



LINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

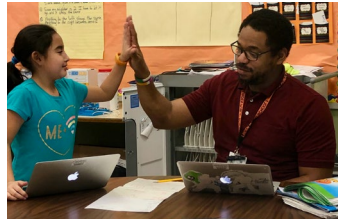
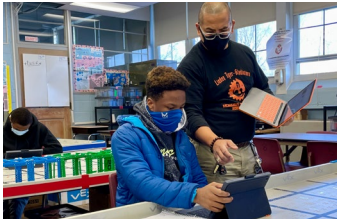
# #LindenCelebrates

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## Classes on the cutting edge

Four more schools chosen as Apple Distinguished Schools



### 2021

- ✓ McManus
- ✓ Soehl
- ✓ School No. 1
- ✓ School No. 2

### Previous

- ✓ School No. 6
- ✓ School No. 8
- ✓ School No. 10

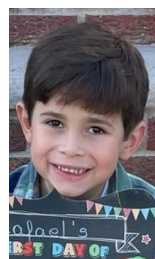


Four Linden Public Schools have earned recognition as Apple Distinguished Schools for their continuous innovation in teaching with technology. McManus Middle School, Soehl Middle School, School No. 1, and School No. 2 have been recognized as centers of innovation, lead-

ership, and educational excellence that use Apple products to inspire creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. They showcase innovative uses of technology in learning, teaching, and school environment and have documented results of academic accomplishment. The schools

join a prestigious group of over 500 schools worldwide. There are 12 Apple Distinguished Schools in New Jersey – seven of which are in Linden. These four join Schools No. 6, 8, and 10, which were previously included in 2017 and 2019. [Click here to read more.](#)

## #LindenFirstDay celebrates many happy returns



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 a return to in-person learning after more than a year of struggling with virtual and hybrid learning. [Click to see more photos.](#)





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## District joins network seeking to reshape schools



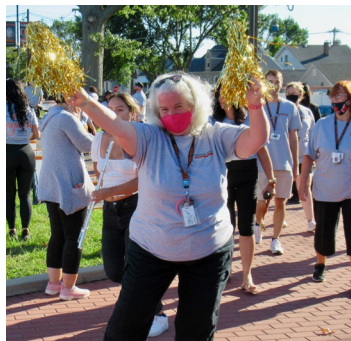
Linden Public Schools have joined “Learning 2025,” a collaborative nationwide network of districts aspiring to become more student-centered, equity-focused, and future-driven. The network, administered by AASA, The School Superintendents Association, includes more than 60 “demonstration systems” serving as national models to help guide partner districts by sharing successful practices, as well as challenges. The program is a bold effort toward a holistic redesign of America’s schools. [Click to read more.](#)

## Welcome ‘Home Again’



### Kickoff event features fun, inspiration for staff

District faculty and staff were welcomed back to school with the fun and inspiring “Home Again 2021” event at Tiger Stadium at Cooper Field. Inspiring speeches, awards, and games helped get the school year off on the right foot. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



### VIPs send good wishes

Two special guests sent their best wishes to wish students and staff members a great 2021-22 school year. U.S. Sen. Cory Booker sent a letter and New Jersey Acting Education Commissioner Angelica Allen-McMillan sent a video message. [Click to hear their messages.](#)

### Key dates to remember

**Oct. 6**

Linden High School Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m.

**Oct. 11**

Staff in-service day; students are off.

**Oct. 26-28**

Elementary parent-teacher conferences

**Oct. 28**

Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.

**Oct. 24**

Linden Halloween Parade, 2 p.m.

**Oct. 26**

Board of Education work session, 6 p.m.

# National PTA School of Excellence



## School No. 10 honored for strong community ties

School No. 10 has been selected as a National PTA School of Excellence, a distinction that recognizes the strong bond that the school has forged with its families and the community. The school is one of just 351 schools chosen nationwide and only six in New Jersey.

