



LINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Hip-hop pioneer delivers uplifting message to Linden students

DMC SHARES 'DREAM'

Legendary rapper Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, a founding member of pioneering group Run-DMC, delivered uplifting messages to students about reaching their greatest potential. McDaniels spoke at School No. 4 on Tuesday, March 29, to that school's third-graders as well as visiting students from Linden High School, and McManus and Soehl middle schools. Video of his appearance at School No. 4 was shared so that everyone in the district could join in his message. He was greeted by a flash mob of School No. 4 staff. He also visited Linden High School for a sit-down interview with student journalists from TNT Student News.

[Click here for story, more photos, and news reports.](#)



Linden among best in music education for 8th straight year



McManus Middle School orchestra

Linden Public Schools have been named among the Best Communities for Music Education in America for the eighth year in a row. Linden is one of just 738 districts across the country to be chosen for the prestigious honor for 2022. The NAMM Foundation (National Association of Music Merchants) has recognized the district for its outstanding commitment to music education. Linden is one

of just 45 districts in New Jersey and four in Union County to be selected. To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Linden Public Schools representatives answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. [Click here to read more.](#)

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EMAP gets ‘Cutting Edge’ look at business

The Linden High School Entrepreneurial Management Achievement Program (EMAP) recently visited a local manufacturing company to get an up-close look at business in action. The trip to Cutting Edge Industries on West St. Georges Avenue in Linden gave EMAP students a reality education by allowing them to see all facets of their operation, from manufacturing to retail sales in their Stiffel Lighting showroom. EMAP has been giving LHS students a unique reality-based entrepreneurial arts education for 15 years. [Click to read more.](#)



Students in the LHS Entrepreneurial Management Achievement Program during a visit to Cutting Edge Industries in Linden.

Bubbles for Autism



School No. 8 held “Bubbles for Autism” on Friday, April 8, when students from all grades went onto the playground to blow bubbles as part of the school’s celebration of Autism Awareness Month. The school also collected over \$450 in donations for Autism New Jersey as part of a Kind-A-Thon in which students are asked to do acts of kindness. [Click here to donate.](#) [Click here for more photos.](#)

Key dates to remember

April 29
SELebration Day

April 30
LPS Career Fair at
LHS, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

May 3
Schools closed –
Eid al-Fitr

May 4
Early dismissal – lunches served – staff in-service

May 24
Board of Education
work session

May 26
Board of Education
regular meeting

May 27-30
Schools closed –
Memorial Day

School No. 1 engineers tackle NJIT challenge



A team of young engineers from School No. 1 recently traveled to NJIT to take part in the eSTEM Challenge, a design competition in which elementary students design and build model machines that use renewable energy. The challenge date of March 14 was the culmination of seven weeks of work in which five students used the Engineering Design Process to create a wind-powered vehicle out of simple household items. On the day

of the challenge at NJIT, the students demonstrated their device and gave an oral presentation on their design processes, concepts, and evidence of teamwork. The team was made up of fifth-graders Scarlet Munoz, Eddie Oliveira, Aminah Turner, Jasen Julian Jean and Tiago Jimenez, and they were led by coaches Acting Principal Michael Walters and technology teacher Kimberly Bachmann. [Click here for story and more photos.](#)

A new kind of circuit training

'STEM in the Gym' pairs tech with PE at School No. 4

Students at School No. 4 recently got a chance to combine their technology skills with unique physical education challenges at an event appropriately called "STEM in the Gym." In this unique cross-curricular event on March 28, students and families came to school at night to do their best at four stations set up in the gym: jump rope, basketball pass, scooter racing, and color-coded boxing. Each station was wired up to keep track of a contestant's progress. The event was organized by technology teacher Mitch Gorbunoff, who gave it a pro wrestling theme and took on the persona of "Macho Man Mr. G." Each of the activities was conceived and engineered by students.

[Click to read more and see more photos.](#)



R&B singer Ny'a uses her music to give Soehl students strength

Gold-selling R&B singer and songwriter Ny'a used her music to spread a positive message about resilience and strength to students during a recent visit to Soehl Middle School. Ny'a sang two songs during her visit on March 22 and followed up with meaningful discussions with students about their meanings. The first song she sang was "We Are Strong," about hardships making a person stronger. After singing the song "Spill It," Ny'a told students that it is about how important it is to talk to someone when you are going through difficult times.

[Click here to read more and see more photos.](#)

Orchestra students hit high note



Ten orchestra students from Linden Public Schools were selected to take part in the prestigious Central Jersey Music Educators Association Honors Orchestras. They joined students from all over Central Jersey on April 9 at Piscataway High School to perform in three orchestras representing different grade levels. The students were selected because of their abilities, but especially their work ethic. The Linden students came from McManus and Soehl middle schools as well as School No. 2.

[Click here for story and more photos.](#)



LHS volleyball champs

Congratulations to the winners of the Linden High School physical education volleyball tournament. The Hawaii team from Period 3 defeated the Penn State team from Period 9 on April 7, when the top team from each period faced off in the Tournament of Champions. [Click for more photos.](#)



Get out the teen vote

April 25-29 is High School Voter Registration Week. New Jersey Secretary of State Tahesha Way shared information about when teens can sign up and when they can vote, and tips for getting registered. [Click to see the video.](#)

Spring Concert & Art Showcase

4/27: LHS Dance

4/28: LHS Guitar & Orchestra

5/5: Schools 1 & 9
(9 at McManus)

5/10: Schools 4 & 5

5/11: Soehl

5/12: Schools 6 & 8

5/17: Schools 2 & 10
(10 at McManus)

5/18: McManus

5/19: LHS Band & Choir

5/25: LHS Broadway Lights

**All concerts begin
at 7 p.m.**

Drejaj chosen Coach of the Year

Congratulations to Linden High School boys basketball coach Anthony Drejaj for being chosen as Union County Coach of the Year. The Tigers faced a stacked lineup of opponents in and out of their conference, and Coach Drejaj used some early losses as lessons to help the team improve as the season went on. Linden made a run through the state playoffs all the way to the sectional finals.



Board cheers for Tigers

Our Board of Education honored several of our outstanding Linden High School athletes at March's meeting. The boys soccer team finished its regular season undefeated at 18-0 to capture the Valley Conference championship. The boys basketball team strung together exciting postseason wins to reach the state sectional championship game. Swimmer Lukas Mikulenas set four individual and relay school records and was the first boy to qualify for the state championships for the Tigers.



Gatorade ambassador promotes good health for LHS athletes

Maggie Egan, a representative from Gatorade, visited with our Linden High School athletes on April 8 to discuss ways they can keep themselves healthy and in top shape for competition. She spoke to them at Tiger Stadium at Cooper Field about the importance of hydration and nutrition, and gave them free samples of drinks and protein bars. Student athletes who correctly answered health and nutrition trivia questions won extra prizes. Egan was invited by Athletic Director Steven Viana and Head Athletic Trainer Roger Rotundi as part of the Athletic Department's ongoing partnership with Gatorade. [Click for more photos.](#)



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!