Ready for Spring Break!

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Featured Photo: "Perfect Pinwheels"
Burnet Hill’s kindergarten students were busy as bees as they celebrated the season during their annual Spring Fling! The students made pinwheels, planted marigolds and grass, put lima beans in green houses, and labeled the parts of a flower. They also made a craft and created their Spring Fling headbands. Shown with their colorful creations are Reid Bauman and Remi Stearn.

CALENDAR REMINDER: Schools will be closed April 15-19 for Spring Break.

New This Week
- FBLA Winners
- Harnessing the Wind at MPMS
- Upcoming College Programs
- Congratulate Your Graduate With a Sign

Students Matter

FBLA Competes at States
Livingston High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club participated in the State Leadership Conference in Atlantic City. Several individual students and teams placed in the top five in their event at the state
Harnessing the Wind

Students in Mrs. Audrey Giordano’s class at Mt. Pleasant Middle School read the young readers edition of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. In an integrated social studies/STEAM experience, students participated in a hands-on lesson by building windmills, as the lead character does in the story.

Collins Elementary

Collins held its annual book fair where buying reading material was a family affair! Shown parent Jen Rothenberg sells books to siblings Mia and Patrick Vanek, and Kody and Kiera Kennedy.

Riker Hill Elementary

Special guest Elle Bernardo, registered dietitian from ShopRite of Livingston, spoke with Riker Hill students about making healthy food choices and using the “My Plate” diagram. “My Plate” highlights how to build healthy meals based on the five major food groups. Shown, Lindsay Silen and Allison Greenstein help Ms. Bernardo show the audience what a healthy meal looks like!
Six Hillside students, one from each grade, had the opportunity to "Pie the Principal" as a reward for winning the school's Read-a-thon contest. Principal Carlos Gramata was a great sport! Shown post pie toss is first grade winner Anay Tiwary.

Harrison Elementary
Harrison fourth graders attended a Heart Health Fair at St. Barnabas Medical Center. Students participated in educational activities at different stations that included CPR training, Heart Health and Nutrition, Parts of the Heart, and Heart Rate and Heart monitoring. Shown with their "goody bags" are Gabriella Spergel and Eden Shvartsman.

Mt. Pleasant Elementary
Thanks to the sponsorship of the PTA's cultural arts enrichment program, third grade students at MPE participated in a "Day In Clay" with artist-in-residence Cliff Mendelson. Students enjoyed learning about the process of creating ceramic pieces and how design, form, and function add to this art form. Then they created their own clay vases using Native American style and techniques. In their sculptures, they included the symbols, patterns and imagery used by Native Americans, a culture rich in ceramic tradition and history. Shown working on their pieces are Sophie Zhou, Dana Rechter, Gabriele Cohen and Emma Diamond, and third grade teacher Mrs. Samantha Bannon.

Operation Smile :)
Livingston High School's Operation Smile Club aims to raise awareness and funds to provide surgeries for children born with facial deformities. So far, club members have raised enough money to fund two surgeries, and they are still are not done with their fundraising efforts - which includes selling candy and baked goods!

A Night of Sharing
The Livingston High School Student Government Association will present its third annual Multicultural Night this Friday, April 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at LHS. This FREE event will include food, activities, and performances!
Two upcoming programs at Livingston High School will provide valuable information for college-bound students:

- "Applying to College for All Parents, Class of 2020" will be presented this Thursday, April 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the LHS auditorium.

- A College & Career Fair will be held on Thursday, April 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the LHS Fitness & Wellness Center.

VISIT: LHS School Counseling

**Board Matters**

Public Hearing on Budget Will Be Held on April 29

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 29, 2019: Public Hearing on Budget, 7 p.m.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

**Lancer Matters**

Proud Parent Signage!

ATTENTION all parents of Livingston High School Seniors!

The LHS boys' lacrosse team is selling personalized graduation lawn signs that proud parents of 2019 graduates can display in honor of their child's achievement. For more information, email LHSgradsigns@gmail.com

Lawn Sign Flyer
The Arts Matter

Student Art Display at Library

For the month of April, the Livingston Public Library showcase features a variety of art works, in an array of mediums, created by students from Riker Hill, Hillside, Collins, and Mt. Pleasant Elementary Schools.

Artworks featured include Gustav Klimt inspired magical trees, bottle fish inspired by the glass blowers of Murano Island (third grade); symmetrical masks (fourth grade); and metal repousse and Mexican inspired weavings (fifth grade). "Clay-inspiration" pieces by GT art students will also be on display. The students are taught by Barbara Levy (Riker Hill and Hillside) and Melissa Mondanaro (Collins, Hillside, Mt. Pleasant Elementary).

READ: LPS Music Program Receives National Recognition

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

READ: Graduation Test Requirements for Classes of 2019 and 2020

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

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.

Know of an LHS grad who served in the military? Click here.

Read: LHS School Counseling Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Parent Program List

Parent Matters
Community Matters

Check Out the Livingston Public Library!

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

Visit: Livingston Public Library

Livingston Public Library Website/Upcoming Events

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.

**Cafeteria/Playground Aids**
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!

**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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