

Superintendent's Report



December 2024

Student Enrollment

November

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE
Mill Pond Elementary School	599	93%
Cedar Creek Elementary School	437	94%
Forked River Elementary School	481	93%
Lanoka Harbor Elementary School	463	94%
Lacey Township Middle School	823	94%
Lacey Township High School	1120	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	4,017	

*Tuition paid by LTBOE



December 2024

Seniors of the Month

MIA I. KNIERIEMEN

MICHA A. MOORE

Unsung Hero

HOLLY ARMSTRONG



Mill Pond News



Lacey Food Bank Donations

Mill Pond students and staff saw a great opportunity to help a local organization this holiday season. Our furry friends needed some assistance and we were happy to help! During the week of December 1st, Mill Pond gathered items such as cat and dog treats, plus some food items. Mrs. Smida worked with our teachers to collect and count all the donations.



Veterans Day Boxes

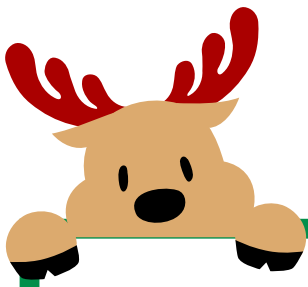
Mill Pond joined together and made care packages for our service men and women. We have made a connection with a Naval unit in Virginia. They are enjoying all the student drawings and cards, plus some candy treats!



Morning Announcements

Our kindergarten and preschool classes continue to participate in the morning announcements! Each week, we welcome one class into the main office. They lead the building everyday in the The Pledge of Allegiance. The students end the announcements wishing everyone a great day. We love to have such a friendly start to our day!





Pawsome Citizens

Our building wide Lion Language has really taken off as our students are learning to be kind, be respectful, and be responsible. Each week, teachers take a few moments to talk about our work of the week and how it relates to our building wide expectations. We want to congratulate our students that earned a cubby coin and a trip to the book vending machine!

Mrs. Barneman	Paisley Herb
Mrs. Fobes	Ava Swat
Mrs. Garcia	Sigmund Golabek
Mrs. DeYoung	Julian Ponce
Mrs. Heck	Oliver Smida
Mrs. Iorio	Buzz Ferrero
Mrs. Maltese	Natalie Brown
Ms. Hamilton	Lorenzo Liscombe
Mrs. Picozzi	Greyson Dester
Mrs. Larney	Joshua Smith
Mrs. Beyer	Lucas Sheppard
Mrs. Budija	Orion Ferrero
Mrs. Dean (Pennec)	Ursula Pierce
Mrs. DeRosa	Rowan DellaPietro



Happy Holidays



Cedar Creek News

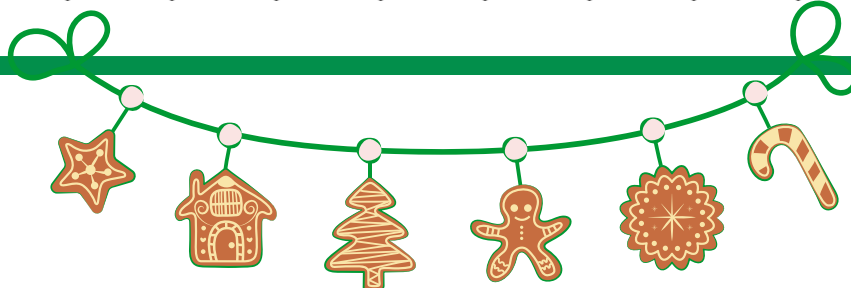


Students of the Month November

LJ Bell
Josh Borngesser
Silas Cacoilo
Cooper Christian
Jack Clark
Brody Dunn
Paige Fitzpatrick
Noah Grodzki

Emma Hawtin
Scarlett Hayes
Milania Kuser
Luca LoBosco
Kane Lukowski
Jordan Medina
Marissa Murphy

Brylee Nestlerode
CJ O'Donnell
Liliana Pompei
Carlos Santos
Evan Schneidt
Marlee Segarra
Reagan Weiner





Stick it for Autism

The students at CCS raised money for Unique at the Creek (Autism Program). The students were able to duct tape Mrs. Niemiec to the wall!



