



LADSBS NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2 Bronx Zoo Field Trip
Registration Due
- 9 Fire Safety Program
LADSBS
- 12 Columbus Day
School Closed
- 13-16 Spirit Week
- 16 The Power of Respect
Assembly, LADSBS
- 17 Homecoming:
Parade 12:45 p.m.
Game 2:00 p.m.
- 21 Unity Day
Wear Orange
- 22 Bronx Zoo Field Trip
Grade 5
- 28 Board of Ed Mtg
8:00 p.m., MPHS
- 30 Safe Halloween
MPHS, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- 31 Halloween



A Message from Dr. D'Aversa...



Welcome to a new school year! We are so excited to have our students back and look forward to all the learning, growth, and memories ahead. The smiles and excitement throughout our school remind us what makes our school community so special.



Our focus at the start of the year is on building strong relationships, creating a positive school environment, and helping every student feel welcomed, supported, and ready to learn. We are excited for the many educational opportunities, special events, and celebrations planned throughout the year. This past month, students participated in the "Start with Hello" initiative, a week dedicated to promoting kindness, inclusion, and making new connections.



October is filled with exciting educational opportunities and seasonal fun. We'll be hosting Fire Safety Day on October 9th, 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. To celebrate Halloween, students are welcome to wear school-appropriate costumes. We'll also have festive, themed activities available during lunch and recess to make the day extra special for everyone.

As we begin this journey together, we are grateful for the continued partnership of our students, families, faculty, and staff. Together, we will make this a successful, positive, and memorable school year!



THIRD GRADE NEWS

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 *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! 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!



FOURTH GRADE NEWS

This month is filled with opportunities for academic growth and exciting learning experiences. In math, students will continue building their understanding of place value, rounding, and the algorithms used for addition and subtraction. In ELA, we will begin Module 1 of our HMH curriculum, which explores the essential question, "How do your experiences help shape your identity?" Students will also begin incorporating spelling, vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension, and writing into their daily ELA lessons.

In social studies, we will continue our work in Unit 1, focusing on New York State geography and history. In science, students will investigate scientific phenomena through the *A Walk in the Park* science kit, exploring both physical science concepts related to light and life science concepts involving plants and animals. We are looking forward to a wonderful month in fourth grade filled with learning, growth, discovery, and fun!



FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Hello fifth grade families and welcome back to the start of a wonderful year! We are so excited to get to know our new group of students. Fifth grade is a very special year. We are going to work hard, collaborate, learn new things, and lead with kindness this year. We have already kicked off the year with our "Start With Hello" week as well as our character lessons with Mr. McMorris, our school guidance counselor. We spoke about empathy and respect for all.

While we are working on establishing routines and getting to know one another, we have also jumped into our first units of study: central idea and author's purpose, decimals, and solar system! We can't wait to continue exploring together. It's going to be a terrific year!



Welcome back, the books missed you!

We are so happy to have classes in the library checking out new books and learning how to use the library.

This month's book displays highlight Hispanic Heritage Month and our Character Education trait, Kindness!

Two recommended titles this month are: *Merci Suarez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina and *A Celebration of You* by Josh Funk.

Happy Reading!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



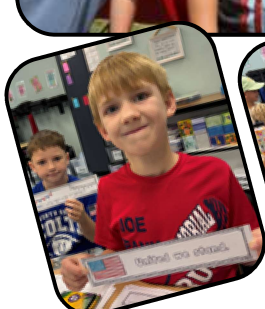
The Pipeline Challenge is a cooperative team-building game that challenges students to communicate, problem-solve, create a strategy, and work together to accomplish a common goal.

Working in small groups, students must transport a ball from one side of the gym to a bucket on the opposite side without touching the ball. The Pipeline Challenge encourages students to communicate effectively, adapt their strategy, support their teammates, and persevere when things don't go as planned.

SCHOOL SPIRIT



Our third grade students honored 9/11 by decorating paper strips that were linked together to create a class paper chain, symbolizing remembrance and unity. Students also read *The Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of John J. Harvey*, by Maira Kalman and learned about the brave heroes who helped others during this historic event.



During this year's Start With Hello Week (September 8-11), LADSBs students and staff participated in activities that promoted kindness, empathy, and inclusion. Highlights included wearing neon colors for "Stand Out Against Bullying," designing sneakers for a "Walk for Kindness" display, creating anti-bullying pledges, and wearing school colors to show school spirit and teamwork. Thank you to everyone who helped make the week a success and pledged to keep the Start With Hello spirit alive all year long!



SEPTEMBER KINDNESS WINNERS



CONGRATULATIONS!

Luca Tulley, Grayson Goyco, Faith Willis, Shelby Wendelken, Nicholas Salgado, Quinn Casey



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SPOTLIGHT



KINDNESS: Welcome back to a new school year! This month, our school is focusing on kindness, which means being concerned about other people and thinking about their feelings. Kindness can be as simple as inviting someone to play, offering help, using encouraging words, or noticing when someone may need a friend. Remember, even small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's day!

Try It This Month:

- Give someone a genuine compliment.
- Invite someone to join you at lunch, recess, or during an activity.
- Look for one opportunity each day to help someone.
- Ask yourself, "How might my words or actions make someone else feel?"

LET'S HEAR YOU ROAR!



We are excited to share our ROAR Initiative, presented by the SIT Committee.

To kick off the initiative, students will participate in an assembly introducing the four ROAR characteristics that students should demonstrate throughout the school year:

- **R – Responsibility:** Being accountable for your actions, choices, and responsibilities.
- **O – Optimism:** Having a positive attitude and believing that things can get better, even when something is challenging.
- **A – Acts of Kindness:** Showing care and kindness toward others through our words and actions.
- **R – Respect:** Treating ourselves, others, and our school community with kindness and consideration.

Four times throughout the school year, classroom teachers will select two students from their class who have consistently demonstrated the ROAR characteristics. Our goal is to recognize students who consistently ROAR through their actions and to encourage all of our students to make responsible, positive, kind, and respectful choices throughout the school year.

We can't wait to see our students ROAR!

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