Excellent Educators

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Featured Photo: "Excellent Educators!"
Livingston Public Schools has announced its 2018-19 Teachers of the Year! They will be officially recognized at the Board of Education meeting on March 11, 2019.

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

New This Week
- MPMS Geo Bee Winner
- Model UN Awards
- First Trophy for HMS Science Olympiad Team
- Student's Art on Exhibit

Students Matter

MPMS on the Map!
Robert Wang has good reason to feel like the king of the world – he is the winner of Mt. Pleasant Middle School's annual Geography Bee! Students prepare for the competition by learning the states and countries, outstanding physical features, and economic and cultural activities of locations around the globe.

Are you smarter than a sixth grader? Try your hand at the sampling of questions (click the story link below to find the answers):
- Chihuahua and Coahuila are two states in what North American country?
- Kampala is the capital of which African country that borders Lake Victoria?
- Mount Aso, which includes a large caldera, is located on the island of Kyushu in what country?

READ: MPMS on the Map
Social studies teacher Tom Montesion congratulates Robert Wang on his Geography Bee victory.

LHS Model UN Competes

Livingston High School's Model UN club competed at Bridgewater-Raritan's second annual conference on Saturday. Eight LHS students attended the event, working to diplomatically solve complex issues in Israel, East Asia, and other regions of the world.

READ: Model UN Winners

Science Olympiad Victory

Heritage Middle School students stepped up to STEM challenges at the NJIT Regional Science Olympiad Tournament on Tuesday, January 8th. The team earned sixth place overall, and received its first trophy for the competition!

READ: Competition Results

Mt. Pleasant Elementary

Fourth grade students, Emma Tovitz and Riley Cagan are enjoying the new playground provided to students by the Mt. Pleasant Elementary School PTA. Students are excited about their new slide, monkey bars, and climbing steps, and look forward to playing on the new equipment each day at recess. The MPE PTA is planning two more stages of new recess equipment!

Burnet Hill Elementary

Third graders at Burnet Hill recently spent time learning about Native Americans. Lucas Schultz and Jordan Morris are shown reviewing for their assessment on the Lenape by playing Jeopardy and matching games.
Harrison Elementary
Harrison School third grade students and their teacher, Mrs. Sachs, recently joined media specialist Mrs. Caulfield in the Curiosity Lab. After reading the book *If I Never Forever Endeavor* by Holly Meade, students worked in pairs, rotating to various stations, "endeavoring" to complete several different challenges, including building a tower from cups and sticks. Shown working on their tower are John Sosa and Emma Freytor. Read more and see additional photos [HERE](#).

Hillside Elementary
Hillside student musicians have been rehearsing for their winter concert. Shown, fifth graders Fatima Malik and Olivia Hsu practice on their violas. The concert will be held tonight, Tuesday, January 22, at 7 p.m. at Heritage Middle School.

Riker Hill Elementary
Riker Hill students were treated to a performance of "AcroAction" by the Almanac Dance Circus Theater. The presentation promoted concepts such as trust and teamwork by fusing acrobatics and storytelling with character education. Shown in action with the performers are students Hannah Zoller, Karina Shiraishi, Gabe Turbin, and Jayden Scherr.

Collins Elementary
Shown enjoying lunch time – and bundled up for recess – are Collins fourth graders Julia Zielke, Maddie Rost, and Jaden Nzkwu.

To Send or Keep Home? See LPS Guidelines on When to Keep Your Child Home From School Due to Illness

READ: LHS School Counseling Newsletter

The Arts Matter

Kogut's Work On Exhibit

The artwork of Livingston High School senior Rachel Kogut is currently on display at the Emerging Artist exhibition sponsored by the Art Administrators of New Jersey. The exhibit is being shown at the James Howe Gallery in the Vaughn-Eames Building at Kean University in Union, NJ through January 27, 2019. Rachel was recognized for her digital illustration, entitled "Trapped."
"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.

Survivor Speaks to Community

The Livingston Education Foundation’s (LEF) second annual Community Book Club event was held on Monday, January 14, and featured Livingston High School graduate Ann Schonwetter Arnold, author of Together: A Journey for Survival. She was joined by her father, Holocaust survivor Mark Schonwetter, who spoke about his experiences.

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

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 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.

Parent Program List

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

"MOMS SPECTRUM OASIS" will offer a support group on January 27 for mothers with children on the autism spectrum. Click here for more information.

Register New Students

Click HERE to Manage Subscriptions for School Newsletters
Lancer Matters

Big L Casino Night This Friday

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 RHS senior athlete who displays "a hard work ethic, volunteerism and dedication to family."

Tickets/Information

Register for Spring Sports at LHS

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

"Libraries Are For Everyone!"

Check out the Livingston Public Library director's message about Sensory Story Time, a new inclusive, engaging, and fun multi-sensory program designed for differently-abled children and their families to enjoy the 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.

Teachers Matter

Teacher Shares The Arts

Gerard Amsellem, Livingston High School teacher of world language and film, will host a Chinese Film Series starting in February and a painting exhibit, "The Door Paintings: 2010-2019" in March. Both will be held at the South Orange Performing Art Center (SOPAC) in South Orange. For more information, email Mr. Amsellem at linguavision@gmail.com.

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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