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May 27, 2021

■ McManus promotion ceremony, June 17, 10 a.m., Tiger Stadium

■ Soehl promotion ceremony, June 17, 1 p.m., Tiger Stadium

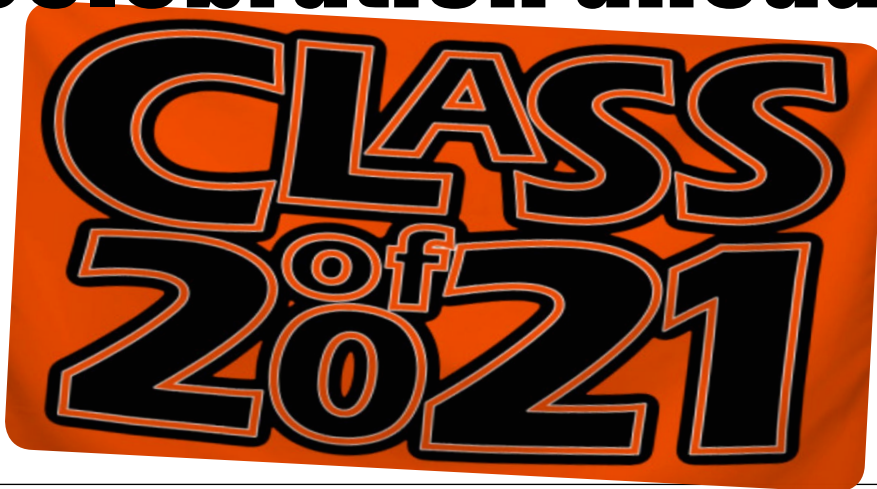
■ Fifth-grade promotion ceremonies, June 18

■ Linden High School 111th Commencement, June 18, 6:30 p.m.

Month of celebration ahead

A year after celebrating our graduates with virtual ceremonies, we are so excited to be able to hold in-person graduation and promotion ceremonies this year. Linden High School's commencement is planned for June 18, 6:30 p.m., at Tiger Stadium at Cooper Field. Our middle school promotion ceremonies will also be held on the football field on June 17, with McManus at 10 a.m. and Soehl at 1 p.m. Fifth-grade moving-up ceremonies will be held outside at each elementary school on June 18.

[Click here for more details.](#)



'We Are Strong' opens engaging dialogue at Soehl



Students at Soehl Middle School recently got the chance to take part in a unique virtual program that will help them stay "Soehl Strong" in the face of life's challenges. The program was developed by Grade Success Education and centers around the song "We Are Strong" by Gold-selling R&B artist Ny'a, who is married



to Soehl teacher Eugene Napoleon. Students and staff engaged in meaningful discussion based on the lyrics and meaning of the song. Students spoke up on such topics as being united, the pandemic, respect for others, standing up against injustice, and working together toward a bright future. [Click here for story and more photos.](#)



School No. 2 remembers beloved crossing guards

School No. 2 honored the memories of longtime crossing guards Mike and Maggie Smith with the dedication of a tree planted outside the school on Arbor Day, April 30. The ceremony remembering the beloved couple was attended

by the Smiths' son Scott and daughter Jennifer, who were moved by the gesture and talked about how much the School No. 2 family meant to their parents, who died in 2019 and 2020. [Click here to see more photos.](#)

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Ramadan celebration gains statewide praise



McManus Middle School teachers Faten and Fatema Sumrein spread joy during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, handing out goodie bags and promoting equity. Faten Sumrein, created a video that highlighted students as they discussed their love for celebrating Ramadan. Governor Phil Murphy and his wife Tammy praised the students and Fatema Sumrein during a statewide video conference for Ramadan and applauded the amazing work being done in Linden Public Schools to promote equity. [Click to watch the video.](#)

Back in spotlight for role in capturing killer

District head of security Barney Tracy was recently interviewed about his connection to one of the most notorious murder cases in New Jersey history. Tracy was the lead detective for the Westfield Police in the case of John List, who killed his family at their home in Westfield in 1971. Mr. Tracy was instrumental in getting the case highlighted on TV's "America's Most Wanted," which helped lead to List's capture. NJ.com reporter Jessica Remo, a Linden native, sat down to talk to Tracy at LHS on Monday, May 3, for an upcoming feature on the 50th anniversary of the killings. [Click for more photos.](#)



Key dates to remember

May 28 & 31
Schools
and offices
closed for
Memorial
Day**June 8**
Schools
and offices
closed for
Primary
Election**June 14**
Pre-Kinder-
garten virtual
moving-up
ceremonies**June 16**
Kindergarten
virtual
moving-up
ceremonies**June 17**
McManus
promotion
ceremony
10 a.m., Ti-
ger Stadium**June 17**
Soehl
promotion
ceremony
1 p.m., Tiger
Stadium**June 18**
Fifth-grade
moving-up
ceremonies
outdoors at
schools**June 18**
LHS 111th
Commence-
ment, 6:30
p.m., Tiger
Stadium**June
21 & 22**
Early
dismissal for
all students**June 22**
Last day of
school for all
students**June 22**
Board of
Education
work session**June 23**
Last day for
all 10-month
staff**June 24**
Board of
Education
regular
meeting

