



LADSBS News...



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

Important June Dates:

- 1-5 NWEA (ELA)
- 3 LADSBS Spring Concert, Band, Chorus & Orchestra
7:00 p.m., NCR
- 4 Give Back Day
(Rain date 6/5)
- 12 Grade 5 Yearbook Signing Breakfast
- 12 MPHS Graduation Walk-Through
- 15 Grade 5 "Moving Up" Ceremony, NCR 10:00 a.m.
- 16 Grade 5 Field Trip, Urban Air, Lake Grove
- 17 Grade 5 NCR Tour, 1:00 p.m. (raindate 6/18)
- 17 Board of Ed Meeting 8:00 p.m., MPHS
- 19 Juneteenth Schools Closed
- 22 ROAR Presentations
- 24,25 1/2 Day K-5 LADSBS 8:30-10:30 a.m. Last day: June 25
- 26 Report Cards Posted

As June arrived, our hallways were filled with the excitement of accomplishment, celebration, and reflection. Conversations throughout the building centered on Moving Up Celebrations, assemblies, concerts, and the many milestones our students achieved. This special time of year allowed us to reflect on the tremendous growth our students made academically, socially, and emotionally, while also looking ahead to the opportunities and goals that await us in the 2026–2027 school year.

June also provided an opportunity to celebrate the successes of the entire school year and recognize the many people who helped make them possible. As we share this final newsletter of the 2025–2026 school year, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to you, our families, for your partnership, generosity, involvement, and unwavering support throughout the year.

Being part of this school community and having the privilege of supporting your children's learning and growth over the past two years has continued to be both rewarding and inspiring. The involvement of families played a vital role in creating a positive and successful educational experience for our students. The saying, "It takes a village to raise a child," truly reflected the strength of our school community, and we are grateful for the important role each of you played in supporting our students.

Throughout June, we remained committed to providing meaningful learning experiences while celebrating the accomplishments of our students. We enjoyed a variety of memorable events, including our Spring Concerts, Give Back Day, Fifth Grade Breakfast, field trips, and our Moving Up Ceremony. We were also excited to welcome our incoming third graders as they visited our building and began their journey as members of our school community.

As we prepared for the 2026–2027 school year, we looked forward to building upon the successes of the past year and continuing to provide opportunities for every student to learn, grow, and thrive.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership in your children's education. We hope you and your family enjoyed a joyful, relaxing, and safe summer. We are excited to welcome everyone back in September for another wonderful year of learning and growth.

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 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, and continue to solidify those critical thinking skills in reading.



On June 16th, the third graders had the opportunity to host our incoming 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 filled the second graders in on all aspects of LADSBS and were able to answer any questions they had.

We are encouraging everyone to participate in the wonderful summer reading program 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.

With the warmer weather coming, we are all putting a huge emphasis on summer safety reminders- whether it be at the pool, the beach or on bicycles. Remember to wear that sunblock and of course those helmets! Most of all, have fun, and gear up for fourth grade!

Fourth Grade Focus . . .



We cannot believe that our students are almost at the end of their fourth grade year! This school year, we celebrated many successes, faced some challenges, and our fourth graders have remained optimistic, motivated, and ambitious throughout it all. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Academically, our students have accomplished so much this year. To wrap up our learning in ELA, students are reading the novel, *Wonder*, by R. J. Palacio. Just as we did back in September, our novel study is providing opportunities for students to work together as they discuss the author's purpose, point of view, and themes throughout this heartwarming story.

Students are also exploring the importance of expressing themselves through their writing. In Social Studies, students are learning about New York's journey to statehood and how the outcome of the American Revolution shaped its transition from colony to state. In Science, students are engaging in hands-on learning experiences using our interactive Earth Science kit. In Math, students continue working through Module 6, focusing on modeling, converting, and comparing decimals.

From the entire Fourth Grade Team, we congratulate our students on a wonderful year of growth, learning, and achievement. As we approach the final days of fourth grade, we wish them the very best as they prepare for their next chapter and create new memories in fifth grade!

Trustworthiness...

Fifth Grade Flash . . .

As the school year continued to fly by, June brought excitement as our fifth grade students looked ahead to their final weeks at LADSBS. We are incredibly proud of the dedication and effort our students demonstrated throughout the year. Their growth is inspiring, and we look forward to celebrating all they have accomplished.

During the month of May, students explored ecosystems, energy, and matter in our science unit, *Deer, Deer Everywhere*. They built eco-columns and took on the role of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation researchers by creating public service announcements about deer overpopulation. In ELA, students continued reading the novel *Echo* and made great progress through our *Into Reading* curriculum. It was a wonderful journey of literary exploration. In Math, students worked through Module 6: Problem Solving with the Coordinate Plane. They also dedicated time and creativity to their Volume Zoo projects, which brought our unit on volume to life through hands-on learning experiences.

As June continued, there were many events our students were able to enjoy.



Fifth Grade Breakfast: June 12, 2026

The Fifth Grade Yearbook Breakfast took place on Friday, June 12th. During this special event, students enjoyed a catered buffet breakfast, received their yearbooks along with fun gel pens, and had the opportunity to collect signatures from classmates and staff. Seniors from MPHS also paraded through the building as part of their Senior Graduation Walk and stopped by the breakfast to visit with students, making the day even more memorable.



