



LADSBS News...



Important Dates:

- 2 Yom Kippur
Schools Closed
- 3 Bronx Zoo Field Trip
Registration Due Date
- 3,6 Picture Days,
LADSBS
- 10 Fire Safety Program
LADSBS
- 13 Columbus Day
Schools Closed
- 21 Bronx Zoo
Field Trip, Grade 5
- 23 Safe Halloween,
MPHS, 4:00-7:00 pm
- 29 Board of Ed Mtg
8:00 p.m., MPHS
- 31 Halloween



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

We can't believe how quickly the first month of school has flown by! September was a wonderful start to the school year, and we have truly enjoyed spending each day with your children. Seeing their smiling faces throughout the building continues to be the highlight of our days. We've focused on getting to know each student and building strong, positive relationships that will support their growth all year long.

This past month, students participated in the "Start with Hello" initiative, a week dedicated to promoting kindness, inclusion, and making new connections. The themed days; *Hey Day*, *Neon Day*, and *Be a Team Player Day*, were full of energy and fun. We also celebrated Homecoming Spirit Week, which brought lots of school spirit, and our students proudly represented our school in the Homecoming Parade. In addition, our fourth grade students enjoyed a local walking exploratory lesson to the Miller Place Duck Pond, where they engaged with the natural environment and applied what they've been learning in class.

Looking ahead, October is filled with exciting educational opportunities and seasonal fun. We'll be hosting Fire Safety Day on October 10th, helping students learn important fire prevention tips and safety procedures. Our fifth grade students are looking forward to a field trip to the Bronx Zoo where they'll expand their learning beyond the classroom.

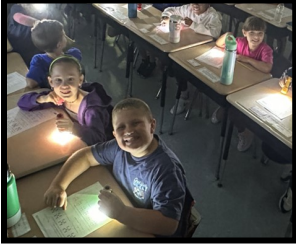
We are looking forward to celebrating Halloween, and we welcome your children to wear school appropriate costumes. During all lunch/recess periods, students will be able to show off their costumes through a variety of games and activities themed for Halloween. All students who dress up must adhere to the following guidelines:

- *Students should be able to use the bathroom easily while dressed in their costumes.*
- *Students may only wear costumes that they can safely and easily enter and exit the bus with nothing dragging on the floor, nothing too big to fit in a seat, and no blow up costumes.*
- *No character masks, hats, crowns or makeup that can impair their sight or be easily lost.*
- *No props associated with costumes may be brought to school (weapons, wands, broomsticks, pets, etc.).*

As we move further into the school year, please remember that our faculty, staff, and administration are always here to support your child's academic, social, and emotional growth. We are incredibly grateful to our parents, teachers, and students for your continued partnership and dedication to our school community.

Third Grade Thoughts...

Our third graders are off to a great start at LADSBS! As third graders, they are busy being introduced to their new teachers, staff and friends. They are quickly becoming acclimated to their new learning environment.



In Math, students are learning the foundations of multiplication and division. Students are creating arrays, equal groups, and number bonds to demonstrate math problems. In reading, students are beginning the first module of the *HMH Into Reading* program. Students are focusing on character analysis and development through realistic fiction texts. In Social Studies, we are reviewing our map skills and where we live in the world! Mrs. Mock's class earned "Flashlight Friday" by creating a map of their classroom, including compass rose, map key, and an interactive game of "Bingo" for doing whole body listening.

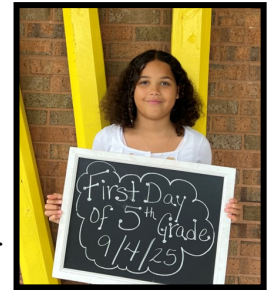
Additionally, our students have begun attending health classes to learn about how to keep their bodies healthy, and learn good habits. Third graders are having a fantastic start to the school year, and we can't wait to see how much they will accomplish this year!



Fifth Grade Flash...



The fifth grade teachers and students are all very excited to be back in school! Everyone has been busy establishing routines, procedures and expectations after being out of the school building for summer break. As a fifth grade team, we are dedicated to creating a classroom environment where all students can thrive academically, socially and emotionally.



Academically, we have been delving right into the curriculum. We have begun our reading program called *HMH Into Reading* and have been working hard this past month with place value in our Module 1 math curriculum. Our fifth grade students love learning about the Solar System and Earth's place in this universe, and we have also been traveling back to ancient times to learn about the first people in the western hemisphere in Social Studies.



