

May 1, 2020



Dear LES Families and Friends,

To kickoff the month of May, the LES staff cordially invites everyone to participate in the **LES Wave Parade!** We are bringing smiles, waves, and hope to the entire Leverett community!

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020
Start Location: Leverett Elementary School
Start Time: 1:30PM (approx 1.5 hours)
End Location: Leverett Elementary School

Details

LES staff members will be participating in a car parade that begins at Leverett Elementary School at 1:30PM. The official route appears below. We encourage LES students to make posters in advance and to wave hello as the parade passes by residences. We also encourage everyone to wear masks. The Leverett Board of Health encourages kids to get involved in this town-wide effort through making yard signs to promote mask wearing. Most importantly, we want to bring cheer to our entire community.

If your family does not live on the route, you are welcome to park your car at LES, across the street from town hall or at Leverett Crafts & Arts to view the parade. Since you will need to stay in your car and honor social distancing, please allow enough space between parked cars. **If you are viewing the parade from a parking lot, we ask that everyone stays in their car.** This will ensure everyone's health and physical safety.

If your family views the parade from a residence, students need to stand and wave from a safe distance from the road, and be accompanied by an adult.

We plan to create a virtual Wave Parade after the event, so please take photos of posters, cars, smiling faces and send to Deb Fritz at fritz@leverettschool.org. Note: The rain date for the event is Wednesday, May 13th.

A special thank you to the **Leverett Police Department, Leverett Fire Dept, Leverett Board of Health**, the **Kuzmeskus bus company**, and **Village Neighbors** for supporting this community event.

We are super excited about seeing everyone next week!

If you have not yet seen Amanda Gorman, the first Youth Poet Laureate's words of hope amid the pandemic, you are in for something very special...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4QPftpS6O0&feature=youtu.be>

Have a nice weekend!

Rhonda

LES Wave Parade Route

Start at Leverett Elementary School, traveling north along Montague Rd

Right on Cave Hill Rd.

Right on Hemenway Rd

Left on Old Coke Kiln Rd

Right onto North Leverett Rd, traveling along North Leverett Rd into the Town of Shutesbury

Right on Locks Pond Rd (which turns into Wendell Rd) to Shutesbury Town Center

Right on Leverett Rd in Shutesbury, then down the hill back into Leverett on Shutesbury Rd

Right at the fork at the bottom of the hill to stay on Shutesbury Rd

Bear left and turn left on Depot Rd. in the center of Leverett (at the Field Family Museum)

Depot Rd turns into Amherst Road (do not turn right on Depot after the stop sign at Long Hill Rd)

Right on Juggler Meadow Rd

Right on Long Plain Rd (Rt 63)

Head North on Long Plain Rd (Rt 63)

Right on Montague Rd back to LES