



LINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Linden, NJ

lindenps.org

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LHS begins work in state restorative justice program

Linden High School has been accepted into a three-year pilot program to expand restorative justice practices to help turn around student behavior and create a more positive culture for students and teachers. Out

of hundreds of applicants, LHS is one of just 15 schools statewide to be accepted into the program created by the New Jersey Department of Education and implemented by Kean University. The restorative

justice initiative is designed to assist schools in reducing racial disparities in school discipline; improving the socioemotional and behavioral responses of students through the use of more appropriate,

and less punitive, interventions; and reducing recidivism rates. LHS staff members were introduced to the program in a professional development session on Friday, Oct. 22. [Click here to read more.](#)

Industrial strength support for science

Phillips 66 donates \$58,000 to pay for district's second-grade science kits



Linden Public Schools have received a \$58,000 donation from Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery to support the district's science curriculum. The funds will be used to purchase science kits for all

of the district's 400 second-graders. The Full Option Science System (FOSS) kits supply students with materials to study and investigate units on Insects and Plants; Solids and Liquids;

and Pebbles, Sand, and Silt. In all three units, students make real-life connections with the science concepts they are grappling with in their classrooms. [Click here for story and more photos.](#)

Fifth-grader's kindness helps two newcomers at School No. 1

Two young boys recently showed up for their first day of school at School No. 1 not knowing any English. They had come to live with relatives after being displaced by the earthquake in Haiti, but had no one to turn to in school, until they met fifth-grader Renal Ali, who spoke to them in Haitian Creole and let them know everything was OK. The two brothers have since been transferred to School No. 9, where they are getting guidance from the district's English as a Second Language program for students who speak Haitian Creole. But their first couple of days at School No. 1 were made much more bearable because of a friendly voice from Renal, who checked in on the brothers throughout the day, at recess, and after school to let them know they weren't alone. [Click here to read more.](#)



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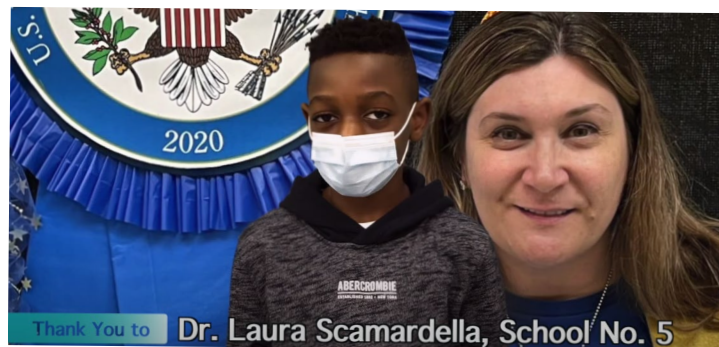
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District outreach wins 2 communication awards



Linden Public Schools won two awards at the annual New Jersey School Communication Awards, the third straight year the district has taken home multiple honors. District Communication Coordinator Gary Miller received a third-place award in the Electronic Newsletter category for the district's monthly #LindenCelebrates newsletter; and a third-place in the Media Relations - Human Interest category for a story on how the district prepared for the 2020-2021 school year by stockpiling sanitary supplies and personal protective equipment.

[Click here for full story.](#)



Students show love for their principals

As a surprise for all of our principals, students from each of our schools took a few moments to tell what makes their school leader extra special in honor of Principal Appreciation Month. [Click here to watch video.](#)



Key dates to remember

Nov. 2
Election Day –
Schools Closed

Nov. 4-5
NJEA
Convention –
Schools Closed

Nov. 12
1st Marking
Period ends for
high school and
middle schools

Nov. 16
Board
of Education
work session,
6 p.m.

Nov. 18
Board of
Education
meeting, 7 p.m.

Nov. 24-26
Thanksgiving
recess

School No. 8 gives legs to National Walk to School Day



Fifth-graders from School No. 8 took part in a “Walking School Bus” on Oct. 6 as part of National Walk to School Day. The event was arranged by Linden Police Department Investigator Miesz-

ko Niedziolka, who asked students to gather at Knosky Park at Stiles and Elm streets and walk the six blocks to school. More than a dozen students took part, and they were accompanied

by LPD officers and Principal Michelle Rodriguez, School Social Worker Anne-Marie Spricigo, and Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



Linden Public Schools Have a New Website!

Welcome to Lindenps.org



Easier to say

Lindenps.org replaces our clunky, old website URL of linden.k12.nj.us, making it easier for everyone to share our web address inside or outside the Linden Public Schools family. Be sure to use the new, neater name on your emails, fliers, and posters, as well as in conversation. Anyone still going to the old URL will be automatically redirected to the new one.

Easier to look at

Our sleek new design gives our district a more professional, inviting appearance befitting a school district on the cutting edge of technology, but still oriented around our staff, students, and families. Inviting photos, logos, and quick links are easy on the eyes.

Easier to use

Content is now organized into convenient portals, buttons, and drop-downs to make finding what you're looking for a breeze. It includes a staff portal, a parent portal, and quick links to registration, our calendar, the latest news from around the district, and more. Drop-down menus take users to school, department, and Board of Education pages loaded with useful info. Social media feeds allow anyone to follow day-to-day updates.

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Hispanic Heritage comes to life



School No. 4 students portray famous figures in 'wax museum'

Students at School No. 4 celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month on Oct. 15 with a "Living Wax Museum." Over a dozen students from Grades K through 5 volunteered to dress up like a prominent Latino figure from history, pop culture, or

sports and learn about what made that person great. Then when other students, teachers, and visitors pressed their "button," they would give a rundown on figures such as Sonia Sotomayor, Frida Kahlo, and Lionel Messi. [Click to see more photos.](#)

LHS Homecoming celebration a royal success



Congratulations to Ryan Angioletto and Cristina Almada, who were chosen as Linden High School Homecoming King and Queen on Oct. 1. The whole Homecoming Court did an amazing job in celebrating the big night. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



School No. 1 gets in the Tiger Spirit for soccer

The School No. 1 community came out strong to cheer on the Linden High School boys soccer team on Oct. 5. Students, parents, and teachers showed up to support two of their own, third-grade teacher Michael Mastriano and fourth-grade teacher James Harper, who also happen to be the soccer team's head coach and assistant coach, respectively. Acting Principal Michael Walters, also a former LHS soccer coach, led the School No. 1 contingent at Tiger Stadium at Cooper Field. [Click for more photos.](#)



Creature Comfort at Highland

Snuggles and Calli of Creature Comfort Pet Therapy made their first visit to School No. 10 on Oct. 8 to the delight of the fourth- and fifth-graders. They return each week to help the children feel more at home in school. [Click here to see more photos.](#)