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FEATURED PHOTO: "Cross-Train the Brain!"

New This Week

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Find information on the following news, and more, in this week’s DISCOVER.

- Public Forum on Superintendent Search
- "Hour of Code" Family Night
- Tech Dept. Open House
- Students/Staff Donate Hats
- Marching Band to Perform at Jets Game
- LEF Community Book Club Announcement

District Matters

A Chance to Provide Feedback

Livingston Public Schools will hold a Public Forum to solicit feedback on the traits and characteristics that members of the community would like to prioritize in selecting the next Superintendent of Schools. The forum will be held on **Monday, December 17, at 7 p.m.** at the Administration Building, 11 Foxcroft Drive. This meeting will include an online participation component. Additional details will be announced as they become available.

Update Emergency Contacts

There are times when the district may
need to use our automated alert system to contact parents.

It is vital that you 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 be notified in these instances.

How does LPS decide on weather-related school closings? Click HERE for information.

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Board Matters

Thanks to the Township

At its meeting on Nov. 26, the Livingston Board of Education and LPS administration recognized the Livingston Police Department, Fire Department and Department of Public Works for their support during the November 15 snowstorm. Representing their respective organizations that evening were DPW Superintendent Mike Anello, Norman Mitschele (LFD), LFD Deputy Chief Josh Lewis, Craig Connolly (DPW), LFD Chief Chris Mullin, and LPD Chief Marshuetz.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 11 Foxcroft Drive. Click HERE to view videos of past meetings on our website.

Technology Matters

"Hour of Code" Family Night

On Wednesday, December 5, students in grades 3-5 and their parents are invited to Harrison Elementary School for an "Hour of Code" Family Night from 7 to 8:15 p.m. This is a district-wide event in celebration of Computer Science Education Week!
Riker Hill Elementary
First graders in Heather Cohen’s class at Riker Hill School participated in an Art Appreciation lesson sponsored by the HSA. The students learned about the life and work of Henri Matisse, and then created their own Matisse inspired artwork. Shown with their projects are Izzy Glynn, Bryce Frauwirth and Mikey Crawford.

Collins Elementary
Students Andrew Zhang and Michael Smith are shown performing during Collins School’s Family Night/Book Fair. During the cozy evening event, students wore their pajamas and enjoyed readings by teachers, as well as musical performances.

Burnet Hill Elementary
Pranad Marakala entertained the audience with Burnet Hill's Bobcat mascot at a school

Harrison Elementary
First graders at Harrison used apples and pumpkins from their recent trip to a farm to learn math and science concepts. They started their
Hillside Elementary
Magician and educator Bradley Fields presented his "MatheMagic" program at Hillside School. The show promotes math-skills and problem-solving through visuals, history, language and magical entertainment. Shown above, fourth grader Aaron Sheng assists Fields on the stage during the assembly.

A Special Delivery
Livingston High School students from Jeanne Ziobro's Engineering CAD I course collaborated with Gifted & Talented (GT) students at Mt. Pleasant Elementary on a tasty project! The LHS students designed and tested a package to safely ship a single Pringles chip to MPE. Christine Zambrio's fifth grade GT students evaluated the packaging and condition of the chip using their understanding of volume and mass to determine the most efficient design and packaging. Shown checking out the Pringle's packaging are MPE students Jenya Narang, Emily Li, and Sophia Ha.

Little Hats, Big Hearts
Members of the Livingston High School (LHS) Future Physicians and Nurses Club and the LHS Crochet and Knitting Club made 30 tiny red hats to be donated to maternity/birthing wards in local hospitals and given to mothers of newborns in February, which is National Healthy Heart Month.
Music Matters

Marching Band To Perform At New York Jets Game

The Livingston High School Lancer Marching Band will perform pregame at the NY Jets versus Houston Texans football game on Saturday, December 15, at Met Life Stadium!

Support Our Talented Musicians

Mark your calendars! Music is in the air at Livingston Public Schools. Elementary, middle and high school winter concerts have been scheduled. Shows will include performances by school choruses, orchestras, and bands. For a list of upcoming concerts, click below.

Parent Matters

Parent Development Programs

Mark your calendars! From special education support, to health and wellness programs and help with the college application process, Livingston Public Schools offers a wide variety of informative Parent Development programs. For a comprehensive list of programs offered during the 2018-2019 school year, click below.
LEF Community Book Club

The Livingston Education Foundation (LEF) is a non-profit organization providing school-community partnerships and shared resources to enhance educational opportunities for Livingston Public Schools.

SAVE THE DATE! The LEF will hold its second annual Community Book Club event on Monday, January 14. The program will feature Livingston High School graduate Ann Schonwetter Arnold, author of *Together: A Journey for Survival*. She will be joined by her father, Holocaust survivor Mark Schonwetter, and sister Isabella Fiske.

READ: 2019 Book Club Event

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.

OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION PERMISSION FORM: Click HERE to log into the Genesis Parent Portal to update information for your child.
Community Matters

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

College Financial Planning

The Livingston Public Library offers a variety of programs for young children, tweens, teens and adults! There is something for everyone to enjoy from reading programs, to financial workshops and musical performances! Upcoming programs including a workshop entitled, "How To Send Your Child to College: 529 Plans" on Saturday, December 8, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Click below for more information.

College Financial Program

Become a Crossing Guard

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. For more information about the position, including requirements, hours, and salary, click below.

Application Information

Staff Matters

Substitute Nurses Needed

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
Help Wanted: Lunch/Recess Aides

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