Ready to Step Into Spring

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Featured Photo: "Full of Energy!"
At Mt. Pleasant Elementary, fourth and fifth grade students participated in the "Flash, BANG" assembly presented by the Liberty Science Center Traveling Science Program! They learned facts about the two most common forms of home energy, electricity and natural gas. Students identified how electricity is generated, explored insulators and conductors, and discussed how to avoid hazards in the home. Shown representing protons, neutrons and electrons, respectively, are students Jenya Narang, Arielle Rechter, and Brody Kwiat.

New This Week
- Board Meeting Tonight
- Testing Update for Classes of 2019 and 2020
- LHS Global Debate Team
- Math Counts Champ
- MIT Launch Club is Global Finalist

Thank You to Our Subscribers!
We were just named a Constant Contact All Star winner for 2018! The annual award recognizes the most successful ten percent of Constant Contact's customer base, based on their significant achievements using the email marketing tool to engage the people they wish to reach. Many thanks to our DISCOVER newletter subscribers! We hope that you keep reading our publication for news about our amazing students, teachers, and programs!

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The Board of Education will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building at 11 Foxcroft Drive. In addition to a superintendent’s report on the NJ School Performance Report, and a presentation on the Tech Plan for Digital Learning, the agenda also includes a budget discussion focusing on technology. See the full AGENDA.

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.

Global Debate Competition

Debate teams from around the world entered the 2018-2019 International Public Policy Forum (IPPF) competition, but only 16 remain, including a team of Livingston High School students. The team includes seniors Anushka Agarwal and Victoria Li, and juniors Ethan Reiter, Kevin Oloomi, Joseph Kim, and Nirav Patel. They are the only team from New Jersey to advance this round!

MathCounts Champion!

The Heritage Middle School MathCounts team of Anusha Bansal, Kishan Bava, Renee Hong, and Timothy Wu represented the regional chapter in the NJ state MathCounts competition recently held at Rutgers University. A special congratulations goes to eighth grader Kishan Bava who came in first place! As a result, he will be a member of the state team representing NJ at the national MathCounts competition in Orlando, Florida in May. He is shown accepting his first place medal!
The winning MIT Launch Club team includes Aryan Bansal (Operations), Dylan Benzi (Technology), Tyler Burbage (Marketing), and Anthony Gadzi (Finance).

MIT Launch Team Advances

Members of Livingston High School’s MIT Launch Club recently participated in MIT’s Regional Demo Day to pitch their startups and showcase their entrepreneurial skills. Students from across the region presented their business ideas and competed to move forward in the competition. Livingston’s “Team Disolv” received the Global Finalist award and will be representing LHS at the global competition! The team is working to create a patent pending, environment-friendly battery that features biodegradable internal and external parts.

Harrison Elementary

Students in Miss Allie Petruzziello’s second grade class enjoyed practiced coding, translating commands into language that computers understand, with Ozobots! They learned how to create different codes to make their Ozobot speed up, spin, dance, and much more! Shown are Eliana Zyev, Samuel Mao, and Arielle Tobin.

Burnet Hill Elementary

Students at Burnet Hill School took on the “Tallest Cup Tower” STEM Challenge. Shown working carefully on their building their structure are first graders Jeremy Huang, Drew Nodelman, Ishan Rangdal.

Hillside Elementary

Is winter finally over? The sun was shining on Mrs. Pamela Richmond’s kindergarten class at Hillside School. Shown Athena Lin and Mona Chen bask in the sunlight as they work on project as a team.
Riker Hill Elementary
Show’n had a quick snack before participating in after school half-day activities are Charlie Goldstein, Joel Burger, Michael Crawford, and Matthew Granet. Riker Hill offered special half day programs for students during parent teacher conferences.

Collins School held its annual Fifth Grade Sports Night. During this festive war-themed fundraising event, students competed in games and activities. Show’n, Bridget Greenfeld, Cecilia Gall, and Jordyn Harman show off their team color spirit!

While we are more than ready to welcome spring, the Livingston High School ski club has been taking advantage of the cold weather with fun trips to the slopes! Shown above, students posed with club advisor Marisa Vosa before an outing to Camelback Mountain.

District Matters

Graduation Test Requirements: Classes of 2019 and 2020

On February 22, 2019, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) updated the high school graduation assessment requirements in both English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and mathematics for the Classes of 2019 and 2020. Graduation requirements for the Classes of 2019 and 2020 have been clarified. The NJDOE will
continue to work with the New Jersey State Board of Education to make decisions for the Class of 2021 and beyond.

**READ: Testing Updates**

**LPS Summer Academy**

Registration is now open for the school district's Summer Academy, which includes science, enrichment, remedial, and bridge courses — and new this summer only, the Algebra 1 Acceleration Course. Find a list of courses being offered and dates, as well as registration information by clicking below.

**LEARN MORE: Summer Academy**

**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**

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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

Click HERE to Manage Subscriptions for School Newsletters

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 cttickets@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

Library Website/Upcoming Events

*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.

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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