

September 2025

# Roaming the Halls at Leptondale

Principal Mr. Scott Brown  
Intervention Specialist Mr. Stephen Cabarcas



## Dates to Remember

9/3 – First Day of School

9/8 – 9/22 - PTO Fundraiser

9/9 – K – 3 Open House:

- Grade 1 – 6:30 – 7:00pm
- Kindergarten - 7:00 – 7:30pm
- Grade 3 – 7:30 – 8:00pm
- Grade 2 – 8:00 – 8:30pm

9/17 – Board of Education Meeting  
7:00pm at Wallkill High School

9/23 – School's Closed

9/24 – Open House 4 – 6:

- Grade 5 – 6:30 – 7:00pm
- Grade 6 - 7:05 – 7:35pm
- Grade 4 – 7:40 – 8:10pm

9/24 – PTO Mum Pick at Open House

## The Low Down with Mr. Brown

Dear Wallkill Elementary Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! I hope your summer was filled with joy, rest, and meaningful moments with loved ones. As we open our doors to a new year of learning, I'm thrilled to share our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) theme: Learn, Explore, and Shine.

This theme will guide our school-wide expectations and inspire our students to:

**Learn** with curiosity and determination, embracing challenges and celebrating growth.

**Explore** new ideas, friendships, and experiences that help them discover their passions and potential.

**Shine** by showing kindness, responsibility, and pride in themselves and their school community.

Throughout the year, we'll be celebrating students who embody these values through recognition programs, classroom activities, and school-wide events. Our goal is to create a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where every child feels empowered to succeed.

We look forward to partnering with you to make this year a memorable one. Your involvement and support are key to our students' success, and we encourage you to stay connected through our newsletters, events, and volunteer opportunities.

Let's make this a year where we all Learn, Explore, and Shine together!

Warm regards,

Mr. Brown



## ★ All Star Moments with Cabarcas ★

Welcome back to the 2025-2026 school year! I am extremely excited to be the new Behavior Intervention Specialist here at Leptondale, and I can't wait to greet the students and meet more of the Leptondale community! Leptondale is a PBIS school, our theme for the year is "Learn. Explore. Shine!" It's going to be a great year of team-based activities, events, and competitions. In other PBIS news this month, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin applying for Ambassador jobs, at the end of the month. They will complete applications and even participate in a job interview! We are excited to have them "working" in our school community! Let's have the best year Leptondale!

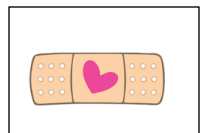
The PAWSitive Student of the Month Trait for September is **Helpful**. A helpful Student is someone who aids and helps without necessarily asking. They are often thinking of others and are willing to lend a helping hand.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Superintendent's Day	A	B	C	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	D	E	F	A	B	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	C	D	E	F	A	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	B	School's Closed for Holiday	C	D	E	
28	29	30				
	F	A				

### Austin's Helpful Healthy Hints

Welcome to all our new students coming to LES and welcome back everyone else! We have missed you! Students in K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade as well as new students are all required to have a physical. Please send me that paperwork as soon as possible. 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents, please make sure your student has a Tdap vaccine as required by NYS. If there are any medical needs your child has (medication, allergies, etc.) please make sure I have the proper paperwork and supplies. Let's all work together to make it a safe, healthy, and fun school year!

~ Mrs. Austin



### The Book Nook

*Kindness Grows*

By: Britta Teckentrup

This book teaches readers that mean words and arguments cause a crack to form between friends, but kind words and working together makes a tree of friendship grow. The illustrations are beautiful and has a die-cut opening to peek through to the next page to see how the tree of friendship is growing.

"It all starts with a crack that we can hardly see. It happens when we shout or if we disagree. But with every kindness that we care to show, something good and magical will begin to grow."

~Happy Reading