November Notes

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FEATURED PHOTO: "I Be-Leaf..." at MPE

New This Week

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

- Board of Education Meeting Tonight
- High School Assessment Update Presentation
- REMINDER: Update Emergency Contacts
- Technology Dept. to Reveal Robots
- Student Achievements

Board Matters
Tonight's Agenda

Click HERE to view videos of past meetings on our website.

2018 Assessment Update

At the Board of Education meeting on Monday, November 19, school district Director of Curriculum and Instruction (STEM/Testing) Natalie Topylko and Livingston High School Assistant Principal Danielle Rosenzweig presented the 2018 Assessment Update. During their presentation, they informed the Board and public about results of high school level standardized testing, including the NJ Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-S), AP exams, SAT and ACT.

District Matters

IMPORTANT: Update Emergency Contacts

There are times when the district may need to use our automated alert system to contact parents. It is vital that you 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 be notified in these instances. See below for an image of the page and "Emergency Broadcast" check boxes. Click HERE for more information and a link to the Parent Portal, click HERE.
How does LPS decide on weather-related school closings? Click HERE for information.

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Technology Matters

2018 Robot Reveal

The Livingston High School Technology Department will hold its Open House on Tuesday, November 27, at 6 p.m. in the Livingston High School auditorium. Come out and be one of the first to see the official robots for the 2018 season! All are welcome!

Students Matter

Chess Champions

A team of Heritage Middle School students, including Alan Hu, Rishab Sinha and Andrew Deng, competed at the New Jersey State Chess Federation's (NJSCF) K-12 Grade Chess Championship tournament. Their team won the seventh grade division at the competition!

Heading to Junior Olympics

Jordan Fleishman, a sixth grader at Mt. Pleasant Middle School, is going to Reno, Nevada this December to compete in the 2018 National Championships of the Junior Olympics for the USA Track and Field Cross Country event. He recently qualified at the regional competition in Philadelphia by running a 3K in 12:15!
Mt. Pleasant Elementary
Students and staff at MPE cheered on kindergarteners during their Balloon Parade as part of their Thanksgiving celebration! After reading Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy’s Parade, students decorated their own balloons and paraded through the hallways. Shown leading the line are Chloe Xu and Dylan Kanter.

Collins Elementary
Collins third grader Jordan Rothenberg exchanged the special "Visit a Teacher I Love" pass he earned by stopping by Ms. Faro’s classroom!

Riker Hill Elementary
Fifth grade students across the district are all "kind of a big deal!" Shown at Riker Hill are

Harrison Elementary
Students at Harrison created story settings and character puppets to act out and retell The Little Red Hen. They read several versions of the story to compare and contrast similarities and differences. Shown working on their project are Vivian Pipala, Julia Karpov, Benjamin Gomez Valades Panya, and William Valderrama.
“Moving Up” Class of 2019 members Carolyn Chen, Karina Shiarishi, and Alana Greenstein.

Burnet Hill Elementary
Second grade students at *Burnet Hill* had the opportunity to meet *Maddi’s Fridge* author Lois Brandt during a special Skype session in their classroom.

Hillside Elementary
*Hillside* students Jason Zhang, Macey Hill, Laura Yeung, and Evelyn Hsu had a special visit by Board of Education president Pamela Chirls and her seeing-eye dog trainee, Toni.

**Music Matters**

**Support Our Talented Musicians**

Mark your calendars! Music is in the air at Livingston Public Schools. Elementary, middle and high school winter concerts have been scheduled. Shows will include performances by school choruses, orchestras, and bands. For a list of upcoming concerts, click below.

[Winter Concert Schedule](#)

**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 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 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

Community Matters

Pre-Diabetes Screening
The **Township of Livingston's Health Department** will offer a free pre-diabetes screening on Tuesday, November 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Learn about the risk factors for diabetes and the steps you can take to help prevent the onset of diabetes. A free glucose screening will be offered. See the flyer for more information.

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**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.

[Link to LACD After-School Sports Program]

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**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.

[Link to College Financial Program]

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**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.

[Link to Application Information]

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**Staff Matters**

**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!
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