LADSBS NEWSLETTER

A Message from Dr. D'Aversa...



As we welcome November and look ahead to the Thanksgiving season, we are excited to share some of the wonderful things happening throughout our school community. We hope you and your family are enjoying a happy and healthy fall! October brought many exciting opportunities for our students. Our students had a wonderful day exploring and participating in a visit from our local fire department and learned important lessons about fire prevention and safety.

We also continued our commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive school community through a DASA lesson highlighting kindness, respect, and inclusion. November's schoolwide theme is Gratitude. Throughout the month, our guidance department will be visiting classrooms to lead character education lessons focused on appreciation, thankfulness, and the importance of giving to others. We are also excited to kick off our Battle of the Grades Food Drive, taking place from November 2nd through December 11th. Each grade level has a designated list of requested items, which can be found on our school website. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support as we work together to help those in need within our community.

We are also looking forward to a special assembly on November 10th featuring Jared Campbell, an award-winning singer and songwriter from New York. Through his music, Jared shares meaningful messages about kindness, motivation, perseverance, and standing up against bullying. We are excited for our students to experience this inspiring and uplifting performance.

As Veterans Day approaches, we will take time throughout November to recognize and honor the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. We are incredibly grateful for their courage, commitment, and sacrifices, and we look forward to giving our students opportunities to express their appreciation for our veterans.

As we enter this season of gratitude, we are especially thankful for our wonderful students, families, and staff who make Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School such a special place. On behalf of our entire school community, we wish you and your family a safe, happy, and gratitude-filled Thanksgiving!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/2 - LADSBS Food Drive Begins
- 11/3 - Election Day No Students
- 11/4 - School Picture Retake Day
- 11/5 - Fifth Grade Family Connect Night
- 11/5 - LI Aquarium Field Trip - Grade 3
- 11/10 - Jared Campbell Assembly
- 11/11 - Veterans Day Schools Closed
- 11/18 - Board of Ed Mtg 8:00 p.m., MPHS
- 11/24 - Early Dismissal Drill (15 minutes early)
- 11/25-11/27 - Thanksgiving Recess



THIRD GRADE NEWS

Our third graders are learning so much! We are finishing up Module 1 of our reading program, *HMH Into Reading*, where students are exploring what makes characters interesting. As we begin Module 2, the students are excited to learn about poetry and letters in order to build their knowledge about how people express themselves. In math, our students learned the foundational skills of multiplication and division, and are moving onto learning about place value and problem solving with units of measure.

We are beginning our weather unit, which has been an engaging unit for the third graders. From analyzing weather patterns to learning about weather tools, our students love being meteorologists! Additionally, the Miller Place and Sound Beach Fire Departments visited our school to teach our students about fire safety. The students loved interacting with the firefighters, and learning what to do in case of an emergency. Third graders are continuing to have a great start to the school year!



FOURTH GRADE NEWS



Grade four teachers have been working on exposing students to a variety of online components, including Google Classroom, and incorporating numerous opportunities for students to use technology in daily lessons throughout the school day. We have finished our first module topic in math, and are now working on Module 2: Conversions and Problem Solving with Metric Measurement. Students will review place value concepts to explore working with mixed units. Module 2 focuses on length, mass, and capacity in the metric system.

It is important that students know their multiplication facts up to, and through the 12s. Please encourage your child to practice their facts daily or use the REFLEX math website to help improve their fact fluency. This month we will continue reading various genres in our *HMH Into Reading* series. Students will continue writing responses to our reading and apply the learned reading strategies to help them monitor their own comprehension of texts. In science, we are currently in our unit of study about "A Walk in the Park." Students will explore and conduct experiments pertaining to both plants and animals and how they interact with their environments.

In social studies, the geography, resources, and regions of our state continue to be explored. Reading and interpreting a variety of maps relating to New York is also a key feature of our unit. This leads us into our new unit of study on the Native People of New York. Please continue checking take-home folders and agenda books each evening and help students be prepared for each school day. We thank you for your continued support and all that you do at home to continue making learning a valuable experience!