Fun and Learning at CCS



PTA Sponsors Tips4Inclusion Assembly



CCS Gets Ready for the Holidays



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**



Forked River News



Special Area Students of the Month

Art - **Sadie Luepke**
Johnathan Docs

PE - **Bella Riggio**
Sophia Riggio

Music - **Hadley Gibson**
Owen Glasser

Library - **Mariah Carvalho**
Alexander Salvatore-Nackos

World Language -
Gabriella Butler
Angel Torres-Castro



Elks Hoop Shoot Contest

We would like to congratulate the Forked River School's winners of the Lacey Elks Hoop Shoot Contest who will be moving on to the Elks District Competition on December 21st at the Manasquan Elementary School!

Congratulations to **Jonas Hoyt, Jake Lebron, Milania Shamus, Delanie Toner, and James Toner!**



Hero Club

We would like to thank our Hero Club students led by their advisor, Mrs. Nachman, for coordinating this year's Winter Holiday Food Drive that will benefit the Lacey Food Bank and our community members in need for the winter holidays.





Forked River School Superstar Citizens of the Month



Teacher	Student	Teacher	Student
Mrs. Bergman	Cameron Schoeneberg	Mrs. Latwis	Liam Della Pesca
Mrs. Camaligan	Sophia Polichetti	Mrs. Lavorgna	Autumn Sauchelli-Phillips
Mrs. Coller	Sofia Lezama	Mrs. Mooney	Haleigh MacLachlan
Mrs. Crepezzi	Greyson Wilson	Mrs. Mulligan	Brielle Renn
Mrs. DeNigris	Jonathan Docs	Mrs. Nachman	Colton Petti
Mrs. Doherty	Jeremiah Bodzak	Mrs. Opacity	Max Cusmano
Mrs. Flynn	Vienna Provaznik	Mrs. Schubiger	McKenna Kelly
Mrs. Halliday	Araya Hubschman	Mrs. Weaver	Ethan Winterfield

Safety Patrol Students of the Month

Kenzie Close	Valerie Grace Cort
Greyson DeCrescenzo	Jonathan Docs
Cassidy Dompieri	Rylee Glacini
Antonia DelVecchio	Emma Eddy
Aly Elshahawy	



November Morning Announcers

Rylieh Kearney
Skylar Plosky

The Forked River School PTA hosted a Holiday Shop on December 9th through December 11th. Students had the opportunity to purchase small gifts for loved ones ahead of the upcoming December holidays.

The Lacey Township Public Works sponsored a school-wide assembly program called the Illusion Maker which was a fun and entertaining game show that taught our students all about the recycling program we have in Lacey Township and the importance of caring for the earth. We would like to thank the Lacey Township Public Works, led by their director, Mr. Robert Kraska, for sponsoring such a fun and interactive program for our students!

The Forked River School Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Faille, our director, and Mrs. Camaligan, our Assistant Choral Director, will be performing their annual Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 19th! There will be two daytime performances for our students and staff and one evening performance in the Lacey Township High School auditorium which is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM. We are excited for their performances!

Community Service

Thank you to the Forked River School Staff, our Helping Hands Committee, and our Forked River School families who all generously donated money, gift cards, and food baskets to Forked River School families in need for the Thanksgiving Holiday!

We would also like to thank our students who are members of the Lacey Township School District's Intergenerational Club and all of their advisors for their efforts in managing the annual "Paper Drive" that benefited the Lacey Food Bank and our community members in need for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Harvest Hoedown

On Friday, November 22nd, our physical education teachers, Mr. Boedigheimer and Mrs. Sharkey, along with our special area teachers and staff, hosted the 35th annual Forked River School, "Harvest Hoedown!" Students, staff, and family members wore their favorite western wear and enjoyed line dancing to their favorite country-western songs. The Harvest Hoedown is a school-wide event, which is a culmination of a physical education unit of study on dance.



On behalf of the Forked River School family, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and a prosperous New Year!



