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Wellness Wednesday focuses on emotional health



The Linden Public Schools Student Services Department is celebrating Wellness Wednesday each week to put greater emphasis on students' social and emotional well-being during stressful times. District social workers record a video every other week on wellness topics and share it through social media. At Linden High School, social workers and school counselors

are partnering with the Navy Junior ROTC and physical education classes to focus on themes such as respect, kindness, emotion, and coping skills during class each Wednesday. Students who participate are entered into a drawing to have a pizza delivered to their house by staff members. [Click here for more information about Wellness Wednesday.](#)

Soehl's polls can project ...

Seventh-graders try to forecast final presidential electoral map

Seventh-graders in Michael D'Amato's social studies class at Soehl Middle School worked hard leading up to Election Day to try to figure out how America was going to vote. Students studied the latest polls and analyzed past results to track voter trends. They presented their final "2020 Presidential Projection Maps" on Thursday, Oct. 29, and shared their picks for an Election Day surprise. Students had a chance to double their grade if they picked an electoral map that exactly matched the presidential results. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Updated School Calendar

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Nov. 20, 23, 24, 25:

Elementary hybrid, MS/HS virtual

Nov. 25: Early dismissal

Nov. 26-27: Thanksgiving recess

Nov. 30-Dec. 4: "Soft quarantine"

(all virtual for staff and students)

Dec. 7-22: Elementary hybrid, MS/HS virtual

Dec. 22: Early dismissal

Dec. 23-Jan. 1: Winter recess

Jan. 4-15: "Soft quarantine"

(all virtual for students and staff)

Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 19: MS/HS students return, all schools on hybrid schedule

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Congratulations to Dr. Olivero

School No. 4 Principal Suzanne Olivero successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on Oct. 28 before a virtual panel of educators. It was the final step to achieving her doctoral degree from Seton Hall University. She was celebrated afterward by colleagues, staff members, and family – including her sister and son, and her parents who attended virtually. [Click for more photos.](#)

Blue Ribbon celebration



School No. 5 receives award

The School No. 5 community tuned in virtually as the school was celebrated as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence on Nov. 13. It is one of 367 schools in the nation and one of just nine schools from New Jersey selected for 2020. [Click here to watch the awards ceremony.](#)



Red Ribbon reminders

Elementary schools throughout our district celebrated Red Ribbon Week from Oct. 26 to 30. Students (in-person and virtual) learned to resist drugs and make good decisions. Special daily celebrations included wearing camouflage so drugs can't find you, crazy hair or hat day to show you are using your head, Hawaiian shirt day so you "lei" off drugs, sports jersey day to "team up" against drugs, and dress up like what you want to be when you grow up. [Click here for more photos.](#)



Give peace a hand



Soehl Middle School recently completed a beautiful "Give Peace a Hand" school-wide art project! Students designed and made paper hands at home after school social worker Jessica DeFelice visited virtual art and health classes to explain the project. Students took photos of their creations and sent them to the school, where Ms. DeFelice and art teacher Leesa Faranda created a wonderful display outside the guidance office promoting peace, love, kindness, acceptance and respect. [Click for more photos.](#)



LHS student's artwork celebrates solidarity

Good luck to Linden High School senior Daniyel Brackett, who has submitted this beautiful piece of artwork to the Peace Islands Institute 2020 Art and Essay Contest! This year's theme is "Solidarity in the Middle of a Pandemic." Daniyel is sponsored by LHS English teacher Diana Kolibas.

Tigers seniors walk out in style

LHS fall sports honored their outgoing seniors with special ceremonies. Click on the captions for more photos.



[Boys soccer](#)



[Girls soccer](#)



[Girls tennis](#)



November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Schools Closed					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Quarantine Period for all Students & Staff*- Virtual Schedule in Effect					
15	16 Elementary students and all staff return	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Early Dismissal Students/Staff	26	27	28
	Thanksgiving Recess					
29	30					
	Quarantine Period for all Students/Staff*					

December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Quarantine Period for all Students & Staff*- Virtual Schedule in Effect				
6	7 Elementary students and all staff return	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Early Dismissal Students/Staff	23	24	25	26
	Winter Recess - Schools Closed					
27	28	29	30	31		
	Winter Recess - Schools Closed					

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
					SCHOOLS CLOSED	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Quarantine Period for all Students & Staff*- Virtual Schedule in Effect					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Quarantine Period for all Students & Staff*- Virtual Schedule in Effect					
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	All Students (Elementary & Secondary) and Staff Return for Hybrid Learning Model - Hybrid Schedule in Effect				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

*Schedules for essential staff to work in district will be established

****THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON COVID-19 CASES WITHIN THE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY.**