

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



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OCTOBER 2024

Student Enrollment

September

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE
Mill Pond Elementary School	596	94%
Cedar Creek Elementary School	435	96%
Forked River Elementary School	483	96%
Lanoka Harbor Elementary School	462	96%
Lacey Township Middle School	823	95%
Lacey Township High School	1123	96%
Special Education (Out-of-District)	35	
*OCVTS – M.A.T.E.S.	27	
*OCVTS – Performing Arts Academy	25	
*OCVTS – Academy Law & Public Safety	9	
TOTAL	4018	

*Tuition paid by LTBOE



October 2024

Seniors of the Month

**SARAH E. RUSCH
FRANCISCO JIMEMEZ, JR.**

Unsung Hero

TATIANNA FEBLES-PEREZ



Mill Pond News

Back to School Night Success

Mill Pond opened its doors to our parents at Back to School Night on September 12th. We welcomed over 750 parents! Teachers proudly displayed student work, discussed classroom expectations, and gave them an overview of what to expect for the 2024-2025 school year. Many of our classes had parents involved in activities!



Morning Announcements

Our kindergarten classes have taken over our morning announcements! Each week, we welcome one class into the main office. They lead the building everyday with The Pledge of Allegiance. The students end the announcements wishing everyone a great day! Great role models for our PreK students. #wearemillpond



Mrs. Heck's Class



Mrs. Iorio's Class



Ms. Maltese's Class

Lots of Learning

Each day, our students are busy exploring new skills. From learning how to cut, using their imagination, taking turns reading to their friends, meeting the adults in the building and learning all about our feelings.....our student's are engaged from the minute they arrive to the minute they leave! There is never a dull moment!

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Cedar Creek News

Students of the Month September

Daleah Barsch
Nicolas Bianco
Kylie Carrano
Zoey Coogan
Robert Cook
Riley Flanagan
Mason Fuentes
Hailey Griffeth

Julia Herman
Aiden Hryszko
Madeline Keogh
Jamie Kim
Stephen Lauer
Devon Leary
Gianna Marsicano

Josiah Moore
CJ O'Donnell
Emily Papalia
Joshua Pine
Emily Silvestri
Lucas Smith
Ella Wrocklage



Summer Reading Program

We would like to congratulate all of our students who participated in our Summer Reading Program! Research overwhelmingly points to the intellectual gains resulting from daily reading among our youth! Congratulations to the following students who reached the Navy Level:

Logan Gershey
Claire Manoski
Evan Manoski
Keshav Pai
Olivia Reinertsen

Amazon Kindle Winner:
Keshav Pai



Run Club at Cedar Creek

This year Mrs. Certa started Run Club at Cedar Creek. Students in grades one through five sign up and can participate during recess!

Week of Respect

During the week of October 7-11, Cedar Creek participated in the Week of Respect. Mrs. Friedman put together lessons and activities to support choosing kindness and recognizing respect for oneself, others and the community. We also had a spirit week building teamwork across our school!



CCS PTA Glow Party

Our PTA hosted a Glow Party for all students at Cedar Creek! We had so much fun dancing and enjoying snacks with students and their families!



Mr. Carter's School Store

Students created stores and “shopped” to practice math and money skills!



**LEARNING
EVERY DAY**



Pawsitively Proud of our CCS Students



Forked River News



Special Area Students of the Month

Art - **Mariah Carvalho**
Anthony Rao

PE - **Delanie Roner**
Casey Jacobson

Music - **Alexandra Pasaniello**
Roman Risen

Library - **Teya Caiazzo**
Alexander Romanow

World Language - **Thea Flynn**
Wes Pearce

Summer Reading Program

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Lennox Carvalho
Mariah Carvalho
Kenzie Close
Avrie Feeney
Monroe Kotsifas
Weston Leadem
Sophia Melhorn
Connor Mooney
Joseph Salmons
Tyler Stephans
Adeline Strawder