Lanoka Harbor News



Students of the Month

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



50th Day of School

On November 21st, Lanoka Harbor School students celebrated the 50th day of school "Fifty's Style". The students dressed in 50's style clothing and completed learning activities relating to the number 50.

PTO Winter Workshop

To kick off the holiday season, the Lanoka Harbor School PTO hosted our Winter Workshop which was held on December 5th. Students and families were able to participate in various holiday activities. A holiday gift shop was available that evening and during the school day for students to do some holiday shopping on their own. The evening was a memorable experience for all those who attended thanks to the PTO and staff members that participated.



HAPPY
Holidays!

CLUB NEWS



Intergenerational Club

The Lacey Schools Intergenerational Club recently participated in the Lacey Food Bank's Paper and Toiletry Drive. The Lanoka Harbor School club asked each grade level to bring in specific items needed by the Food Bank from November 18th through November 22nd. Those items were placed in grade-level collection bins. Together, the club members sorted and boxed the items that were donated to the Food Bank. We are very thankful for all the families that generously supported the Intergenerational Club and Lacey Food Bank!

Proud Paws

On Friday, November 15th, the Lanoka Harbor School Proud Paws hosted a breakfast to honor our veterans. Students in 3rd through 5th grade were asked to invite a special veteran to join them. In addition to the breakfast, all students and faculty were asked to participate in paying tribute by sending in a photo along with a tribute card honoring a family member or friend who is a veteran or currently serving. These photos and tribute cards were put on display in the front foyer display case of the school. The event ended with a bagpipe-led veteran's parade through the halls!

A special thanks to the Proud Paws Club, Club Advisors Mrs. Meyler and Mrs. Supsie, Mrs. Snover, and the Lanoka Harbor School PTO for their hard work in planning this amazing event!



Middle School News



LTMS Update!



The second marking period has started, and report cards are available on the parent portal. Students who received straight A's will be celebrated with an ice cream treat served during their lunch period. Thank you to the PTC for sponsoring this fun activity!

Winter sports have started. Good luck to all our student athletes.

School pictures were held at the end of November. Picture retakes and make ups will be January 29th.

Administration and Guidance counselors went into ELA classes to go over Student expectations and behavior. Important topics covered were the following: dress code, cell phones and HIB. Guidance counselors spoke about attendance, grades and social emotional support.



December

8th Grade Student of the Month

GRACE HALL

Grace is presently serving as Student Council President. She embodies leadership, participates in the most challenging course load including three honors classes and full-year Spanish, and leads her peers on the morning announcements. Grace also participates in school sports, all while sharing a happy smiling face, while being kind and respectful to all. Congratulations to Grace and her family.

December

8th Grade Student of the Month

ADAM SCHERER

Adam is an extraordinary student. In the most challenging schedule an 8th grade student can have, with Honors ELA, STEM Science, Geometry, and full year Spanish, he maintains high A's in all of his classes. Adam is a true leader with a strong moral compass, which positively influences his decision making. Additionally, Adam displays an astute understanding of the world around him, the literature he reads, and the people in his life. Congratulations to Adam and his family.

CLUBS

Middle school clubs are now meeting regularly.

- **Band** has worked hard on preparing music for our concert on December 5th.
- **Drama Club** is actively working on memorizing lines, blocking and choreography. Our Set Design is meeting and beginning working on sets and props.
- **Chorus** is conducting our dress rehearsals and preparing for our winter concert on December 12th.
- **Student Council** - From December 9th through 18th, we will be collecting new socks to donate to Ocean of Love, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Ocean County children who are bravely fighting cancer. The Student Council also has fun spirit days planned for December such as: holiday sock day, holiday flannel day, let it snow-white out day, Merry GRINCHmas, Hawaiian holiday and deck the halls day.
- **NJHS** - will be running a Toys For Tots Drive. People can donate a new unused toy that we will be collecting up till Dec. 20th. We are also still collecting can tabs which will be donated to help support Ronald McDonald House. We participated in a clean up of our Little League fields on Saturday, December 7th.
- **Intergeneration Club** - had a winter craft scheduled at the Pheasant Run clubhouse on December 4th.
- **Yearbook Club** - This month, the Yearbook staff is making progress on planning and organizing sections for this year's edition while continuing to capture photos of events and daily life around campus. We've also been enjoying collaborating and sharing creative ideas during our monthly meetings. Yearbook continues to encourage students and the community to utilize Yearbook Snap to submit photographs for possible inclusion in the final edition.



