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Featured Photo: "Say Cheese!"
LHS students pose for photos before the Junior Prom!

New This Week
- Board Meeting Tonight
- Junior Prom Photos
- Students Travel to Italy
- School News

Board Matters
Parent Program

Learn How to Reduce Stress:
Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.

Clinical psychologist and stand-up comedian Dr. Matt Bellace will present this informative and educational program at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, at Heritage Middle School. Click HERE for more information.

Students Matter

Chillin' at the Prom!

The unpredictable March weather did not exactly cooperate last Friday night when the LHS Class of 2019 stepped out for their Junior Prom, but that did not stop our juniors from having the time of their lives!

Although it was chilly (and windy), students braved the cold to show off their dresses and suits as they carried on the tradition of pre-prom posing in the parking lot before heading inside the school. After warming up for a few minutes, students exited through the front doors of LHS. They were greeted by dozens of parent “paparazzi” who clicked away as they boarded the buses that whisked them away to the party. This year’s fashionable rite of passage, which included dinner and dancing, was held at The Westin in Morristown.

PHOTOS: Junior Prom 2019

Collins Elementary

Ethan Wernick waits his turn in line while Samuel Kanchik and Mason Gordon “wheel and deal” at their TREP$ table at Collins School. Samuel and Mason’s decorative hooks were just one product among dozens created and sold by students at the TREP$ Marketplace event. An afterschool entrepreneurial program offered to fourth and fifth graders at Collins, TREP$ teaches students how to start their own businesses. During six weekly workshops, they learn lessons and then apply them as they build their small business empires at home. Items for sale included soaps, key chains, mugs, bookmarks, and more!
Mt. Pleasant Elementary
During an Art Appreciation program at MPE, fourth grade students Jake Yelner and Evan Lev created their own architectural drawings after learning about Frank Lloyd Wright.

Hillside Elementary
Hillside’s fifth grade students took part in a team building workshop that included solving challenging games by utilizing the talents of the whole team. The students had a great time while practicing strategies on how to work together!

Harrison Elementary
Students in Karen Zavaglia’s class at Harrison School recently read Balto, a book about the lead dog of a sled team that carried medicine to sick children in Nome, Alaska in 1925. The second graders learned about the annual Iditarod sled dog race, which was inspired by Balto’s journey. They created signs to support their favorite “mushers” who competed in this year’s race. Shown with their signs are Emma Ritter and Gabriel Sawera.

Riker Hill Elementary
Students in Jill McLaughlin’s kindergarten class at Riker Hill celebrated both St. Patrick’s Day and a classmate’s birthday last week. Shown making clover crafts are Zachary Kahn and birthday girl Samantha Rubinstein.

Burnet Hill Recycling Club
Fifth graders at Burnet Hill took time out of their busy schedule to participate in a Recycling Club that was held three afternoons for two weeks, for 15 minutes each session. Their goal was to influence and inform Livingston Public School leaders about how single-use plastic is having a negative effect on the environment and that we need to make a
The students presented their findings to assistant superintendent, Lisa Steiger; director of curriculum and instruction (STEM/Testing) Natalie Topylko; PreK-6 Science supervisor, Dorian Gemellaro; principal, Sara Bright; and Michael Fassbender of Aramark (LPS food services provider). The students were surprised and happy to learn of the changes that the company has made to our lunch program in an effort to eliminate the single-use plastic. Mr. Fassbender informed the students that Aramark uses bowls made out of sugar cane, and that by 2020 the straws that they use will all be compostable. Kudos to our students who are working to make positive changes in the world!

Shown presenting his information during the program are Francesco Manenti, Daila Kim, and Julianna Scherr.

International Adventure
Twenty-five [Livingston High School](#) students traveled across the globe and stayed with their Italian Exchange partner’s families in the Latina, Italy area. The Italian students previously visited and stayed with the students in their Livingston homes! (Read more about that visit [HERE](#)). The young explorers took trips to Rome, Florence, Naples, the Caserta Palace, and the Tyrrhenian Sea.

“They had lots of memorable experiences, trips and, of course, meals!” said world language teacher and chaperone, Guy Rabner.

Students took their selfie talents abroad during an exchange program trip to Italy. If you look closely in the background of their photo, you will see Pope Francis greeting countless fans!

**LPS IN THE NEWS: LHS Receives $10,000 Grant for Tech Teams**

**KNOW OF AN LHS GRAD WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY? CLICK HERE.**

**READ: LHS School Counseling Newsletter**

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**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.

Soon-to-be kindergartner Jake Roytman is already showing LPS school spirit!

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Upcoming Parent Program List

Niche.com Top Ten Honors
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

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.
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.

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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