



THE WILDCAT'S ROAR

Lebanon Borough School Family Newsletter

June, 2026

Dr. Arcurio's Corner

Greetings, Lebanon Borough School community! June is here, and with it comes the bittersweet joy of finishing a school year well. These final weeks are always among my favorites -- full of milestones, celebrations, and the kind of pride that comes from watching our children grow into who they are becoming. This has been a truly wonderful year, and I could not be more grateful to the students, families, and staff who have made it so.

6th Grade and 5th Grade Promotions

Our two promotion ceremonies are just around the corner, and they represent some of the most meaningful moments on our school calendar. On Monday, June 9th, at 6:30 pm, we will celebrate our 6th graders as they complete their time at Lebanon Borough School and prepare to take the next step in their educational journey. These young people have grown in remarkable ways, and I look forward to honoring them and their families that evening. On Tuesday, June 10th, at 10:00 am, we will celebrate our 5th graders as they move on and step into the middle school experience ahead of them. That same day, our 5th graders head out on their Train/Somerville Trip, and our 6th graders take on Great Adventure -- a well-earned celebration for both classes. If you have a student participating in either ceremony, please watch for communication from the school about arrival times and other details.

Field Day -- June 12th

Field Day is one of the most anticipated days of the year for our students, and for good reason. It is a wonderful celebration of energy, teamwork, and community spirit.

CPS Parent Night -- June 2nd

A reminder to our current 5th and 6th-grade families: CPS Parent Night is scheduled for Monday, June 2nd at 6:30 pm. If your child will be moving on to the next chapter of their school experience, this is a valuable evening to attend.

Last Days of School

Please note the following as we close out the year. There will be a 12:45 pm early dismissal on Monday, June 15th -- and our Last Day of School is Tuesday, June 16th, also with a 12:45 pm early dismissal.

Important Dates	
Jun 1	PTA Meeting 6:30pm
Jun 2	CPS Parent Night (LBS 5th/6th Gr. Parents) 6:30pm
Jun 3	Early Dismissal - Teacher In-Service
Jun 9	6th Grade Promotion 6:30 pm
Jun 10	5th Grade Promotion 10 am
Jun 10	5th Grade Train/Somerville Trip
Jun 10	6th Grade Great Adventure Trip
Jun 12	Field Day
Jun 15	12:45 PM Early Dismissal
Jun 16	5th/6th Clap Out - 12:35 PM
Jun 16	Last Day of School - 12:45 PM Early Dismissal

At Lebanon Borough School, we believe we are Better Together as we work to help every child reach their full potential. We value each student's unique abilities and foster both academic growth and independent, critical thinking. Through strong partnerships among students, staff, families, and the community, and with programs and curriculum aligned with New Jersey's standards, we equip students with the skills and tools they need to succeed

Our Character Focus: Trustworthiness

As we close out the final days of the school year, we continue our focus on Trustworthiness. Being trustworthy means being honest, reliable, and responsible -- qualities that others can count on in you every single day. It means following through on commitments and telling the truth even when it is difficult, and what better time to demonstrate that than in these last days of the school year?

I encourage you to have conversations at home about what it means to finish strong with integrity. Ask your children about moments this year when they kept a promise, told the truth, or came through for someone who was counting on them. Help them see that trustworthiness is not just a word -- it is a reputation they are building every day.

A Final Word of Gratitude

Every June, I find myself reflecting on what this community means. Lebanon Borough School is small by design and extraordinary by choice. The care that our staff brings to every student, and the partnership that our families bring to every challenge and celebration, is what makes this place special.

To our 5th and 6th-grade families -- thank you for trusting us with your children. Watching them leave, ready for what comes next, is the highest compliment we can receive.

To all of our families -- thank you for a wonderful year. Enjoy your summer. Rest well. And know that we will be ready and excited to welcome everyone back in September!

Better Together,
Bruce R. Arcurio, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Bully-Free Zone: May was a great time of character building through Gr. 5 tree planting for Arbor Day, School-Wide Memorial Day Flag Pole Celebration and field trips to Echo Hill Park, Yogi Berra Museum and the Da Vinci Science Center. 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.

