



# AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Floyd Community,

What a fantastic year we've had! Thank you to all our amazing students and dedicated parents for making this after-school program so special. We are incredibly proud of everything our students have learned and created. We wish everyone a safe, fun, and relaxing summer break, and we can't wait to see you back in the fall! Please keep an eye on your inbox over the summer break. We will send one final newsletter during the summer with program highlights, photos, and important registration details for the upcoming school year.

Warmly,  
The LEAPS Team

### DJ Whuteva

By Tiffany Scurry & Yasemin Kasal-Pinar

#### Belonging and Membership

Students recently enjoyed an inspiring visit from renowned NYC radio and club DJ, DJ Whuteva (Cornell Yarbrough). He spoke to the youth about navigating a successful career in the competitive music industry. During his talk, he emphasized that academic dedication is the ultimate foundation for reaching long-term goals. Students left the session motivated to focus on their studies and pursue their passions.



### Basketball & Soccer Clinics

By Coach Spero & Coach Urso

#### Belonging and Membership



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Please come out and visit us at the 7th Precinct National Night Out located at the WF High School. Flyer Attached.
- We will be at the Mastic-Moriches Community Library's Job Fair on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 1-3pm. Stop by our table to apply for positions in the LEAPS After School Program starting in the Fall. Flyer Attached.



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## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

### SEL: ART THERAPY:

Healthy relationships and bonding

Regular engagement with the arts supports emotional regulation, builds resilience, and strengthens interpersonal skills. These benefits are especially important in a post-pandemic environment where social-emotional gaps are more pronounced.

### Teacher Appreciation Week

By Tiffany Scurry, Eleana Ramos & Angie Brown

In celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week, our students participated in a special hands-on gratitude project. Each student hand-painted a unique ceramic tile dedicated to a teacher who has made a difference in their life. These personalized pieces reflect the creativity of our students and the deep impact of our educators.



### STEM: Skill-building

Through experiments, building challenges, and technology-based projects, STEM activities help students develop analytical thinking, teamwork, creativity, and skills they can apply beyond the classroom.

### Ice Cream in a Bag

By Angie Brown & Eleana Ramos

Due to popular demand, LEAPS students brought back their highly requested "Ice Cream in a Bag" activity. Building on last quarter's massive success, students once again teamed up to measure, mix, and shake their way to sweet success. This hands-on, chilly chemistry experiment perfectly blended physics and culinary fun.



### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

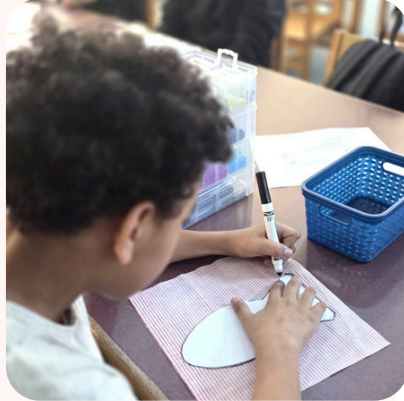
Youth engagement and contribution

Community service acts as an active catalyst in Positive Youth Development (PYD), transforming young people from passive recipients of services into active community builders. When youth engage in structured service, they build critical internal assets like competence, confidence, character, and connection.

#### Cat Toys

By Yasemin Kasal-Pinar

Students are channeling their creativity and sewing skills into a hands-on community service project by hand-crafting durable, catnip-filled toys for the shelter pets at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter in nearby Brookhaven, NY. This thoughtful initiative not only provides vital enrichment and comfort for adoptable cats while they await their forever homes, but it also empowers students to make a tangible difference in their local community.



### STEM X SEL:

Skill Building X Healthy Relationships and Bonding

By fostering emotional regulation and self-awareness, self-care helps middle schoolers manage stress and reduce conflict. Prioritizing well-being through sleep, exercise, and boundaries enables students to empathize and build healthier relationships, supporting overall Positive Youth Development

#### Butter Slime

By Angie Brown & Eleana Ramos

In this hands-on chemistry activity, LEAPS students mixed soft clay into the slime that they made to create a smooth, velvety "butter slime." They experimented with stretch and elasticity by adding lotion to see how it changes the chemical bonds. Finally, students personalized their creations with vibrant colors, glitter, and textured beads to explore color theory and sensory play.





## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Positive norms, expectations, and perceptions



**ADRIANNA TRICARICO**

**GRADE 8**

Adrianna has truly thrived this school year, demonstrating exceptional growth, dedication, and leadership. From maintaining consistent program attendance and raising her grades to providing invaluable support as our Junior Program Assistant and Student Advisory Board member, she has been an outstanding contributor. We know Adrianna will do great in high school next fall and will achieve remarkable things into her adulthood. She also plans to join the BOOST Program at the High School in the fall.

## JUNIOR PROGRAM ASSISTANTS: OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Positive norms, expectations, and perceptions

Junior Program Assistants support staff with activities and homework while serving as positive role models, helping bridge the gap between their peers and staff to foster engagement and leadership.



**OMAIRY JIMENEZ**  
**GRADE 7**



**KENSLEIGH WYCHE**  
**GRADE 7**



**PAIGE CONNELL**  
**GRADE 6**



# MASTIC-MORICHES- SHIRLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY JOB FAIR

MASTICS MORICHES SHIRLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Join us to learn about hundreds of job opportunities from Suffolk County Companies looking for local talent!

Companies Attending:

- SCOPE
- Stony Brook University
- LI EOC
- Family Service League
- Maryhaven
- Town of Southampton
- Suffolk County Civil Service & more!

## DATE

Tuesday, July 15th

## TIME

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## LOCATION

407 William Floyd Pkwy  
Shirley, NY 11967

**NO PRE-REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED**



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SCPD 7th Precinct

## 7th Precinct National Night Out

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Aug 4  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM EDT



240 Mastic Beach Rd  
Mastic Beach, NY 11951, USA



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Our mission is to promote a goal of self-sufficiency by broadening the minds of children, revitalizing communities, and assisting families and children in need through the provision of services and to coordinate available federal, state, local and private resource.

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| Community Based Initiative                    | SNUG Violence Prevention                            |
| Corporate Compliance Program                  | Suffolk County Court Children’s Nursery             |
| Family Development                            | Supportive Services for Veteran Families            |
| HIV/AIDS/HIV(-) Targeted Prevention & Support | Way To Grow Child Care Learning Center              |
| Housing Programs                              | Wyandanch Weed and Seed                             |
| HUD COC Rapid Rehousing Program               | Youth & Adolescent Services                         |

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**Local Food Pantries**

**St. Jude R.C. Church Outreach**

Monday – Thursday 1:00am – 1:00pm  
 89 Overlook Drive Mastic Beach, NY 11951  
 Phone: (631) 281-5634

**Ernie's Place (St. John the Evangelist)**

Mondays from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
 25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, NY, 11934  
 Phone: (631) 878-0009

**Presbyterian Church of the Moriches Community Food Pantry**

Mondays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Contact Dawn Murray for details.  
 263 Main St, Center Moriches, NY 11934  
 Phone: (631) 365-9409