National PTA School of Excellence is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between local PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. [Click here to read more and see more photos.](#)

## Soehl teacher jumps into moving car to save students

Soehl Middle School health and physical education teacher Valerie Tauriello jumped into a moving vehicle that was headed for a group of students before the first day of school and stopped it before the situation turned into a disaster. Tauriello was outside on drop-off duty when a parent jumped out of their car to run into the school to drop off their child's forgotten iPad. However, the vehicle was not in park and started to roll forward onto a sidewalk where a group of students was gathered. Tauriello, who is also the head softball coach for Linden High School, said her athletic training kicked in, despite the fact that she was wearing a boot on her foot for an injury. The whole situation was caught on camera by the school's security system, showing how fast it all happened. [Click here to read more and to see the video.](#)



## Career awareness gets a boost for students in middle grades

Our district has secured funding for programs to help students in Grades 5 through 8 get ready to make decisions about their futures in college and careers. The "Middle Grades Career Awareness and Exploration Grant" from the New Jersey Department of Education will bring \$68,992 into the district this school year and \$206,976 overall for the three-year term of the grant. Linden is one of just 16 districts in the state to receive the funding. The funding will allow the district to provide Saturday career and college exploration trips along with after-school clubs and organizations that promote a variety of career options. [Click here to read more.](#)

## LHS Peer Pals mark 9/11 with 20th anniversary videoconference

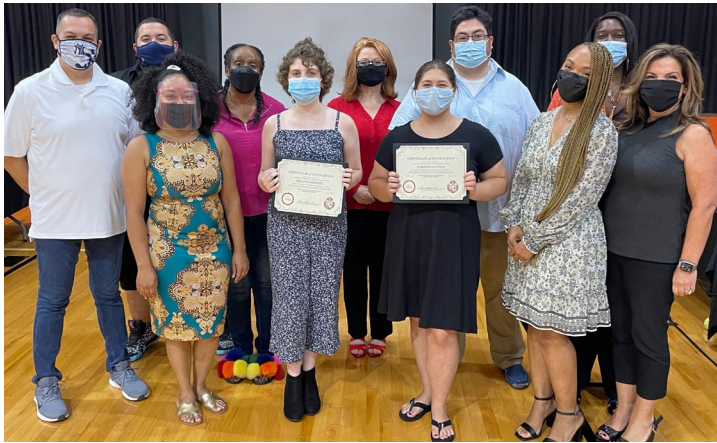
The Linden High School Peer Pals continued their amazing tradition of videoconferencing with students from Allen, TX. The two schools connected in unity following 9/11 and have maintained a close friendship ever since with the Tale of Two Cities Program. For the 20th anniversary, the students

reflected on the 9/11 attacks, but also on the connections that have been made and friendships that have flourished because of the program. The program was started in Linden by former educational technology specialist Joseph Cataline, who returned for the event. [Click here to see more photos.](#)





# 8 students earn IB diploma at LHS



International Baccalaureate diploma recipients Melissa Menzel and Jordyn Loftus, shown with Board of Education members Samuel De La Cruz Jr., Patrick Gargano, Malaysia Thomas, Dr. Marlene Berghammer, and Jennifer Flemming, IB Coordinator Anthony Fischetti, board member Sheenaider Guillaume, Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton, and LHS Principal Yelena Horré.

## Greatest number of recipients in more than a decade

Eight recent Linden High School graduates have been awarded the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma, reaching the pinnacle of academic success for a high school senior and accumulating up to a semester's worth of credits before they enter college. It is the greatest number of students to achieve the IB

Diploma at LHS in more than a decade. The diploma recipients were recognized at the Aug. 26 Board of Education meeting by Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton. They are Karina Acosta, Nahuel Delias, Jordyn Loftus, Melissa Menzel, Nicole Monzon, Jacky Ren, Mahmoud Shehata and Daniela Valverde. [Click to read more.](#)



# Sharing and caring at Back to School Nights

Our schools were excited to welcome parents back into their buildings in person this year. Teachers talked to their students' parents about all the great things they will be doing this year. Click the captions to see more photos.

Back to School Night for Linden High School will be on Wednesday, Oct. 6.



[McManus](#)



[Soehl](#)



[School No. 1](#)



[School No. 2](#)



[School No. 4](#)



[School No. 5](#)



[School No. 6](#)



[School No. 8](#)



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