Nurse News: As you enjoy the outdoors, don't forget to protect yourselves 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

NO TICKS Flyer

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/vectorborne/tick_safety_NO_TICKS.pdf

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

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

Dear Safety Patrol Students and Families,

I want to extend a big, genuine thank-you to the amazing Safety Patrol team. The Safety Patrol students have shown such kindness, hard work, and responsibility that they have made a real impact on our school community. Whether it was greeting classmates with a smile, helping younger students feel safe, or stepping up when the mornings were hectic, you handled your duties with maturity and pride. You made a real difference in our school community.

To our parents and families — thank you for your continued support. From early drop-offs to making sure your child arrived on time for duty, your commitment made this program possible. It didn't go unnoticed, and I am grateful.

Together, you have been a valued and important asset to our school. Your dedication didn't just help things run smoothly; it helped build a caring, respectful environment for everyone.

Thank you for everything you've done. I am so proud of you, and I will MISS you ALL.

Warmly,

Tammi Sarnoski



Art

As we move into the final weeks of the school year, our artists at Lebanon Borough School are busy creating some wonderful projects while continuing to explore new materials, techniques, and creative ideas.

Our Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade artists are working on vibrant Under the Sea scenes. Students have been creating colorful ocean backgrounds using oil pastels and painted paper, and this week they will be learning a printmaking technique to create fish, sea turtles, and other underwater creatures to complete their compositions. These young artists are discovering how artists can layer materials and textures to create depth and visual interest.

Our Third Grade artists are creating still life artwork inspired by the famous sunflower paintings of Vincent van Gogh. Students are making important artistic decisions by selecting the materials they would like to use, including watercolor, oil pastels, or chalk pastels. As they work, they are exploring concepts such as balance, composition, color, and the effective use of space while building confidence in their own creative choices.

Fourth Grade students are creating artwork inspired by the Year of the Fire Horse. This project introduces students to a new medium, chalk pastel, while also teaching a deductive drawing approach. Beginning with a dark background, students are carefully adding light and color to create dramatic images full of movement and energy.

Our Fifth Grade artists are beginning a Paul Klee-themed scratch art project. The interactive format keeps students focused and excited while providing structure that helps build confidence and leads to stunning results. This creative project introduces students to Paul Klee's modern art, iconic motifs, and imaginative techniques while encouraging them to experiment with line, shape, and design in their own unique artwork.

Our Sixth Grade artists are designing original album covers inspired by music they enjoy. Using actual vinyl record covers as their art surfaces, students have explored album artwork from different decades and listened to music from those albums for inspiration. Through this project, students are learning how artists communicate emotion, mood, and personal expression through imagery while creating artwork that reflects how music makes them feel.

It is hard to believe the school year is almost over. I have truly enjoyed spending this year with our talented young artists and watching them grow creatively, develop new skills, and gain confidence in themselves as artists. I am incredibly proud of the hard work, imagination, and perseverance they have shown throughout the year, and I look

forward to seeing what they create next year. To our Fifth- and Sixth-Grade students who will be attending Clinton Public School next year, I want to extend my very best wishes as you begin this exciting new chapter. It has been a joy watching you grow as artists and individuals, and I hope you continue to explore your creativity, embrace new opportunities, and share your unique talents with others. Remember that once an artist, always an artist... I know you will do wonderful things, and I wish you happiness, success, and many exciting adventures ahead.

Enrichment/Media/Technology

The library has been busy the past few weeks. Grade 3-6 completed prepping and taking their NJSLA testing this month. 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



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. Some of the fairytales we read were- The Three Little Pigs, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Gingerbread Man, and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Everyone had their own personal favorite versions! We are all amazed at how different they can be. We will



finish our Fairytale unit by building Rapunzel's Tower and acting out the story

with a small group over the next few weeks.

1-2nd Grade

First-to third-grade students have also been working on practicing their keyboarding and coding skills over the past month. Kodable is a fun game that allows them 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 eliminate hunting and pecking on the keyboard!