Amazon Kindle Winner:
Weston Leadem





Forked River School Superstar Citizens of the Month

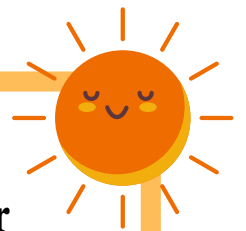


Teacher	Student	Teacher	Student
Mrs. Bergman	Nolan Clemens	Mrs. Latwis	Adisyn Maguire
Mrs. Camaligan	Monroe Kotsifas	Mrs. Lavorgna	Jared Velez
Mrs. Coller	Tigris Munoz-Bechtle	Mrs. Mooney	Delanie Toner
Mrs. Crepezzi	Kaden Myres	Mrs. Mulligan	Jack Winterfield
Mrs. DeNigris	Abigail Congdon	Mrs. Nachman	Mariah Carvalho
Mrs. Doherty	Sadie Luepke	Mrs. Opacity	Jaxson Gorby
Mrs. Flynn	Hunter Murante	Mrs. Schubiger	Layla McGowen
Mrs. Halliday	Nova Turner	Mrs. Weaver	Avery Coogan



Safety Patrol Students of the Month

Kyleigh Abrecht	Joseph Bieder
Cyrus Blatt	Robert Baran
Jeremiah Bodzak	Porscha Boardingham
Charles Adamson	Gabriella Butler
Keegan Beyer	Chase Booth
Ava'lynn Burlew	Mariah Carvalho

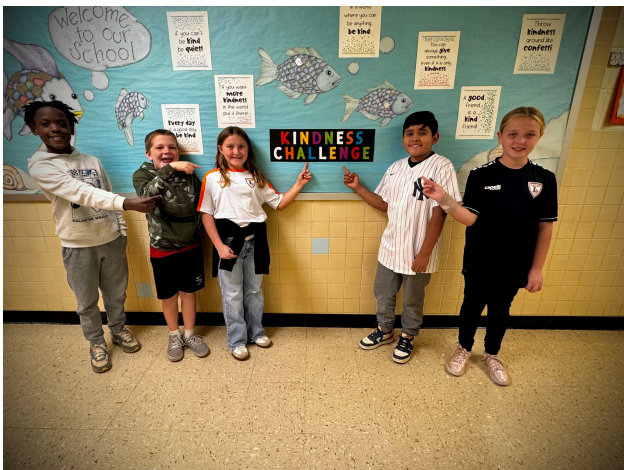


September Morning Announcers

Ryleigh Brocklebank
Valerie Grace Cort

Week of Respect

In honor of New Jersey's "Week of Respect," our staff facilitated social skills lessons with our students in first through fifth grade. Lessons focused on developmentally-appropriate authentic children's literature and related activities themed to the topics of respecting diversity in relation to disabilities, culture, appearances, feelings, sportsmanship, family, and more. In addition, our guidance counselor, Mrs. Polichetti, and our Spirit committee hosted a fun spirit week to go along with the daily theme for each day of the Week of Respect!



Fire Prevention Week

During Fire Prevention Week, the students and staff enjoyed two excellent fire safety programs on Friday, October 11, 2024, presented by Andy Castellani and members of the Forked River Volunteer Fire Company. Students learned important safety precautions and procedures and had the opportunity to explore some of the station's fire trucks. We would like to thank Firefighter Castellani, and all of the members of the Forked River Volunteer Fire Company, for their annual efforts to teach our students the importance of fire prevention and safety.



Professional Development



We would like to thank all staff members who coordinated and led a productive Professional Day on October 14, 2024. There were excellent opportunities for staff to engage in student data achievement research and instructional planning to maximize the educational experiences of our students.

Color Run

The Forked River School PTA hosted their annual Color-A-Thon after school on Friday, October 4, 2024, on the back field of the Forked River School. This family-fun fundraising event was enjoyed by our students and their families as they walked, jogged, and ran the Color-A-Thon course! I would like to thank the PTA for all of their efforts as well as all who participated in this fun family event!



