



## LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Calendar of Events

**School Committee Meeting –**  
Monday, October 2, 6 PM  
Grade 4 Field Trip to Morse Hill

**OPEN HOUSE –**  
Wednesday, October 4, 5:30–6:30 PM

**Grade 6 Field Trip to Morse Hill**  
Thursday, October 5

**Harvest Festival –**  
Saturday, October 14  
6th Grade Spaghetti Supper, 5–7 PM

**Volunteer Day – NEW DATE!**  
Sunday, October 22, 11 AM–3:30 PM



HURRICANE RELIEF! The 6th grade is collecting funds for hurricane relief. They've created posters and hung them throughout the school - collection jars located in all classrooms. Please support their efforts!

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IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE *with Margot Lacey*

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It's amazing to think that we are already in week five of the school year! Time is going by very quickly, even though, given the hot past few days, Mother Nature's clock seems to be running backwards.

### **Adventure Program**

I am happy to report that we have reached an agreement with our friends at the Morse Hill Outdoor Education Center, and the Adventure Program is once again part of the schedule for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. Each grade will spend two full days at Morse Hill (fall/spring), and will also spend one afternoon a month there. The Adventure Program, led by Victoria Shaw, is a unique opportunity for students to engage in activities that promote group cooperation and problem solving.

### **Open House**

Our annual Open House will be Wednesday, October 4th from 5:30-6:30. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teachers, and get an overview of your child's day at school. Your children will love showing you around the school and introducing you to all the different teachers with whom they work.

### **Hurricane Relief**

Our sixth graders are collecting funds that will be sent to Puerto Rico to assist in the island's recovery from Hurricane Maria. Puerto Rico was completely devastated by the storm, and we hope everyone will contribute whatever they can to the sixth grade campaign. If you know of someone who might be able to match the monies the children raise, please let us know. What a difference that could make!

### **Community Gatherings (Assemblies)**

Starting on Monday, October 2nd, we will gather as a school at 8:45 for about twenty minutes to celebrate our life together at LES. The staff has been working hard on reformulating our assemblies so that they are more interactive and joyful. We have moved them to Monday mornings as a way of getting our week off to a happy start! The gatherings will take place on the first and third Mondays of each month. We hope parents and friends will join us whenever possible!

I hope everyone saw the wonderful picture of LES kindergartners in the Daily Hampshire Gazette. They were photographed preparing to 'plant' their pinwheels for peace. Thank you to John Porcino for his collaboration as part of our Peace Day. He visited every class last week, talking with students about how they can help make a more peaceful world, and everyone was very captivated by his story at our gathering. It was a terrific morning!

After the Peace Gathering, we managed to gather all students and staff together for a full-school photo. Look for that picture to appear soon on the LES website.

Stay tuned! There is a lot in the hopper for October!!

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**There are new items on our October lunch menu!**

Check it out [here.](#)

### **Leverett Harvest Festival October 14, 2017**

Around the Leverett Elementary School Playground:

9:30 AM–1:30 PM

Crafts and food for sale

Birds of Prey program in the gym

6th Grade Spaghetti Supper 5:00–7:00 PM

Come for an evening of food and fun  
to support the Leverett 6th Grade!



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## **Community Bulletin Board**

### **Kids Yoga With Jai Fuller at The Yoga Center Amherst**

Kids yoga is a playground that bridges the gulf between inner self and outer self. These classes draw on practices from Kundalini yoga, Hatha yoga and Awareness thought the body to support kids in developing self awareness, (mind and body), self regulation, perseverance, and compassion. And they are super fun! Kids will learn that yoga is play, and play is yoga. Eight Fridays, 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Sept. 29th - Dec. 1st (no class Nov. 11th or 24th) More info at [yogacenteramherst.com](http://yogacenteramherst.com)

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**Big BIG Tag Sale!** September 30, 9am–3pm 121 N. Pleasant Street, Amherst.

Don't miss this event filled with great items including collectables, kitchenware, small appliances, toys, office supplies, art objects, small furniture and more. Come for the sale; stay for the fun. All proceeds support the environmental, social justice and other ministries of the UU Soci-ety of Amherst.  
[www.uusocietyamherst.org](http://www.uusocietyamherst.org)

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**Appalachian Film Night:** Monday, October 2, 6:30–9:00 PM, **Leverett Library**

On October 27–29 the Leverett Alliance will be hosting visitors from Kentucky for a cultural exchange and dialogue. In preparation for their visit we are showing two films at the Library:

Stranger with a Camera – In 1967 a crew filming a documentary about poverty in Appalachia was confronted by a landowner, who shot and killed the filmmaker. Over 30 years later another filmmaker Elizabeth Barret born in Letcher County KY, weaves a tale of a complexly motivated crime with an insightful exploration of how the media affects the communities it chronicles.

Strangers & Kin – This film traces the evolution of the "hillbilly" image through Hollywood films, network news and entertainment shows, dramatic renderings of popular literature, and interviews with contemporary Appalachians to demonstrate how stereotypes are created, reinforced, and often used to rationalize exploitation. "Strangers and Kin" suggests how a people can embrace modernity without becoming "strangers to their kin." Each film runs about one hour. There is no charge but donations are welcome. There will be a short break for snacks and conversation between films. Please join us.

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**Harvest Festival at North Leverett Baptist Church, Sunday, October 15, 1–4 PM.**

Family Fun includes: Hayrides, bounce houses, face painting, relay races, and more! Blue Grass Concert with the LaClaire Band from 1:30–3:30 pm. In case of inclement weather, please check our website at: [nlbcma.org](http://nlbcma.org)

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