3-6th grades

3rd-6th graders are practicing their stop motion skills in Google Slides. The children picked a few different summer theme stop motion slides and created movement across the screen. Some of the options are a popsicle getting eaten or a person diving off a diving board! Everyone is being creative and putting their own twist on their stop motion projects!



THANK YOU!

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the children and their families I have taught at Lebanon Borough School over the last 25 years. I am truly grateful for the time I have spent in this special school community. I feel incredibly lucky to have had such a diverse experience, serving in many different roles here at LBS! Looking back, I am filled with pride for everything we have accomplished together, and I will cherish these memories forever!

Music

Thank you to all for a wonderful show!



Physical Education/Health

This May, in PE, we've been preparing for the field day activities. Below are pics of some pics from last year's field day. I thought it would be fun to share these. This year, we have been practicing some new games along with the old to adjust to the park construction. In June, we will play different games and activities that the classes enjoyed the most during the year. Our Health class focused on the monthly topics of our Great Body Shop unit, as well as a focus on exercise, sun safety, and hydration.



Spanish

¡Magnífico mayo! Our students have continued making great progress in Spanish class as they build on the skills and vocabulary we have practiced throughout the year. Across all grade levels, students are becoming more confident using Spanish through speaking, listening, reading, and writing activities each week. Our youngest learners in grades K–1 have continued exploring seasonal vocabulary, practicing words and phrases related to spring weather, animals, colors, and everyday classroom topics. Through songs, games, movement, and hands-on activities, students are strengthening their understanding while having fun using Spanish in meaningful ways. In Grade 2, students have continued working with frutas and the verb *gustar* to express their opinions about foods and activities. They are becoming increasingly confident creating sentences such as *Me gustan las fresas* and *No me gusta el brócoli* while improving their pronunciation and listening skills. Students especially enjoy creating silly food combinations and deciding whether they would actually like them! Grades 3–6 have continued expanding their vocabulary and communication skills by using *gustar*, *preferir*, and other verbs in more detailed conversations and writing activities. Students have practiced interviewing classmates about their likes and dislikes, listening to Spanish speakers discuss preferences, writing complete sentences and paragraphs, and improving their verb conjugation skills. We have even created some practice games for our classmates to enjoy! It has been wonderful to see students becoming more comfortable and enthusiastic about using Spanish each week!



Preschool

This month, preschool has been learning about Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Grandparents' Day, and all the aunts and uncles we celebrate on these days. We finished our plants unit and took home our spider plants. We learned about weather and camping. We looked at the water cycle, we started our alphabet





countdown, and we have been having fun with the theme days, and did a volcano experiment. We finished up our lowercase 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.

Kindergarten

We are currently reviewing different types of stories. We worked on reading comprehension skills: describe connections, find the main idea and details, and discuss the 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 length and height. We are currently working to complete our last module focusing on 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. We are currently working on our final unit, which is all about pushes and pulls. We have been conducting 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, writing, and including photographs from the school

year in their books. The class seemed to really enjoy our field trip to Echo Hill Park. We also just returned from our trip to The Davinci Science Center. Everyone did a nice job exploring and experimenting there. We loved the otters!



First Grade

I can’t believe we are already wrapping up another school year! It has been such a pleasure having your children in our class. First grade has worked very hard this month to complete several final units and projects. The students especially enjoyed creating their Mother’s Day gifts. They put a great deal of effort into their Mother’s Day calendars, with each month featuring a unique piece of artwork.

In Science, we have officially completed our animal research books. The students recently had the opportunity to buddy read their books with the second graders, which was a wonderful experience for everyone involved. Next, we will begin our final Social Studies unit about The American People, where we will answer the question “How do so many different people make one nation?”

In Math, the students learned how to solve two-digit addition and subtraction word problems using hundreds charts and by drawing tens and ones. In the coming days, we will begin learning how to tell time to the hour and half-hour.



In Reading, we will be exploring persuasive texts. Students will learn how authors share their opinions on a topic and provide reasons to support those opinions to persuade their audience. We have also continued practicing our high-frequency words through a variety of fun and engaging games. Be sure to check out our trips to Echo Hill and the Da Vinci Science Center! The students truly enjoyed these hands-on learning experiences. Some highlights included catching invertebrates and spiders in the stream at Echo Hill and exploring Curiosity Hall at the Da Vinci Science Center, where students became creative digital collaborators.



