

Superintendent's Report



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CCS - grade 2

February 2025

Student Enrollment January

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE
Mill Pond Elementary School	601	90%
Cedar Creek Elementary School	438	92%
Forked River Elementary School	475	92%
Lanoka Harbor Elementary School	468	92%
Lacey Township Middle School	820	92%
Lacey Township High School	1115	93%
Special Education (Out-of-District)	34	
*OCVTS – M.A.T.E.S.	27	
*OCVTS – Performing Arts Academy	25	
*OCVTS – Academy Law & Public Safety	9	
TOTAL	4,012	

*Tuition paid by LTBOE



February 2025

Seniors of the Month

HALEY N. MILLER

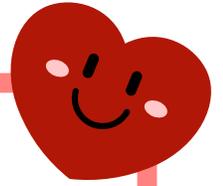
SHANE N. O'NEILL

Unsung Hero

ERICA DOEFFINGER



Mill Pond News



“ROAR”ing about Positive Character Traits

We love watching our students shine! The staff at Mill Pond is always looking for students that display good citizenship through responsibility, kindness, and respect. Our Pawsome Citizens had so much fun picking out their books at the book vending machine.

Congratulations to our Pawsome Citizens!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Barneman - **Wesley Nourry**
Mrs. Iorio - **Dakota Midili**
Mrs. Silva - **Oliver Mantilla**
Mrs. Pyne - **Owen MacMath**
Mrs. Johnson - **William Paz**

Preschool

Ms. Glenn - **Parker Britton**
Mrs. LaVella - **Benjamin Dimsey**
Mrs. Lodi - **Jaymarie Luce**
Mrs. Maggio - **Lily Hahn**
Mrs. May - **Thomas Peterson**





Morning Announcements

Our kindergarten and preschool classes are helping us start our day during the morning announcements! They continue to come in each week, as we welcome their participation into the main office. They lead the building everyday with The Pledge of Allegiance. The students end the announcements wishing everyone a great day!



Ms. Teschlog's PreK class



Mrs. Larney's Kindergarten

Food Drive Success!

Throughout the first week of February, Mill Pond joined together to help the Lacey Food Bank. Using the super bowl theme, our "Soup"er food drive was a huge success as the students made a touchdown each time they placed a can of soup in the collection bins.

Make A Mascot Event

Mill Pond has a lot of pride in the LION!! We are very appreciative of our PTA for scheduling and organizing a family event where students were able to choose a lion and stuff it with love. Our very own Cubbie made an appearance. Thanks to our teachers and high school volunteers for always lending a helping hand to spread that LION PRIDE!



Cedar Creek News

Students of the Month

January

Shane Bayer

Juliana Calderone

Ashton DeRosa

Sawyer Grochowski

Nathan Hart

Colton Kandil

Winter Kayiales

Dean MacGillivray

Elizabeth Meakem

Troy Nilon

Aoibha O'Boyle

Mason Petillo

Joshua Pine

Remaliah Ramos

Sadie Richmond

Ashton Ringle

Caiden Stoddard

Eriel Swain

Charlee Torres

Micah Trout

Donovan Velazquez

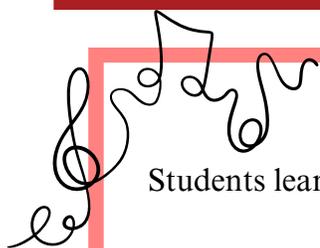
Draya Woolfork





5th Grade Combined Band Concert

Our fifth-grade band students participated in a combined 5th Grade Band Concert. They showcased their talents in the evening at the high school. We are so proud of their hard work and we are impressed with their performance!



Magical Moments in Music!

Students learned about Chinese New Year with Mr. Brennan. They learned music and dance for this special holiday.





First Grade Winter Activities and Crafts!



Hero Club

Students in Hero Club spread cheer and kindness around CCS delivering supplies to the staff.



Pawsitively Proud of our CCS Students



Fun and Learning at CCS

Our students participated in so many fun activities during the month of January and look forward to great activities in the coming months.



Forked River News



Special Area Students of the Month

Art - **Mia-Bella King**
Mason McDonald
PE - **Mariah Carvalho**
Tyler Stephans

Music - **Bella Riggio**
Sophia Riggio
Library - **Kylie Emme**
Mason McDonald

World Language -
Hadley Gibson
Alexander Romanow



History

In honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., students and staff engaged in both character education and history lessons related to the significant impact Dr. King had on equality, justice, and freedom in America.

