard this year and are entering the final stretch. They should feel so proud of everything they have accomplished so far!

Thank you to ALS Ride for Life for visiting our third and fourth graders last month. It was truly moving to hear about the challenges overcome and the resilience demonstrated. Your visit left a lasting impact on all of us, reminding us of the strength and determination needed to face adversity.

In math, students will be working in Module 2. This five-lesson module focuses on unit conversion and measurement. After completing Module 2, students will begin Module 6: Decimals. In this module, they will apply their understanding of place value to help make sense of decimal concepts and operations.

In ELA, students are continuing their lessons in the HMH program. This month's target comprehension skills include identifying the main idea and supporting details, as well as understanding the author's purpose for writing a text.

In addition, students are learning how to safely conduct research and identify reliable sources to support their biography writing pieces. In social studies, students are diving into the 13 Colonies and the American Revolution. They are following the historical timeline of events and learning about key figures and important battles along the way. This unit will lead into our next topic—learning about the formation of the United States government.

In science, students will be exploring topics such as rock formations and fossils, the effects of weathering and erosion, and New York State's geographical features. All of these topics are part of our new unit called Earth Processes in New York State.

To add to the fun, fourth graders have some exciting events to look forward to this month. From May 12th–15th, students will take part in the Miller Place Historical Walk to learn about their community's history, with a special stop at McNulty's for ice cream! On May 9th, we'll celebrate "Give Back Day", and on May 19th, students will enjoy a Mad Science Assembly. Finally, on May 21st, students will showcase their athleticism and sportsmanship at Field Day! We're looking forward to a fun, memorable, and meaningful month ahead.





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.

In math, students explored decimals as a way to represent parts of a whole, similar to fractions, but using place value. They learned to read, write, and compare decimals, and practice adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals.

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.

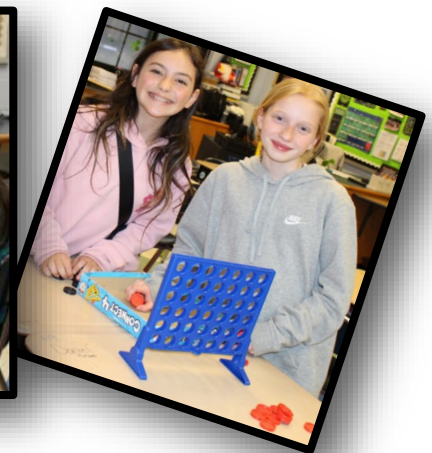
Students have been learning about the geography of the Western Hemisphere to understand that where people live affects how they live. One of the exciting Science investigations that our students conducted was cloud formation in a bottle. Through experimentation and observation, students explored the 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 the 5th graders last visit from our 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.



Thank you to all the families, students and faculty for coming to support our Fifth Grade Family Game Night! Laughter, competition, and fun filled our classrooms throughout the evening. It was a fantastic opportunity for families to bond and create lasting memories together!



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. Stay tuned for more exciting updates and events!

Financial Literacy Month . . .

On April 8th, the halls of Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School buzzed with excitement as high school business students stepped into the role of teachers, leading an engaging and interactive financial literacy lesson for third-grade classes. In a fun and energetic twist, the lesson transformed elementary students into “Financial Literacy Superheroes.”



Our high schoolers—enrolled in Introduction to Business & Finance, College Accounting, and members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)—designed a hands-on experience to teach the basics of budgeting. Through a creative simulation, the third graders earned “income” by completing a financial terms worksheet. They then learned how to deposit their earnings into a mock bank and used their remaining funds to make purchasing decisions—all while staying within a budget.

The goal? To celebrate April’s Financial Literacy Month and help students collect enough smart spending habits and budgeting knowledge to “power up” and become Financial Literacy Superheroes. After completing their budgeting missions, each student proudly wore a superhero mask and name tag featuring their new financial persona—names like “Supersaver” and “Captain Cash”—symbolizing their newfound money smarts.

The activity not only instilled lifelong money management skills in the younger students, but also gave high schoolers a real-world opportunity to apply their business knowledge in a teaching environment. The collaboration between age groups showcased the power of peer-led education and emphasized the importance of financial literacy from an early age.

Kindness Corner . . .

Our monthly Kindness Coupon winners have gone above and beyond to spread positivity, support their peers, and create a welcoming environment. Keep up the great work—we have one more month of school for a chance to win a prize and token for our book vending machine. More importantly, we hope you remember that your kindness makes a difference every day!

Congratulations to our May Kindness Coupon Raffle winners!



Christopher Consenzo, Paul Kelly, Marissa Menechella, Nicole Joachim, Nico Cahill, Noah Seifert

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.

