



LINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Linden, NJ

lindenps.org

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SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

We need feedback about your school

Linden Public Schools are seeking input from students, staff, and parents and guardians for an important school climate survey. This survey will be seeking perceptions of safety, relationships, learning, the environment, and communication within the school. Surveys will be shared for staff and students to be completed March 30 to April 27, and for parents and guardians to be completed April 11 to May 4. Your feedback is critical to help the district form an accurate picture of our school climate in order to create an action plan. The survey should take about 20 minutes to complete, and all responses are anonymous. This is the chance to offer input that will allow the district to improve the school experience for every member of the Linden Public Schools family!

Full heart and helping hands for Ukraine



Students show support and collect donations

Linden High School came together in a strong show of support for Ukraine on Friday, March 11, as hundreds of staff and students left class to join the “Stand Up for Peace” event in the school hallways. Many staff members and students showed their support by wearing blue and yellow, the colors of the Ukrainian flag. During the demonstration, the Ukrainian national anthem was played throughout the school, then everyone observed a moment of silence. Linden High School is also collecting donations to help the Ukrainian people.

[Click to learn more about peace demonstration at LHS.](#)



[School No. 8 collected relief supplies to be sent to Ukraine.](#)
[Click to learn more about donations and how to help.](#)

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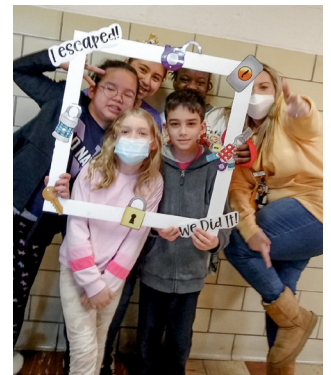
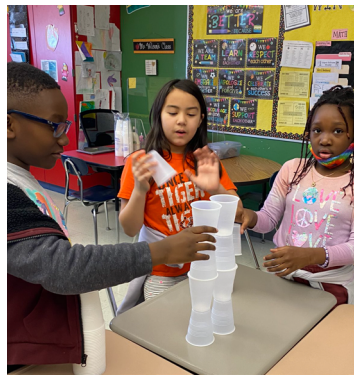
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SELebration marches on

Our district had its third SELebration Day of the year on Friday, March 11, when students and staff took a break from their regular lessons to focus on social emotional learning. Students played games, took part in team-building exercises, and recharged their batteries. [Click here for more photos.](#)



Hungry Human Hippos invade School 4 gym



Staff members at School No. 4 had a ball (actually many balls!) playing “Hungry Human Hippos” as students cheered in delight on March 11. The game is based on the classic board game Hungry Hippos, but on a grand scale covering the whole gym floor. The event was organized by physical education teacher Fran Kreisberg as part of our district’s SELebration Day for March. [Click here to watch video.](#)

Key dates to remember

April 1
Marking period ends for high school and middle schools

April 14
Early Dismissal

April 15-22
Spring Recess

April 26
Board of Education work session

April 28
Board of Education regular meeting

April 29
SELebration Day

‘Once on This Island’ a tropical oasis at LHS



Linden High School musical theater students did an amazing job presenting “Once on This Island” on March 17, 18 and 19. [Click here for more photos.](#)



NJROTC inspires awe after 2 hard years

Cadets stand out during full military inspection

The Linden High School NJROTC stood up to the rigors of a full military inspection on Wednesday, Feb. 23, when active-duty personnel visited to give the regiment a meticulous once-over. The Area Manager Inspection allowed the students to put their best foot forward before service personnel, as well as to a crowd of about 200 made up of their parents and school and community leaders during a ceremony that followed in the LHS gym. The Navy Junior ROTC unit consists of 450 cadets, about a quarter of the school population. The ceremony was the first held in just over two years. Students were switched to virtual schooling just after the 2020 inspection, and the 2021 inspection was held virtually with no ceremony. “It’s great to be back,” said Commander Boyd Decker, senior Naval Science instructor. “What an amazing turnout.” [Click for story and more photos.](#)



LHS alumnus gives students an insider look at gaming industry

Linden High School students discussed the future of technology and the gaming industry with an LHS alumnus who works for top online publications in those areas. Students met on Tuesday, Feb. 22, with Andrew Melnizek, who graduated from LHS in 2005 and is now the senior brand director at Polygon and The Verge, two online publications that cover the technology and gaming industries. [Click here to read more.](#)

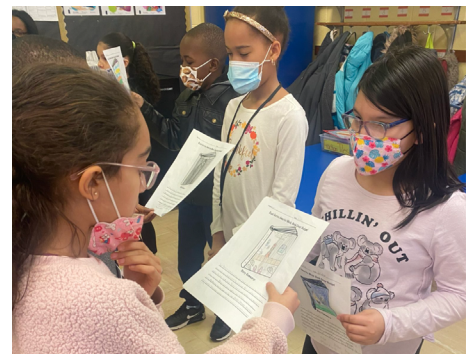
Students make fine feathered friends of baby chicks



Farmers from Quiver Farms dropped off eggs on Wednesday, March 16, to all of our elementary schools for a special chick-hatching project. Students got to meet some adult chickens, and incubators were set up in classrooms to keep the eggs warm until they hatched. Students were excited to see the eggs come to life when the chicks started hatching the following Monday. The project is funded through a grant from Infineum USA. [Click here for more photos.](#)



Inspiring books and kooky looks



Our elementary school celebrated Read Across America Week with guest readers, crazy hat days, sock days, pajama days, buddy readers, and all kinds of fun ways to show off their love for books. [Click here to see more photos.](#)

