



LEAPS NEWSLETTER



Message from our New Director



Hello!



For those I haven't met yet, my name is Kathia, I officially joined LEAPS as the new Program Director in April- right after Spring Break! Since then it has been non stop fun. I've been getting to know the amazing students and school. Over the past few months, we've welcomed new students, build friendships, get messy, creative, and have shared so many laughs. One of my favorite parts of joining LEAPS has been seeing how kind and supportive the students are. Whether they're helping each other with school work or cheering each other on during games- they continue to to impress me. As we finish out this school year, I want to thank all our families for welcoming me. I am incredibly excited for whats ahead. Here's to finishing the year strong and having an amazing summer!



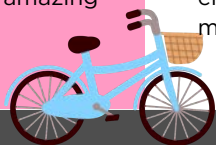
A SPECIAL VISIT

Town Supervisor Jerry Halpin

On May 8th Riverhead we had the pleasure of welcoming Riverhead Town Supervisor Jerry Halpin to LEAPS! Students participated in an open discussion where they introduced themselves, shared interest, and learned more about their community.

Mr. Halpin spoke with the students about exciting developments happening around town, including the much anticipated opening of Shake Shack. The students were very excited about that. Request started pouring in for more restaurants. This opened an opportunity for the student to learn about the necessary steps needed to open a business in Riverhead.

The conversation quickly turned into a brainstorming session as students shared ideas about changes they would like to see in Riverhead. Some suggestions included improving the Stotzkys park, adding stop signs and traffic lights in busy areas, adding more bike lanes, and "more parties." Mr. Halpin mentioned that they are talking about more stop signs and invited the students to Town Hall and encouraged them to be active members of their community.





Community Day

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Roanoke Avenue

Several of our students participated in Roanokes Community Day. LEAPS hosted a table where everyone was welcome to create colorful vision boards and share their goals for the summer, or for the rest of the year.

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Riverhead Town

Town of Riverhead hosted a community day in Stotzky park. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together, celebrate, and enjoy time with families and neighbors. We got a chance to see a few of our students performing.



◆ Positive Planner ◆

Vision and doodle boards take creativity one step further by helping children think about their goals, dreams, and interest. By selecting pictures, drawing ideas, and creating visual representation of what excites them, children develop self awareness, confidence, and positive thinking skills. Vision boards also encourage planning, decision making, and communication as children share their ideas with others. Together doodle and vision boards inspire children to dream big, express themselves creatively, set goals, and build confidence in their unique abilities. Whether they're sketching a favorite activity or imagining future adventures, these creative tools help children learn grow, and celebrate their individuality.





Getting Creative in the Kitchen



To wrap up testing week Sweet Moments Bakery stopped by. We learned different piping techniques to decorate our cupcakes and learned about color theory, texture, and design. The designs were almost too pretty to eat.



A Day in LEAPS

Academic Time is every day from 2:45 to 3:20 where students can complete homework, projects, extra credit, or reading.

3:30 until dismissal we provide a variety of clubs, workshops, and guest. Clubs and workshops include: Arts & Crafts, Culinary Skills, Sports, Student Advisory Board, Self Care Club, Community Service, and STEM



Sports Corner

Soccer Club

Soccer Club started off to a fantastic start! The students have been enjoying soccer with Coach Seaton twice weekly. They have been enjoying learning the fundamentals of soccer, teamwork, and sportsmanship. They've also learned important skills such as dribbling, passing the ball, ball control, shooting, and defensive techniques. We are preparing for our upcoming game on June 15th, the team has been practicing hard and learning the importance of communication, perseverance, and supporting one another on and off the field.



STEM

Egg Drop

Our Egg Drop Challenge was a huge success and has quickly become one of the students favorite activities to date! The students worked individually or in pairs and put their problem solving, engineering, and creativity to the test as they designed and built protective containers to keep their eggs safe during the BIG DROP. Parents joins us to watch the anticipated drop. Students shared their designs and predictions with the group before putting the container to the test. The big question on everyones mind was: Would the egg survive? Some desings cracked under pressure, while others successfully protected their eggs from impact.



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