

Superintendent's Report



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June 2025

Student Enrollment

May

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE
Mill Pond Elementary School	621	94%
Cedar Creek Elementary School	433	95%
Forked River Elementary School	479	94%
Lanoka Harbor Elementary School	471	94%
Lacey Township Middle School	824	93%
Lacey Township High School	1108	94%
Special Education (Out-of-District)	33	
*OCVTS – M.A.T.E.S.	27	
*OCVTS – Performing Arts Academy	25	
*OCVTS – Academy Law & Public Safety	9	
TOTAL	4,030	

*Tuition paid by LTBOE



Mill Pond News

Color Run Fun!

The PTA hosted a Color Run for the Mill Pond community. This fundraiser was a huge success. The plumes of color created lovely clouds across the back field. With music and food trucks, a great family event made the evening a huge success!



Kindergarteners give advice to our graduating 2025 seniors!

The Kindergarteners (Class of 2037) have been talking about our LTHS seniors as so many come to Mill Pond to volunteer. They wanted to give them some advice as they head out on their new adventures!! A video was put together and sent to Mr. King to share with our seniors. Taking care of their dirty laundry, calling their parents, and not spending all their money were very popular suggestions!



Field Day Fun at the Pond

It was a morning filled with running, jumping, balancing, and more! Our students all participated in various activities as a class that made lasting memories filled with laughter and smiles. The fantastic parent volunteers assisted in the smooth transitions from one event to the other helping to ensure no one missed an opportunity for fun!



Transition from Preschool to Kindergarten

During the month of June, our preschool and kindergarten classes team up to give our 4 year old's heading to kindergarten an opportunity to see what it's all about. They visit a kindergarten classroom, read a book with a kindergarten student, and they get to visit the cafeteria to see what buying lunch is like. Our preschoolers are getting ready for the challenge!



Cedar Creek News

Students of the Month

May

Amelia Arce
Cameron Ascough
Veronica Brown
Natalia Fermin
Max Groesch
Nathan Hart
Grayson Hurley
Milania Kuser
Claire Manoski
Jack Meyer
James Miller
Sage Optiz

Sofia Optiz
Keshav Pai
Cameron Quinn
Theodore Sheik
Carter Simmons
Maddie Tango
Nicolina Taormina
Wesley Townsend
Neil Verge
Kennedy Weiner
Evan Zhu

June

Colin Bole
Nicholas Caiazzo
Ryan Carlucci
Emmalynn Craig
Gianna DiChiara
Julia Gibson
Noah Grodzki
Max Groesch
Gianna Jarrow
Colton Kanndil
Winter Kayiales
Julian Manoski
Annaliese Natiello-Osorio

Mark Ozell
Mary Padovani
Autumn Perrini
Joshua Pine
Gambal Price
Reed Rush
Mariah Salzer
Autumn Sarboukh
Alaina Shaw
Grayson Weiss
Zane Wilson
Avary Worth
Emily Zehner

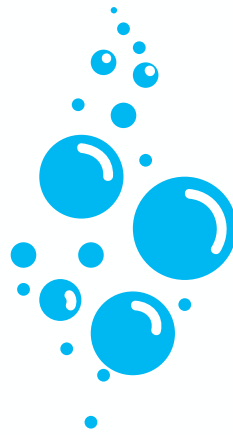


Pawsitively Proud of our CCS Students



Autism Superhero Bubble Walk

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to our amazing school community for all of their support and fundraising efforts for the Autism Superhero Bubble Walk! This was a great event, and the money raised goes directly to supporting students in our CCS Autism Program.



Small Ensembles Concert



Students in hand chimes and ukelele performed for their families this month. Additionally, the 5th Grade Jazz Band performed. We are so proud of our students talents!



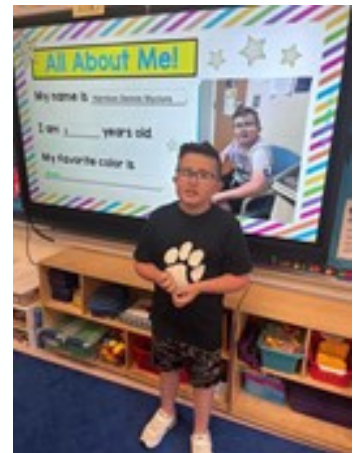
1st Grade Celebrates Flag Day

Cedar Creek first graders put on a spectacular performance in honor of Flag Day. Students sang patriotic songs, a song with all of the presidents (in order), and all of the states! All students at CCS enjoyed the performance!