Field Trip Fun . . .

Our fifth grade visit to the Brookhaven National Lab last month offered students a variety of exciting, hands-on learning experiences. We focused on exploring scientific principles through discovery-based activities.



There are still plenty of field trips to come before we wrap up the school year! This month, our fourth graders are looking forward to visiting the Miller Place Historical Society for a Walking Tour, followed by a sweet treat at McNulty's Ice Cream Parlor. During the month of June, our third graders will explore the Long Island Aquarium, and our fifth grade soon-to-be-graduates will celebrate their final days at LADSBS with an exciting trip to Bowlero in Sayville along with a yearbook breakfast. Be sure to sign-up for all our trips

Art-I-Facts . . .

The LADSBS Art Show was a huge success, with a fantastic turnout from families and community members. The cafeteria was filled with an impressive variety of artwork, showcasing the creativity and talent of our young student artists. Pieces such as realistic food sculptures, cityscapes, self-portraits and photorealistic animals caught the attention of viewers and displayed the wide variety of mediums the students get to work with. It was truly inspiring to see so many pieces on display, each reflecting hard work, originality and imagination.

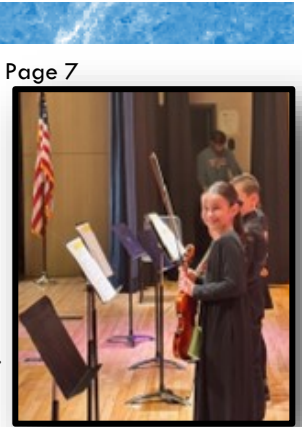


A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who came out and supported our budding artists!

Music Musings . . .

Fourth Grade Orchestra: Celebrating Accomplishments

After their exciting beginner recital, our Fourth Grade Orchestra students have been hard at work building on their foundational skills to get ready for Fifth Grade Orchestra! Congratulations to all the fourth grade students who performed in such a wonderful recital in April! In lessons, they've been refining their bowing techniques, learning more complex rhythms, and practicing new scales and finger patterns. With growing confidence, they're tackling new and more advanced music. We're so proud of their progress and can't wait to see how they continue to grow next year!



Fifth Grade Orchestra: Adding Finishing Touches

Our Fifth Grade Orchestra is getting ready for their big concert and putting the final touches on their music. These young musicians have been working hard in rehearsals, practicing diligently outside of school and have been going above and beyond to prepare for their concert. They've shown great teamwork and dedication, and their music is really coming together! We're so proud of their progress and can't wait for everyone to hear them play at their concert on Wednesday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. at North Country Road Middle School!



Fifth Grade Chorus: Blending as an Ensemble

The Fifth Grade Chorus has been hard at work preparing for their upcoming concert, focusing especially on blending their voices and shaping their sound as a unified group. Through focused rehearsals, students have been learning how to listen closely to one another, match tone quality, and follow dynamic markings to bring their music to life. Their dedication and teamwork are truly shining through as they grow more confident and expressive with each rehearsal.

The Fourth Grade Band

Students did a fantastic job last month at their Beginner Band Recital. Students worked so hard to practice their instruments each week and did a wonderful job getting on stage and performing. We are so excited to begin working on harder music for fifth grade! The Fifth Grade Band is still preparing for their concert later this year on June 4th. We have been working on connecting our songs to make sure that all of the parts fit together. We are so excited to play for you all.

General Music

In General Music, each grade is focusing on a different unit that is continuing to expand upon their musicianship, music literacy skills and now understanding the origins of music and the influence of composers on the music we listen to and play. Third Grade is continuing their recorder unit! Recorder Karate is well underway earning their white, yellow, orange and green belts over the past month! Fourth Grade students of Ms. Rowburrey are strumming along in their ukulele unit! We have mastered a few chords and began playing full songs while singing! Students will continue to learn more chords and play more complex songs as the rest of the year goes on. Fifth Grade students are expanding their music history and analytical skills, learning about the different eras of music composition including prominent composers and their works. Fifth grade is also beginning to practice their Moving Up Ceremony song through singing as a class!

EVERY STUDENT MATTERS ... EVERY MOMENT COUNTS!

Board of Education



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Save the Dates...

- *Fifth Grade Moving Up, 9:00 a.m. June 16^h*
- *Fifth Grade Bowlero Field Trip June 17th*
- *Fifth Grade Yearbook Breakfast (students only) June 13th, 9:15 a.m.*
- *1/2 Day K-5 for Students June 25th and June 26th*

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.



Field Day Reminder ...

Wednesday, May 21st (Raindate: 5/22)

Fifth Grade: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Third Grade: 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
Fourth Grade: 1:10 - 2:40 p.m.

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

