



# THE WILDCAT'S ROAR

Lebanon Borough School Family Newsletter

June, 2025

## Dr. Arcurio's Corner

As we approach the conclusion of another remarkable school year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and partnership. Your active involvement in your child's education continues to be the cornerstone of our school's success, and we are truly grateful for the trust you place in us.

The 2024-25 academic year has been filled with achievements and meaningful growth. Our students have demonstrated remarkable progress not only in their academic pursuits but also in their social-emotional development. From innovative classroom projects to collaborative learning experiences, our students have shown resilience, creativity, and a genuine love for learning. We are incredibly proud of how well-prepared they are as they advance to their next grade level.

Our exceptional teaching staff and support team deserve special recognition for their tireless commitment and innovative approaches to education. They have fostered an inclusive, nurturing environment where every student feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential. Their dedication to creating engaging learning experiences has made all the difference in our students' success.

As we look forward to the 2025-26 school year, we are energized by new opportunities to enhance our educational programs and continue building on this year's successes. Together, we will keep working toward our shared goal of providing an exceptional educational experience for every student.

I encourage you to mark your calendars for the end-of-year events listed in our important dates section. These celebrations are wonderful opportunities to come together as a school community and honor our students' achievements.

To our sixth-grade students, we are incredibly proud of your growth and accomplishments during your time with us. As you prepare to transition to Clinton Public School and beyond, know that you carry with you the strong foundation and skills you've developed here. We believe in your bright futures and look forward to hearing about your continued success.

Thank you for making this school year truly special. We wish you and your families a joyful, restful, and safe summer break. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another amazing year ahead!

### Important Dates

- June 2: LBS 6th Grade Parent Night at CPS
- June 4: Early Dismissal - Inservice
- June 4: 6th Grade Promotion 6:30pm
- June 5: Spring Concert/Show - 6:30pm
- June 6: Field Day
- June 9: Field Day Raindate
- June 10: Early Dismissal
- June 10: 4th Grade Poetry Cafe 11:00am
- June 11: Early Dismissal - Last Day of School
- June 11: 6th Grade Clap Out - 12:35PM
- June 11: Water Ice on the blacktop - 12:45PM
- June 17: BOE Meeting 6:30PM

Better Together,  
Bruce Arcurio, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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### Health Office...

**Bully-Free Zone:** May was a great time of character building through Gr. 5 tree planting for Arbor Day, Gr. 2 teaching their parents about Colonial Days and Gr. 3-6 various history lessons at the Morris Museum. Officially the character trait for May was Trustworthiness and will continue for the month of June. The students focus on being reliable, honest and dependable. Students are encouraged to do the right thing, build a good reputation and to be loyal. When we are trustworthy, others can believe in us and rely on us without reservation or fear. Let's all aspire to be trustworthy.

**Registration Information  
for  
Kindergarten  
can be obtained at  
[www.lebanonschool.org](http://www.lebanonschool.org),  
the main office, or by  
calling:  
(908) 236-2448**

**Nurse News:** As you enjoy the outdoors, don't forget to protect yourself from ticks.

**N** Note the type of ticks that spread disease in your area

**O** Outfit yourself with light-colored, long sleeves and pants

**T** Treat clothing and gear with permethrin

**I** Inspect your body and your pets for ticks

**C** Choose to use EPA-registered insect repellent

**K** Keep to the center of trails; avoid brush and tall grass

**S** Shower within 2 hours after being outside to find/wash away ticks

For more info

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/tickborne.shtml>

NO TICKS Flyer [https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/vectorborne/tick\\_safety\\_NO\\_TICKS.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/vectorborne/tick_safety_NO_TICKS.pdf)



### Visit the Library & Avoid the 'Summer Slide'

Libraries offer many learning opportunities during the summer. From book, music, and movie lending to free events and reading clubs, there's a lot for families to enjoy.



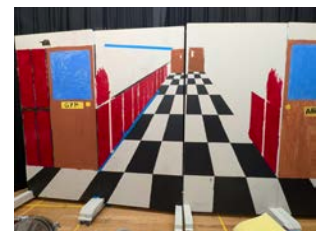
### Safety Patrol

Congratulations, Sonny, on being selected as the Safety Patroller for May! Your dedication and reliability have not gone unnoticed. You are always ready to arrive at your post on time, ready to carry out your responsibilities with care. Your kindness and respectful attitude toward others set a wonderful example for our younger students, showing them what it means to be a true leader. Keep up the excellent work—you're making a real difference!

