



Week starting December 10, 2023

Dear Linden Families,

It was incredible being a part of Linden High School's High Honors and Honor Roll breakfast. The cafeteria was full of 9th through 12th grade students. They received certificates and were provided a hot buffet-style breakfast for their ceremony. While visiting the middle school, students laughed with pride when expressing their feelings about achieving honor roll. While ceremonies continue, congratulations to all honor roll recipients, including parents and guardians.

Various schoolwide student celebrations took place to recognize the 2023-2024 Governor's Educator of the Year Recipients. Each year, recipients are chosen by you. Thank you for the nominations that each school has received and congratulations to all nominees. The recipients of this recognition are phenomenal educators who impact students and are worthy of lifetime celebrations. The district-wide video can be found at: <https://youtu.be/DCUWPpsCW-w>

This week, the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester ends on the elementary level—reminder: Report cards for elementary students will be viewable in the Genesis Parent Portal starting December 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact your school if you need additional information or support. We can soon expect more unified and efficient communication with the district community.

The installation of digital marquees at each school is almost complete. The marquees support our security and finance goals. They also enhance communication and engagement. Home-school connections are essential, and our marquees will provide up-to-date information.

Completing short- and long-range facility projects has been a collaborative effort. The daily management of our facilities is carried out by our IT department, facilities supervisors, maintenance personnel, and custodians. Our school facilities are well kept. Keep up the great work.

An 8th-grade student interviewed me. I shared that I am interested in hearing from all stakeholders. She responded, "Inbox open." I told her I would communicate that. Let us continue to collaborate, #inboxopen.

Hannukah observance continues through Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Happy Hannukah. May this year's festival of lights bring continued joy.

Have a great week ahead.

Take care,  
Atiya Y. Perkins  
Superintendent of Schools