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FEATURED PHOTO: "Midsummer/Jersey"
LHS Will Present Fall Play This Week

New This Week

Don't stop scrolling!
Find information on the following news, and more, in this week's DISCOVER.

- Fall Play at LHS
- Emergency Broadcast Test Update
- Speech/Debate Team Winners

District Matters

Did You Receive Emergency Broadcast Test?

Livingston Public Schools sent out a test of our Emergency Broadcast System last Monday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. If you did not receive a phone, text or email notification on Monday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m., please log into the Genesis Parent Portal and click on the “Contacts” tab to update Emergency Broadcast information for each child.

If you would like to receive our automated alert messages, use the “EMERGENCY BROADCAST” checkbox next to the phone number and/or email address where you would like to receive the alerts. To receive text messages, be sure to indicate that the number is a cell phone by using the drop-down menu next to the phone number.
Baby, it’s getting cold outside! How does LPS decide on weather-related school closings? Click HERE for information.

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**Board Matters**

**Chirls and Konner Win Election**

Pam Chirls and Ronnie Konner will retain their seats on the Livingston Board of Education. Todd Goren and Rachel Selvin ran as challengers in the contest.

In Township Council news, incumbents Shawn Klein, Ed Meinhardt, and Rudy Fernandez were also re-elected, defeating challengers Brandon Minde and Debbie Burack.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, November 19, at 7 p.m. Board of Education meetings are now videotaped and posted on our website. Click HERE to view past meetings.

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**Theater Matters**

**LHS Theater to Present "Midsummer/Jersey"**

Livingston High School will present Midsummer/Jersey, a parody of Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream, "with a Jersey Shore twist," on November 15, 16, and 17, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online.

READ: Plot/Cast

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**Students Matter**

**Honoring Our Veterans**
Livingston High School Honor Society students took time out of their morning to read the names of WWI veterans who were from Livingston during a Veterans Day ceremony held at the Oval on Monday, November 12. Shown with representatives of local veterans groups are Livingston Public Schools 7-12 Social Studies Supervisor, Mr. Scott Kercher, and students Philippe Jallow, Sarah Horowitz, Parmeda Abdollahnejad, Youssef Barakat, Rohat Chari and Jelvin Thomas.

Forensics Team Winners

Livingston High School's Forensics Speech and Debate Team recently competed at two Newark CFL tournaments. The Lancers came away with nine awards, including the fourth place team sweepstakes trophy, at the Ridge High School competition. In the tournament held at Union Catholic Regional High School, the team earned six awards, including the fourth place team sweepstakes trophy.

READ: Speech/Debate Awards

MPMS Activity Night!

Sixth graders spent an evening full of school spirit at Mt. Pleasant Middle School's Activities Night! The event was sponsored by the school’s Home/School Association (HSA). The exciting festivities included games, snacks, balloons, lots of cheering, and a chance for classmates to bond during a evening of fun.
Riker Hill Elementary
The Story Pirates assembly was a hit at Riker Hill! Through this program, students got to see their words and ideas come to life on stage. The group’s mission is “to celebrate the words and ideas of young people and to create confident, literate students equipped with a variety of tools for written, verbal, and artistic self-expression.” Stories were chosen by students and were acted out by the performers. Shown with the Story Pirates team are students Ritika Chandiwala, Hildana Gezahegn, and Brea Otieno.

Hillside Elementary
The fifth grade class at Hillside participated in an inter-generational service project with local veterans as part of a class team building activity. First, the school held a two week collection drive to gather supplies to make care packages for overseas military personal. Then, the students and veterans came together for a luncheon where each veteran shared a bit about his background. After lunch the group assembled more than 225 care packages, filling nine boxes that weighed in at a whopping 130 pounds. All were sent to Operation Gratitude, a non-profit that will ship the donations to our military personal. Students and veterans also worked together to make “thank you” cards for veterans, as well as American Flags. Shown Hillside student Jack Silberman (and his mother Jeanne) had a special guest, his grandfather and veteran Walter Joyce!

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Burnet Hill Elementary
Burnet Hill students took notes during a "Dino Scavenger Hunt" organized by Pre K-6 Social Studies supervisor Chris Bickel and Pre-K-6 Science Supervisor Dorian Gemellaro. Shown are third graders Emily Weiner and Neel Khandelwal
Collins Elementary
Fifth grader Max Gluhovsky gets ready for victory in physical education class at Collins.

Harrison Elementary
Adam Gustavson illustrator of such children's books including *Fab Four Friends*, *Long Armed Ludy*, and *Charlie Bumpers* visited Harrison. Shown with Mr. Gustavson are Aarav Sekhri, Kristin Morales, and Eli Tuazon.

Heritage Middle School
HMS students got a jump start on the Thanksgiving holiday spirit by highlighting the things for which they are thankful. They wrote their gracious sentiments on the bulletin board in the main hallway of HMS.

### 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.

[Parent Program List](#)

### Livingston Education Foundation

The Livingston Education Foundation (LEF) is a non-profit organization providing school-community partnerships and shared resources to enhance educational opportunities for Livingston Public Schools.

**PURCHASE A PAVER:** You can support the LEF by purchasing a personalized brick paver at Livingston High School! Click [HERE](#) for order form.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Monday, January
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. 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.

OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION PERMISSION FORM: Click HERE to log into the Genesis Parent Portal to update information for your child.

Click HERE to Manage Subscriptions for School Newsletters

Register New Students

Student Services Information

Lancer Matters

Winter Sports at LHS
Fall will be over sooner than we know it! Registration for winter sports at Livingston High School is open. For more information, and to register, visit the Lancers Website. Go Lancers!

Community Matters

LACD Offers Holiday Party And Sports Programs

The Livingston Advisory Committee for Disabilities (LACD) offers great programs, free of charge, for people with special needs and their families.

The LACD and Senior Youth and Leisure Services (SYLC) will hold a HOLIDAY PARTY on Saturday, December 1, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Senior and Community Center, 204 Hillside Avenue. Celebrate with food, beverages, DJ music, and a visit from Santa! Organizers kindly ask that everyone bring a dessert.

RSVP is required. Call Alan Karpas 973-992-6411 or email alan@karpas.net to RSVP by November 20, and/or for more information. The snow date is December 8. In case of inclement weather, call 973-535-7961, ext. 231, to check on the status.

College Financial Planning

The Livingston Public Library offers a variety of programs for young children, tweens, teens and adults! There is something for everyone to enjoy from reading programs, to financial workshops and musical performances! Upcoming programs including a workshop entitled, "How To Send Your Child to College: 529 Plans" on Saturday, December 8, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Click below for more information.

Crossing Guards Needed

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. For more information about the position, including requirements, hours, and salary, click below.
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!