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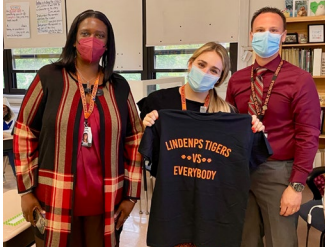
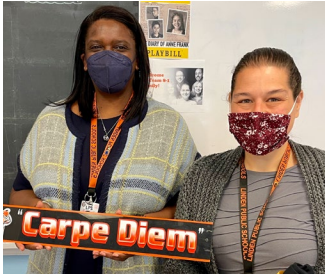
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Week of appreciation for teachers



Dr. Hazelton goes on a whirlwind T-shirt tour



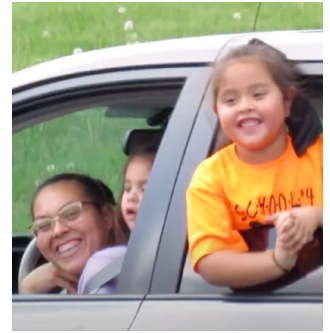
To show her gratitude for everything our teachers do every day, Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton visited all of our schools for Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7, to say thank you in person and to give each staff member a T-shirt as a token of appreciation.

[Click here for photos from every school.](#)

School No. 4 parents and students go on parade to say thanks



Teachers at School No. 4 were surprised by a parade of thank yous on Wednesday, May 5, for Teacher Appreciation Week. Parents and students drove by the school honking and waving to thank teachers for their love and dedication. The Linden Police Department provided a special escort for the parade. [Click to watch video.](#)



A shoutout from future teachers to current ones at LHS



Our future teachers gave a shoutout to our current teachers. Students in the Linden High School Intro to Education class recorded special messages for Teacher Appreciation Week. [Click here to watch video.](#)



[Click here to see more photos from Teacher Appreciation Week.](#)

School No. 10 kindergartners work to save rainforest

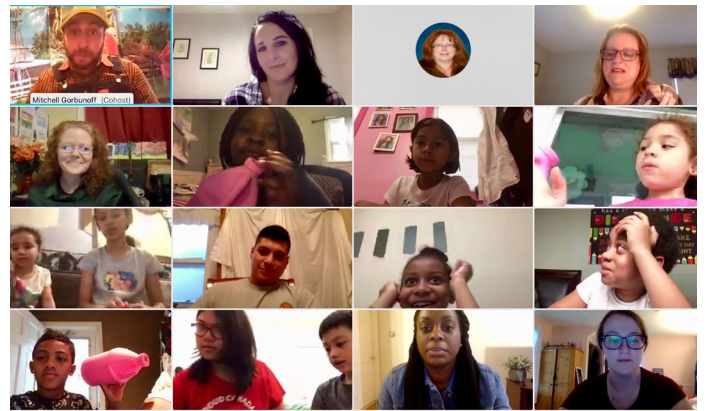


Kindergartners at School No. 10 need your help to save the rainforest. The students learned the rainforest is in danger while following the adventures of Jack and Annie in class with teachers Alexandra Day, Laurel Bellerio, and William Musto. The video shows student artwork and features students telling why the rainforest is important. [Click here to watch video.](#) [Click here to donate.](#)



School No. 4 gives technology a down-home feel

School No. 4 students recently went back to nature on a virtual “farm” to learn how science and technology can affect the world around them. “STEM on the Farm,” held on April 29, was a family-friendly night of learning through a virtual classroom hosted by technology teacher Mitch Gorbunoff. He walked them through various STEM activities related to farm life, such as creating a feeding system for pigs using paper tow-



el tubes. Principal Dr. Suzanne Olivero and other School No. 4 staff members joined in the fun to encourage and applaud students’ efforts. [Click here for story and more photos.](#)



School No. 2 spreads understanding

School No. 2’s Autism Awareness Committee created a video to answer students’ questions about autism and to help spread acceptance. [Click here to watch video.](#)



Showing off their college colors

Students and staff at Linden High School wore their college shirts for College Decision Day on Friday, April 30, and were supported by staff members from around the district who joined in, including School No. 6 above. [Click here to see more photos.](#)

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LHS news spotlights 2 standout programs



[NJROTC](#)



[International Baccalaureate](#)

Linden High School TNT Student News aired a pair of special episodes in the past month to celebrate two excellent programs that make LHS stand out. The shows focused on the Navy Junior ROTC citizenship and leadership program and the rigorous and rewarding International Baccalaureate course of study. Click the captions to watch the videos.



Graphic design students win state cyber security contest

Congratulations to Linden High School senior Christian Calvo for leading a team from the Graphic Design 3 class in winning the statewide Cyber Security Poster Contest for Grade 12. Other students who contributed were Julien Flores, Kimora Massey, Elijah Motley, Karl Jakob Kando, under the supervision of teacher Debra Hefferman.