Speaker challenges middle-schoolers to bounce back



Students at McManus and Soehl middle schools got a chance on Friday, March 4, to hear uplifting and challenging words from a speaker who addressed essential “soft skills” for personal growth. Richard Celestin is known as the Inspirational Lawyer. He is a practicing attorney and professor who speaks on topics such as overcoming adversity, career paths, and criminal justice. With Linden’s middle school students, Celestin discussed topics such as conflict resolution, emotional intelligence, communication skills, problem solving, and public speaking. He hosted two sessions at McManus in the morning, and two sessions at Soehl in the afternoon. [Click here to learn more and see more photos.](#)

Tigers hoops makes playoff run



Phillipsburg



Ridge



Westfield



Elizabeth

The Linden High School boys basketball team made a memorable run to the State Sectional Championship game. The Tigers' post-season included an overtime win over Ridge and an upset victory at Westfield. The LHS boys grabbed a No. 3 seed in the state tournament despite playing their whole season on the road as the high school gym floor was repaired after storm damage. Click on the captions to see photos from all four state playoff games.

Groundbreaking LHS swimmer rides wave of success

Linden High School swimmer Lukas Mikulenas qualified for the state tournament after setting four school records at the Union County Tournament. He became the first boy and third swimmer ever to qualify for States for the Tigers. Lukas set individual records in the 100-yard breaststroke and

200-yard individual medley. He joined teammates Gabriel Ferreira, Filip Salek, and Peter Jarzab to set the school record in the 200-yard medley relay, and teammates Jorge Flechas, Salek, and Jarzab to set a school record in the 200-yard freestyle relay. [Click here for more photos.](#)



McManus and Soehl renew hardwood rivalry

McManus and Soehl middle schools renewed their basketball rivalry on Feb. 22 when the girls team met in the Soehl gym and the boys faced off in the McManus gym. Click on the captions to see more photos.



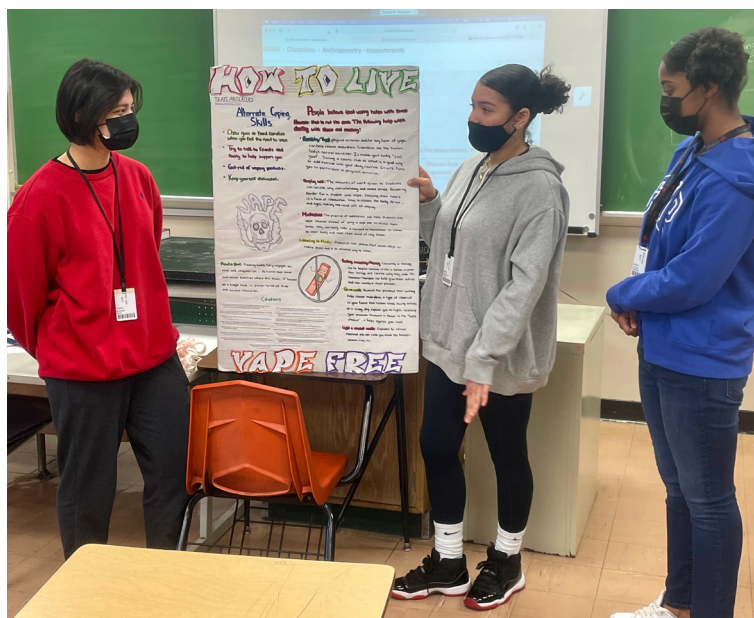
Girls



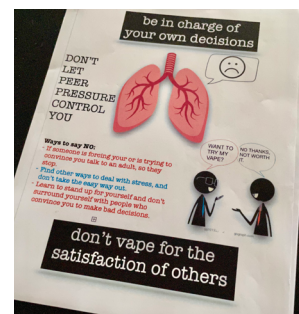
Boys



Biology students target vaping



Students in Pramila Natarajan's freshman honors biology class at Linden High School gave special presentations recently on the dangers of vaping. Students discussed the medical problems that arise from vaping, strategies on how to quit, and ways it affects the mental well-being and social life of teens. Students were creative in how they presented their information, with some creating posters, while others made videos or slide presentations. One group created fliers to post around the



school. This project-based curriculum experience was created as part of Mrs. Natarajan's participation in Rutgers University Youth Enjoy Science (RUYES) mentored cancer research. [Click for more photos and videos.](#)



A salute to seniors

Senior members of the Linden High School girls basketball team and cheerleading squad were honored before their last home game on Feb. 24. [Click to see more photos.](#)



A season of highlights

LHS athletes were honored on March 23 at the winter sports awards, which was capped off by a highlight video created by the LHS TV/Digital Media class. [Click to see video.](#)



Good Luck
to our Spring Sports!

Baseball
Softball
Boys Tennis

Boys Track and Field
Girls Track and Field
Boys Volleyball



LINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS Career Fair

Join our dedicated team of educators and support personnel for the 2022-2023 school year.



Job openings anticipated for:

Teachers

- Special Education
Teachers of Students with Autism or Behavior Disabilities
- World Languages – Italian, Spanish
- ESL
- Math, Engineering
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- Social Studies
- Social Workers
- Substitute teachers

Support Staff

- Classroom paraprofessionals
- Custodians
- Security and Hall Monitors
- Secretaries
- School Nurses
- Part-time Aides

Bilingual candidates are encouraged to attend and apply!

Saturday, April 30 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Linden High School gym
121 West St. Georges Ave.
Ainsworth Street entrance**

Register at:

tinyurl.com/lpsjobfair

- Administrators will be on hand to conduct interviews for those who pre-register.
- Walk-ins are also welcome.

Linden Public Schools is an urban/suburban school district comprising one high school, an alternative high school, two middle schools, and eight elementary schools with 6,000 students and 1,100 staff members. Our District is a diverse, technology-rich district focused on equity and inclusion. It is a great place to grow and learn!