

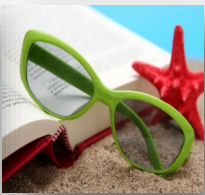
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MILLER PLACE U.F.S.D.

June 2025



LADSBS News...



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

Important June Dates:

- 3 Field Day Grade 3 & 4
- 4 LADSBS Spring Concert,
Band, Chorus & Orchestra
7:00 p.m., NCR
- 9 Laddie Day (Rain date
6/10)
- 9-13 NWEA (ELA)
- 13 Grade 5 Yearbook
Breakfast, 9:15-10:30 a.m.
- 13 MPHS Graduation Walk-
Through
- 16 Grade 5 "Moving Up"
Ceremony, NCR 9:00 a.m.
- 17 Grade 5 Field Trip,
Bowlero
- 18 Board of Ed Meeting
8:00 p.m., MPHS
- 18 Grade 5 NCR Tour,
1:00-2:00 p.m.
- 19 Juneteenth
Schools Closed
- 25,26 1/2 Day K-5
LADSBS 8:30-10:30
a.m. Last day: June 26
- 27 Report Cards Posted

As the month of June arrives, our hallways begin to fill with the excitement of achievement and celebration. Our conversations center around Moving Up Celebrations, Laddie Day, assemblies, and concerts. We take this time to reflect on our students' growth; academically, socially, and emotionally as well as look ahead to the goals we'll set for the upcoming school year. It truly is a wonderful time of year!



June is also a time to celebrate the accomplishments of the school year and recognize all those who made them possible. For this final newsletter of the 2024–2025 school year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to you, the parents, for your generosity, involvement, and ongoing support.

It has been a special and meaningful experience to return to my childhood school and share in the learning and growth of your children. Having present and engaged parents builds a strong foundation for student success and makes our work a true partnership. The saying, "It takes a village to raise a child," has never felt more relevant, and I thank you for being such an essential part of our village.

Throughout June, we will continue working hard to ensure your children remain actively engaged and learning until the very end.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for being such dedicated partners in your children's education.

Enjoy the final month of school, and we wish you and your families a safe and joyful 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.



While we have many wonderful assemblies and activities planned for the month, we will be wrapping up our curriculum in the classrooms as well. This month we will be focusing on mastering the butterfly life cycle. It was a wonderful experience for the kids to get to witness this transformation first hand during our field trip to the Long Island Aquarium and also while raising our own 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 2nd, the third graders will have the opportunity to host an incoming class of 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 programs 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. We also had the opportunity to end our day of touring with a sweet treat from McNulty's Ice Cream Parlor!



Academically, our students have accomplished many goals this year. To wrap up our learning, in ELA, students will be reading the novel, Wonder, by R. J. Palacio. Just as we did back in September, our novel study will allow students to work together to discuss the author's purpose, point of view, and themes during this heart-warming 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 the school year winds down, June brings a mix of excitement and heartfelt goodbyes—especially for our amazing fifth grade students. This month is packed with meaningful events, important updates, and special celebrations that mark the end of an incredible chapter. We are so proud of the dedication and effort our students have shown all year long. Their growth has been inspiring, and we can't wait to see what lies ahead for each and every one of them.



During our final month of June, students are exploring ecosystems, energy, and matter in our science unit “Deer, Deer Everywhere”. They’re building eco-columns and taking on the role of NYS Department of Environmental Conservation researchers, creating public service announcements about deer overpopulation. In ELA, students are deep into the novel, *Echo*, and wrapping up our *Into Reading* curriculum. It’s been a wonderful journey of literary exploration. In Math, we’re finishing the year with Module 6: Problem Solving with the Coordinate Plane. Students have been hard at work on their Volume Zoo projects—creative, hands-on learning that brought our unit on volume to life!

From Field Day, field trips, Spring Clean-Up Day to concerts and a visit to NCR, the final days of fifth grade promise to be full of joy, celebration, and unforgettable memories. Be sure to see the below important dates and events to celebrate:

LADDIE Day – June 9, 2025 Students will have the special opportunity to meet Mr. Laddie A. Decker, former principal of LADSBS, and share what being “Forever Miller Place Proud” means to them. Throughout the day, students will rotate through a variety of engaging centers including, kindness and literacy rock painting, “growing up MP proud” planting and creating an LADSBS acrostic poem.

Fifth Grade Breakfast: June 13, 2025 The Fifth Grade Yearbook Breakfast will take place on Friday, June 13th. During this event, students will enjoy a catered buffet breakfast, receive their yearbooks along with fun gel pens, and have the opportunity to get them signed by classmates and staff. Seniors from MPHS will also parade through the building as part of their Senior Graduation Walk and will stop by the breakfast to meet the students. If you have any concerns regarding dietary restrictions, please speak with your child’s classroom teacher and an alternative will be provided.

Moving Up Ceremony: June 16, 2025 Our 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony will take place on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. The event will be held on the field outside the fifth grade wing. Guests may begin arriving at 8:40 a.m. Parking will be available in the stalls at North Country Road, Laddie A. Decker, and the Andrew Muller Primary School Upper Lot. Early drop off will be provided by AMPS starting at 8:45 a.m. for those who have a child in AMPS as well as a child in the moving up ceremony.

