Each marking period at Mt. Pleasant Middle School, students who demonstrate outstanding “Puma Pride” to their team and school community are recognized with Puma Pride Awards. Click HERE to read more.

CALENDAR REMINDER: Schools/Offices Will Be Closed on Monday, January 21, in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

New This Week

- LEF Book Club Event Tonight
- Board Members Sworn In
- "Wall of Honor" at LHS
- Welcome Dr. Ruggiero
- Fencers Win Tournament
- Big L Club Fundraiser

Community Book Club Tonight!

Parents are welcome to bring their children, fifth graders and older, to the Livingston Education Foundation's (LEF) 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
Board Matters

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, January 28, at 7 p.m. Click here to watch previous meetings.

School Board Reorganization

The first Livingston Board of Education meeting of the year kicked off to a celebratory start on Monday, January 7, as Pam Chirls and Ronnie Konner were each sworn in for a three year term. Both were re-elected to the Board in the November. Charles “Buddy” August was selected as president of the Board, while Konner was selected as vice-president.

Students Matter

Harrison Elementary
Miss Celine Falchetta’s first grade class kicked off the new year with a visit to the Essex County Environmental Center. Even though it was cold outside, the student all enjoyed exploring the natural environment and making observations of how living things behave during the winter. Shown bundled up by the frog pond are Michael Vanikiotis, Jeremy Whu, Lilah Nachtome, and Dylan Wernick.

Riker Hill Elementary
Enrichment and GT teacher, Mrs. Christine Zambrio, organized STEAM Day for fourth graders at Riker Hill. Students were tasked with building a water tower to save the town of “Lancerville” from a water emergency. They used a full can of soda for the tank, and had to build a structure using straws, toothpick, Playdoh and masking tape, that would hold the tank at least four inches above the floor. The structure could not wobble or fall over. Shown working on his project is Nicolas Gemellaro, a student in Mrs. Maryann Chorba’s class.
**Burnet Hill Elementary**
Burnet Hill students are in rehearsal for their upcoming production of *Annie*. Second to fifth graders will perform this fully staged show on January 26. Show on stage during a practice run are cast members Martin Carraj, who will play Oliver Warbucks; Brooke Barber, who will portray Annie; and Sadie Pritsiolas, who will play Grace.

**Collins Elementary**
Several Collins School students are participating in the TREPS, an after-school entrepreneurship education program. The students learn about how to create their own business and the program culminates in a marketplace event, where students sell the products that they created. At their most recent meeting, the group practiced their entrepreneurial skills by creating their own design for a candy wrapper. Shown are fourth graders Jack Becker, Sam Kanchik, and Mason Gordon.

**Livingston High School**
On Thursday, January 17, students in MaryAnn Walczuk's sports and entertainment marketing class will be attending the Lancer's varsity basketball game against Verona. The students will not be there just to watch the competition, but to help raise money for a family who lost everything in a fire in Orange. They worked on promotion of the event during their class, including writing a press release, creating posters and hanging them around the school, and designing special t-shirts. Donations will be accepted at the door and there will be a fun half-time game where players will compete to win a Tony Boys gift card! "My students are using their classroom knowledge and applying it to a real world event!" said Ms. Walczuk.

**Mt. Pleasant Elementary**
Students in Mrs. Beth Alterman's kindergarten class at MPE participated in a STEAM lesson that introduced the concept of engineering. The students had to build a contraption on which they could move a Matchbox car from the floor up to a chair seat without letting the car "fly" through the air. Shown were working on their project are students Jade Rome, Corie Bonn, and Abigail Miao.

**LHS Course Preview Day**
Last week, LHS, freshman, sophomores, and juniors had the opportunity to preview the courses they are interested in taking for the 2019-2020 school year before scheduling begins in February. Students met with teachers of electives, CP, Honors and AP courses, who gave overviews of their classes, expectations, and examples of class assignments and student work. Shown here, students learned about a variety of art and technology electives, including Ceramics, Printmaking, Stagecraft, and Metal Arts!

"We are committed to helping our students make strong, challenging, and balanced choices as they map out their careers at LHS, and we believe that Course Preview Day is one more way to support our students in this endeavor," said principal Mark Stern.
HMS students can volunteer to work with young children who have learning, language, and social/emotional challenges. Permission slip deadline Jan. 24.

READ: LHS School Counseling Newsletter

**District Matters**

**LPS Welcomes New Supervisor Of World Language/ESL**

The Board of Education recently approved the appointment of Dr. Frank Ruggiero as PreK-12 supervisor of world language and ESL, replacing Carmen Michael. He is expected to begin in Livingston on March 8, 2019.

READ More About Dr. Ruggiero

**"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.

**Support Our Talented Musicians**

Celebrate and support the arts in Livingston Public Schools by attending our winter concerts! Click below for upcoming show dates and times.

Winter Concert Schedule

**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.

Please "LIKE" AND "SHARE"! www.facebook.com/LivSchools is the OFFICIAL Facebook page of the Livingston Public School district. Click here to visit!

How does LPS decide on weather-related school closings?

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.

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

Niche.com Top Ten Honors

Genesis Parent Portal

Alert System Information
Lancer Matters

LHS Fencers Win Tournament
The Lancers took first place in sabre, seventh in epee and 10th in foil to edge out Ridge for the overall team title at the Cetrullo Tournament on Saturday, January 12, at Drew University.

READ/PHOTOS: NJ.com

Big L Club Hosts Casino Night
The Big L Club's Casino Night has been renamed to "Duffy Casino Night" in memory of its honorary member, Trish Duffy. The Big L is the official sports booster of Livingston High School. This event will help provide a scholarship in Trish Duffy's name to an LHS senior athlete who displays "a hard work ethic, volunteerism and dedication to family."

Tickets/Information

Community Matters

"A Day On, Not a Day Off"
The Livingston Committee for Diversity and Inclusion (LCDI) invites the community to attend the township’s annual "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service" on Monday, January 21. During this day of service and celebration, community members will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of service projects at the Livingston Senior/Community Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"This event reminds us in Livingston that just because it is a day off, doesn't mean we can't do our part in service to our community," said Committee for Diversity and Inclusion co-chairman, Billy Fine. Click below to learn more about the service projects that will be offered on site.

MLK Day of Service Projects

LACD Offers After-School Sports
The Livingston Advisory Committee for Disabilities (LACD) offers great programs, free of charge, for
LACD After-School Sports Program

Something for Everyone at Library
Check out the Livingston Public Library’s event calendar, which features events and programs for all ages! 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.

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. Click HERE for application.

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!

Application Information
DISCOVER is the e-newsletter from Livingston Public Schools with stories about students, teachers, and programs, and news about recent accomplishments and awards.

Subscribe to DISCOVER

Visit our website