Community Service

The Forked River School Denim Day Committee will be making a donation to benefit our fellow citizens impacted by the hurricanes in the southeast.

The Forked River School is currently collecting non-perishable food items for the Lacey Food Bank. All items donated to the Lacey Food Bank will benefit our community members in need for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

The students and staff at the Forked River School continue to collect aluminum pop-tabs from beverage cans for the benefit of Ronald McDonald House Charities, which provides “home away from home” housing for family members of children receiving extended hospital care.



Lanoka Harbor News

Students of the Month

The following students have been selected as Lanoka Harbor's Students of the Month for September 2024. These students were chosen for their outstanding work, dedication, and achievement.



Back to School Night

Lanoka's Back to School Night was held on September 17, 2024. Thank you to all who joined us for an informative evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance!



Patriot Day

September 11th has become an annual day at Lanoka Harbor School to remember, reflect, and honor those who were injured or died. We were also reminded that the American spirit still shines even in times of testing. Mrs. Galluppi's class lined the driveway of the school with American flags, and the staff and students wore red, white and blue.

Constitution Day

Constitution Day was celebrated on Monday, September 17, 2024. During the month of September students in all grades learned something about the Constitution and the United States Government. Some lessons included writing a classroom constitution, learning about the Preamble by singing along with Schoolhouse Rock, discussing the importance of the Bill of Rights, and ordering states by the date they ratified the Constitution. This important day is celebrated each year!



Summer Reading Program

This summer Lanoka Harbor School students participated in the Summer Reading Program. The children kept track of the hours they read on a reading log which they brought into school to be checked on several different days over the summer break. Students participating in the program earned a keychain and paw tags which varied by color depending on the number of hours read.

4 hours – white paw / 8 hours – gray paw / 16 hours - cardinal paw / 32+ hours – navy paw

Those students reading 32 hours or more, joined the Navy Nation of Summer Reading. The Navy Nation readers were also entered into a drawing to win an Amazon tablet. This year's tablet winner was Mason Ricciuti!

Lanoka is proud of all students who participated in the program and would like to give special recognition to those students who achieved Navy Nation status. Great job, everyone!

Navy Nation

We would like to congratulate all of our students who participated in our Summer Reading Program! Research overwhelmingly points to the intellectual gains resulting from daily reading among our youth! Congratulations to the following students who reached the Navy Level:

Ella Andrews
Natalie Arnone
Ciara Barker
Raymond Barker
Jonathan Biebel
Jude Biebel
Jayson Brewer
Charlotte Dorry
Wesley Edgecomb
Henry Giummarra
Charlotte Habinowski
Emma Hans
Leah Hans

Bradley Hayden
Emma Keelen
Kiersten Mandato
Anna Marcus
Grace Nicholson
Katelyn Pavao
Mason Ricciuti
Ryan Sager
Liam Shaw
Abigail Torr
Anthony Tretola
Roman Tretola
Scarlett Zupan



Amazon Kindle Winner:
Mason Ricciuti



Middle School News

What's Happening!

There were hundreds of book options, available at our Scholastic Book Fair including the authors, characters and series the students love.

Middle School clubs have started! Yearbook will be meeting this month to begin making decisions about thematic elements and cover designs. Students will also begin discussing the layout and structure of this year's book. Our goal this month is to also begin learning about what makes a great photograph and putting that into practice in the weeks ahead.

Good luck to all our Fall athletes! Current records and highlights are:
Boys Soccer 3-2-1, Girls Soccer 5-0, Volleyball 1-2, and Field Hockey 4-1-1.



Student Council

Student Council has been very busy creating posters for our School Spirit Fridays, designing LTMS's new wall display, "Be the 'I' in Kind", updating our school's kindness bulletin board, and completing applications for our officers.

