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Featured Photo: "Can You Feel The Love Tonight?"
If not tonight, you will definitely feel the love on Thursday evening when Heritage Middle School students take to the stage for the opening performance of their spring musical, The Lion King, Jr.!
Click HERE for more information.

New This Week

- Board Meeting Tonight
- "Unsung Hero" Award
- HMS Fundraiser
- Lancers Bond With LPD
- District Earns Music Honors
- Student Art Exhibit

Calendar Change:
ESL Family Night Postponed

Please note that the ESL Family Night scheduled for this Thursday, April 4, has been postponed due to a scheduling issue. A new date will be announced shortly.

Board Matters
TONIGHT’S AGENDA

Tentative Budget Approved

The Board of Education approved the tentative school budget at its meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019. The proposed $125,819,978 spending plan includes funding for special education, staffing, technology, and building needs. If approved, the tax impact on the owner of an average home, assessed at $600,000, would be $89. PowerPoint presentations focusing on each area can be found on the LPS website by clicking below. Watch video recordings of previous board meetings and presentations HERE.

Upcoming Budget Meetings:
- April 1, 2019: Budget Discussion, 7pm
- April 4, 2019: Public Forums to discuss budget, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- April 29, 2019: Public Hearing on Budget, 7pm

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Students Matter

Haaker is "Unsung Hero"

Livingston High School senior Lindsay Haaker was recently honored by the New Jersey School Boards Association-Essex County as part of its “Unsung Heroes Student Recognition Program!” Honorees are students who make outstanding contributions to their schools and communities, but who may often be overlooked by traditional student recognition guidelines. Congratulations Lindsay!
Taking One for the Team!

Several Heritage Middle School staff members recently "took one for the team" at a uniquely "sweet" fundraising event. Students donated money for a chance to throw a pie at their teachers and/or administrators! The students raised more than $1,300, which will be donated to a charity managed by their classmate Jake Kestler's family. See more photos HERE.

Collins Elementary

Collins students were treated to a fun assembly featuring Story Pirates! During this energetic program, professional actors use student stories and act them out on in sketches onstage. The Pirates' goal is to find "a different kind of treasure: kids' wildest, most imaginative stories," and to promote literacy and creativity! Shown with the performers are second grader Sasha Harman, and first graders Gabriella Zaslow and Alexa.

Harrison Elementary

In GT music class at Harrison, students performed "Found Sound" compositions. They searched for every day objects in school and at home, then used them to compose a short rhythmic piece which they performed for the class. Shown ready to play their tune are Kaitlin Manoj and Anna Zhu.
Mt. Pleasant Elementary
Fourth graders at MPE took a field trip to Jockey Hollow at the Morristown National Historical Park, the site of the 1779-80 winter encampment of the Continental Army under General George Washington. Students had the opportunity to experience "hands on" lessons about how people lived in the late 1700s and the how ordinary farm owners were impacted by the Revolutionary War. Pictured with the presenter from Jockey Hollow are students Hunter Shangold, Samantha Gold, and Gabby Attia.

Burnet Hill Elementary
Burnet Hill kindergartners took a field trip around the township as part of their Social Studies unit. The students experienced "a day in the life" of many different professions within the community. One stop was Goldfish Swim School where they took a tour and learned about water safety. Shown are Thane Thompson, Ellie Blinetskiy, and Matilda Moss.

Riker Hill Elementary
Riker Hill held its annual Book Fair where students could browse and buy a variety of reading materials. Shown shopping are third graders Aaron Wagner, Eli Lowenfish, Brady Feldman, and Milo Vays.

Uniting Officers and Youth
Last week, Livingston High School's baseball teams played the officers of Livingston Police Department in a friendly game of softball as part of the third annual "Blue-Green Shield Program," which pairs a player with an LPD officer each year. The goal of the program is to create bonds between our township's finest and our Lancer athletes! A win-win situation!
LHS Grad Makes Major Leagues

Former Livingston High School athlete Frank Schwindel made his major league debut with the Kansas City Royals last week! The first baseman played in last Thursday’s season opener against the Chicago White Sox at Kauffman Stadium.

READ: Kansas City Star

The Arts Matter

LPS Earns Music Honors

For the third year in a row, Livingston Public Schools has been honored with “Best Communities for Music Education” designation from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

READ: National Recognition

Student Perspectives Exhibit

A reception was held last week in celebration of the opening of the “Student Perspectives” art exhibit at Town Hall. Presented by the Arts Council of Livingston, it includes the works of Livingston High School’s Advanced Placement (AP) art students in a range of genres and mediums, including digital photography, studio art, ceramics, and digital imaging. The exhibit will be on display through April 29, 2019.

