

April 2026

Roaming the Halls at Leptondale

Principal Mr. Scott Brown

Intervention Specialist Mr. Stephen Cabarcas



Dates to Remember

4/7 – School Reopens

4/10 – 3rd Quarter Ends

4/14 – Science State Test (Grade 5)

4/16 – Kindergarten Field Trip to Stewart Air Base

4/20 – Author’s Day (Timothy Young)

4/21 – Group Pictures

4/29 – ELA State Test (Grades 3-6)

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The Low Down with Mr. Brown

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Every spring, our students are administered the New York State Education Department (NYSED) grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics assessments. Below you will find the dates for each test. The schedule for the administration of the New York State Assessments is as follows:

Science (Grades 5 & 8)	Wednesday, April 14 th
English Language Arts	Wednesday, April 29 th and Thursday, April 30 th
Math	Tuesday, May 5 th and Wednesday, May 6 th

Just some quick reminders:

- Students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be taking the tests online.
- Tests in grades 3-8 in English and Math have been reduced to two days each.
- The tests will continue to be untimed for all students. By removing time limits, students will be able to work at their own pace. The tests are designed to measure what students know and can do, not how quickly they can finish.

★ All Star Moments with Cabarcas ★

As we spring ahead into April, I want to share that it has been so nice seeing the snow melt and our students running outside smiling and laughing! Mr. Brown and I can’t wait to join the students for some outdoor fun throughout the school day. Last month, we were able to celebrate our PAWS-itive Students of the month from December to February for a “Cookies for Character” celebration. It was so nice recognizing these students for going above and beyond our PAWS expectations!



The PAWS-itive Student of the Month Trait for April is patient. A patient student has the ability to remain calm when dealing with a difficult or annoying situation, task, or person.

March PBIS PAWS-itive Students of the Month

Olivia Alarcon, Haylee Baptiste, James Barr, Emilia Behrens, Claire Bell, Ayva Bloomer, Khailinda Brown, Caleb Cabrera, Reese Callahan, Audrey Caltagirone, Leilani Congelosi, Craig Cramer, Gabriel Duarte, Jackson Forrey, Martha Garcia Giron, Clara Grush, Isabelle Johansen, Leah Labrada, Carter Lloyd, Jordin Lloyd, Mason McCrary, Savannah Montanya, Theo Morrissey, Vann Morrissey, Sofia Ortega Chacon, Luciano Palaez, Hunter Pearson, Jayce Pirela, Cataleya Pupiales, Harper Reiss, Madison Reppert, Holly Rule, Nikolai Santos, Viviane Sarr, Emmett Sack, Angelina Stelljes, Brooke Taveras and Alessandra Viviani



~April 2026~

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

Austin's Helpful Healthy Hints 

April is National Stress Awareness Month. Stress is “the body and brain's natural physical, mental, and emotional response to demands, challenges, or perceived threats.” How do you manage stress in children? According to Harvard Health, managing stress in children involves fostering resilience through warm, nonjudgmental connections, encouraging open communication, and teaching concrete emotional regulation skills like deep breathing and mindfulness. Some helpful strategies include maintaining routines, encouraging physical activity, limiting screen use, and helping children label their emotions. If these strategies don't work, seek professional help through your pediatrician.

The Book Nook

Title: *Too Many Carrots*

Author: Katy Hudson

Too Many Carrots teaches the importance of sharing and friendship. Children especially love the illustrations in this book! Rabbit's love of carrots winds up showing him that you can love something very much but sharing it with friends is okay, too! Read the book to find out what happens once Rabbit realizes he needs to stop hoarding his carrots and start giving them to all his friends around the forest.

~Happy Reading