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

What a great start to the school year! The students have been adjusting nicely, and we have been delving into the curriculum as well as making new friendships! The month of October was filled with lots of learning as well as fun. Academically, we have been moving right along. In math we are in Module 2 which is multiplication and division. Memorizing multiplication facts at home is a great way for students to practice and be prepared for the upcoming lessons. In ELA, we have been focusing on the HMH curriculum and will be getting into novels shortly! Our first novel is Esperanza Rising, which the students all enjoy.

Grade 5 Welcomes Detective Rivera

Fifth Grade students welcomed Detective Rivera from the Suffolk County Police Department for an important and engaging discussion about bullying, respect, kindness, and inclusivity. Through real-life scenarios, students explored how to respond to teasing, exclusion, hurtful comments, and situations in which others are treated unfairly because of their differences. Detective Rivera also addressed the growing impact of social media, cyberbullying, and online interactions, including those that occur while playing video games. Students were encouraged to think carefully before posting or sending messages, recognize the importance of protecting their privacy, and understand that respectful behavior matters both in person and online. The discussion emphasized the importance of being an upstander, speaking up when something is wrong, and helping others feel safe and accepted.





We will be starting our "Toy's Matter" unit in science, which is a kit with different hands-on lessons for the students. They always really enjoy learning and exploring all about matter through this unit. In social studies, we are continuing to learn about ancient civilizations such as the Aztec, Inca and Maya. The time is flying and before we know it, it will be Thanksgiving break! We are so proud of our fifth graders and are looking forward to a wonderful year!



Fire Safety Comes to LADSBS

This month, the Miller Place and Sound Beach Fire Departments visited Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach Elementary School to teach students in grades 3–5 about the importance of fire safety. During their presentation, firefighters and EMTs shared valuable information about using smoke detectors, keeping bedroom doors closed at night, and knowing what to do in the event of a fire at home. Students had the opportunity to ask questions, explore firefighters' gear, and get a firsthand look at the tools and equipment used in emergency situations. Our visiting first responders emphasized the importance of staying calm, having an emergency plan, and practicing fire drills at home, just as students do at school. A big THANK-YOU to the Miller Place and Sound Beach Fire Departments for helping our students learn how to stay safe!

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Our students and staff enjoyed participating in the District Spirit Week themes including Country vs. Country Club, Pajama Day, Throwback Day and Spirit Day, all leading up to Homecoming. Way to show your Miller Place Pride!

























MS. ELY'S READING CORNER

October started our Digital Literacy & Well-Being unit. Over the last few weeks, students were reintroduced to "typing.com" and learned about online safety through read-alouds and class discussions. Our book displays this month highlighted the Character Education trait, Fall and Spooky reads! We are looking forward to reading some narrative non-fiction texts in November. Recommended titles this month are, Say Something!, By Peter Reynolds and Jasper Rabbits Creepy Tales: Troubling Tonsils, by Aaron Reynolds. Happy Reading!

HALLOWEEN FUN...



















OCTOBER KINDNESS WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

TREY MALINO, SKYLER WILLIS
LUKE LE GOFF, CHARLOTTE MURRAY
AVERY SCHLAGETER & PAUL GALLI



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SPOTLIGHT



Gratitude: As we approach Thanksgiving, we are focusing on gratitude, or recognizing and appreciating the good things in our lives. Taking time to notice the people, experiences, and everyday moments we are thankful for can help us focus on what is going well. Try starting a gratitude habit by sharing one thing you appreciate each day. A simple "thank you" can also brighten someone else's day!

Try It This Month:

- Share one thing you are thankful for each day.
- Tell someone why you appreciate them.
- Keep a gratitude journal or gratitude jar.
- Notice the small things that make your day better.

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