Second Grade

May has been a marvelous month of learning and creativity in Second Grade! Our classroom has been buzzing with curiosity, laughter, and a little bit of springtime magic. In writing, we dove into the fascinating world of narwhals — often called the “unicorns of the sea.” Students became marine experts as they researched and wrote informative pieces about these amazing creatures. We also explored poetry through the lens of dandelions, discovering that these tiny spring flowers are far more extraordinary than they first appear. After watching a science video and collecting interesting words and facts in our notes, students transformed their learning into beautiful free-style poems full of vivid imagery and creativity. To add a little sweetness to our month, students also crafted opinion essays about their favorite ice cream treats — a deliciously fun writing experience for everyone! One of the most exciting highlights of the year is that our class officially became published authors! Our book, *We Shine Like All the Stars in the Sky*, was published through Student Treasures, and we were thrilled to learn that it is being considered for “Best Book of the Year!” This special collection of personal similes beautifully reflects each student’s unique personality and heart. We cannot wait to share it with our families in early June. In math, we have been exploring geometry by learning about shapes, edges, angles, and vertices. Students have enjoyed comparing figures and using impressive new math vocabulary to describe what they see. In science, we wrapped up our plant unit and began an exciting study of rocks and Earth’s structure. Ask your child about the Earth’s core — they were amazed to discover that it is nearly as hot as the surface of the sun! Our social studies lessons have focused on everyday heroes and the many ways ordinary people make an extraordinary difference in the world around them. We have also been thoroughly enjoying our End-of-the-Year ABC Countdown celebrations. One favorite was “K Day” for Kindness, when students filled paper jars with thoughtful compliments and kind words for their classmates. It was a wonderful reminder of the caring community we have built together this year.



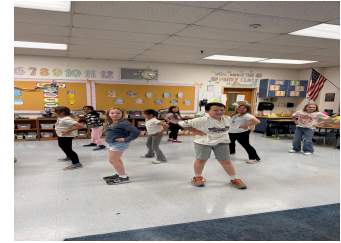
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Third Grade

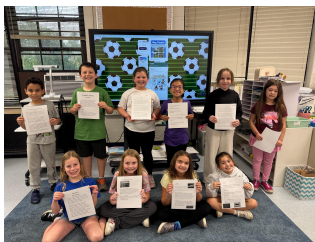
May was filled with exciting learning opportunities as students continued to build their confidence and deepen their understanding across the curriculum. Our classroom was busy with collaboration, thoughtful conversations, and engaging activities each day.

In Math, students explored how to represent and interpret data using charts and graphs. They also began their introduction to geometry by learning about parallel lines, polygons, right angles, and different types of quadrilaterals. Students practiced identifying and describing two-dimensional shapes based on their attributes. These activities helped strengthen both analytical thinking and problem-solving skills.



In Reading, students are continuing their class book study of *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*. Throughout the unit, they are focusing on key comprehension strategies such as making inferences, identifying problems and solutions, and making text-to-self connections. These discussions encourage students to think more deeply about the characters and events in the story.

In Writing, students reviewed the components of a strong personal narrative and wrote their own stories. They focused on capturing small, meaningful moments from their lives and using descriptive details to bring their experiences to life. Students also explored informational writing by selecting topics of personal interest and gathering facts to create engaging and informative pieces. It has been exciting to see their creativity, curiosity, and individual voices shine through their writing.



In Science, students began their final unit of study, *Animals Through Time*. They explored how fossils can provide clues about Earth's past by learning about a quarry that was once an ocean. Through hands-on investigations, students examined fossils and identified whether they came from land or ocean animals. They were especially fascinated by connecting these discoveries to dinosaurs and other ancient life forms.

In May, students also completed the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments. We were proud of the focus, perseverance, and effort they showed throughout the testing process. The students worked very hard and demonstrated many of the skills they have developed throughout the school year.

We have also been enjoying our Alphabet Countdown as we celebrate the final weeks of third grade. Students loved participating in special activities such as Dance Day, extra recess, and creating colorful chalk drawings outside. These fun experiences helped build excitement and create lasting memories as we approach the end of the school year.