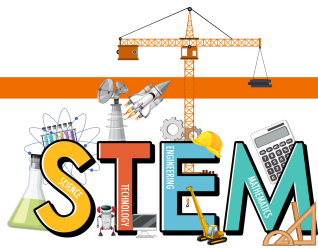


School Dance

The first dance of the school year was Friday, October 4th - The Lacey Township Middle School Back to School 6th Grade Bash!

Mr. Holmberg did a great job as DJ. Thank you to the LTMS PTC for providing snacks and drinks. Students had a great time! The next school dance will be October 25th - The Lacey Township Middle School 7th & 8th Grade Fall Bash!





The Lacey STEM Program
uses collaborative learning
techniques to enhance
effective communication
practices.



Thank you to the LTMS custodial staff for your hard work and for making our school a wonderful place for our students to learn and grow. Your collaboration and kindness are truly what sets our school apart.





8th Grade Student of the Month

ZOEY HARDY

Zoey is in three honors classes and full-year band, this being one of our more difficult levels of course work. Her teachers describe her as a great student as well as a great person. Outside of her academics, she participates with the LTHS Marching Band, is in the after-school Chorus, and she is a member of our Girls Field Hockey Team. In 7th Grade, Zoey organized a heart health challenge and will continue this year with Jump Rope for Hearts. Congratulations to Zoey and her family.



8th Grade Student of the Month

CHRISTIAN TRETOLA

Christian presently holds all A's in one of our most challenging course schedules. He is taking three honors courses and full-year band. His teachers report he makes every class better due to his work ethic and thoughtful participation. His co-curricular activities include Marching Band at LTHS, and he is President of the National Junior Honor Society. Outside of school, he is a member of Boy Scouts. Congratulations to Christian and his family.



8th Grade Student of the Month

REESE OSMOND

Reese has been described as a student with a positive attitude with a voracious appetite for reading. She presently is scheduled in a strong program including three honors classes with no grade lower than a 96. She has several hobbies including crocheting, mastering a 3-D printer, drawing, and completing complicated LEGO sets. She is also a member of the Junior National Honor Society. Congratulations to Reese and her family



8th Grade Student of the Month

JUDE DLUGOSZ

Jude is a student who consistently shows enthusiasm for learning and has worked hard to overcome challenges. He impresses not only with his academic effort, but also with his kindness and willingness to help his classmates. Jude has a unique way of bringing joy to those around him, brightening his classroom with his thoughtful questions, creative ideas, and sense of humor. One of Jude's standout qualities is his determination; he consistently pushes himself to succeed, even when tasks are difficult. Beyond academics, Jude has made a big impact socially, showing care and respect to both peers and teachers. He has been a great example of what it means to be a positive and inclusive classmate. Congratulations to Jude and his family.

High School News

Congratulations

Women's Soccer goalie

Ava Schmidt

recorded her 200th career save during our 6-2 win over Brick.



Congratulations to senior

Francisco Jimenez

for being recognized as a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. Francisco is among 34,000 commended students throughout the nation who have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success. Commended students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2023 competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which serves as an initial screen of over 1.3 million entrants each year.

Red Ribbon Week



The Tigger Stavola Foundation sponsored a speaker for the high school during Red Ribbon Week again this year. Gabriel John will come to share his story of hope and resilience this month to kick off the annual Red Ribbon Week, focusing on substance abuse prevention and awareness nationwide.

Robotics

Students in LTHS Robotics course designing and programming VEX robots.



UPSTANDER

The following students demonstrate LEADERSHIP:

Amelia Lamberti

Madeline Sullivan

Alexander Barneman

Katrina Conti

Congratulations, Lions!
We are so proud of you!

SENIOR OF THE MONTH

SARAH E. RUSCH

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School have enthusiastically awarded October 2024 Senior of the Month to Sarah Rusch! Sarah's exceptional intelligence, remarkable ambition, and unwavering dedication make her a standout recipient for this senior honor.