Fun and Learning at CCS

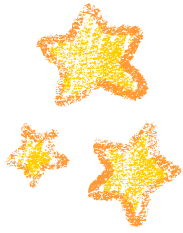
Some classes at CCS celebrated the ABCs of the last 26 days of school. Students dressed up, had awards, had picnics, and had a blast! Students all around CCS engaged in End of the Year activities! We can't believe the school year is coming to a close!



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Forked River News

Special Area Students of the Month



MAY

Art

Priscilla Munoz
Alexandra Pasaniello

Music

Kyleigh Abrecht
Dominic Crowe

PE

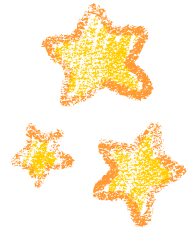
Ella Ziobro
Roman Riden

Library

Delanie Toner
Casey Jacobson

World Language

Amalia Reynolds
Jonathan Docs



JUNE

Art

Eliana Spaloss
Reagan Mindas

Music

Chloe Egler
Margaret Slevin

PE

Samantha Fastaia
Wes Pearce

Library

Katelynn Kretzer
Ryleigh Brocklebank

World Language

Jemma Corselli
Alexander Salvatore-Nackos

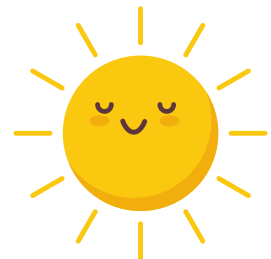
Morning Announcers

May

Hadley Gibson
Grace Robles

June

Jeremiah Bodzak
Anthony Rao



Safety Patrol

Students of the Month

May

Anthony Rao	Jace Sanderson
Eliana Spaloss	Sophia Tlacocala
Landon Tomlinson	Jesus Uriostegui-Cantero
Luke Selig	Jaxson Skates
Delanie Toner	Brynn Kelleher
Brayden Tomalo	Jason Van De Water

June

Tyler Stephans	Thea Troiano
Rilik Turner	Alexander Warnock
Abel Morales	Jonathan Docs
Angel Torres-Castro	Nicholas Townsend
Giselle Vargas	Savannah Zaraza
Jonas Hoyt	Colton Petti

Music



Congratulations to Ms. Faille, our general music and choral teacher, Mrs. Meelheim and Mrs. Gauthier, our 4th and 5th grade band teachers, and all of the Lacey Township School District music teachers, choir and band directors, and assistant directors for earning the 2025 Best Communities for Music Education Award from the NAMM Foundation!

The Lacey Township Fifth Grade Band members, under the creative direction of our directors, Mrs. Meelheim and Mrs. Gauthier, performed their spring concert on Thursday, May 22nd! All in attendance had a spirited time! We are very proud of our fifth-grade band students!

Career Day

On Friday, May 30th, the Forked River School staff hosted our annual Career Education Day. We had over fifty presenters, representing a wide variety of backgrounds, providing demonstrations and hands-on activities for our students during this event. Thanks to the efforts of our presenters, Mrs. Crepezzi our coordinator, and our staff, all of our students had an educationally enlightening Career Education Day!



Ocean County Math League

Congratulations to all of the Forked River School's fourth and fifth grade Ocean County Math League participants with special congratulations to the following students who placed at the county level as follows:

Individual Countywide Winners:

1st Place Individual Overall in all of Ocean County in Fifth Grade – **Leonardo DeCola**

4th Place Individual Overall in all of Ocean County in Fifth Grade – **Wes Pearce**

Countywide Team Winners:

First Place Team Overall in all of Ocean County in Fifth Grade

Chase Booth
Mariah Carvalho
Leonardo DeCola
Samantha King
Wes Pearce



FRS PTA

We would like to thank the FRS PTA and all of our parent volunteers for all that they have done to enhance the educational experience of our students over the course of the 24-25 school year. They have worked diligently to provide so many value-added educational experiences for our students! We would also like to thank them for an amazing staff appreciation week of events!

Essay Contest

Congratulations to:

Chase Booth

in Mrs. Nachman's 5th grade class on being one of the winners in this year's Lacey Elks essay contest titled, "What does Patriotism Mean to Me?"