Community Service

The Forked River School staff hosted a "Souper Bowl" fundraiser for the FRS Scholarship Committee to benefit our upcoming LTHS class of 2024 graduating seniors.

Mrs. Nachman's Hero Club students hosted a school-wide food drive leading up to the Super Bowl with all donations being given to the Lacey Food Bank to benefit our community members in need.



Character Education

On Friday, January 31st, Ms. Cellini, our Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, hosted a Character Education Assembly where she encouraged our students to always work hard and try their very best even when faced with challenges and frustration!





Forked River School Superstar Citizens of the Month



Teacher	Student	Teacher	Student
Mrs. Bergman	Aria Lugo	Mrs. Latwis	Daniela Esteves Aguilar
Mrs. Camaligan	Olivia Lodi	Mrs. Lavorgna	Cassidy Korotky
Mrs. Coller	Luca Chiaravallo	Mrs. Mooney	James Carmona
Mrs. Crepezzi	Braxton Folk	Mrs. Mulligan	Sawyer Drahos
Mrs. DeNigris	Keegan Beyer	Mrs. Nachman	Maggie Slevin
Mrs. Doherty	Harper Lardieri	Mrs. Opacity	Madden Bender
Mrs. Flynn	Lenox Orlando	Mrs. Schubiger	Jade Hamilton
Mrs. Halliday	Nicholas Durante	Mrs. Weaver	Jaxon Velez



Safety Patrol Students of the Month

Nicholas Flaherty	Alexander Warnock
Ryleigh Kearney	Miles Kagabines
William Kinkel	Alexander Jarezian
Jonas Hoyt	Katelynn Kretzer
Brynn Kelleher	Ethan Jacobs
Charlie Grippe-Bartlow	

January Morning Announcers

Kenzie Close
Arianna Bogert



What's new?

Mrs. Weaver and her Environmental Club students, in conjunction with Mrs. Reilly and our cafeteria staff, are sponsoring a series of "Plastic Free" school lunch days to raise awareness of the negative impact plastic has on our environment.

The Forked River School Spirit Committee hosted a 100th day of school celebration today, Thursday, February 20th. Students and staff were encouraged to dress like they were 100 years old! Students also enjoyed many fun math lessons related to base 10, place value, and decimals.

Celebrations

The first half of February ushered in the studies and celebrations of Black History month, the Lunar New Year, Groundhog Day, and Valentine's Day! Our students participated in many fun educational activities related to these events thanks to the efforts of our staff.

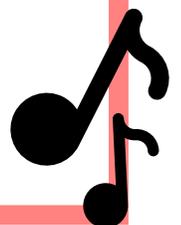


Peer Leaders

We would like to recognize this year's fifth grade Peer Leaders for the 2024-2025 school year here at the Forked River School, who are led by our Peer Leadership coordinator and our guidance counselor, Mrs. Polichetti. The following students were chosen based on their outstanding leadership qualities: **Gabriella Butler, Mariah Carvalho, Kylie Emme, Thea Flynn, Samantha King, Haleigh MacLachlan, Tyler Stephans, Delanie Toner, and Wes Pearce.**

Fifth Grade Winter Band Concert!

On Thursday, January 23rd the Lacey Township fifth grade band made their debut with a highly successful winter concert at the Lacey Township High School! Thank you to our band members for a great concert! Also, thank you to Mrs. Meelheim and Mrs. Gauthier, our band directors, for all of their guidance, expertise, and inspiration!



Lanoka Harbor News



Students of the Month

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

AVA DALZIEL
TESS LANTERMAN
LILLIAN MURRAY



Heart Health Challenge

Lanoka Harbor School has kicked off the 2025 KIDS HEART CHALLENGE! Our students are excited and eager to spread Heart HEALTHY messages through various Health and Physical Education lessons.

The Kids Heart Challenge has become a traditional event in our school and district where our students learn about their heart health while helping others by raising money for the American Heart Association. This program prepares our students for success through physical and emotional well-being. Plus, we have the chance to earn PE equipment for our school!



Winter Band Demonstration

On January 23rd, under the direction of Mrs. Meelheim and Mrs. Gauthier, the 5th grade band students along with Cedar Creek School and Forked River School students put on an excellent combined band concert. The concert was enjoyed by family members and friends who attended. Their outstanding performance shows how much hard work, practice, and dedication pay off!