From academic achievements to extracurricular excellence, Sarah exemplifies what it means to be a comprehensive young woman. Sarah consistently excels in challenging coursework, problem solving and demonstrates a deep understanding of complex subjects. As a leader in the rigorous College Academy where she will receive her Associate's Degree before her high school diploma, Sarah has maintained a 4.479 grade point average and has positioned herself as Salutatorian in her graduating class!

Beyond her academic prowess, Sarah is a natural leader who has made significant contributions to our school community. She has been actively involved in the National Honor Society, LTHS soccer, LTHS Winter & Spring track, as well as LTHS jazz band. Throughout her high school career, Sarah has been an effective musician in which she was first chair tenor saxophonist where she won best solo performance in a competition in April 2024. Sarah's commitment to service and her passion for music are reflected in managing the many interests of her life. Her ability to balance multiple responsibilities while maintaining a positive attitude and a supportive demeanor speaks volumes about her character. She is a role model for her peers, demonstrating that excellence is achieved not only through intelligence but also through kindness, integrity, and perseverance.

It is evident that Sarah demonstrates responsibility and reliability in all of the commitments that she has made thus far. There is no doubt that she will make meaningful contributions in her pursuit of her academics and career goals. In recognition of her outstanding achievements and her exceptional contributions to our school community, we wholeheartedly endorse Sarah Rusch as October Senior of the Month. Congratulations, Sarah!

SENIOR OF THE MONTH

FRANCISCO JIMENEZ, JR.

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School have enthusiastically awarded October 2024 Senior of the Month to Francisco Jimenez! Frankie's remarkable drive, steadfast perseverance, and clever intellect make him a standout recipient for this senior honor.

Academic excellence and diligence are only two of the hallmark qualities that set Francisco apart from his peers. As a leader in our rigorous STEM Academy, Frankie has proven his academic prowess by maintaining a grade point average of 4.458 all the while being ranked 3rd in his class of almost 300 students! Francisco consistently displays a deep understanding of complex subjects and has a passion for learning. He is an inquisitive, hardworking, and self-motivated student who consistently seeks to expand his knowledge and excel in his studies.

Frankie's extracurricular profile attests to his ongoing involvement and commitment to both school and community. He is known for being an exemplary student and an honorable athlete that will strive for what is best for the group; always putting everyone else first. Francisco's extracurriculars consist of varsity Winter & Spring Track and Field, Robotics Club, Fishing Club and the National Honor Society. His work ethic, dedication, and charming personality are all standout qualities his coaches, teachers and peers love about him! He is a natural leader who has made significant contributions to our school community. With an overwhelming amount of volunteer hours and working part-time as a lifeguard, Frankie still maintains his academics and has shown he is responsible, ambitious and excellent with time management!

It is evident that Frankie demonstrates accountability and a high degree of reliability in all of his commitments. Regardless of the activity, Frankie is a team player, polite and always goes above and beyond for others. There is no doubt that he will make meaningful contributions in the pursuit of his future goals. In recognition of his outstanding achievements and his exceptional contributions to our school community, we emphatically endorse Francisco Jimenez as October Senior of the Month!

UNSUNG HERO

TATIANNA FEBLES-PEREZ

For the month of October, Lacey Township High School would like to recognize Tatianna Febles-Perez as the Unsung Hero!

Tatianna is an exceptional student and a valued member of our school. She is a member of the STEM Academy, and takes numerous challenging Honors and AP classes throughout the year. Tatianna has been a part of Surfrider, Interact, and Robotics Clubs. Furthermore, she is currently a member and Executive Board officer in the Student Government Association. She also is a part of both the Swim Team, Track and Field, and Girls Volleyball.

Additionally, Tatianna is the Junior Drum Major for the LTHS Marching Lions and is a member of both Concert Band and Jazz Band. Outside of school, she seasonally plays in the Toms River Multigenerational Orchestra and has played in the South Jersey Orchestra. Tatianna is an extremely talented student who always works her hardest in everything she does, despite her incredibly busy schedule. For these reasons, Tatianna Febles-Perez has been selected as October's Unsung Hero.