

Superintendent's Report



Summer workshops get teachers prepared

Many of Linden's teachers took time out of their summer break to attend workshops to help prepare for the school year, including a peer-to-peer workshop for teaching science, and sessions on data and classroom strategies. Members of the district's Instructional Leadership Teams gathered Aug. 21 and 22 for a day of dissecting data. The week before, nearly 50 teachers and administrators came together to focus on helping students to set goals and track their own progress. From Aug. 13 to 16, 50 Linden teachers took part with colleagues from other districts in peer workshops for teaching science. [Click here to read more.](#)

Kicking off 2018-19 'together'



Superintendent Danny A. Robertozzi honors Unsung Heroes from buildings throughout the district at the fourth annual Launch on Sept. 5 in the Linden High School gym.

4th Annual Launch makes teamwork the theme for the year



Linden Public Schools honored unsung heroes from throughout the district and heard a dramatic and inspirational story about the impact a teacher can have on a student during the district's fourth annual Launch on Wednesday, Sept. 5. All the employees in the district reunited on the day before students reported for school under the banner of

the day's theme: "Together We Can." The keynote speakers were Donna Porter, a teacher from Mississippi, and her former student, D.J. Batiste, (both shown at left) who had a long track record of suspensions and expulsions before he was given a chance to flourish in Porter's classroom as a senior in high school. [Click here to read more and see videos.](#)

LHS and partner school unite to remember 9/11

Linden High School and Allen High School in Allen, Texas, renewed their long-standing partnership on Tuesday, Sept. 11, for a teleconference marking the 17th anniversary of 9/11. The featured speaker was John Lara, who was a 24-year Navy veteran and a White House chef on 9/11 and later spent time as a teacher at Allen High School. He spoke from Allen and was viewed on a large screen at the LHS Academy of Science and Technology. The "Tale of Two Cities" program between Linden and Allen grew out of the aftermath of 9/11, when students and staff from Allen reached out in a gesture of unity. [Click here to read more about 9/11 commemorations.](#)



Peer Pals' Hajari Tucker reads "We're Still Standing" during a 9/11 teleconference with Allen, Texas.

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FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW ROLES

Principal goes back to his roots



David Walker, who was most recently a vice principal at Linden High School, took over this summer at the helm of Highland Avenue School No. 10. It's a big change for Walker, but he is excited to be going full circle. Walker was a student in the Pre-K class at School 10 in the mid-1980s. "The root of it all is that I look at everything through the eyes of a child," he said. "I like to pose this question: If our children didn't have to go to School 10, if they could stay home, would they still want to come? Our staff want to make it that absolutely they would come."

[Click here to read more.](#)

Longtime coach ready to up his game as vice principal

Jason Fekete, who has been a health and physical education teacher in the district for 14 years, has taken over as a vice principal at Linden High. Fekete was most recently coach of the LHS girls basketball and boys volleyball teams. "Giving up coaching is one of the most difficult things in taking this position," said Fekete, who is VP for the 10th grade. "Everything you get from coaching has helped prepare me as a school leader." [Click here to read more.](#)



Did you know?

Jason Fekete is replacing David Walker, who is replacing the retiring Sandra Coglianese. All three share the birthday of Sept. 23.

Parents were invited to share photos of their children on the first day of school using the hashtag #Linden-FirstDay. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



Up Next

Sept. 28: All students and staff in the district are invited to wear their favorite Linden apparel or anything orange & black for our first Tiger Spirit Day of the school year. Share photos on social media using the hashtag #TigerSpiritDay

Oct. 11-13: Homecoming weekend at LHS. Bonfire on Thursday at 7. Pep rally and homecoming football game on Friday. Homecoming dance on Saturday.

Next Board of Education meeting: Oct. 30 in the Susan L. Hudak Auditorium at Linden High School at 7 p.m.

1954 champion joins Linden football for home opener

Albert Maz, a member of the Tigers' 1954 football state championship team and a 1955 graduate of LHS, joined the captains at midfield for the opening coin toss at Linden's home opener against Westfield. Athletic Director

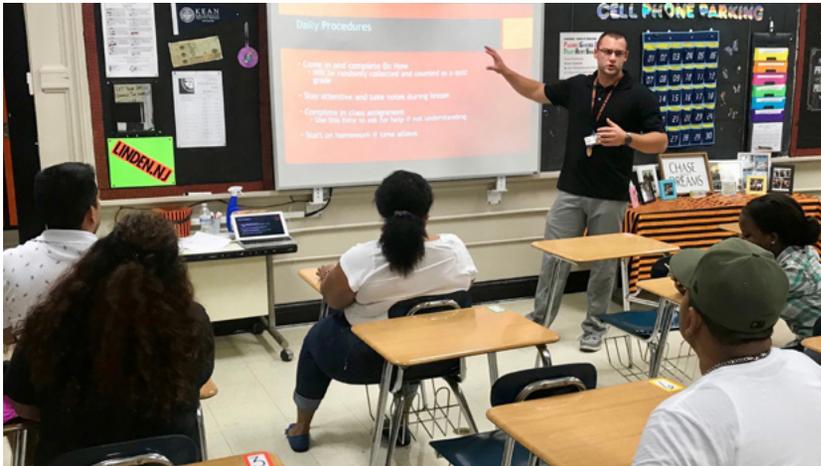


Steven Viana outfitted Maz with a No. 65 jersey, the same number he wore in his senior season. The Tigers went on to defeat the Blue Devils, 14-7, snapping Westfield's state-leading 37-game winning streak. [Click here to read more and see more photos.](#)



Albert Maz, Class of 1955, with Athletic Director Steven Viana. At left, Maz greets Linden captains B.J. George, Schadric Petit-Homme, Isaiah Alejo, and Caleb Davis.

Back to School Nights are family affairs



Math teacher Mark Radil talking to parents at the LHS Back to School Night.

All of our schools are holding Back to School Night in September. Students' families are invited to come in and hear from the schools' administrators, then walk the halls and meet with their children's teachers. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



Staff members at McManus awaiting visitors on Back to School Night.



Soehl math teacher Dina Baratucci talking with a parent.