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Seniors' choice of a lifetime

Decision Day gives LHS Class of 2022 a chance to celebrate their new horizons

Linden High School seniors celebrated Decision Day on Friday, May 6, when they got the chance to celebrate the choice of college, career, or military enlistment after graduation. Many students shared photos in their college or military shirts. Seniors also gathered in the auditorium for an assembly where they got to hear from staff members about their decisions coming out of high school. They also played a fun game where they tried to identify younger pictures of staff members.

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



McManus students needed new computer. So they built one.



Under the Linden Public Schools One-to-One technology policy, every student is given an Apple device for schoolwork. But a group of McManus Middle School students went a big step further and built their own computer. The students worked with the help and guidance of technology teacher Howard Schulz, but much of the work came from their own ambition and ingenuity – and on their own

time before and after school. The students are involved in McManus' "Tiger News: Live," a weekly news show they livestream to highlight school news. They first discussed building a PC to give them more processing power for livestreaming, graphics, gaming, and camera switching. Their creation has 32 MHz Ryzen 7 5800 Processor and 32 GB of RAM. [Click here for full story and more photos.](#)

Board honors our Educators of the Year

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Congratulations again to our district's Teachers of the Year (top) and Educational Support Professionals of the Year (bottom). Both groups of amazing educators were honored at the April meeting by our Board of Education for their outstanding service to our students.



Key dates to remember

May 27-30

Schools closed –
Memorial Day

June 17

Fifth-grade moving-up

June 23

Last day of school for
all students

June 7

Schools closed –
Primary Election Day

June 20

School closed –
Juneteenth

June 23

Middle school
moving-up ceremonies

June 13

Pre-K celebrations

June 21-23

All schools early
dismissal

June 24

LHS graduation

June 15

Kindergarten moving-up
celebrations

June 21

Board of Education
work session

June 27

Last day for 10-month
employees

June 15-21

LHS final exams –
early dismissal

June 23

Board of Education
regular meeting

Science lessons with a side of bacon and eggs



AOE hosts 'Count the Calories Breakfast'

The Academy of Excellence hosted a special "Count the Calories Breakfast" on April 29 to give students a chance to integrate science lessons into a real-life work experience and to bring guests from around the district together to socialize. Many of the guests were district administrators and secretaries, who were honored for Administrative Professionals Day. The event was

organized by the alternative high school's science teacher, Abdelmonem Zeidan, who said the goal was to enhance the students' social, emotional, and communicational skills through a school-wide activity. The menu featured eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, fruit salad, orange and apple juice, and coffee. [Click here for full story and more photos.](#)

Teamwork in the TV studio

LHS student news team gives Soehl anchors tour, guest spot

Students who anchor the Soehl Middle School morning news recently paid a visit to the Linden High School TV/Digital Media program to get a glimpse at what the future could hold for them. They got a chance to guest host TNT News, the LHS student-run news show, and got a tour of the studio's control room, where high school students explained equipment and how to operate it. They learned about the sound board, video switcher, lights, cameras, teleprompter, and video editing. They also gained a lot of good information about the TV/Digital Media program, including the requirements to become a part of TNT News. [Click here for full story and more photos.](#)



Middle School teachers get a taste of next year's readings

Middle school teachers gathered on May 5 for "Literature & Lattes," a "book-tasting" to give them the chance to sample books that they may want to use in their classes next year. The thought-provoking session at the district's Professional Development Resource Center was organized by instructional coach Christine Urbanczyk and Soehl Middle School language arts teacher Mackenzie Anderson and was attended by language arts, world language, and science teachers. The teachers also discussed how to hold a book-tasting in their classroom, in which students read separate books then share thoughts and ideas with their classmates.