Lacey Library Art Show

Under the creative eye of Mrs. Perkarchik, Lanoka Harbor School Art Teacher, 5th grade students were given the opportunity to have their artwork displayed at the Lacey Township branch of the Ocean County Library. Their artwork was inspired by Winnie the Pooh characters. On January 13th, the artists and their families attended a reception night. The display was made available for the entire community to view during January.



Contest Winners

Lanoka Harbor School 5th grade students recently participated in a grade-wide drawing contest for their artwork to be featured on the January board agenda and Superintendent report covers. The theme chosen for this month's reports was winter. The winners selected were:

Jane Atkins and Ryann Riker
Congratulations!!!



Middle School News



What's Happening!

At the end of January, LTMS hosted Parent-Teacher conferences. Over three afternoons and one evening, teachers met with scheduled parents to discuss student progress and grades.

The LTMS Guidance Department is coordinating with Administration rising 5th - 9th graders' course placements. Additionally, SPS is coordinating with our PTC for the upcoming Marking Period 2/Straight-A Ice Cream celebration. Students and teachers are enthusiastically embracing the third marking period.

The STEM program was presented to 7th grade students; the Knowledge Survey is scheduled for March.

LTPD presented their Cop Card Program, which is starting soon, to all students during their lunch periods.

Drama is putting the finishing touches on our show Frozen, Jr. and are very exciting to be performing for our community at the end of the month!

Chorus is working in sectionals on our pieces for our spring concert "Lacey Goes to Broadway". We also teamed up with the High School Chorus students and celebrated our second annual Chorus Day at LTHS.



FEBRUARY

8th Grade Student of the Month

EMMA QUARANTA

Emma is a wonderful student who maintains all A's in a schedule, which includes three honors level courses: ELA, Algebra, STEM Science, along with full year Spanish. She is helpful, respectful, and puts 100% effort into every single day! She is constantly looking for ways to make things better, while remaining extremely polite and considerate to her classmates. Congratulations to Emma and her family.

FEBRUARY

8th Grade Student of the Month

TINO SCARABINO

Tino is a dedicated student who strives to do well in all his classes. He is a straight A student carrying ELA Honors in his schedule with no grade in any class below a 94. He learns new concepts quickly and is a self-proclaimed lover of Math. He is well liked by his peers and is a great addition to any classroom. Congratulations to Tino and his family.

Lacey Wrestling

Congratulations to our Lacey Wrestling Middle School Team for winning the Ocean County Blue Division tournament, making it their fifth year in a row! Out of 20 wrestlers, 19 placed top four and up.



Basketball

Congratulations to our Boys Basketball Team for winning the OCIAL Blue Division!
Girls Basketball completed their great season with 26 amazing student athletes!



Unified Champions

The Special Olympics Unified Champions recently hosted an inclusive game night, an evening of pickleball and attended a leadership summit involving schools from all over NJ. Unified Champions will be hosting another game night on February 10th and Pickleball on February 25th.

CHAMPION

Volleyball Tournament

Thank you for the well-attended Volleyball Tournament hosted by the PTC.



National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society will be opening up the application process for new 7th and 8th grade members after the conclusion of the second marking period. Interested students should check the google classroom page as well as listen during daily announcements at school to find out the details and deadlines. The current active members are still collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, as well as collecting slightly used sneakers for a recycling fundraiser.

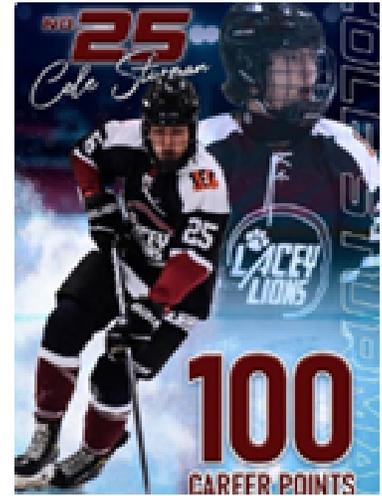
High School News

Spring Musical

Tickets are on sale for the LTHS Spring Musical “The Addams Family” the Musical. See website for more information and link for tickets.

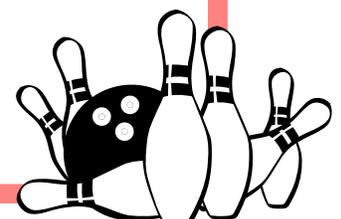


Congratulations to Junior **Cole Sturman** for a 100 Points in his Ice Hockey career! Cole is the first player in program history to achieve this.