It was so nice to see everyone this year for our open house. We love to have face-to-face communication with our parents and we appreciate everyone taking the time out of their busy schedules to allow us to introduce ourselves and our classrooms with you.



All students are up and running with their google classroom log-ins and are acclimating well to using the Classlink. Fifth graders seem to be well adjusted to the technology we are using daily. Mrs. Tartamella's class recently had an exciting opportunity to explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) in action with programmable Indy cards which are designed to teach students the basics of engineering and computer programming through hands-on learning. In addition, Mrs. Haag and Mrs. Muratore's classroom participated in a teamwork-focused STEM challenge with rubber bands and a piece of ribbon to stack cups into a pyramid without touching the cups with their hands. We are so proud of how our students are working together to find creative solutions through communication and problem solving.



The students are very excited to head to the Bronx Zoo on October 21st, so don't forget to register on [MySchoolBucks—Bronx Zoo Field Trip](#). It will be a nice memory for the students to remember their last year in elementary school. We are looking forward to a wonderful fifth grade year!

Fourth Grade Focus...



We are having a great start to the 2025-2026 school year. Your children are learning and growing every single day.

In Math, we are going to continue to learn about place value, rounding, and algorithms for addition and subtraction. In ELA, we will be starting Module 1 in our HMH unit, which talks about what makes us who we are as people. Our essential question for HMH Unit 1 is “How do your experiences help shape your identity?” We will also be incorporating spelling, vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension, personal narrative writing and so much more!



In Social Studies, we will continue working in Unit 1 NYS geography and history. We will continue exploring national/local government, as well as economics and cultures of New York. Last month, Mrs. Ott’s fourth and fifth graders honored Patriot’s Day by each coloring a piece of the American Flag for a collaborative learning project representing the importance of coming together to help one another.

In Science, we will continue to work in our structure, function and information processing unit by completing activities in our *Walk In the Park* science kit, which explores scientific phenomena.

We are looking forward to a wonderful month of school filled with lots of learning, respect, educational growth and fun!



Art-I-Facts...

Welcome Back to the Art Room! We’re excited to kick off another creative year in the art room! Students are already diving into their first projects with energy and imagination.



Third graders are exploring the beauty of geodes, focusing on line and color to create vibrant, layered paintings that sparkle with creativity. Fourth graders are bending perception with optical illusion art, reviewing contrast and emphasis to make their designs pop off the page. Fifth graders are honing their skills in line, movement, and shading as they craft dynamic doodle art full of personality and rhythm.

It’s going to be an inspiring year—let’s make some art!



Character Clips...

This year, LADSBS students and staff celebrated “Start with Hello” week. The goal of “Start With Hello” is for everyone to understand that they have an important role in making our school community a friendlier place by following three simple steps:

1. See Someone Alone
2. Reach Out and Help
3. Start with Hello

This wonderful program reminds all of us how powerful a simple hello and smile can be. Celebrated during the week of September 8th – September 12th we invited students, staff and teachers to do different things each day to promote a positive school climate.



Each day of the week focused on a different activity which promoted empathy, kindness and inclusivity. We kicked off the week with “Hey Day”, where everyone wore name badges so when they said hello they would also know their name. It was fun to see our students proudly wearing their name tags and making new friends just by reaching out to someone to say, “Hi”.

We celebrated “Stand Out Against Bullying” by inviting students to wear neon colors to stand out proudly. On Wednesday, students “Walked for Kindness” by designing their own sneaker on a coloring sheet that has been displayed throughout the building. On Thursday, students reflected on kindness and respect through a personal and collective anti-bullying pledge that uses the symbol of a hand/high-five. Finally, on Friday, we ended the week with “Be a Team Player”, by wearing school colors to show that we are all on the same team at LADSBS. Thank you to all the students and staff for making a promise to keep the Start with Hello Spirit going all year long...all you have to do is “Start With Hello”!



Library Media Center...

New school year, new books! Classes are coming to the library once a week for book exchange and library instruction. We have kicked off the year learning how the library works, exploring genres and finding books to check-out. Fifth graders showed off their library knowledge with a round of Library Jeopardy and the third and fourth graders visited the "Cafe de LADSBS" for a book tasting. Looking ahead, during the month of October, students will learn about Digital Citizenship and how to safely and responsibly use their devices. We are looking forward to a fun-filled, enriching year ahead in the library!



