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## Starting a new year on the right foot

Students, staff bring real-world enthusiasm to virtual schooling

Parents and staff members were invited to share photos from the first day of school on social media using the hashtag #LindenFirstDay. Many of the photos showed an excitement for taking on the new challenges associated with virtual learning as everyone worked together to start the school year off right despite considerable hurdles. [Click here for a selection of first-day photos.](#)



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## LHS senior gets big-league support in her fight against brain cancer


Linden High School senior Melissa Menzel – shown at right in her NJROTC uniform – is among children being honored by the Philadelphia Phillies for their fight against cancer during Children's Cancer Awareness Month. The team has placed a cutout of Melissa and other childhood cancer patients in the seats behind home plate for the month of September. Melissa has been treated at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for a rare form of brain cancer. [Click here to learn more about Melissa's fight or donate to her family.](#)



## NJ renews funding for Soehl's 21st Century after-school program

A grant to operate the highly successful after-school program at Soehl Middle School has been renewed for the 2020-21 school year. The 21st Century Community Learning Center is entering its 16th year at Soehl, offering tutoring, enrichment programs, recreation, and more each day from 3 to 6 p.m. The state grant is awarded for five-year terms but must be renewed each year. This is the second year of the current term. The program will be awarded \$425,000 for the school year to pay for staff, materials, trips, programs, and a daily snack for the students. [Click here to read more.](#)



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# Big boost for science, business

## \$10,000 grant from Infineum elevates real-world learning

**Hawk Rise Sanctuary****Chick-hatching project****EMAP**

Linden Public Schools have received a \$10,000 grant from Infineum USA LP to support exciting, real-world educational programs in the areas of science and financial literacy. The grant will fund half-day environmental field trips to Hawk Rise Sanctuary for all fourth and seventh graders, a chick-hatching project for all kindergarten students, and support for the Entrepreneurial Management Achievement Program (EMAP) at Linden High School. "We are thrilled to have community partners like Infineum to help our students thrive," said Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton. "Programs like these give our students the chance to step outside the normal routine to see real-life applications to what they are learning. Thank you to Infineum for making that possible." [Click here to learn more.](#)

## School 9 thanks heroes in home and community

School No. 9 students were invited to take part in a "Patriot Day" event on Sept. 11, paying tribute to someone from their "QuaranTEAM" who has been helpful to them during virtual schooling – such as a family member or essential worker. The children learned about how this activity parallels the way we honor the heroes of Sept. 11, 2001, and the first responders during the COVID-19 pandemic. The project was organized by teachers Theresa Rogakos, Danielle Lorenzetti, and Melody Olsen. [Click here to see more photos.](#)





# New coach's first big win is just getting on the field

Carla Silva was excited about her new opportunity. She was eager to get to work as the new head coach for Linden High School girls soccer. Then her first season was nearly taken away when the sports world was thrown into doubt by COVID-19. "I'm excited for the season, really excited," Silva said. "I was really worried that it wasn't going to happen. My first year and it's not going to happen. So the fact that it's still on and seeing how many girls showed up, and they're happy, and they want to be here, and they're ready to go, I'm just ecstatic and looking forward to the season." The season was delayed and shortened, and players and coaches need to abide by special guidelines to protect everyone's health and safety. But the games will go on. [Click here for more photos and full story.](#)



## Tiger sports back in action

Linden High School's fall sports season was delayed and shortened by COVID-19, but athletes have finally been able to get on the practice field. With players and coaches following rigorous state guidelines to keep everyone healthy and safe, the teams look forward to playing out their season in October and November. Click on the captions to see more photos from practice.



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