Jonathan Ackerman has been named the valedictorian, and Vanessa Hu has been named the salutatorian of Livingston High School's Class of 2019!

LHS Musical Opens Tonight!
Livingston High School Theater will present the musical "Once Upon A Mattress." The show opens tonight, Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. Additional performances will be offered on Friday, March 15, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 16, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are $12. Come out to see a great show and support the talented cast and crew!

INFO/TICKETS: LHSTheater.com
As a collaboration between the Livingston Public Library and the Livingston Public School Visual Arts program, the Library’s display case will feature rotating artwork exhibits created by elementary and middle school students, under the guidance of their art teachers, for the months of March, April and May.

Teaching Matters

Teachers/Educational Services Professional of the Year Honored

Shown in the back row are Samantha Bannon (Mt. Pleasant Elementary), Dr. Susan Rothbard (LHS), Dr. Dakshna Lang (Heritage Middle School), Erin Espino (Burnet Hill Elementary), Geralyn Lacourtna (Riker Hill Elementary), and Stafford Horne (Mt. Pleasant Middle School). Seated in the front are Lisa Fischer (Harrison Elementary), Bridget Marshall (Hillside Elementary), Susan Gould (Educational Services: School Nurse), and Tracey Dunleavy (Collins Elementary).

Livingston Public Schools’ Teachers of the Year and the Education Services Professional of the Year were recognized by the Board of Education at its meeting on Monday, March 11.

Each honoree was introduced by their principal, while the Educational Services Professional was introduced by assistant superintendent Lisa Steiger. Following kind words about their history with and contributions to the school district, they each received a plaque commemorating this special professional achievement. Read honoree bios here.

Board Matters

Budget Discussions Continue
Members of the Livingston Board of Education and school administrators are reviewing a spending plan for the 2019-2020 school year. This process will continue at regular BOE meetings over the next four weeks, with a public hearing and vote on the budget scheduled for April 29, 2019. The agenda for the Board of Education's meeting this past Monday night included budget presentations on staffing, capital improvements, and curriculum and instruction. A budget discussion on student services was presented on February 25, 2019.

**CALENDAR: Upcoming Budget Discussion Meetings**

**Students Matter**

**READ ACROSS AMERICA**

**Collins Elementary**
Students in Danielle Cataldo's class decorated their door for Collins School's "Dr. Seuss Door" competition. Samarveer Shishodia, Jibril Adekoya, and Alice Kiem dressed in blue and red to celebrate a Dr. Seuss classic, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish.

**Burnet Hill Elementary**
Burnet Hill students had fun dressing up at the Dr. Seuss Photo Booth! Evan Kaufman and Grady Toubin channeling Cat in the Hat characters "Thing 1" and "Thing 2" are third graders.
Mt. Pleasant Elementary
Who is that cat in the window?! Students at MPE celebrated Read Across America Week with a special pajama day, plus a surprise visit from Dr. Seuss’s “Cat in the Hat” (played by media specialist Lenore Piccoli) who greeted children as they entered the school! Shown with Mrs. Piccoli are fourth grade students Amanda Drucks, Stevie Perl, and Eva Lederman.

Harrison Elementary
As part of the Read Across America celebration, Harrison students participated in a school-wide hat decorating assignment. Each student created a hat based on his or her favorite book. On March 1, Dr. Seuss’s birthday, classes were paired up and students read to each other and discuss their books. They also talked about the festive hats they created. Shown with his Captain Underpants-themed hat is Isaac Shulman. With him is Jack Khan wearing his creation which highlighted the book, The Wizards of Once.

Hillside Elementary
During Hillside’s annual Read Across America celebration, the school welcomes guest readers from around Livingston, including LPS administrators and community leaders. Shown, first graders Hasan Kamal and Elizabeth Girgis met guest reader, Livingston police officer Joy Klapal, in the media center and escorted her to their classroom for a special read aloud.

Riker Hill Elementary
Kindergartners in Melissa Rosario’s class celebrated Read Across America week by working on a Cat in the Hat project while donning the famous cat’s signature hat! Shown are Giuliana Rocco and Lily Auerbach.

READ/PHOTOS: Read Across America

Senior is CPA Scholar
Livingston High School senior Breena Rettig was selected by the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants as a 2019 scholarship recipient. She was chosen for her academic, interpersonal skills and interest in the CPA profession.

READ: CPA Scholar
$10,000 Grant for Tech Teams

Shown at the check presentation are Columbia Bank President/CEO Thomas J. Kemly, LPS Supervisor of Business/FCS/TDE James Novotny, and Columbia Bank Livingston branch manager Michael Novo.

The Columbia Bank Foundation awarded a $10,000 grant to Livingston High School’s technology/engineering competition teams. Bank officials stopped by LHS last week to see where and how the magic happens when it comes to the high school’s award-winning tech squads, including three robotics teams and the EcoLancers vehicle design team.

Kindergarten Pre-Registration

Kindergarten Pre-Registration is now open. Please note that the entire kindergarten registration process must be completed by
Soon-to-be kindergartner Jake Roytman is already showing LPS school spirit!

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

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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**

### CTL Presents Seussical Kids!

Children’s Theatre of Livingston (CTL) is thrilled to be presenting *Seussical Kids* on Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24. Two performances will be offered each day, one at 1:30 p.m. and another at 4 p.m. The show will be held at the Eisenhower Corporate Center, 290 West Mt. Pleasant Avenue. The cast includes many talented LPS students!

The musical is based on favorites from Dr. Seuss, and features more than 50 elementary school students performing, singing and dancing to bring this whimsical story to life. The show is one act and appropriate for young and mature audiences. This is CTL’s 14th production. Tickets are selling quickly, and organizers anticipate being sold out before the show. General admission is $15. Purchase tickets [HERE](#). For additional information, please contact ctltickets@yahoo.com.

### 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.

[**LACD After-School Sports Program**](#)

### Livingston Public Library News

*WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS: Please note that 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.*

[**Library Website/Upcoming Events**](#)
**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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