Field Day

Mr. Boedigheimer and Mrs. Sharkey hosted our annual field-day events over the course of two days in early June. Students enjoyed demonstrating their athleticism and good sportsmanship developed throughout the school year in various fun, field-day activities as their family members cheered them on!



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the Forked River School learning community for a successful 2024-2025 school year!

We wish everyone a fun and safe summer recess!

Students may visit the student resource section of our website to engage in fun academic games throughout the summer. We also encourage their participation in our summer reading program!

Community Service

The Forked River School Scholarship Luncheon committee will host a staff luncheon on Tuesday, June 18th. All proceeds will go to benefit graduating Lacey Township High School seniors next June 2026!

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May Superstar Citizens of the Month



Teacher	Student	Teacher	Student
Mrs. Bergman	Chloe Diaz	Mrs. Latwis	Daniella Esteves-Aguilar
Mrs. Camaligan	Adriana Provaznik	Mrs. Lavorgna	Adiyn Spicher
Mrs. Coller	James Slevin	Mrs. Mooney	Jack Esteves-Aguilar
Mrs. Crepezzi	Scott Kaefer	Mrs. Mulligan	Amyah Rehberger
Mrs. DeNigris	Alexandra Pasaniello	Mrs. Nachman	Thea Flynn
Mrs. Doherty	Eric Fastaia	Mrs. Opacity	Payton Holowinski
Mrs. Flynn	Salvatore Polichetti	Mrs. Schubiger	Madelyn Buscemi
Mrs. Halliday	Jordyn Dowtin	Mrs. Weaver	Lillian Bieder



June Superstar Citizens of the Month



Teacher	Student	Teacher	Student
Mrs. Bergman	Madison Kearney	Mrs. Latwis	Allaire Wiesendanger
Mrs. Camaligan	Jonathan Torres-Nolasco Jr.	Mrs. Lavorgna	Patrick Santiago
Mrs. Coller	Brooklyn Kerly	Mrs. Mooney	Giselle Vargas
Mrs. Crepezzi	Zoey Nepper	Mrs. Mulligan	Elena Gibson
Mrs. DeNigris	Kaleb Melega	Mrs. Nachman	Wes Pearce
Mrs. Doherty	Kylie Petriello	Mrs. Opacity	Elroy Ferrero
Mrs. Flynn	Levi Bernaldo	Mrs. Schubiger	Mariella Buscemi
Mrs. Halliday	Silvia Frazee	Mrs. Weaver	Emma Hernandez



Lanoka Harbor News

Students of the Month

The following students have been selected as Lanoka Harbor's Students of the Month for May 2025. These students were chosen for their outstanding work, dedication, and achievement.

David Bozarth
Elizabeth Cooney
Abigail Frees



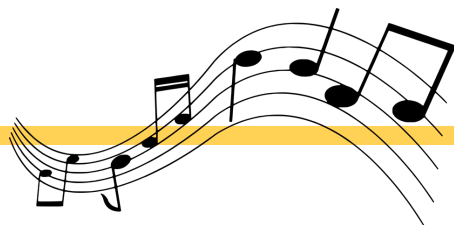
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Band

Under the direction of Mrs. Meelheim and Mrs. Gauthier, 5th-grade band students from Lanoka Harbor School, combined with students from Cedar Creek School and Forked River School, put on a wonderful band concert that family and friends enjoyed on May 22nd. Their outstanding performance demonstrates that the value of hard work, practice, and dedication pays off!

Honors Band

On Saturday, May 4th, four students from Lanoka Harbor Elementary School participated in the South Jersey Band and Orchestra Directors Association's Elementary Honors Band Festival. **Janie Atkins, Grace Nicholson, Anastasia Otten,** and **Ryann Riker** prepared music in advance, rehearsed, and performed in concert with the most talented young musicians from 4th through 6th grade in Southern New Jersey. The concert was enjoyable and rewarding, offering a preview of the great musical moments to come from these four students. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



STEAM Week

During the last week of May, our students were busy studying and researching many STEAM (Science - Technology - Engineering - Art - Math) topics. Throughout their studies, our students designed many beautiful projects. These projects were displayed in the hallways and classrooms for all to enjoy. On Wednesday, May 28th, families were invited to the STEAM night to enjoy the student displays and participate in exciting activities!

The PTO also coordinated a STEM Museum program for the students that transformed Lanoka's MP room into a state-of-the-art, hands-on children's museum emphasizing STEAM education. The stations the students experienced included robots, virtual reality, 3D printing, art, engineering, and more! This program took place during the day for all students and during our evening event for families who registered to attend.