### Art

Thank you so much for all your wonderful support during my first year teaching at LBS! It has been a joy to work with such delightful students.

Our students have been busy preparing their final art projects for the upcoming Art Show on June 5th. Be sure to check out the fantastic scenery created by the 6th graders for the High School Musical play—they have been working hard and even coming in before school to make it all possible.



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Kindergarten has been crafting a charming sheep landscape and a festive Cinco de Mayo scene. Our 1st and 2nd graders are creating a beautiful flower scene and colorful yarn scenery. K-2 graders also made emotional monkeys inspired by the book called "Grumpy Monkey Spring Fever." Meanwhile, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have been exploring circular weaving techniques. We can't wait to share all their amazing work with you soon!



### **Enrichment/Media/Technology**

The library has been busy the past few weeks. Grade 3-6 completed prepping and



taking their NJSLA testing last week. It is also that time of year when all library books need to be returned, so if you have an LBS library book at home please send it in with your child. I will be sending home notices with your child if they have an outstanding book. If you have any questions about missing books, please

feel free to reach out [lbaldoni@lebanonschool.org](mailto:lbaldoni@lebanonschool.org)

### **1-3rd Grade**

First-third grade students have also been working on practicing their keyboarding and coding skills over the past month. Kodable is a fun game that they are able to play and practice their coding skills at the same time. Typtastic is a website that we have been using in class to learn the keyboard and hopefully increase everyone's keyboarding skills and illuminate hunting and pecking on the keyboard!

### **Kindergarten**

Over the past few weeks, we have been comparing and contrasting various fairy tale stories. There are many different variations of the same story. We are all amazed at how different they can be. We finished our Fairytale unit by building Rapunzel's Tower and acting out the story with a small group.



We have moved on to learning about engineering. The children were surprised by everything an engineer does! We became engineers by working together to build vehicles and bridges!

### **4-6th grades**

Fourth, Fifth, and sixth graders are learning how to CANVA. We are working on a different year-end project for each class. Sixth grade is working on an ALL ABOUT ME slideshow for their graduation ceremony. Fifth grade is creating a history presentation about a time period of their choice to become an expert and teach their classmates. Fourth grade is creating ALL ABOUT ME posters and invitations for their Poetry Cafe that they will be having in June.

### **AT- Roller Coaster Engineering**

Grades 4-6 AT students have been engineering roller coasters using a Kin'Ex set. They are working in 2 teams to build the Roller coasters. We are hoping to complete the coasters before the end of the school year!



### **Music**

The students are so excited to perform on June 5th for everyone! You will get to enjoy the following performances!

- Fifth and Sixth Grade band
- Fourth grade band
- A few solo performances



- High School Musical Jr, featuring preschool (afternoon), kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades

Arrival times for June 5th will be sent early next week!

Thank you for all of your support!

### **Physical Education/Health**

This May in PE, we practiced disc\frisbee golf and prepared for the field day activities. Below are pics of some of our 6th graders playing Disc Golf. Our Health class focused on the monthly topics of our Great Body Shop unit. In June, we will finish off the disc games and play different games and activities that the classes enjoyed the most during the year. Health will focus on exercise and sun safety.



### **Spanish**

Marvelous mayo! Kindergarten students are continuing to work on daily routines in Spanish and practicing reading and coloring greeting phrases. First grade is learning about “bichos” which are critters we see in the springtime, and talking about how to identify them through color and characteristics. Grades 2-6 are studying Colombia and learning facts about this beautiful country and its traditions. We are also using listening comprehension skills to watch and create dialogues about the weather. Additionally, we have talked about Cinco de Mayo. We now know that more people who live in America celebrate this holiday than Spanish-speaking people! ¡Qué interesante!



### **Preschool**

**AM:** This month, we have been learning about water, how we use it, why we need it, and how to conserve it. We looked at the water cycle, we painted the sidewalk with water, and checked to see what happened after the sun was on it. We started our alphabet countdown and have been having fun with the theme days, and did a volcano experiment. We finished up our uppercase alphabet books and got to take them home. We enjoyed our field trip to Echo Hill Park and the stream walk we did. In June, we will learn about summer and the beach, finish up our projects, and hopefully enjoy a lot of outside time.



