Looking Forward

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Featured Photo:
"It sounds crazy, but it's true
We're getting ready for the Class of 2032!"

New This Week
- Homework Program Success
- Welcome Mr. Accardi
- LHS Senior Games
- Poetry Out Loud Winner
- Students in the News

Board Matters

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, 7 P.M.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25,
11 FOXCROFT DRIVE

TONIGHT'S AGENDA
Homework Program Success!

On Thursday, February 21, more than 130 parents of K-5 students attended the district’s Parent Academy on Homework where expert educators offered strategies and support to make homework meaningful and manageable. Following a presentation on the importance of reading, parents were given the opportunity to attend breakout groups that focused on four homework-related topics: organization, stress, math, and reading. Read MORE.

Welcome Mr. Accardi!

Collins Elementary School students and staff members welcomed interim principal Bob Accardi. Mr. Accardi, who began on Tuesday, February 19, will be "at the helm" at Collins through the end of the school year.

Mr. Accardi is a former Chatham middle school principal. Prior to being a principal, he was a middle school English teacher, first in Madison, then in Chatham. Since retiring as principal, Mr. Accardi served as an interim principal three times; two were in elementary schools.

“He is student-centered and has a reputation of supporting teachers and staff as they tackle the expanding responsibilities of the profession. I am sure the students will soon learn he is a warm and caring person who loves the energy that young students bring to school every day,” said interim superintendent Jim O’Neill.

Over the last week, Mr. Accardi has met with all Collins students from every grade level.

"It’s important that they see me and hear me, and get a chance to interact with me," he said. "I assured them that I will be here with them every step of the way until the last day of school.”

A Colorful Competition!

The Class of 2019 celebrated at Livingston High School’s annual Senior Games. The high-energy event included lots of school spirit and a battle of epic, and colorful proportions between four teams: Red, Yellow, Purple, and Blue!

Team Blue emerged victorious earning a super-sized trophy and bragging rights for the rest of the school year!
We Have a Winner!

Livingston High School sophomore Gloria Liu won the regional competition of the Poetry Out Loud Recitation Contest, and will now compete as one of 12 finalists from across the entire state of New Jersey on Tuesday, March 12, for the title of State Champion!

READ: Poetry Competition

In Case You Missed It...

In case you missed it, what do young master chef Matthew Smith and award-winning actress Jayden Declet have in common? They are both LPS students!

LINK: A Master Chef (Junior!)  
LINK: Award-Winning Actress
Hillside Elementary
Hillside celebrates school spirit with a variety of different themes. Shown, second grader Logan Jonas and kindergartner Hannah Malara get creative with their lovely locks on Crazy Hair Day!

Burnet Hill Elementary
Thanks to a grant from the Essex County Environmental Center in Roseland, fifth graders at Burnet Hill learned about recycling and how to make new products out of old recycled products. In the photo above, an Environmental Center representative shows Jasmin Kadwa and Alaiyah Imbert how to make recycled paper.

Collins Elementary
At Collins students practice their keyboarding skills in the media center. Shown ready to practice is third grader Latham Cabello.

Riker Hill Elementary
As part of a Google Hangout video chat that was facilitated by Chris Bickel, the school district’s Pre-K-6 social studies supervisor, fifth graders in David Aresburg’s class had an opportunity to speak directly with Antarctic researchers on the SA Agulhas II. The team of explorers is searching for Sir Ernest Shackleton’s ship, the Endurance, which sank to the bottom of the Weddell Sea in November 1915. Shown, Remi Paige prepares to ask the researchers questions about climate and survival in frigid conditions.

Mt. Pleasant Elementary
Chorus, band and orchestra students at Mt. Pleasant Elementary celebrated the w inter season and culmination of all of their hard work during their annual Winter Concert. Shown on stage are Zachary McLean, Amelie Huang, and Ben Khenkin.

Harrison Elementary
Second grade students have been learning about matter during science lessons at Harrison. They were taught that matter is made of molecules. Shown, Aarav Thampi, Sammi Falcone, Christa Thomas, and Matthew Vide create molecule dots with paint.

School Calendar
KNOW OF AN LHS GRAD WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY? CLICK HERE.
The Arts Matter

A Night of Jazz

Livingston High School's Band Boosters will host its annual Jazz Bands Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 2, from 6 to 9 pm in the LHS cafeteria. Guests will enjoy great music and a delicious dinner. Proceeds from the evening are used to help buy equipment for all the LHS bands!

READ/PURCHASE TICKETS

Scholastic Art Competition Winners

District Matters

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.

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

How does LPS decide on weather-related school closings?

Niche.com Top Ten Honors

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.

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.

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.

Public Library News
UPCOMING PROGRAM: On Monday, March 4, award-winning research scientist, inventor and author Charles Kannankeril will present, "The Inventor in You," a talk on the process of invention detailed in his book of the same name. The program will begin at 7 p.m. at the Livingston Public Library.

WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS: The Livingston Public Library may be open when schools have early dismissal, however, please be advised that the Library may close according to the school dismissal schedule or may close early due to weather conditions.

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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