French students win national gold medals

Congratulations to Linden High School senior Chloe Elmera and junior Carl Adolphe for earning gold medals on the French language national exam known as "La grand concours." The rigorous 75-minute exam, given by the American Association of Teachers of French, is taken by students across the country.



LHS scholars among Union County's brightest

Congratulations to Linden High School seniors Jordyn Loftus and Mahmoud Shehata, who were honored Friday at the 36th annual Recognition Breakfast for Outstanding Scholars. They were honored along with scholars from around Union County and were joined by Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton, LHS Principal Yelena Horr , and their families for the joyous occasion.

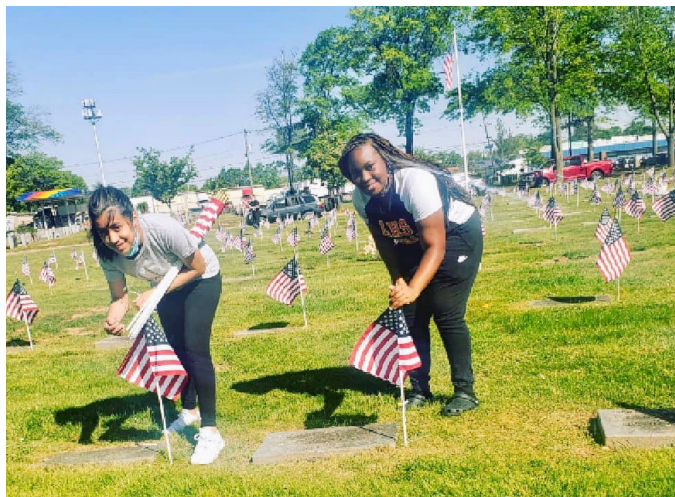
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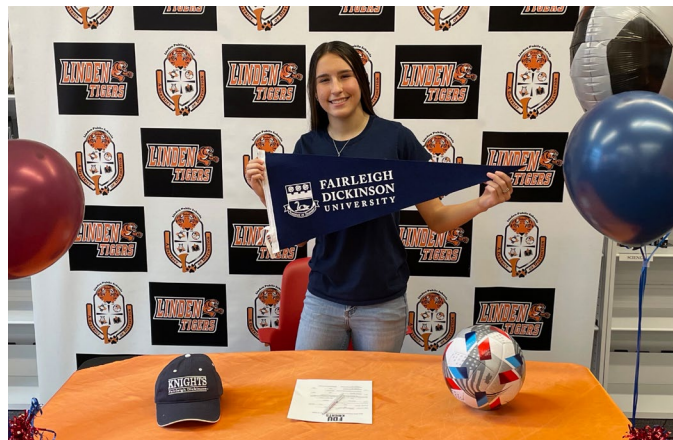
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Softball team honors fallen veterans

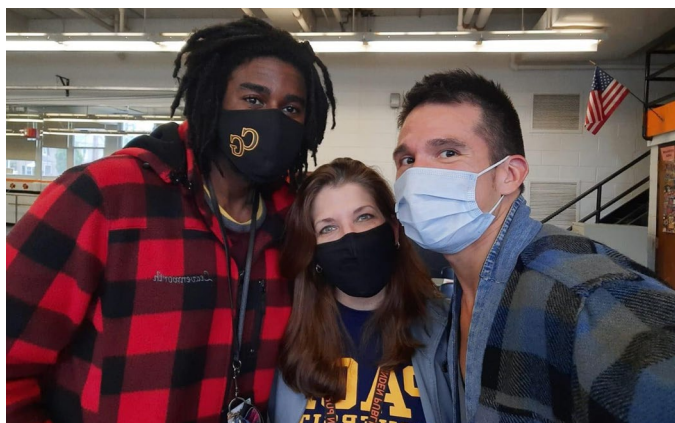
With Memorial Day approaching, members of the Linden High School softball team spent time putting flags on the graves of veterans at Rosehill Cemetery in Linden.

[Click to see more photos.](#)



Tiger taking her talents to FDU

Congratulations to Linden High School senior Mackenzie Barrett, who signed a letter of intent to play Division 1 women's soccer for Fairleigh Dickinson University. Mackenzie was joined by family, friends, teammates, coaches, and administrators for a special signing ceremony in the LHS Learning Commons on Thursday, April 29. [Click to see more photos.](#)



A famous but familiar face visits LHS

Actor and choreographer Jon Rua made a visit to Linden High School on Tuesday, May 11. The LHS alum and member of the original Broadway cast of "Hamilton" visits here with vocal music teacher Duane Cosby and dance teacher Barbara Brady.



Freshman pitcher passes milestone

Congratulations to Linden High School freshman Molly McDonald, who recorded her 100th strikeout of the season for the LHS softball team on May 11 against Plainfield.

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