Overall, May has been a productive and exciting month in Grade 3. We are proud of the hard work our students have shown and look forward to finishing the school year strong. It has been wonderful to watch them grow this year, and we know they will continue to do great things in fourth grade. We wish all of our students and families a happy, safe, and relaxing summer!



Fourth Grade

Our fourth-grade students have been busy exploring many exciting concepts across the curriculum this month! In Social Studies, the students studied different climate regions and learned how climate affects people, environments, and daily life around the world. In Reading and Writing and Word Study, students dove into poetry and practiced identifying and using figurative language elements such as similes, metaphors, personification, and imagery to make their writing more expressive and creative. We have been practicing our cursive and have been completing different assignments in cursive. The students celebrated the special mother figures in their lives



by crafting personal narratives featuring their mothers as the main characters. They gifted moms with a hand-painted card as well!

Fourth-grade scientists have been exploring the exciting world of energy, light, and heat! Students investigated how energy moves and changes, experimented with sources of light, and discovered how heat transfers through conduction, convection, and radiation. Through hands-on activities and experiments, students learned how these forms of energy are part of everyday life and help us better understand the world around us.

In Math, the students strengthened their geometry skills by identifying and measuring angles using protractors, as well as classifying quadrilaterals and polygons. They also worked hard on fraction concepts, including adding, subtracting, and comparing fractions, while building a deeper understanding of decimals, tenths, and hundredths.

One of the many highlights of the month was our field trip to the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center, where students enjoyed learning about the science of baseball and exploring the role of kinetic energy in pitching. It was a fun and engaging way to connect science, sports, and real-world learning!



Another highlight was our class's opportunity to read to the preschool students! All of the students were super excited to share and learn with one another.



We look forward to showcasing our Poetry writing at the Fourth Grade Poetry Cafe on Friday, June 5th at 2 PM. Not only will the students be reciting their selected poems, but they will also present their poetry with a sensory element of either sight, taste, touch, smell, or sound. We hope to see you there so we can reminisce about this AMAZING year of growth, curiosity, and fourth-grade learning!

Fifth Grade

From play practice to field trips, and from epic novels to seven days of state testing, it's been a nonstop month of activity for our fifth grade class at Lebanon Borough School! The month of May kicked off with state testing – the students gave their all in science, writing, reading and math, and then enjoyed some time to unwind and work on projects throughout the afternoon. And more recently, the class set off to the Yogi Berra Museum to learn about the life of this



Yankee legend and his incredible impact on sports and pop-culture! We also learned a lot about STEM and the physics of pitching and tested our arms against a real radar!



Students have been putting in considerable time and effort into preparing for our school play, *Seussical*! Both on stage with Mr. Gonzalez and in the classroom, they have spent time singing songs, running through dialogue, and getting into character. The show is sure to be a smashing success!

In reading, we've nearly completed *Holes*, a novel about how a series of events that stretch back generations (and the curses that get cast as a result!) can continue to shape our world. The story also shows how a single act of courage



and virtue can begin to set things right again. By watching the film, we'll consider 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.

Our other subjects haven't let up either. In writing, the students turned their 'This Day in History' paragraph responses into fun skits and commercials, performed for the class! In science, we're delving into chemistry and the kinds of substances that cause some sort of reaction when mixed up together. And in math, we have continued to look into geometry and the coordinate plane, designing some creature (equal parts terrifying and hilarious!) out of irregular polygons.



It has been a pleasure reporting on the learning and work that Grade 5 has been up to throughout the 2025-2026 school year. As they prepare to leave this school for the final time as students, it is a sure thing that this group will continue to make the entire Lebanon

community proud – next year and into the future. But for right now, our entire class wishes everyone a terrific Summer!

Sixth Grade

It hardly seems possible but we are counting down the days to the end of 6th grade already! We spent an exhilarating but significant amount of time preparing for this year's musical: *Seussical the Musical*. All the students did an amazing job!

It hardly seems possible that we are at the end of the 6th-grade journey! We have read 5 novels 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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