It was a wonderful experience for our students. A great big thank you to our PTO and all of the parent volunteers who assisted.



Arbor Day Celebration

On May 12th, Lanoka Harbor School celebrated Arbor Day/Earth Day. It was a beautiful day to honor our retirees, 3rd-grade teacher Mrs. Cook, and Para-professional Mrs. Speer. A tree was dedicated to honor these special staff members during the celebration. The tree will help remind us of their years of service and the many lives they have touched. The children sang, and the recorder club performed special songs for the event.

In celebration of this special day, students were given an opportunity to participate in a poster contest. The national theme for this year's contest was Planet vs. Plastic! Students' posters were asked to reflect on saving our earth by eliminating one-time-use plastics. Congratulations to the following winners:

First Grade

- 1st - Liam Moran
- 2nd - Declan Shaw
- 3rd - Oliviana Guilano

Second Grade

- 1st - Charles Conigliaro
- 2nd - Blake Haag
- 3rd - Grace Rule

Third Grade

- 1st - Isabella Aguilar
- 2nd - Ella Andrews
- 3rd - Kyren Dooley

Fourth Grade

- 1st - Gunnar Francis
- 2nd - Kyla Ambrosio
- 3rd - Nora Mitton

Fifth Grade

- 1st - Coirah McAndrew
- 2nd - Grace Nicholson
- 3rd - Anastasia Otten



Math League

The Results Are In! On May 8, 2025, the final round of the Ocean County Math League was scored and the County winners were determined. Although Lanoka Harbor School did not place in the top 4, our team made a nice showing at this event. Below are the results:

Students who participated in the county wide Math League test on April 8th

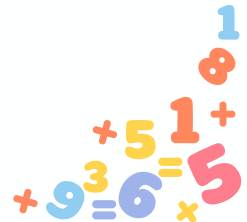
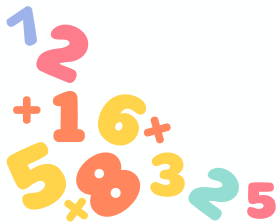
Colton Aldridge
Brielle Balmer
Wesley Edgecomb
Leah Hans
Harrison Lander
Victoria Martin
Ava Nasatka
Callie Ricciardella
William Warkola-Morano

Christian Alston
Jake Bottone
Charles Germond
Christian Heraclio-Flores
Finnegan Liston
Coirah McAndrew
Anastasia Otten
Ryann Riker

Janie Atkins
Zachary Dapiran
Henry Giummarra
Nolan Laffey
Kiersten Mandato
Riley McChesney
Gannon Pisano
Kayden Rosado

Top 5 students who scored the highest out of the Lanoka Harbor students in the state wide Math League test on May 8th

Christian Alston
Coirah McAndrew
Leah Hans
Wesley Edgecomb
Janie Atkins



Book Blast!



Lanoka Harbor School library recently participated in a Books Are Fun "Book Blast" to reignite reading excitement and grow students' home libraries just in time for summer reading! The program ran from May 20th to June 1st. The goal of a "Book Blast" is to provide age-appropriate, high-interest books to ALL of our students. Due to the overwhelming participation and contributions from the friends and families of our school community, we are pleased to announce that every student at Lanoka Harbor School is receiving between 2 and 10 brand-new books for their at-home libraries. Over 1,900 books will be distributed to our students in the next couple of weeks. Additionally, the school library and many classrooms will receive over \$3,000 worth of new books as well.



Middle School News



Ocean County Math League

Students participated in the Ocean County Math League contest on May 16. Our 8th grade team scored 7th in the county! **Lucy Wortley** was our top 8th grade scorer. Our 7th grade team scored 2nd place in the county! **Ethan Sossa** was our top 7th grade scorer as well as placing 2nd place individually in the county!

8th grade team

Kalyn Potor
Jayke Jackson
Luke Audet
Adam Scherer
Lucy Wortley



7th grade team

Kamila Mistzela
Ethan Sossa
Jessica Kim
Gabriella Toner
Sophia Pastore



8th Grade Student of the Month **Emma Brannick**

Emma is a well rounded student. She has maintained straight A's including three honors courses: ELA Honors, STEM Science, and Algebra Honors. She is involved in concert and jazz bands, field hockey, track as the manager, stage manager for the play, secretary for the National Junior Honor Society, and the HS Marching Band. Outside of school, Emma participates in the Toms River Multigenerational Orchestra, Unified Champions, and volunteers for the Special Olympics. She has been described as reliable and hardworking as well as supportive and encouraging to those around her. Congratulations to Emma and her family.