LHS students take flight in simulator

Linden High School students got the amazing opportunity to take flight on a U.S. Army helicopter flight simulator

that visited the school last week! The big rig truck parked under the dome of the the LHS Academy building and students got to experience flying using virtual reality goggles and realistic controls. The Army reached out to the school's NJROTC program about bringing the truck to allow students to explore



training opportunities in technology and aviation that the military offers. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



New coach spreads word about boys tennis



There is a new coach at the helm of the Linden High School boys tennis team, but his face will be familiar to many of the athletes and students at LHS. Chris Paskewich has been teaching and coaching at the high school since 2012 and is looking forward to the new challenge of taking the helm of the tennis program. It's a sport he's

been playing his whole life, and he's looking forward to passing that love for the game on to his players. "My goal for the tennis team is to teach everyone the game who wants to learn," Paskewich said. "Tennis is a sport that you can play competitively or for fun. And I want the team to have fun, as well." [Click here to read full story.](#)



EMAP students get look at restaurant biz

Students in the Linden High School Entrepreneurial Management Achievement Program (EMAP) recently visited The Stage House in Somerset to learn varied aspects of the restaurant business, including real-life lessons in property management, food preparation, customer service, menu item placement, physical environment, and finances.



Thank you to our teachers!

Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton and students from around our district shared special messages for our teachers in a video for Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6. [Click here to see the video.](#)

VIEWS FROM THE ROOF

A rainbow grows at Deerfield

A rainbow grows at School No. 9! Students in each grade wore a different color of the spectrum, then gathered on the playground to form a rainbow on SELebration Day.

[Click here to see time-lapse video as the rainbow forms.](#)



School No. 4 is all heart

School No. 4 students gathered together in the shape of a heart on Thursday to surprise Principal Dr. Suzanne Olivero with extra love for Principal's Day! She waved to the students from the roof of the school, then went down to join in the fun. Happy Principal's Day to all of our school leaders!

[Click here for more photos.](#)

School No. 9 celebrates women's history with VIPs



School No. 9 fourth-graders and Pre-K students worked together on special projects to cap off Women's History Month! The fourth-graders researched and presented information on a famous female builder, firefighter, pilot, astronaut, artist, and scientist while the Pre-K girls dressed up as these role models. The fourth-graders also created a

Girl Power Poem while the Pre-K students presented posters for each letter of the phrase. Together, all the students colored Woman History bookmarks to complete the activity and presented at the School No. 9 women's breakfast on March 31, which was attended by prominent community members and district leaders.

[Click here for more photos.](#)

Soehl music teacher flips wig over Lady Gaga



When Soehl Middle School orchestra teacher Johnathan Birkhead chose “Poker Face” by Lady Gaga for the spring concert, he didn’t realize how challenging it would be for the students. So to motivate them, he promised to wear a Lady Gaga wig to the show if they could master the music. They did, and on Wednesday, May 11, he kept his promise.

[Click here to watch video.](#)



Linden's alive with the sound of music

Our arts department returned to the stage for a full slate of spring concerts and art shows for the first time since 2019.



LHS Dance



LHS Band and Choir



McManus



Soehl



School No. 1



School No. 2



School No. 4



School No. 5



School No. 6



School No. 8



School No. 9



School No. 10

LHS athletics honored for coaches' commitment

Linden High School has been awarded national honor roll status for its commitment to continual development of its athletics coaches to help them better lead and protect student athletes. LHS is one of just 95 schools across the country to meet the requirements

for Level 1 of the Honor Roll Program of National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). Only five schools in New Jersey have been honored. This prestigious honor comes on the heels of LHS receiving the Safe Sports School Award from

the National Athletic Trainers Association in 2019. This honor recognizes secondary schools around the country that take the crucial steps necessary to put their athletes in the safest possible environment.

[Click here to read full story.](#)



Elementary schools go for gold



Young student athletes from all around Linden came together on May 17 and 18 for the return of our Paul Blue Memorial Elementary School Track Meet! Students in Grades 3-5 competed by grade level in sprints, relays, softball throw, and standing long jump under the dedicated supervision of our physical education teachers and members of the Linden High School track and field team. This was the first time the annual event named for legendary Linden phys ed teacher has been held since 2019. [Click for complete list of medalists.](#) [Click for action photos.](#)



Salute to Seniors

Linden High School spring sports honored and said farewell to their seniors. They were honored by their coaches, teammates, and families at Senior Day Events.



[Boys Volleyball](#)



[Softball](#)



[Baseball](#)

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