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Linden, NJ

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## Students make a comeback

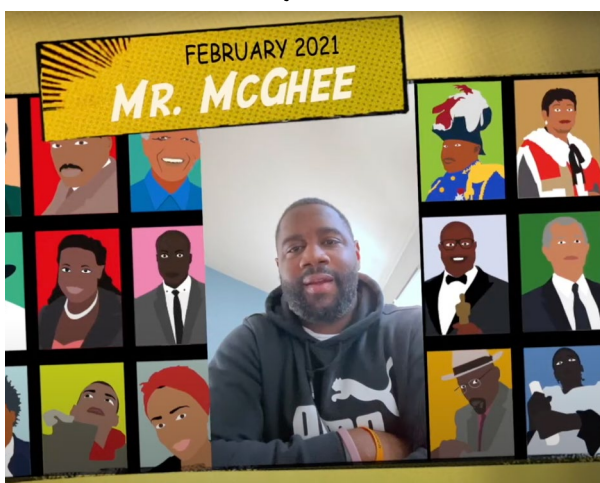
After nearly a year, all schools return to class in a hybrid setting

Our schools reopened for hybrid learning on Feb. 17, with students who opted for in-person learning returning to their classrooms. For middle school and high school students, it was the first time they had been in their schools since they were closed in March 2020 by the COVID-19 outbreak. Teachers skillfully juggled their lessons to meet the needs of students in their classrooms as well as students joining via Webex. [Click here to read more and to see more photos.](#)



## Making Black History in Linden


All of our schools celebrated Black History Month throughout February with lessons and presentations in their virtual and hybrid classes. School No. 2 teacher L.J. Smith created two videos that highlighted several Linden Public Schools alumni who went on to be successful adults and serve as an inspiration to today's students. [Click here to learn more and to see both videos.](#)



## Teacher of many talents chosen as Exemplary Educator

Teacher Walter Schweikardt has been selected as an Exemplary Educator by the NJ Department of Education. He is one of just 93 teachers across the state who are being honored for 2020. Schweikardt is filling in as a third-grade teacher at School No. 9 but has filled several roles during 23 years in the district. Schweikardt will soon be teaching technology at Soehl Middle School. [Click here to learn more.](#)



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## LHS sends love to sick children for Valentine's



The Linden High School Community Service Club is sponsoring an effort to bring a little cheer to a sick child. Students spread the word about how to send virtual Valentine's Day cards to patients at St. Jude Children's Hospital. Senders could go to the website

and design a card to be sent to a sick child for Valentine's Day. Anyone could send as many cards as they liked for free to brighten the children's day. There were options of English and Spanish cards and sayings. [Click here to read more or to get involved.](#)

## One-stop shopping for scholarships

There are many scholarship opportunities for Linden High School seniors who are busy making plans for after graduation. Local and national opportunities are all listed on the scholarships page of the LHS website. Be sure to check frequently for updates. [Click here to visit the scholarships page.](#)



## Connect with Early Childhood

Our Early Childhood Department continues to reach out to Pre-K and kindergarten parents with tips and advice in its monthly newsletter. [Click to see February's edition.](#)

## Congratulations to Dr. Scamardella!



School No. 5 Principal Laura Scamardella successfully defended her doctoral dissertation virtually from Seton Hall University on Feb. 4 to earn her doctorate in education.

## Key dates to remember

**March 2**  
Board of Education work session (postponed from February)

**March 4**  
Board of Education meeting (postponed from February)

**March 10**  
Interim reports will be posted for middle school and high school third marking period

**March 23**  
Elementary school second trimester report cards  
**March 23-25**  
Elementary school conferences

**March 23**  
Board of Education work session  
**March 25**  
Board of Education meeting