8th Grade Student of the Month **Jaydon Alemany**

Jaydon is always smiling and bringing his best self to class each and every day. Jaydon's optimism for his studies, which include Algebra Honors and STEM Science, is infectious; he has no grade lower than a 92. His efforts also include attending school every day this year. He has been described as a good friend and demonstrates great values, which make him a great student. This young man is also an athlete who loves baseball and serves as catcher and third base for school as well as the travel team, FS Prime. Congratulations to Jaydon and his family.

Girls Track

Congratulations to members of the Lacey Girls Track team who participated in the Ocean County Meet of Champions at Southern Regional High School. The event was an evening where the best of Ocean County showed up to showcase their talents. The Lacey Girls had an amazing night walking away with 8 medals.

In the 100 race **Ellia Oehling** proved she is the fastest middle school girl in Ocean County with her dominating win. In addition, Lacey just didn't walk away with Ellia's 1st place win, **Lillian Reese** showed her speed too and was awarded a medal for her 6th place finish.

In the 400 **Chacity Rotondella** competed with the finest 400 runners to finish 3rd place while **Lillian Reese** showed to the County she can also medal in the 400 with a 6th place finish.

The 4 x 100 dominated the season and did it again last evening by taking home their 1st place gold medal and a new school record of 51.59. Members of last evening's relay team included **Chacity Rotondella, Natalie Monica, Lillian Reese and Ellia Oehling.**

In the 200 finish **Natalie Monica** gave all that she had and sprinted to the finish line to walk away with a 6th place finish.

In the field events, the high jumpers had their best day of the season. **Natalie Monica** placed 4th and **Grace Hall** placed 5th with their jumping height of 4 feet and 6 inches. Members of the team who participated last evening in the Meet of Champions included **Olivia Dacus, Victoria Mattison, Dakota Sanzone, Samantha McDonald, Madeline King, Kaylyn Potor, Sarah Vito, Promise Myers, Ella McGauley, Brenna Vecchio, Madelyn Moore, Claire Hess, Laila Vogel, Victoria Degutis, Charlotte Bucci, Zoe Brueckmann, Vivienne Mayeux.**

Great job to everyone who participated in the Meet of Champions. It was an awesome evening to showcase their Lacey Lion Pride! Congratulations Girls!





Softball

The middle school softball team ended the season with an impressive record of 10-2 and secured the B-South Championship. The team was 24 strong and they all worked so hard throughout the season. On Wednesday, June 4th, **Marley Lombardi** and **Savannah Wilkins** will be representing Lacey in the All Star game at Central Regional. Good luck girls!



Baseball

Lacey MS Baseball celebrated our season Tuesday night at the Blueclaws game with family and friends. The Lions finished the season 8-5 and have clinched a division title for the OCIAL Blue Division. This is the program's first division title since 2022. **Jaydon Alemany** and **Evan Lavalle** were selected for the Ocean County All Star Game which will be played at Al Leiter Field June 4th.

Chorus / Band

Chorus produced an amazing concert for family and friends! We featured solo spotlights, small group ensembles, and large group productions. We will be enjoying our time off and finishing up the year with an end of year trip to celebrate all of our hard work this year.



The Lacey Middle School Bands have been very busy, and continue to be as we rapidly head towards the end of the year. On May 22nd, all three concert bands, the jazz band, and two student-led rock bands performed in the spring concert held in the high school auditorium. The very next day, the jazz band performed for the 5th grade students as they entered for their orientation. On June 3rd, the jazz band will perform for attendees of the National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony, and finally, the 6th and 7th grade concert bands will perform Pomp and Circumstance as the 8th grade class takes their seats during the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony on June 23rd.





Yearbook

The Yearbook team can't wait to distribute the books at the end of the school year and they hope everyone enjoys what they produced. Thank you to everyone, students and staff, who helped make this year's yearbook a success.

Student Council

The Student Council recent meetings have focused on finalizing plans for upcoming school spirit days to ensure strong student engagement and school pride. We are also actively preparing for the 8th grade dance, coordinating logistics and student participation to make it a memorable event. Additionally, we are conducting our last food drive of the year to support the Lacey Food Bank, which has seen great student involvement and community support. Looking ahead, we plan to conclude the year by selecting our new Executive Board for the 2025 - 2026 school year. We are also considering ideas for next year's initiatives and ways to continue fostering school spirit and community service. Our school year together has been positive, with increased student participation and successful events that have helped build our school community.