**PM:** This month, we have finished our community helpers unit, learned about camping, and water. We took a walking trip to the firehouse to meet with the fire company and the first aid



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squad. We had a visit from the state police, and Mr. and Mrs. Maglione visited as well. We started our alphabet countdown and have been having fun with the theme days, We did a bubble experiment. We started learning the lowercase letters. We enjoyed our field trip to Echo Hill Park and the stream walk we did. In June, we will learn about summer and the beach, finish up our projects, and hopefully enjoy a lot of outside time.



### Kindergarten

We are currently reviewing different types of stories. We worked on reading comprehension skills: describe connections, find the main idea and details, and discussed theme. We learned about the “magic e” so we can read both long and short vowel words. We continue to read our decodable stories. We will continue to write and practice our sight words. Many students have completed the sight word challenge. In math this month we completed our modules on two and three dimensional shapes. We are currently working on place value foundations representing numbers to 20. Our last two modules for the year are measurement and weight. The students will review areas that they need more practice in individually or complete challenge work when we are finished.

This month in science we completed our Mystery

Science: Sunny Sky’s Unit. We did activities to determine how the sun heats up the Earth’s surface. In the final unit will be learning about pushes and pulls. We will conduct experiments to change the direction of a force.

We have been enjoying all the fun activities our alphabet countdown has been bringing these last few weeks of school. We began working on our “Memory Book”, which is a collection of our favorite memories from Kindergarten. The students will be drawing and writing and including photographs, from the school year in their books. The class seemed to enjoy the trip to Fairview Farm. We really appreciate the PTA funding it for us. We are looking forward to our next trip to Echo Hill Park!



### First Grade

I can’t believe we’re already wrapping up another year of school! It’s been a pleasure getting to know your children for the second half of the school year! First grade worked hard this month to complete some final units and projects. The students enjoyed working on their Mother’s Day gifts. They all wrote a heartfelt letter to their mom on shrinky dink paper, and we made keychains out of the final product. We’re grateful for all of our wonderful, loving moms!

In science, we have finally completed the animal research books. Soon we will buddy read them with 2nd grade. Now, we will begin a Social Studies unit on Maps and Globes.





In math, the students learned how to interpret and answer questions about bar graphs, picture graphs, and tally charts. Now, we are learning how to add and subtract two-digit numbers with base ten blocks. Later, we will end the year with a quick unit on telling time to the hour and half hour.

In reading, we will be reading a couple of persuasive texts. We'll learn that the author provides their opinion on a topic and gives reasons to support their opinion to persuade their audience. We've also been practicing our high-frequency words with fun games.

Check out our trip to Fairview Farm, where students explored the rock cycle up close with hands-on learning!

### **Second Grade**

May has been a wonderful month for our Second Grade students! In social studies, we diligently prepared to share our Colonial Days learning with our families. Traveling back to 1784, we explored a simpler time and presented twelve unique colonial jobs. Students showcased either handmade or authentic artifacts, making the experience even more engaging. Together, we made butter and cream, learned a colonial dance, and sang a song. Our authentic attire added to the enjoyment, creating lasting memories and valuable lessons. In math, we have been reviewing and gearing up for third grade! Our students have mastered three-digit addition and subtraction, and we've now begun tackling subtraction across zeros. In reading, we enjoyed the novel Pioneer Cat by William Hooks. This story introduced us to the joys, challenges, and pioneering spirit that motivated many to venture west in search of new land. Throughout our social studies journey this semester, we've also reflected on the complex and often painful history of colonialism and westward expansion, particularly for Native Americans and people of color. In science, we are learning how scientists classify plants based on their reproductive methods. Additionally, we had a great time sewing and weaving as we created heart



keychains for Mother's Day.

We've also welcomed back a few Flat Stanleys! From Virginia to Scotland, and even Switzerland to Arizona - Flat Stanley has had amazing journeys to share. We are very thankful to our friends and families who made this reading project fun-filled with real-life learning. We have also thoroughly enjoyed our End-of-the-Year ABC countdown. My personal favorite was celebrating the life and art of Eric Carle on "E" day! The remaining days of the month will be filled with review and a heartfelt trip down memory lane, celebrating an amazing year together.

### **Third Grade**

Third grade has been busy with two class trips. The one class trip was to Morris Museum. The guest artist at the museum focused on nature. To tie it all together, I had my friend, a wildlife artist, Dale Muller, video meet the fourth and third graders. The students had great questions and seemed to really enjoy her art.