Bowling Competition

At the Monmouth/Ocean bowling competition LTHS Special Olympics **Jacob Bahooshian** placed Gold, **Demos Tsarnas**, **Brianna Vasquez**, and **VJ Vigliante** placed Silver. They all advance to sectionals, held in two weeks.





2025 Science Fair Awards

Applied Art A & B – Projects in this category include three-dimensional models of a noncommercial nature.

Applied Art A

1st Place: **Santiago Arcos** - Devastation of Polar Habitat Due to Green House Effect

2nd Place: **Brooke Fitzgerald** - The Extent

3rd Place: **Owen Hammer** - How is Melanoma the most deadly Skin Cancer Although it's the rarest?

Honorable Mention: **Alexis Glowacka** - White-Nose Syndrome in Bats

Honorable Mention: **Beatrice Perry** - Biosequins vs. Regular Sequins and Microplastics in the Environment

Honorable Mention: **Eric Salvador** - Orangutan Population in Danger

Honorable Mention: **Madison Corallo** - Bring a Halt to Humpback Whale Killings

Honorable Mention: **Mollie Cordirari**: TRex: THE TRex's Closest Living Relative

Applied Art B

1st Place: **Ava Flanagan** - How Mass Affects Prescriptions?

2nd Place: **Emily Kudlacik** - How Does Tension Affect The Sound Output of a Guitar

3rd Place: **Tabytha Wedderman** - The Environmental Importance of Horseshoe Crabs

Honorable Mention: **Olivia Schwartz** - How Does The Physics Of Anesthesia Differ Between Altitudes?

Demonstration of a Scientific Principle A & B – A project that supports the explanation of a scientific principle and has moving parts.

Demonstration A

1st Place: **Melia Lange** - Effects of Element Combinations on Crystallization of Silk Flowers

2nd Place: **Addison Papa** - Corrosion: Penny Experiment

3rd Place: **Nicole Heayn** - How can levels of chemiluminescent activity vary?

Honorable Mention: **Anna Tengowski** - Which nut (Peanut, almond, cashew) will produce the most energy?

Honorable Mention: **Payton Pluta** - How will different color lights affect the growth of a cilantro plant?

Honorable Mention: **Avery Brooks** - Why is Magnesium Something that People Should Implement into their Diets?

Demonstration B

1st Place: **Brendan Schuler** - Electric Vehicle and LIB Recycling Efficiency

2nd place: **Morgan Perno** - How Has Climate Change Effected Lightning?

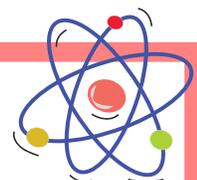
3rd Place: **Charles DeMey** - Artificial Intelligence in Finance

Honorable Mention: **Michael Austin** - The Effects of Air Bubbles on Heat Transfer

Honorable Mention: **Dylan Zech** - Small-Scale Robotics: A LEGO-Based Demonstration of Industrial Automation

Honorable Mention: **Katrina Conti** - Lift and Drag of Airfoils

Honorable Mention: **Tatianna Febles-Perez** - The Benefits of Proton Radiation Therapy



2025 Science Fair Awards

Media– This category includes videos, filmstrips, or slides of a serious nature that describe the structure or function of biological organisms, chemical substance, or the application of a scientific principle.

1st Place: **Robbie Bernaldo** - Is there a bias in the photo lineup when testing witnesses?

Media Computer Science/CADD-Projects in this category demonstrate the instructional applications of computers through an educational program and must be original work.

1st Place: **Ethan Nagolo** - Nuclear Energy

Green Project – This category includes projects that focus on environmental responsibility.

1st Place: **Matt Galella** - Sustainable Fuels

2nd Place: **Michael Vervier** - Could Using Aluminum Bottles lower CO₂?

Classical Experiment/ Original Invention A/B – This type of project involves the development of a classical experiment or an original invention in accordance with the scientific method.

Classical A

1st Place: **Kyan Smith** - What is the Strongest Bioplastic?

2nd Place: **Grace Bielick** - Get slugged, what household products are similar to slug slime.

3rd Place: **Madeline Sullivan** - Baking soda: How it affects textures in honeycomb candy

Honorable Mention: **Braylon Sabolchick** - Which Temperature Does a Fingerprint Appear the Clearest?

Honorable Mention: **Kobe Montenegro** - How Much Bacteria Grows in a Household Sponge Over 5 Days?

