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FEATURED PHOTO: "Five Little Pumpkins"
First graders at Burnet Hill had fun designing structures that could hold five little pumpkins, just like the song!

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

- Curriculum Update Presentation
- Hillside School Awarded Grant
- Parent Development Programs
- Students Share Their Stories

Board Matters
Board of Education meetings are now videotaped and posted on our website.

PLEASE NOTE: We experienced technical difficulties with the videotaping of the October 15, 2018 Board of Education meeting. You may listen to the meeting in its entirety by clicking HERE.

UPCOMING MEETING: The next Board of Education meeting will be on Monday, November 19, at 7 p.m. For meeting dates through the end of 2018, see the
District Matters

Curriculum Presentation

At the Board of Education’s meeting on Monday, October 15, the school district’s Directors of Curriculum and Instruction, Marybeth Kopacz (Humanities/PD) and Natalie Topyko (STEM/Testing) presented the 2018 Curriculum Update. Click on the links to listen to the presentation and/or view the PowerPoint slideshow.

LISTEN: Curriculum Update Presentation, Oct. 15, 2018
Curriculum PowerPoint

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 highlight the social/emotional focus of the month.

October Theme Week Programs

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.

Genesis Parent Portal
Hillside Receives Grant To Champion Creativity!

Hillside School is one of 20 elementary and middle schools from across the nation that has been selected by Crayola and the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) to receive a “Champion Creatively Alive Children” school grant! The grant will fund innovative programs aimed at building creative capacity school-wide.

READ: Champions of Creativity

Mt. Pleasant Middle School students participated in "Pumas Wear Pink" in support of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, an organization that funds breast cancer research, community health, and advocacy programs.

Students in Dakashna Lang's English Language Arts class at Heritage Middle School shared their true stories with each other during a live recording of their storytelling podcast based on "The Moth," a non-profit program whose mission is to "promote the art and craft of storytelling, and
LISTEN: "The Mouth" Podcast

Ms. Lang's students called their podcast "The Mouth," and shared personal recollections of everything from embarrassing moments, to disappointing auditions, and losing a sibling at the beach (thankfully, they found him)! Each student stood up in front of their peers to tell their tales, which in the end showed that while their stories were unique, their emotions, experiences, and thoughts were not so different after all.

LHS Business Dept. Happenings

In "Introduction to Investments" at Livingston High School, October marks the beginning of the UPenn Stock Market Competition. Students in the class have to create an investment strategy and execute it for a real-life client. In addition to the teacher, Mr. Alex Lamon, students are receiving guidance from Eric Mong, LHS Class of 2012 alumnus and Finance MBA student at Rutgers University, and Mr. Peter Boockvar, CIO at Bleakley Advisory Group.

In "Introduction to Business" classes at LHS, students are currently studying the American economy and business cycles. In this class activity students classified specific economic activities as prosperity, recession, depression, or recovery.

Riker Hill Elementary
Third graders from Riker Hill went on a class trip to the Franklin Mineral Museum. Shown, Brady Feldman and Nate Langer collected minerals on

Mt. Pleasant Elementary
At MPE, orchestra instructor, Mr. James Hegedus, assists Scott Yao with positioning his fingers on the violin during a strings lesson. Shown with them are fourth grade students Olivia Huang, Tanush Pisal, Bella Ratner, Nyhla Ottley and Nicole Machette.
Harrison Elementary
On Friday, October 19, Dennis Kobray of “Meet the Musicians” presented a program on Beethoven to the second to fifth graders at Harrison School. Combining music, history, and performance, the presenter had the audience enthralled. Shown with Mr. Kobray are students from Mrs. Faber’s second grade class: Eyoel Teferi, Zhihan He, Karishma Matai, Samantha Falcone, Yashi Sodha, Joy Bjorndal, and Sri Aaryan Kalidindi.

Collins Elementary
Safety patrols are instrumental in making sure that all Collins students are safe during recess. Shown above on the playground, in their official safety patrol sashes, are Emma Liu and Josie Plotnick.

School Calendar

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 HERE.

UPCOMING PROGRAM 10/23: “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.

A Lesson in Civil Discourse

A parent program, "Techniques to Promote Civil Discourse in the Classroom and at Home," will be presented on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, from 7 to 8 p.m., in the Mt. Pleasant Middle School media center. Click HERE to see the flyer.
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!

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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. 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.

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8th Grade Band Day at LHS

About 50 Heritage Middle School (HMS) students took a daytime field trip to rehearse alongside the 88 member Livingston High School Marching Band. So, what is it like when more than 130 student musicians play marching band music together? It can be summed up in two words – exciting and LOUD! Read more HERE.

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!

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!

Library BookFEST!

The Friends of the Livingston Public Library will hold its annual BookFEST event from October 25-28. Come out and support our library, which offers a variety of programs for young children, tweens, teens and adults!
Halloween Spook-tacular Concert

The Livingston Symphony Orchestra will present a "Halloween Spook-tacular" concert on Saturday, October 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Middle School. Tickets will be available at the door and children under 12, accompanied by an adult, are FREE!

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.

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!

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.

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.

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