We have been busy completing our academic school year. We have partnered with fifth graders in some science experiments. They have grown so much since I left in December. It has been pure joy teaching them again.

Thank you for the fabulous year! Have the future fourth graders keep reading throughout the summer.



### **Fourth Grade**

What a whirlwind of a month we have experienced in Fourth Grade! We accomplished so many goals this year and are super proud of our growth. The month of May kicked off with a fabulous trip to the Morris Museum. We were lucky enough to be introduced to the delightful artwork of James Prosek. His studies of nature and how we order and name things were really interesting, and kept our students curious and engaged throughout

our visit. The Morris Museum offers great hands-on experiences, as well as gallery explorations.

And how fortunate we were to have artist Dale Marie Muller educate us during a 3rd/4th-grade Google Meet! The students were attentive and focused on Ms. Muller's sharing of her life experience and artwork. Their inquisitive nature compelled them to learn more about the artist and her work through their dynamic question-and-answer session. We thanked Ms. Muller with handwritten notes of thanks, as well as samples of our own artwork.



Our class adjusted to the testing week schedule and rainy days like champions! We had some fun collaborative Lego build activities, meet-ups with other grades, and we started our portfolio of Poetry throughout the first few weeks of May. We were super lucky to welcome some Mystery Readers throughout the last few weeks of this month!

We were able to finish our read-aloud selections, *I Survived:*

*The Revolutionary War* by Lauren Tarshis and *Class Dismissed* by Allan Woodrow, and begin our new novel study, *Hatchet*, by Gary Paulsen. We will end our time together with Judy Blume's *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* read aloud. The students have become experts at identifying so many elements of figurative language, imagery, themes, and main ideas in literature and poetry.



Math, science, and social studies kept us super curious, problem-solving, and making connections to our world with fractions, energy experiments, debates, craftivities, and so much more!

We look forward to celebrating our poetry, creativity, and awesome year of learning at the Poetry Cafe on June 10th at 11 AM. We hope to see you there so we can share our last whole-class event together!

### **Fifth Grade**

From play practice to band rehearsals, and from epic novels to seven days of state testing, it's been a nonstop month of activity for our fifth-grade class. A number of popular and engaging chemistry experiments have highlighted our afternoons. We have explored what exactly is happening during chemical reactions and used them to do everything from polishing old brown pennies, finding what substances react with acids, and – as if by magic – changing a steel nail into a copper nail, at least on the surface! In these explorations, we were thrilled to be joined by the third grade class, as we learned what



it was like to be an alchemist from long ago, trying to secure riches by using science. We didn't make gold, but we did learn a lot and have a great time!

In reading, we've completed *Holes*, a novel about how a series of curses that stretch back generations can continue to shape our world. The story also shows how a single act of courage and virtue can begin to set things right. By watching the film, we've seen how the major themes contained in the book are presented visually by the actors, screenwriters, and film editors. *Holes* shows us that even though we can never know what the future holds, everything we do impacts the future, for the worse or for the better.

One thing the future will definitely see is a tree that our class helped plant to mark Arbor Day.

Lebanon's head of the Shade Tree Committee taught us about the importance of trees in neighborhoods and helped us plant our own dogwood tree along the side of the LBS parking lot. As it grows, it will be a great friend to the black gum tree, planted last year!

And in social studies, fifth graders are going back in to the past to research a significant time, person, or event to create a panoply of American History! Students are taking on topics from World War II, the Underground Railroad, the mid-20th century, and even the Bull Moose himself, Teddy Roosevelt! They will look into these events and see how they fit into the stream of history, affecting us all still today.

It has been a pleasure reporting on the learning and work that the 5th grade has been up to throughout the 2024-2025 school year. The entire class wishes everyone a terrific summer and looks forward to seeing everyone back at LBS in the Fall!



### Sixth Grade

It hardly seems possible but we are counting down the days to the end of 6th grade already! We are busy preparing for this year's musical, *High School Musical*, while looking forward to the end-of-year field trips and activities! We have covered 5 novels as a class and have analyzed them within an inch of their lives! We have read fiction and non-fiction, written narratives and analyses, learned Latin roots and prepositional phrases. During the year we have covered life science, physical science, and even some earth science! We are no longer new 6th graders, we are almost 7th graders, ready for the new adventure that is Middle School at Clinton Public School.

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