Honorable Mention: **Delia Paken** - Does music stimulate concentration differently among introverts versus extroverts?

Classical B

1st Place: **Kyle Leonard** - Anesthetic Complications vs Tie of Day

2nd Place: **Emily Sierra** - AI Detection + Digital Literacy

3rd Place: **Jack Harken** - Comparing the Effectiveness of Common Teaching Methods

Honorable Mention: **Michael Grande** - How Do Rotational and Linear Motions Affect the Shot Put Glide?

Honorable Mention: **Brooklyn Bell** - Do Field Hockey Stick Factors Affect Ball Dynamics?

Honorable Mention: **Leyna Bohlayer** - How Does Water Pressure Affect Bacterial Growth?

Best in Show – Although there were many fine projects submitted to the Science Fair, this project stood out above them all.

Natalie McGovern - The Impact of Microbial Activity on Pollution and Climate Change

SENIOR OF THE MONTH

HALEY N. MILLER

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School are proud to announce Haley Miller as the recipient of the February Senior of the Month award.

Haley's dedication to excellence in every area she pursues truly sets her apart.

As a proud member of the National Art Honor Society, Haley has demonstrated a passion for creativity and artistic expression throughout her high school career. Her commitment to the theater department is unmatched; for the past four years, she has served as the head lighting technician and designer, playing an integral role in bringing productions to life. Haley's talent in this area is evident on stage and behind the scenes, where she constantly pushes herself to refine her skills.

In addition to her theater work, Haley has contributed greatly to WLTS as a station manager. She has honed her skills in a variety of roles, including commentating on district-wide events and sporting activities, further showcasing her versatility and leadership ability. When not working on her creative projects, Haley dedicates her time as the Captain of the Women's Swim Team, where her leadership and commitment shine in the athletic arena. She has also supported the Women's Field Hockey team as their team manager, demonstrating her well-rounded abilities and team spirit. Haley's leadership also extends to her role as President of the Fishing Club, where she fosters a community for her peers and leads with enthusiasm and purpose.

Haley's professional experience is just as impressive. As the youngest technician in the entertainment department at Six Flags Great Adventure, she has proven her drive and dedication to the field she loves. Her role there has allowed her to gain invaluable knowledge and skills, further reinforcing her passion for design and technology.

Looking ahead, Haley plans to continue gaining hands-on experience in design and technology by working in the field while also furthering her education and pursuing a BFA in Design and Technology. The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School are incredibly proud of all she has accomplished and can't wait to see what the future holds for Haley Miller as her commitment to learning and creative spirit are sure to take her far.

SENIOR OF THE MONTH

SHANE M. O'NEILL

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School have enthusiastically awarded February 2025 Senior of the Month to Shane O'Neill!

Shane truly embodies the qualities of a dedicated and exceptional individual. His remarkable drive, steadfast perseverance, and natural intellect make him a standout recipient for this senior honor.

Academic excellence and diligence are only two of the hallmark qualities that set Shane apart from his peers. As a leader in our demanding Leadership & Humanities Academy, Shane has proven his academic prowess by maintaining a grade point average of 3.6! Shane 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.

Shane's extracurricular profile attests to his ongoing involvement and commitment to both school and community. He is known for being an honorable athlete that will always strive for what is best for the team. Shane's extracurriculars consist of varsity football, Winter track, and lacrosse; all the while participating in SGA, Interact club, and Surf Riders club. Shane's work ethic, dedication, and charming personality are all standout qualities his coaches, teachers and peers love about him! Beyond school, Shane recently joined the Lanoka Harbor Fire Squad as a junior volunteer showing his commitment to our community and helping others.

Shane is not only hardworking but also a truly kind and respectful individual, always going above and beyond to support his peers and contribute positively to our school environment. He is truly a one-of-a-kind student, and we are lucky to have him as part of our school. There is no doubt that he will be successful and 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 Shane O'Neill as February Senior of the Month!

UNSUNG HERO

ERICA DOEFFINGER

The month of February's Unsung Hero is Erica Doeffinger.

Erica is always in a positive attitude, in and out of school. Her laughter is contagious and she is always there to help a friend in need.

Along with being an academically successful in the STEM academy, she is also apart of numerous clubs, being the Interact Vice President, a member of the Surfrider club, yearbook club, student government, and she is on the STEM committee.

Her hard work and dedication to everything she does, along with her sweet personality has surely made her deserving of February's Unsung Hero.