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FEATURED PHOTO: "Hillside Has Heart"

New This Week

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District Matters
PARCC Score Presentation

Natalie Topylko, the school district's Director of Curriculum and Instruction (STEM/Testing) presented NJ PARCC scores to the Board of Education at its meeting on Monday, October 8. The presentation included information on PARCC performance, participation levels, scores by grade level, an analysis of the data, and next steps.

Over-the-Counter Medication

The online form for parents to give permission for school nurses to administer over the counter medications to students is now ready for parents to complete. Approved medications include Tylenol/Acetaminophen, Tums, Advil/Motrin/Ibuprofen, and cough drops.

As in the past, parents will be notified prior to the delivery of the medications listed on the form. To complete the updated medical form, log into the Genesis Parent Portal and go to the "Forms" tab.

School Counseling Spotlight

Livingston Public Schools works to address and meet the academic, social and emotional needs of all students. During the month of October, many activities are planned across all schools to highlight and support the Week of Respect, School Violence Awareness Week, and Red Ribbon Week! Click on “October Theme Week Programs” for the School Counseling Department's summary of what each school is doing to

October Theme Week Programs
Students Matter

Programs Challenge Students To "Be the Change"

There was no lack of energy during Challenge Day's Be The Change Movement programs held last week at Livingston High School and Heritage Middle School! The program is designed to "inspire peace, create hope and challenge everyone to find their affinity for all people" through experiential learning processes… and sharing… and games… and a whole lot of dancing!

Livingston High School

Heritage Middle School
LHS Honor Society Induction

Fifteen Livingston High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society on Friday, October 12.

Exchange Students Arrive

Livingston High School students welcomed exchange students from Italy with a special breakfast in the LHS cafeteria last week. The
Italian students will be staying with their host families in Livingston, and attending classes at LHS, for about two weeks before they return to their home school, Liceo Majorama, in Latina, Italy.

**Schools Matter**

**Marching Band Performs At Rutgers Football Game**

**READ: Lancers Share the Field**

**WATCH: LHS Forensic Science Program on "Classroom Close-up NJ"**

**Burnet Hill Elementary**

The Livingston Fire Department visited Burnet Hill as part of its Fire Prevention Week community outreach activities. The students had the opportunity to get an up-close look at a fire truck and some of the firefighters’ gear. Shown here, Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Francione talks to students. He encouraged the children to “look,
Hillside Elementary

Hillside students celebrated school spirit with their fifth annual Pep Rally. At the rally, summer readers were recognized, buddy classes and new Student Council representatives were announced, and grade levels performed their character-themed songs, chants, and dances. The event culminated with the school-wide photo, where concentric hearts of character were formed on the school's back lawn, demonstrating that Hillside students have "hearts of character."

Riker Hill Elementary

In honor of the Week of Respect, Riker Hill kindergarten students had a special visit from a representative of the Seeing Eye, a philanthropic organization and guide dog school. The children learned about the importance of accepting and respecting everyone's differences. Students were educated about the organization by Pam Chirls, board of education president and Seeing Eye volunteer. They had an opportunity to pet her guide dog in-training, Toni, who is being trained to enhance the independence, dignity, and self-confidence of people who are sight-impaired.

Harrison Elementary

Fifth grade students Sarah Varman and Parth Jain look on as Evelyn Lee plays the piano in Mrs. Michele Matten's music class at Harrison. Mrs. Matten encourages all of her students to be performers and composers.

Mt. Pleasant Elementary

Mt. Pleasant Elementary hosted its first author visit of the year with Ally Condie and Brendan Reichs, co-authors of The Dark Deep, which came out on October 2. The authors met with fifth grade students and not only discussed the book itself, but also how they wrote it together while living in different states and alternating chapters and characters. Shown standing are Spencer Ellenbogen, Eli Goren, Zachary Ventola, Taylor Magid, Alex Cohen, Samson Rose, Max Shainbrown, Jonathan Lewin, Darcy Bernstein, Raphael Steinberg, Sophie Rothfeld, Arielle Rechter, and Jenya Narang. Seated with the authors are students Jesse Petchers and Alyson Hom.
"Supporting Our Children Through Grief and Loss" will be presented at Livingston High School on Tuesday, October 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The program, presented by Lisa Athan of Grief Speaks, will educate parents on a variety of topics including signs of grief in youth, healthy coping tools and strategies, and identifying when a child may need more support. For more information, click HERE.

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 also 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 Livingston Education Foundation's (LEF) Community Book Club is back! This year's author and book to be announced soon. STAY TUNED! Last year the LEF hosted best-selling author and LHS grad Harlan Coben. See PHOTOS from last year's event!

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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.

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
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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!

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.

Community Matters

Mental Health Workshop for Teens

Breaking the Silence: A Workshop for Teens About Mental Health will be offered on Monday, October 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Temple Beth Shalom. This is a free event for students in grades eight through 12. Dinner will be served.
LACD Offers Halloween Party And Sports Programs

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

A **Halloween Party** for children and adults with special needs will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Livingston Senior and Community Center, 204 Hillside Ave., Livingston, NJ 07039.

An after-school **Sports Program** for children with special needs will be offered at Monmouth Court Community Center, 26 Monmouth Court, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday from October 17 through May 22.

Healthy Trick-or-Treat

To encourage a healthier Halloween, ShopRite of Livingston is holding a free in-store **Trick-or-Treat** on Monday, October 29, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.!
Children will have the opportunity to trick-or-treat around each department, where they can collect nutritious Halloween treats. Costumes are encouraged!

By attending, children will have an opportunity to win a ShopRite gift card for their school! The school with the most children that attend the event will win a $100 gift card!

Town Council Candidates Debate

The Livingston League of Women Voters will hold a Candidates Debate for the Livingston Town Council on Wednesday, October 17, from 8 to 10 p.m., in the Livingston Community Center, 204 Hillside Avenue. All are invited to this free public event, including students. The public is invited to ask questions and express concerns.

Fall Fun at the Library

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! Click below to check out the library's website 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.

Application Information

Click HERE for information on Livingston Health Department’s upcoming flu clinics.