Thank you so much to the third, fourth and fifth grade students who participated in our LADSBS summer reading challenge this year! Over 60 students read well over 200 books combined this summer! All students who participated received a participation prize. Keep reading!

Marvelous Math ...

Mrs. Casazza and Mrs. Volk are thrilled to welcome our students back after a nice, relaxing summer. We started off by establishing routines and expectations, before jumping into place value and fact fluency!



Building our fact fluency is so important for being ready to solve multi-step problems as well as word problems. Fact fluency is the ability to recall basic math facts for all four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) with automaticity. Fact fluency helps students to build confidence as well! One way we work on fluency at school is by using the Reflex Math computer program. Reflex helps students build fluency by exploring fact families. The program is interactive and helps students to track and celebrate their progress! How can you help? Talk about math at home as it comes up in everyday situations. Incorporate math conversations as you cook, shop, and play games. Flashcards and playing cards are great math tools as well! Building a positive attitude towards math and numbers goes a long way for helping our students to be successful in the classroom as well.



School Spirit...

Welcome back LADSBS Family! We've had an amazing start to the school year. Our hallways are once again filled with the excitement of new classrooms, teachers, friends and plenty of smiling faces. Our students and staff really enjoyed participating in all of the District Spirit Week themes including Pajama Day, Decades Day, Country vs. Country Club and Spirit Day all leading up to Homecoming. Way to show your Miller Place pride!



Kindness Corner ...

The LADSBS School Kindness Initiative continues to thrive, kicking off the kindness during our Start with Hello Spirit Week! Throughout the school year, students who display superior character and kindness may receive a coupon. The coupons are entered into a monthly raffle to win a token to use on the Book Vending Machine.

Congratulations to our September raffle winners:

*Bria Robinson, Ellie Stalter, Tessa Milleisen,
Asher Chinalai, Daniel Hirschfeld, Ryder Carter*



Music Musings...

General Music Music classes are in full swing! From day one, we have been working on our rhythm and note reading. Students are discovering who they are as musicians, connecting with their peers on common musical interests, and making creative musical decisions that impact the way they read, play, and write music. Students are working on refining their skills from last year to improve their musicianship and begin creating their own melodies to play in class.



and proper instrument care before taking them home. It's shaping up to be an incredible year for our string program, and the excitement is contagious.

Chorus Fifth Grade Chorus is about to start and the students could not be more excited! This year we will work on singing technique, reading of choral music, 2-part harmonies and enjoying creating something remarkable as a fifth grade class. Please make sure to hand in commitment forms to sign up and be a member of this amazing ensemble! Rehearsals are every Friday at 7:30 a.m., with drop-off at 7:20 a.m.

Band The Fourth and Fifth Grade Band students are thrilled to begin playing their instruments this school year. Our Fourth Grade Band students are beginning to learn the basics of their instruments and are having a blast with getting out those first notes. Practicing just a little bit every day will help get them comfortable with their instruments and assist them in learning their very first songs. The Fifth Grade Band students are off to a fantastic start. New lesson groups and harder songs are making this year already an exciting one. We are going to be learning a mixture of classic tunes as well as some more challenging new music. We cannot wait to show you all of the cool music we will be making this year!

Orchestra The new school year is kicking off with enthusiasm as string lessons begin! Our fifth graders are receiving their instruments this week and gearing up for their orchestra rehearsals. Rehearsals are every Monday and Wednesday. Remember, student drop-off is at 7:20 a.m., with a prompt 7:30 a.m. start time. Looking forward to seeing how we all sound and come together as a unified ensemble for the first time.

Meanwhile, our fourth graders can hardly wait to get their hands on their instruments. They'll be learning essential skills like note-reading, bow hold,

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Helpful Hints...

- Please put your child's first name, last name and teacher's name on all bus notes and continue to keep your child's bus tag attached to their backpacks.
- Be sure to have photo identification with you when picking up your child from school. Be mindful that children being picked up from 2:30 on will be dismissed from the cafeteria. Parking is on the AMPS upper playground.
- Call the attendance office directly at (631) 474-2721 if your child is not feeling well and unable to attend school.
- Please continue to send your child in with a water bottle and healthy snack each day.
- Please contact your child's teacher with any question or concerns! Communication is paramount to our combined success!



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