High School News

What's Happening!!

This December has been filled with exciting events and meaningful moments at our school!

On December 16, we celebrated the holiday season with a wonderful Winter Concert, where students showcased their musical talents.

Our students are trying out for our upcoming spring musical the Addams Family.

Our winter sports teams are in full swing, with athletes competing in basketball, wrestling, bowling, and more.

We are looking forward to a fantastic Battle of the Classes event on December 20, bringing students together for some friendly competition and lots of fun.

A huge thank you to the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for making our Challenge Day a success, helping students engage in important discussions.

We are also grateful to the Lacey Township Police Department for their informative and impactful safe driving assembly for our 10th graders.

As we approach the holiday break, we wish everyone a happy holiday season!



SENIOR OF THE MONTH

MIA KNIERIEMEN

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School have enthusiastically awarded the December 2024 Senior of the Month to Mia Knieriemen.

Remarkable character, dedication, and leadership are only a few of the exceptional qualities that set Mia apart from her peers. Mia is the epitome of an outstanding student and a natural leader, excelling both academically and in her extracurricular pursuits.

Mia is a proud member of the National Honor Society, which is a reflection of her commitment to both her studies and her community. She consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic, intellectual curiosity, and the ability to balance a demanding academic schedule with her other responsibilities. Whether it's excelling in the classroom or taking on leadership roles within the school, Mia approaches everything with a level of enthusiasm, maturity beyond her years, and a level of determination that is truly inspiring.

In addition to her academic accomplishments, Mia is a Varsity Cheerleader, where she exemplifies teamwork, discipline, and leadership on and off the field. Her dedication to her team is unwavering, and she consistently motivates her peers to perform at their best. Her ability to work collaboratively and inspire others is one of the many reasons she stands out as a leader in our school community.

Mia is the true definition of a student leader. She leads by example, fosters a positive environment for those around her, and brings a relentless work ethic to every endeavor she undertakes. Her integrity, compassion, and drive will no doubt contribute to the success of any college community fortunate enough to have her.

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School are very proud of Mia Knieriemen's many accomplishments and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

SENIOR OF THE MONTH

MICAH MOORE

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School have enthusiastically awarded December 2024 Senior of the Month to Micah Moore.

It is with great pride that I write this letter to celebrate Micah Moore as our December Student of the Month. Micah exemplifies what it means to be a dedicated, hardworking, and well-rounded student, and his impact on our school community has been truly remarkable.

Over the past four years, Micah has been an integral part of our football program, playing a significant role in its success and earning the prestigious Golden Paw Award for his contributions. His commitment to excellence extends beyond the field, as he is also a talented athlete on our track and field team, where his discipline and teamwork shine.

Micah's talents go far beyond athletics. As a gifted vocalist, he is an active member of our select ensemble, where his passion for music inspires others. He also brings his charisma and creativity to our drama department, taking on roles that showcase his versatility and dedication to the arts.

In addition to his impressive achievements, Micah embodies the qualities of an outstanding student and leader. His ability to balance academics, extracurricular activities, and community involvement reflects his extraordinary character and determination.

For all of these reasons, Micah Moore is a deserving recipient of our December Student of the Month recognition. We are incredibly proud of all that he has accomplished and look forward to seeing the great things he will achieve in the future.

UNSUNG HERO

HOLLY ARMSTRONG

For the month of December, the Student Government Association of Lacey Township High School would like to recognize Holly Armstrong as the Unsung Hero.

Holly is very involved in our school, and does many sports and clubs. She is a part of Surfrider Club, Interact Club and ADA. As well as these, Holly is on our girls field hockey and lacrosse teams.

Additionally, Holly is a very high-achieving student and takes multiple honors classes throughout the school year. For these reasons, Holly Armstrong has been chosen as the Lacey Township High School December Unsung Hero.