This is an outdoor event, weather permitting. Please plan to bring your own lawn chair for seating. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved indoors to the NCR Gymnasium.

Grade 5 Field Trip: June 17, 2025 Our grade 5 field trip to Bowlero in Sayville will take place on June 17th. Here the students will have a private setting for bowling and fun music, along with food, drinks, and arcade credits.

North Country Road Tour: June 18, 2025 On Wednesday, June 18th, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., fifth-grade students will visit North Country Road Middle School with their teachers. During this time, they will have the opportunity to meet the school’s administration, counselors, and staff members. Students will also receive a tour of the building and can ask any questions they may have about their transition to grade 6. We look forward to this visit to NCR and the exciting next chapter for our students!

Music Musings ...

Fifth Grade Chorus and Orchestra The Fifth Grade Chorus and Orchestra are concert ready! The students in both ensembles have been so dedicated to practicing and their efforts are visible in rehearsal and performance. *Orchestra Students:* A letter has been sent out regarding keeping instruments over the summer and next steps for Sixth Grade Orchestra.



Fourth Grade Orchestra Fourth Grade Orchestra students are excited for Fifth Grade Orchestra! With lessons for the year wrapped up and their first year of playing their instrument complete, there is a lot to celebrate! Students should continue to practice over the summer. Letters have been sent out in order for students to keep their instruments over the summer. Please reach out to Ms. Rowburrey if there are any questions or concerns regarding string instruments.

Fourth & Fifth Grade Bands

This year has been such a fantastic year for the bands here at LADSBS! Fourth grade students have learned so much over the past months. Going from learning how to put their instruments together, to reading their first notes, and finally having a fantastic recital. We are so proud of their dedication and look forward to seeing how much they accomplish in fifth grade. The Fifth Grade Band students are almost done with their music careers here at LADSBS. On June 4th, the band students will play for the last time at their spring concert. We are looking forward to sharing a wide variety of music with you all and hope you all have a great summer filled with music and adventure!

General Music: End of Year Wrap-Up

It has been a wonderful year of music making in general music! Students across grade levels have improved their rhythms, note reading, knowledge of music history, analysis of music and playing of instruments. Students were able to identify key aspects of music theory and apply them to the instruments they were learning and songs they were singing. The end of the year wrapped up with third grade students earning many belts in recorder karate through learning more challenging songs, fourth grade being able to accompany themselves on the ukulele by singing and playing common songs and fifth grade will be singing in their Fifth Grade Moving Up Ceremony! Looking forward to another year of music making in September!

Spring Concert Details—Wednesday, June 4th, 7:00 p.m.

- Chorus & Band members: Arrive by 6:15 p.m. for warm-ups and procedure review.
 - Orchestra members: Arrive by 6:00 p.m. with instruments for tuning and warm-ups.
- All orchestra members, including double bass, must bring their instrument to the concert.

Concert Attire: Please dress for a formal look to help create a polished and professional look: White on top (button-up shirt, blouse, or dress); black on bottom (dress pants, skirts, or dress); black shoes (boots, heels or loafers). Add a subtle pop of spring color with an accessory if you would like. Please avoid t-shirts, sneakers, ripped clothing or hats.



*A very special **Thank You** to all our talented musicians for supporting our annual **Give Back Day** and for performing during our In-School Concert!*

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, led by Ms. McCann and Mrs. Mock, 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 . . .

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all the students who participated in our annual LADSBS Clean-Up Day. Your dedication, especially in planting flowers, donating materials, and enhancing the front of our school, made a remarkable difference. Your time, effort, and commitment to improving our school environment truly reflect the spirit of teamwork and community that makes LADSBS shine. We are incredibly proud and thankful for the support of our amazing students, staff, and families who came together to make this day a success.

Thank you for helping us grow, beautify, and inspire!



We would also like to acknowledge our very talented fifth grade Miller Place Panther Cub Players who put on a production of Seussical last month. For over 8 weeks, fifth grade students worked with Mr. Vogelsberg & 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. Vogelsberg are incredibly proud of the students and how hard they worked!



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 Building Information 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 26th, 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 **Building Information tab, then select Health Services.**

Field Day Fun . . .

As the school year winds down, our fifth grade students and staff celebrated with a full day of fun and excitement during our annual LADSBS Field Day. In addition to participating in their own activities, several of our fifth graders were invited to serve as AMPS Helpers, lending a hand and cheering on their younger peers during their Field Day events, a highlight for both groups!

We're excited to keep the momentum going as our third and fourth grade classes join in the Field Day fun on Tuesday, June 3rd.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the parents, family members, and our incredible MPHS Athletes Helping Athletes for your support, enthusiasm, and helping make this day so special for our students!



Kindness Corner . . .



Congratulations to our May
Kindness Coupon Raffle winners:



John Ferro, Jr., Giovanni Giordano, MikeyLynn Hempfling, Azeira King, Daniel Putzer, Ryan Vogt

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!

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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 we offer summer camps and activities in Athletics, Enrichment and the Fine Arts? The camps are hosted at Miller Place Schools and sponsored by the Miller Place Athletics Association, Friends of the Arts and through our partnership with SCOPE Education Services. To find more information and to register, please visit the District website under the Summer Activities tab.

Have a wonderful and safe summer everyone!



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

