A Beautiful Day

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Featured Photo: "Six Kids and a Penguin"
When a penguin visits your classroom, it's a good day! Kindergarteners at Burnet Hill celebrated learning all about penguins with a special visit from a new friend who paraded his "happy feet" around their classroom. These young learners were excited to meet a real-life penguin, who was brought in from Jenkinson's Aquarium in Point Pleasant. Shown watching over their new friend are Wyatt Sonners, Dylan Moran, Sarah Kumar, Jenny Grecco, Lillian Lavie, and Brandon Semaya. What an awesome way to celebrate the end of their penguin unit in science!

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 11 Foxcroft Drive. Click HERE to watch a video of the Board's January 28 meeting.

New This Week
After last week's bone-chilling polar vortex, it's a beautiful day to read all about the things going on in Livingston Public Schools!

- Figure Skating Champion
- Builders Club Induction
- Art Honors
- Forensics Team Wins Awards
- 8th Graders Check Out LHS Courses
- Intergenerational Prom Plans Begin

Parent Programs
Our First Parent Academy on Homework For K-5 Parents
Last year, the District conducted a survey through the Health and Wellness Committee, within which there were many questions asked by teachers, students, and parents regarding homework. The results of this survey helped us to continue to refine the workload in the District with teachers towards making homework meaningful and manageable.

It also prompted our first Parent Academy on Homework: HOMEWORK--TAKING THE WORK OUT OF HOME, which will be held on February 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Riker Hill Elementary School for all...
Parents of students in grades K-5. We are so excited to offer a night of strategies to support our K-5 families as they manage all of the demands in their lives. We will have nearly 20 staff members, who are experts in their grade levels and their content areas, to offer suggestions across several break-out sessions. We hope you can make it! Please RSVP if you wish to attend. We hope to see you there!

**Students Matter**

**Robert Yampolsky**

Congratulations to Heritage Middle School student Robert Yampolsky who took first place in intermediate competitions at the 2019 GEICO U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

**Rachel Kogut Wins Merit Award**

Livingston High School senior Rachel Kogut’s digital illustration, “Trapped,” was one of four chosen to receive a Merit Award at the Art Administrators of New Jersey’s Emerging Artists Exhibit.

**Builders Club Induction**

The Heritage Middle School Builders Club held its annual Induction Ceremony on January 15, 2019. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Livingston, the goal of the HMS Builders Club is to teach middle school children the importance of helping the community by organizing volunteer activities and partnering with local community groups.

Shown here, Isabelle Ruppe (Treasurer), Kathleen Zhang (Secretary), and Tripta Dhaliwal (Webmaster) read the names of the members who were inducted that evening.

**Forensics Team Awards**

The Livingston High School Forensics Speech and Debate Team not only earned 11 awards, but also took the fifth place team trophy at the Newark CFL tournament on Saturday, February 2, 2019!
8th Graders Getting Ready to Move On Up

Heritage Middle School eighth graders took the next step on their path from middle to high school last week by spending the afternoon at Livingston High School. Students had an opportunity to tour the science wing, television station, stagecraft workshop, technology lab, and more where they learned about the many elective courses that the high school offers. Current high school students helped guide the visitors through the halls of LHS, and teachers provided the soon-to-be high school students with information about their courses.

Class of 2023 Parent Orientation Presentation

READ: LHS School Counseling Newsletter

Music Matters

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

District Matters

Please "Like" and "Share"

www.facebook.com/LivSchools is the official Facebook page of the Livingston Public School district. We recently surpassed 3,000 "likes" and 3,126 "follows"! Click the icon below to visit! Please "like" and "share" the amazing achievements of our students, everyday school happenings, parent information, and calendar items with your FB friends. We appreciate your super social media support!
"Wall of Honor" at LHS

Are you a student, or do you know a former student, who served in the military after graduating from Livingston High School? The district is compiling a list of LHS graduates who currently serve or served in the US Armed Forces. These students will be featured on a new "Wall of Honor" to be installed at LHS. Please send information to Sinead Crews, LHS Director of School Counseling, at SCrews@livingston.org.

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. Click HERE for the 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

Niche.com Top Ten Honors

How does LPS decide on weather-related school closings?

Parent Matters

Don't Miss That Call/Text:

What's On Your Mind?
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.

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.

Intergenerational Prom 2019!

The Intergenerational Prom Committee has announced that this year's event will be held on Tuesday, April 9, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Livingston High School!

The Intergenerational Prom is 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. Registration will begin on February 14!

SEE PHOTOS: Intergenerational Prom 2018

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.

Something For Everyone at Library

From book clubs, to musical programs, and events for senior citizens, the library offers something for everyone! Visit the library's website for more information.
**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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