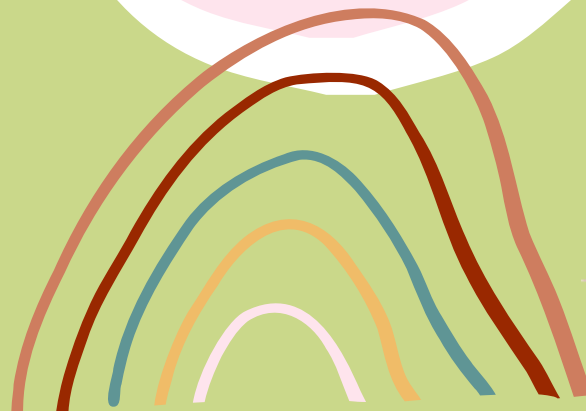


# LEAPS

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SCHOOL



As we make it past the halfway point of the school year, the LEAPS program continues to thrive with new, exciting clubs and a growing community of students. We would like to share our gratitude to those who have built up this program to what it has become today, to the students and their families, our hard working staff, and our supportive partners. We look to end this school year just as strong as we started, aiming to make every day a memorable one!





# Trivia

Trivia club has become a favorite amongst our students, testing their fast reactions and even faster wits. Students team up and go head to head to see who's archive of random knowlegde is greater. These questions could be topics like astrology, history, pop culture, sports, and even about the LEAPS staff members! It's always impressive to see just how much these students know.



## Real Talk & Self-Care

Real Talk is a time where students and staff come together to discuss heavier, more serious topics that they may not feel comfortable discussing on their own. We touch upon topics such as bullying, mental health, goal-setting, and so much more.

After our group discussions we turn our words into actions through informational self-care activities, giving the students an outlet to express themselves as well as give them a chance to explore these topics on their own time



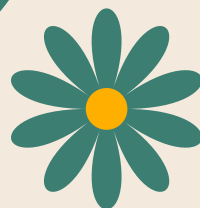
# DEBATE

Debate club is more than a war between dogs and cats, it is a place where students can use their reasoning skills to come up with valid arguments toward various topics. This club fosters clear, and concise speaking when in front of an audience, opens minds up to differing perspectives, and is a great critical-thinking exercise for everyone involved!



## Sports

As the weather gets warmer, the urge to be active continues to grow. There's no better place to get active than our sports club! Students can form groups and play their favorite sports such as soccer, basketball, volleyball, and so much more. We also offer program-wide organized team sports such as kickball and dodgeball to get into the competitive spirit! Sports club is truly the best place to stretch your legs and get active after a long day of school.



# ARTS & CRAFTS

The sky is the limit for your imagination when in Arts & crafts. With various different mediums, the students are given new and exciting projects such as origami, painting, pipe cleaner flowers, slime, and so much more. The students are given the framework, but they themselves take creative freedom to really make every day's creation their own.



## Team Games / Fun Friday

There's no better way to unwind after a long week than through a variety of team games! Students engage in friendly competition with games such as Chess/Super Smash Bros. Tournaments, & more!



# Soccer



We have had the honor of working alongside Coach Santos to form our very own soccer team. Twice a week the students participate in group practices, all to ultimately face off against the teams of the other LEAPS programs.

Coach Santos helps the children practice selflessness and determination, all while growing team chemistry and a strong work ethic amongst the children. Through passing and shooting drills, fun minigames, and intense scrimmages, there is an air of improvement for all involved!





## Past and up coming Events:

We have had a wide array of unique and engaging clubs throughout the year, and we have no plans of slowing down! Over these last few months we have had the pleasure of working with individuals around our community, such as Chef Keith who instructed our children on how to cook delicious Fajita's, Chris the Mechanic who taught the proper way to plug and change a tire, a "Creatures of the Night" presentation displaying various animals, as well as the Suffolk County Police Department!

Just because we are nearing the end of the school year doesn't mean we're gonna stop now. In our last weeks we are planning a LEAPS Olympics, where 5 teams go head-to-head in various sporting events such as races and relays, using teamwork to strive toward total victory. We also are holding a Color Run, which consists of a lap around our field with a whole lot of washable color powder! Lastly, we plan to end on a high note with a Last Day Celebration to show appreciation to the students and staff that stuck around to make the program possible each and every day!

