

December 2025

# Roaming the Halls at Leptondale

Principal Mr. Scott Brown

Intervention Specialist Mr. Stephen Cabarcas



## Dates to Remember

- 12/4 – Emotion into Art Assembly  
9:05 – 10:05 Grades 4-6  
12:40 – 1:40 Grades K-3
- 12/5 – Paws-itive Student Breakfast
- 12/8 to 12/12 – PTO Holiday Shop
- 12/8 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Ashokan
- 12/9 – In-School Winter Concert
- 12/11 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Nutcracker  
Winter Concert 7pm
- 12/12 – Gingerbread with Santa 5-7pm
- 12/15 – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee
- 12/17 – Board of Education Meeting  
7:00pm @ LES
- 12/18 – 12/23 – Holiday Spirit Week
- 12/22 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Holiday Breakfast
- 12/23 – Winter Pep Rally
- 12/24 – 1/2 - Winter Break



## The Low Down with Mr. Brown

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed some special time with family and friends! As we head into December, we have lots of exciting events coming up, including concerts and holiday activities. Please check our school website often so you don't miss any updates.

One of the best ways to help your child succeed—both now and in the future—is by making school attendance a priority. When students come to school every day, they learn more, build confidence, and develop important habits that will last a lifetime. Regular attendance also helps them feel connected to their classmates and school community, which makes learning even more enjoyable.

Did you know that missing just two days a month adds up to 18 days over the school year? That's considered chronic absence, and research shows it can have a big impact on grades and reading skills. Every day really does make a difference!

If you ever have any questions or need support, please reach out. We're here to help, and together we can make sure every day counts for our students. Thank you for all you do to support your child and our school!

Warmly,  
Mr. Brown




## ★ All Star Moments with Cabarcas ★

Happy Holidays from the PBIS team! December is always packed with holiday fun, and this year will be the same! Our amazing PTO will also hold the annual Holiday Shop. The PBIS Team will be honoring PAWS-itive students from September, October and November with a special "Deserving Donuts" celebration. As per tradition, we will host Winter Spirit Week and participate in a school-wide Holiday pep rally the day before break. Whose beard will get dyed, decorated, or designed? We can't thank Mr. Andrews, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cabarcas, Mr. McCartney, Mr. Miller and Mr. Nafey enough for participating in our "Beards for Bucks" fundraiser!

The PAWS-itive Student of the Month Trait for December is **Respectful**. Students that receive student of the month are students who show that they care for how their actions may impact others.

## November PBIS PAWS-itive Students of the Month

Isaac Vazquez, Etta Cleveland, Sophia Falcone, Emily LaFalce, Curtis Montgomery, Liam Marte, Kaley Williams, Lana Cerchia, Jesse Borle, Luna Baltazar, Samantha Misiti, Hailey Lehmann, Ezra Asare, Donique Thompson, August Juhr, Kloe Montgomery, Logan Soper, Penelope Meighan, Isabelle Johansen, Andrew Callahan, Charles Caudill, McKenna Willis, Allison Armendariz, Leila Russo, Alessandrina Umbach, Carson Reppert, Everly Reiss, Abigail Hicks, James Moore, Michael Gates, Cody Pettus, Brandon Forstner, Madison Reppert and Liliana Ordonez

| Sunday   | Monday                  | Tuesday                 | Wednesday               | Thursday                | Friday                  | Saturday   |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
|  | 1                       | 2                       | 3                       | 4                       | 5                       | 6  |
|   | <b>C</b>                | <b>D</b>                | <b>E</b>                | <b>F</b>                | <b>A</b>                |   |
| 7  | 8                       | 9                       | 10                      | 11                      | 12                      | 13   |
|  | <b>B</b>                | <b>C</b>                | <b>D</b>                | <b>E</b>                | <b>F</b>                |  |
| 14   | 15                      | 16                      | 17                      | 18                      | 19                      | 20   |
|  | <b>A</b>                | <b>B</b>                | <b>C</b>                | <b>D</b>                | <b>E</b>                |  |
| 21   | 22                      | 23                      | 24                      | 25                      | 26                      | 27   |
|  | <b>F</b>                | <b>A</b>                | <b>WINTER<br/>BREAK</b> | <b>WINTER<br/>BREAK</b> | <b>WINTER<br/>BREAK</b> |  |
| 28   | 29                      | 30                      | 31                      |                         |                         |  |
|  | <b>WINTER<br/>BREAK</b> | <b>WINTER<br/>BREAK</b> | <b>WINTER<br/>BREAK</b> |                         |                         |  |

**Austin's Helpful Healthy Hints**

Did you know... December is National Handwashing and Influenza Month! It is possible to spread the flu virus 1 day BEFORE symptoms develop and up to 5-7 days AFTER becoming sick. Good handwashing can prevent this! Be sure to scrub both hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and get under those nails and between fingers. Dry hands with a paper towel and turn the faucet off with that towel.

Happy Handwashing and I hope everyone has a lovely winter break!

~ Mrs. Austin

**The Book Nook**

*The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School*

Author: Lura Murray

Illustrator: Mike Lowery

When a class leaves for recess, their just-baked Gingerbread Man is left behind. He is one smart cookie and heads out to find them. With help from the school staff members the Gingerbread Man does find his class, and he's assured they'll never leave him behind again. This book adds a funny twist on the original Gingerbread man story and is a fun read during the wintertime!

~Happy Reading