READ/PHOTOS

Composer Shares Insights With Student Musicians

Seventh grade band students at Heritage Middle School had the opportunity to spend time with real life composer when Patrick Burns visited one of their sessions!

READ: Composer Visits
LPS IN THE NEWS: LHS Receives $10,000 Grant for Tech Teams

KNOW OF AN LHS GRAD WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY? CLICK HERE.

READ: LHS School Counseling Newsletter

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District Matters

LPS Summer Academy

Registration is now open for the school district's Summer Academy, which includes science, enrichment, remedial, and bridge courses – and new this summer only, the Algebra 1 Acceleration Course. Find a list of courses being offered and dates, as well as registration information by clicking below.

LEARN MORE: Summer Academy
Graduation Test Requirements: Classes of 2019 and 2020

On February 22, 2019, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) updated the high school graduation assessment requirements in both English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and mathematics for the Classes of 2019 and 2020. Graduation requirements for the Classes of 2019 and 2020 have been clarified. The NJDOE will continue to work with the New Jersey State Board of Education to make decisions for the Class of 2021 and beyond.

READ: Testing Updates

Kindergarten Pre-Registration

Kindergarten Pre-Registration is now open. Please note that the entire kindergarten registration process must be completed by May 15th in order for parents to be notified of their child’s school placement by June 1st. This includes families with older siblings already attending a school within the district.

Soon-to-be kindergartner Jake Roytman is already showing LPS school spirit!

Pre-Registration Web Page

Update Emergency Contacts

To ensure that you receive all school district communication messages, please make sure to update your contacts in our automated Alert System.

Please log into your Genesis Parent Portal account and under “CONTACTS” be sure that you have checked off the box for "Emergency Broadcast" for any phone numbers/email addresses at which you wish to receive these messages.

Alert System Information

Genesis Parent Portal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Upcoming Parent Program List

Parent Matters
Don't Miss That Call/Text:

In the case of an emergency, or weather-related school closing, or school bus transportation issues, our alert system allows us to quickly communicate with parents and staff by text, email and phone. Please make sure that your contact information is up to date. Log on to Genesis and click the "Contacts" tab at the top of the page to review the information that is currently on file. Please be sure to check the "Emergency Broadcast" box to receive Emergency Broadcast Messages. Don't forget to save all changes.

What's On Your Mind?

We're interested in hearing what's on your mind. Share a story. Ask a question. Let us know about your concerns, anything from school safety and security to budget matters. Give a shout out to a special teacher. Talk with the Superintendent or Board of Education. Email your message c/o the Communications and Community Outreach Coordinator.

Student Services Information

Click HERE to Manage Subscriptions for School Newsletters

Community Matters

A "Senior" Senior Prom!

The 2019 Intergenerational Prom will be held on Tuesday, April 9, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Livingston High School!

A collaborative event between Livingston Public Schools, the Township of Livingston and the LHS Key Club, this year’s prom will be a celebration of “the red, white and blue” with a theme of: “You’re a Grand Old Flag!” For more than three decades, this special dinner/dance party has been bringing Livingston students and senior citizens together to get to know each other as members of the same community. Click HERE for information.

LMAC and HCHY Present Program

The Livingston Municipal Alliance Committee (LMAC) and Healthy Community Healthy Youth (HCHY) will hold a free event and book signing with Darren Prince, author of “Aiming High: How a Prominent Sports and Celebrity Agent Hit Bottom at the Top.”
The event, which will be held on Thursday, April 4, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium at Livingston High School, was organized by Livingston's Vision 20/20 Committee. All residents are welcome.

Click HERE for more information

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**LACD Offers After-School Sports**

The Livingston Advisory Committee for Disabilities (LACD) offers great programs, free of charge, for people with special needs and their families.

**LACD After-School Sports Program**

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**Livingston Public Library Website/Upcoming Events**

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**Staff Matters**

**Substitute Nurses**
Livingston Public Schools is seeking substitute school nurses. Applicants must hold current license issued by the NJ Board of Nursing as a professional registered nurse (RN) and possess or be eligible for a Substitute Nurse Certificate. CPR/AED certification is required. Interested candidates should contact Carolyn Ross at cross@livingston.org

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**Cafeteria/Playground Aides**
Livingston Public Schools is always looking for cafeteria and playground aides. Those who are interested should download the application, or stop by the Central Office at 11 Foxcroft Drive to pick up an application!

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**Crossing Guards**
The Township of Livingston continues to look for crossing guards for its many posts throughout town. Crossing guards provide an important service to our students, helping them navigate the streets around our schools safely each day. Click HERE for application.
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