Art

Mrs. Barker's 7th grade students completed a cross-curricular end of unit project where each student created their own example of scale factor through art. Student drawings were recreated using scale factor to enlarge or reduce their original image. Great work!



Finally, congratulations to all the 8th grade academic award recipients!

[2025 8th Grade Awards Ceremony](#)

Best of luck to every LTMS 8th grader as you move on to LTHS,
Class of 2029, here you come!



High School News

Digital Media Productions / WLTS

The LTHS Digital Media Productions / WLTS students received the Government Leadership Award at The Ocean County Salute to the Arts for a documentary, Ocean County Commissioner Virginia Haines. The Documentary was created by:

Jackson Conlan, Erik Stroin, Lee Falvey, Samantha Schlagenhaft, Paige Tonachio, Avery Brooks & Diego Andrade.

The project can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtQWwfOxxsQ>

Earlier in the day, these students attended the New Jersey High School Film Challenge and received Best Direction, Best Cinematography and Best Overall Awards. This group of students has done some amazing things, and it is so great to see their work pay off. They only had 5 days to complete films for this competition. Awards were as follows:

2nd Place Best Comedy: Ruh-Roh Robin - created by:
Diego Andrade, Jack Harken, Joey Killi, Michael Vervier & Matthew Zonkowski

Best Direction: The Button - directed by the team of:
Robbie Bernaldo, Gabriella Ruggiero & Owen Conaty

Best Cinematography & Best Overall: Picture Paranoia - created by:
Jackson Conlan, Erik Stroin, Lee Falvey, Samantha Schlagenhaft, Ryan Conlan, Michael Vervier, Elliot Gill, Carolina Bonfanti, Diego Andrade, Paige Tonachio & Autumn Goodheart.

Eight of the NJHS entries and the link to the awards ceremony video. Acceptance speeches for Lacey students can be found at: 27:50, 42:10, and 1:03:22.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9wuyFE6JIw&t=3s>





LTHS Select Choral Ensemble

The LTHS Select Choral Ensemble attended and performed at the State Teen Arts Festival at Middlesex County College, where they received advanced and distinguished ratings!



Volleyball

LTHS Boys Volleyball brought home their first conference title in the 18 year history of the program, their record now is 15-7. They represented our school and community in the best way possible on the biggest of stage at Georgian Court University, they were named The Kim Cole Cup Shore Conference Champions. LTHS Boys Volleyball

*happy
graduation*

*class of
2025*

Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
Unsung Hero Student Recognition Awards

Emoni Witter: Unsung Hero, Lacey Township High School

Lacey Township High School is proud to present Emoni Witter as one of our own. She is a trailblazer, breaking barriers as the first woman in her family to pursue higher education. Her journey, marked by personal resilience, including the profound loss of her brother in October of 2023, has ignited a powerful calling: to become a social worker. Driven by a deep empathy for those struggling with mental health, particularly depression, she is determined to be a beacon of hope. Her creativity, evident in her festive holiday decorations, further showcases her desire to bring light and joy to those around her. Emoni Witter is more than just a volunteer; she is a force of positive change, a living testament to the power of compassion.

Emoni Witter is a name that resonates with dedication, compassion, and unwavering strength. From the moment anyone meets Ms. Witter, her approachability and kindness are palpable. This benefits her as she volunteers at Shore Services, but more meaningfully, it benefits the customers and clients with whom she interacts. In a parallel fashion, though the education received in Lacey has benefitted Emoni, the individuals that have worked closely with Emoni have benefited more. We are better than we were before we met her, because of the depth of Emoni's genuine optimism, integrity, and perseverance, no matter the hardship she has faced. She always keeps going; she never gives up. She always rises.

But Emoni's commitment extends far beyond our school building. As the heart of her family, she's a nurturing caregiver, providing unwavering support to her loved ones at large, but especially her niece, nephew, sisters, and her beloved mother. This deep seated sense of responsibility and love fuels her every action. Moreover, her involvement in blood drives and Student Reading Committee reveals a keen understanding of the power of others and literature to shape young minds. Without a doubt, she is, and will continue to be, a hero in countless stories, as her heart for service is embodied as she realizes her dream in her future social work career.

