Happy Thanksgiving!

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FEATURED PHOTO: #WorldKindnessDay
Positive Post-Its at Riker Hill

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CALENDAR REMINDER: Students will have partial days this Wednesday, November 21, and schools will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23. Click HERE for the full 2018-19 school calendar.

"After the Storm"
Following a challenging day for the entire community, a Livingston resident took this photo of a rainbow over Livingston High School on Friday morning and kindly sent it to LPS with the inspirational message, "Better Days Ahead."

With Sincere Appreciation
Livingston Public Schools would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to all of the people who made sure that students were safe during Thursday's snow storm.

Our students are lucky to be surrounded by such a caring and dedicated community, including our bus drivers, secretaries, teachers, and administrators, as well as members of the Livingston Fire Department, Livingston Police Department, and Department of Public Works.

During a challenging time, our students, staff, and township personnel were a shining example of patience, resourcefulness, and strength. We thank you all.
Board of Education Meeting Tonight
School Happenings
LHS Show Photos

Tonight's Agenda
Click HERE to view videos of past meetings on our website.

Update Emergency Contacts
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.
Students Matter

Collins Elementary
Collins students attended an interactive educational program presented by Mobile Ed Productions. The program included hands-on STEM displays. Shown, second grader Aayang Sharma learns about how 3-D printing works.

Harrison Elementary
Julia Karpov and Madeleine Abella, first graders in Emily Schulke’s class at Harrison School, are shown assembling a marble maze. Recently, Mrs. Schulke’s class earned the privilege of spending an hour in the “Curiosity Lab” (a room set aside for hands-on exploration and related STEM-type activities) with principal Cynthia Healy. It was the first class of the 2018-2019 school year to receive the “Harrison Hawk” award, given to the class who earns the most blue tickets during the previous month. Students can receive blue tickets from any staff member, other than their classroom teacher, when they are spotted being especially kind.

Hillside Elementary
At Hillside School fifth graders helped their kindergarten buddies make turkey headbands for their Thanksgiving feast. Shown working on their festive headgear are fifth graders Gabriel Simpson Lopez and Sean Mullen, and kindergarten student, Matthew Butler Atkinson.

Mt. Pleasant Elementary
Third grade students from MPE went on a geological adventure at the Sterling Hill Mining Museum. They toured the underground mine, learned about mining equipment, watched a drilling and blasting demonstration, and saw the "Rainbow Tunnel," which is made of fluorescent minerals. Shown on the trip with third grade teacher Samantha Bannon are students Simran Soni, Blake Tiger, and Gianna Sage.
Burnet Hill Elementary
Inspired by the story Maddi’s Fridge, second graders at Burnet Hill have been busy collecting food to donate to Livingston CHOW (Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse).

Riker Hill Elementary
In recognition of World Kindness Day, Riker Hill teachers wore shirts that said “I am Kind, what is your superpower?” Shown in front of the kindness message wall, which was filled with positive post-its, are third grade teacher, Ms. Isakower and first grade teacher, Ms. Melucci.

More Positive Post-Its!
These are just two of the uplifting messages that were placed on Heritage Middle School lockers as part of “Operation Positive Post-It.” Principal Shawn Kelly extended thanks to Ms. Petrillo and the Challenge Team for all their hard work in spreading colorful acts of kindness throughout the school!

Theater Matters
The Show Went On!
Weather postponed opening night, but the Livingston High School Theater Club did not let the snow stop the show! *Midsummer/Jersey* opened on Friday evening, November 15, despite the snow day. The cast and crew came together to put on a spectacular performance of the parody of Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. "I was so proud of the cast and crew! There was definitely a lot up in the air, but as they say, 'the show must go on!'" said director Meghan Reid.

**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](http://www.livingstoneducation.org) (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](http://www.livingstoneducation.org/pavers) for order form.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Monday, January 14! The LEF's Community Book Club is back! This year's author and book will soon be announced. STAY TUNED! Last year the LEF hosted best-selling author and LHS grad Harlan Coben. See [PHOTOS](http://www.livingstoneducation.org/photos) from last year's event!
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.

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

Mehari Records Top Time

Congratulations to Livingston High School Cross Country runner Philmon Mehari who ran a 16:32 and finished 7th in the Group 4 Championship! This was one of the top LHS recorded times on the Holmdel course, and one of the top 25 recorded times on the course this year by any NJ athlete! He qualified to compete at this past Saturday's NJSIAA Meet of Champions in Holmdel. At the Meet of Champions, Philmon came in 34th out of a field of 183 runners in the boys' 5K run, with an average mile of 5:21; and a final time of 16:35!

Science Matters
Special Effects Meets Science

Students in Bobbi Bremmer's class at LHS had a great time creating very realistic looking wounds as part of their Medical Microbes studies. Read more by clicking HERE.

WARNING: While the wounds are not real, the images appear graphic.

Community Matters

Deadline to Register
For Holiday Party is Nov. 20

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!

Application Information