

# Superintendent's Report



## *Special Olympics & Challenger League*



**May 2025**

# Student Enrollment

## April

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE
Mill Pond Elementary School	613	93%
Cedar Creek Elementary School	434	94%
Forked River Elementary School	478	94%
Lanoka Harbor Elementary School	470	94%
Lacey Township Middle School	825	94%
Lacey Township High School	1108	94%
Special Education (Out-of-District)	32	
*OCVTS – M.A.T.E.S.	27	
*OCVTS – Performing Arts Academy	25	
*OCVTS – Academy Law & Public Safety	9	
TOTAL		

\*Tuition paid by LTBOE



*May 2025*

*Seniors of the Month*

MARISSA A. FLORES  
BRENDAN A. SCHULER

*Vocational Senior of the Month*

ALICIA L. BIRD

*Unsung Hero*

BROOKE FITZGERALD



*June 2025*

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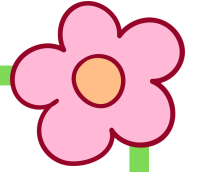
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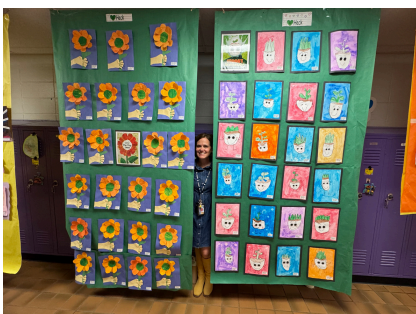


# Mill Pond News



## Creativity Galore

Each year, in the beginning of April, we celebrate the Week of the Young Child. During this week, the entire building celebrated the creativity we see everyday. On April 9th, we held a building wide art show featuring works from our famous preschool and kindergarten students. We welcomed over 1200 students and their families into the building. They toured the hallways filled with student art, took pictures, and spoke with staff. The evening was a huge success! Our parent feedback survey provided glowing comments and statements that they look forward to next year's event.





## We all fit together!

We have adopted a saying at Mill Pond, "In a world where you can be anything, be kind." We try to lead with this thought in every way we can. During Autism Awareness Month, teachers took extra time to talk about how we are all different and should celebrate our unique characteristics. Our wonderful PTA is always very supportive of our events and purchased bubbles for all our students to come together and share in some fun and happiness. We recognize that opportunities such as this can prompt communication in the most important ways.



## Special Visitors

We were very lucky to have a visit from the Coast Guard! They met with our kindergarteners and talked about their role in protecting the shores of places like New Jersey. They brought one of their boats and explained how the boat is used to keep our shores safe.



## Springtime Parade

We dressed in our spring best! Some wore suits, ties, dresses, and even a bunny suit! Once again, our students and their families took out their glue and staples and designed out of this world spring hats and bonnets. The students showed off their creativity during our building parade.



# Cedar Creek News

## April Students of the Month

**Grace Brennan**

**Avary Carey**

**Connor Carey**

**Brody Dos Santos**

**Dennis Ellis**

**William Latif**

**Cory Linn**

**Levi Linn**

**Drew Mayeux**

**Collen Maynard**

**CJ O'Donnell**

**Leslie Pacheco**

**Liliana Pompei**

**Ryan Richard-Sullivan**

**Liam Riley**

**Brynley Schaal**

**Evan Schneidt**

**Cooper Simas**

**Owen Sulkowski**

**Grace Valles**

**Donovan Velazquez**



## