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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021

# Pride and perseverance!

Graduation ceremonies returned from the virtual world this June as Linden High School celebrated its 111th commencement at Tiger Stadium at Cooper Field. McManus and Soehl middle schools celebrated their eighth-graders with moving-up ceremonies at the stadium, and our elementary school celebrated their fifth-graders with moving-up ceremonies at their schools. A year after all the ceremonies were virtual, the students and staff had beautiful weather for their outdoor pomp and circumstance, where perseverance was the running theme. [Click here to learn more and see many more photos.](#) [Click here to see LHS graduation video.](#)



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# 70 students earn Seal of Biliteracy



Congratulations to all of the Linden High School seniors who have achieved the Seal of Biliteracy, signifying an academic level of fluency in multiple languages. Learn more about the team effort by teachers and students and the years of dedication it takes to reach this goal. [Click here to watch video.](#)

## A night of many celebrations for NJROTC

Congratulations to the Linden High School Navy Junior ROTC for its successful Change of Command Ceremony held on Thursday, June 3, at Gran Centurions banquet hall in Clark. Regimental Commanding Officer Landy Garcia gave his farewell speech and was relieved of duty by incoming Regimental Commanding Officer Abigail Meima. The unit also honored instructor Petty Officer Juanita O'Neal, who is retiring after 20 years at LHS, with a tribute video made by current and former NJROTC cadets. The unit was joined in celebration by Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton and LHS Principal Yelena Horré.

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



## Therapy dog brings smiles to McManus students



Students in Nicole Zambell's and Sharon Garcia's classes at McManus Middle School got a visit on May 26 from Rumba the therapy dog. Students and staff love it when Rumba comes to visit, and Rumba loves listening to the students read - even the students logging in from home. Rumba, who is 12 years old, is Mrs. Zambell's dog and has been certified as a therapy dog through Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dog Services. [Click to see more photos.](#)

### Summer hours

June 28 - August 20  
Monday through Thursday  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Key dates to remember

<b>July 5</b>	<b>July 27</b>	<b>July 29</b>
All offices closed	Board of Education work session	Board of Education regular meeting

## School No. 9's youngest get a chance to 'Spring into Shape'



School No. 9 kindergarten and Pre-K students recently got up and got moving as part of a "Spring Into Shape" program that encouraged them to get away from their screens and exercise. The students were given goody bags with water bottles and outdoor toys and games. The program was organized by the school's Positive Behavior Support in Schools (PBSIS) team and sponsored as a Families and Schools Together (FAST) event by the Linden Education Association. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



## Tech lessons rise to new heights



### LPD demonstrates drone power

McManus Middle School coding and drone club students got an exciting visit on June 2 from the Linden Police Department drone unit. Students got to see what the police drones were capable of as they flew high over McManus Park taking photos and videos that the students watched live on a TV screen. In-person students live-streamed the assembly so students logging in from home could join in. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



## Scholarships reward dedication of Linden High School seniors



Congratulations to all the Linden High School scholarship winners in the Class of 2021. These honors are a testament to their hard work, dedication, and community service over the past four years. [Click to watch video.](#)



### Linden principals show Pirate pride

Congratulations to School No. 5 Principal Dr. Laura Scamardella, left, and School No. 4 Principal Dr. Suzanne Olivero, who graduated together on May 25 with their doctorates from Seton Hall University.

## Displaying excellence in competition and classwork

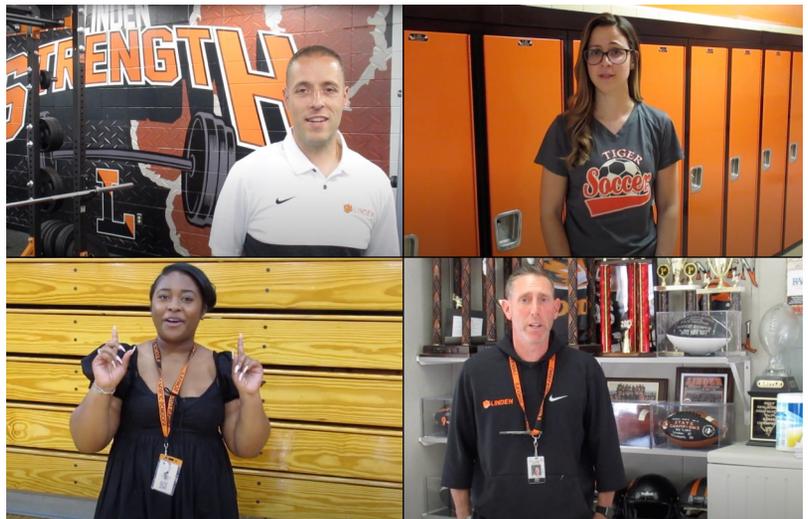


Congratulations to the Lindens High School Scholar Athletes of the Year. Annika Labrador and Andy Garcia were honored by the Union County Conference, and Mackenzie Barrett was chosen by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association for maintaining excellence in the classroom and on the field of play. [Click here to learn more about our scholar athletes.](#)

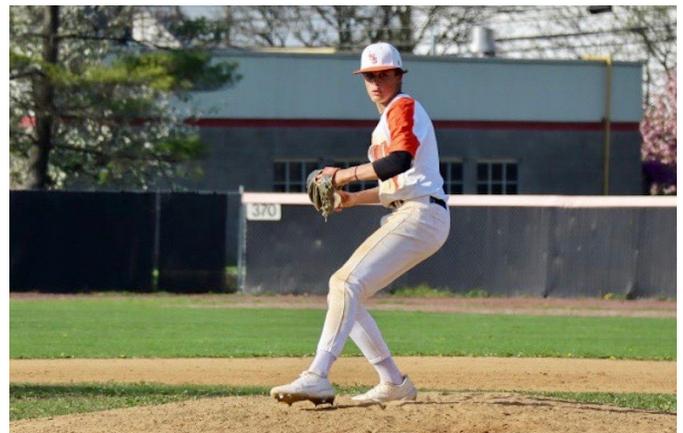


## Tiger sports ready to roar back in the fall

After a year of dealing with COVID-19 protocols, quarantines, and more, our athletic department is looking forward to getting back to normal in the fall. For middle school and high school students who want to play fall sports, now is the time to get in touch with your coach. [Click here for more information and a video message from our varsity coaches.](#)



Pizza shop boosts LHS emotional wellness  
Pies on Stiles donated more than 50 pizzas as prizes for students who took part in weekly social emotional learning programs at Lindens High School. [Click here to learn more.](#)



### A mound of achievement

Linden High School sophomore baseball player Danny Ciprian was named Union County Player of the Week for the week of May 18. Danny pitched a no-hitter against Westfield in the first round of the Union County Tournament, striking out nine.