Moving Up Ceremony: June 15, 2026

Our Fifth Grade Moving Up Ceremony took place on Monday, June 15th, at North Country Road Middle School. It was a wonderful celebration of our students' accomplishments and marked an important milestone as they prepared to begin their middle school journey.



Grade 5 Field Trip: June 16, 2026

Our Grade 5 field trip to Urban Air in Lake Grove took place on Tuesday, June 16th. Students enjoyed unlimited play, including access to attractions, jumping socks, game cards, lunch, snacks, and more. The venue was reserved exclusively for our fifth grade students, and the trip provided a fun and memorable way to celebrate one of their final experiences at LADSBS together.



North Country Road Tour: June 17, 2026

On Wednesday, June 17th, fifth grade students visited North Country Road Middle School with their teachers. During the visit, they met administrators, counselors, and staff members, toured the building, and had the opportunity to ask questions about their transition to sixth grade. The experience helped students feel excited and prepared for the next chapter of their educational journey.



Music Musings . . .

Fifth Grade Chorus and Orchestra

Congratulations to the Fifth Grade Chorus and Orchestra on their beautiful performance earlier this month! The students in both ensembles have been so dedicated to practicing and their efforts were visible in rehearsal and performance. It has been a wonderful year working with all of these young musicians.

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 has been such a fantastic year for the band program here at LADSBS. Fourth Grade Band 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 all ready to move on to NCR and continue their music journey. They will be missed very much here at LADSBS, but we are excited to cheer them on! Have a wonderful and musical summer!

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 singing in their Fifth Grade Moving Up Ceremony. Looking forward to another year of music making in September!



We would also like to recognize our incredibly talented fifth grade Miller Place Panther Cub Players, who presented a wonderful production of [*Frozen Kids*](#) last month. Over the course of more than eight weeks, more than 50 fifth grade students worked alongside Mr. Vogelsberg and Ms. Ely to learn the fundamentals of musical theater, including dialogue, singing, dancing, and stage performance.



Through their hard work, dedication, and teamwork, students brought the characters and music of *Frozen Kids* to life on the big stage



with enthusiasm and confidence. Their performances entertained audiences and showcased the creativity, talent, and perseverance of our students. It was truly a memorable experience and a fun-filled event enjoyed by all who attended.

Ms. Ely and Mr. Vogelsberg are incredibly proud of the students for their commitment, growth, and outstanding efforts throughout the rehearsal and performance process. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew on an amazing production!

Community Corner . . .

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to everyone who participated in the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School "Give Back Day." Our students, led by Ms. McCann and Mrs. Mock, dedicated an incredible amount of hard work, enthusiasm, and excitement to making this special event a success.

Current and retired military members, veterans, police officers, firefighters, and other first responders were invited to our school and thanked for their service and dedication to our community. Guests were warmly welcomed by our student musicians, who performed patriotic selections, and were treated to light refreshments while being honored by the entire LADSBS school community. Students proudly shared their appreciation through thoughtful conversations, decorations, and acts of kindness throughout the event.

Thank you to all who attended and supported this meaningful day as we celebrated these remarkable members of our community and showed how deeply we appreciate all that they do for us each and every day.



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!



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.

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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!



The LADSBS Math Olympiads team, lead by Ms. Ally Brenner, wrapped up a stellar season, with several of our students participating in the Suffolk County Math Tournament. On May 13th, students were selected based on their outstanding performance throughout the Math Olympiad season. The top-performing fourth and fifth grade students were invited to compete in the tournament.

Congratulations to fourth grader, Jess Udaze, for earning 10th place in the individual competition. We are so proud of all of our participants for their hard work, dedication, and excellent representation of our school.



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 25th, 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 . . .

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, students and staff enjoyed a full day of activities during our annual LADSBS Field Day. Throughout the day, students participated in a variety of exciting games and challenges, including the parachute toss, tug of war, and obstacle course, all of which brought plenty of energy, teamwork, and school spirit to the event. Some of our fifth grade students were also invited to serve as AMPS Helpers during their Field Day, and they certainly enjoyed visiting and assisting their younger peers.

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



Kindness Corner . . .

Congratulations to our June Kindness Coupon Raffle winners:

Grayson Goyco, Caden O'Malley, Jace Vazquez, Ella Cassidy, Anatasia Acosta, Derek Pinola

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!



EVERY STUDENT MATTERS. . . EVERY MOMENT COUNTS!

Board of Education

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Don't Forget...

You can participate in our LADSBS Summer Reading Challenge! Complete 10 activities on the choice board, fill out the Google Form with books you read, and hand in your board in September to win a prize! Please reach out to Ms. Ely with any questions. Also, be sure to check out your local public library this summer!

[Choice Board](#)

[Google Form](#)

Citizenship...We help others!

District Office Administration

Seth A. Lipshie, *Superintendent of Schools*
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Colleen V. Card, *School Business Official*
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Jeremy Koch, *Director of Pupil Personnel Services*
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Kurt Roth, *Administrator for Instruction and Data Reporting*
Barbara A. Weir, *Director of Technology*
Wayne Casey, *Director of Facilities*

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

