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Facing up to new challenges

A Message from our Superintendent

As our nation continues to adapt to life with COVID-19, Linden Public Schools remain committed to positive academic outcomes for all students and protecting the health and safety of our staff and students. We worked diligently throughout the summer on a reopening plan that would provide a safe, healthy, and academically challenging learning environment for all students.

Unfortunately, because of the challenges of this pandemic, our plans had to be put on hold temporarily. Our schools will begin the year on a virtual schedule, with students learning from home. We remain steadfast in providing every student with an iPad or MacBook laptop and access to secure internet connection.

Every challenge provides an opportunity to learn and grow. Our staff, students, and parents learned a lot about the challenges of remote learning in the spring as our teachers heroically adapted to a new world. We have utilized the summer break to re-examine how we can effectively deliver high-quality, rigorous, and relevant instruction in a virtual setting. We have developed professional development for teachers and tutorials for parents to assist in navigating the virtual landscape.

This all-virtual model will be temporary and will be reassessed at the end of each month. We are committed to providing every student with a stellar education, whether it be through a virtual or in-person model.

We will get through this very difficult time by working together, and we will come out as a stronger district. Carpe diem,
Marnie Hazelton, Ed.D.



Safety and achievement key for successful 20-21

All Linden Public Schools will open on an all-virtual schedule to start the school year due to continued challenges presented by COVID-19, and will reassess the situation at the end of each month. Virtual schedules have been developed to keep children engaged at home, and a hybrid plan is ready to go for students' eventual return to school.

[Click here for updated reopening info](#)

Includes virtual schedules, supply list, hybrid reopening plan, FAQ

District stocks up on health supplies

Linden Public Schools will be armed and ready to keep students safe when they return to the classroom. Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Lawrence Miranda ran down the list of supplies the district has stocked up on to make sure schools are sanitized and that students and staff are well stocked to meet the challenge of COVID-19, whenever in-person classes resume. [Click here for full rundown on supplies.](#)



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5 schools honored for starting day on right foot

Five of Linden's elementary schools have been recognized by the New Jersey Safe Routes to School program for encouraging students to walk or bike to school. New Jersey Safe Routes to School enables and encourages safer and more accessible walking and bicycling environments for children through education, training, and research. Projects can involve physical improvements to the environment, as well as encouragement programs to promote walking and biking to school.

[Click here for full story.](#)



Walk to School Day at School No. 4, left, and School No. 9, right.

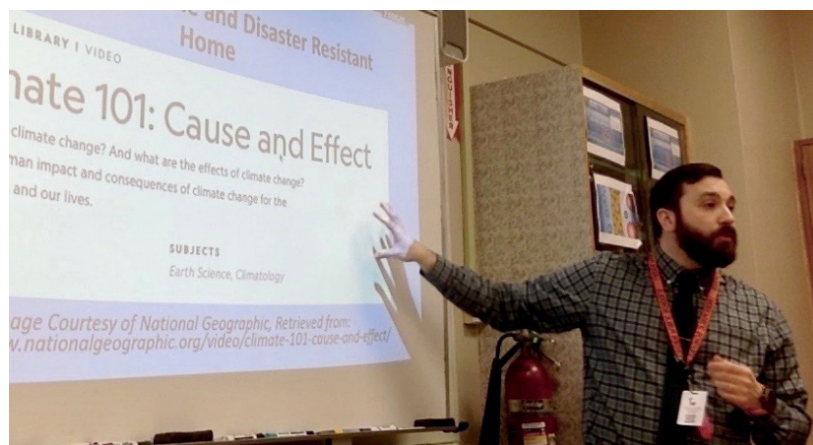
Showing students a global view

2 teachers join Nat Geo team



Michael D'Amato, above, a social studies teacher at Soehl Middle School, and Zachary Coppa, below, a science teacher at Linden High School, have gained certification as National Geographic Educators.

Two Linden Public Schools teachers have recently completed the requirements to be certified as National Geographic Educators, a group that seeks to inspire students to be global thinkers who can change the world. Zachary Coppa, a science teacher at Linden High School, and Michael D'Amato, a social studies teacher at Soehl Middle School, completed 30-hour courses that were broken down to a three-step process to gain certification. "National Geographic Certified Educators are committed to teaching their students about the world and how it works, empowering them to succeed and to make it a better place," said Kim Hulse, vice president of education programs for the National Geographic Society. [Click here to read the full story.](#)



Welcome to your new school!



Soehl: Principal Isabella Scocozza and her staff say hello to help sixth-graders get off on the right foot. [Click here to watch video.](#)



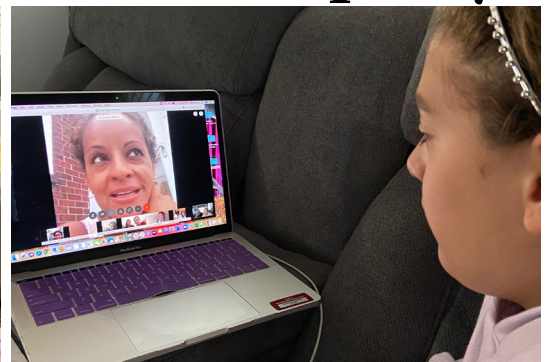
LHS: Principal Yelena Horre and her VPs give incoming ninth-graders a virtual welcome, showing them some of the many opportunities that await them. [Click here to watch video.](#)



McManus: Principal Atiya Perkins and her staff offer a warm welcome to sixth-graders to help ease their start. [Click here to watch video.](#)

School No. 4 families have a virtual party

School No. 4 students and their families had a blast at Virtual Family Game Night on July 24! Students received bags filled with games and snacks and were encouraged to spend the evening playing these games with their families. Everyone came together with Principal Suzanne Olivero and other staff members via Webex to kick off the event. Game night was sponsored by the Linden Education Association and New Jersey Education Association through a Families and Schools Together (FAST) grant, and helped keep the home-school connection strong even during these difficult times. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



LHS grad honored as a High School Hero

A recent Linden High School graduate has been selected as a recipient of the 2020 JA High School Hero Scholar Award by Junior Achievement of New Jersey. Makenzi Henry, a member of the graduating Class of

2020, was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship for being a role model who exemplifies the importance of an education and giving back to the community. She was part of the LHS Junior Achievement High School Heroes program

in her junior and senior years. The program takes high school students to visit elementary schools to talk about financial literacy, job readiness and entrepreneurship skills. [Click here to read the full story.](#)

