



Week starting October 1, 2023

Dear Linden Families,

Today kicks off National Principals' Month. Thank you to all our principals for leading their schools through their vision and goals. Each principal has a unique leadership style, and as they cultivate a school culture of belonging, they build upon the mission to establish unbreakable bonds and unstoppable progress for student achievement and student and staff well-being. They are valued for their influence. It is also Polish American Heritage Month. Congratulations to two of our students who represent the City of Linden, Miss Polonia, and little Miss Polonia, at the 86th Annual Pulaski Day parade in NYC.

Refer to our website to view our district through a holistic lens of sharing our story to promote student success, well-being, and resources to build on our home-school connection. One great feature of our website is that users can click on various languages to translate our website.



Free and reduced meal applications are due by October 20th. It is crucial to complete the applications online on our website under the parent resources tab, food services, and online meal application. Thank you to our staff who help assist families with filling out the application. Contact your school if assistance is needed.

Back to School Nights were a success. The evenings allowed parents to follow their children's schedules and meet stakeholders assisting their children on their academic journey. Many thanks to our PTA/PTOs for participating at BTSNs and those parents/guardians who signed up to become members. We need all parents and guardians to partner with their schools by joining their PTA/PTO for the school year.

Individual Student Reports for the Spring 2022 administration of NJSLA/Science and DLM (Dynamic Learning Maps) have arrived in the district and will be mailed home on or before October 12th. Your child's ISR will show how they did in language arts, math, and science (grades 5, 8, and 11). If you have any questions when you receive them, please contact your child's teacher.

Reminder - district-wide ELA/Math online student assessments using the Edmentum platform continue this week in grades 1-12. The Edmentum website states: "Edmentum empowers educators to transform their approach and build a school around the needs of each learner to make personalized learning an achievable reality in every classroom." Students will be evaluated on their current level of proficiency. Edmentum assessments take place during the Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Take care,
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Superintendent of Schools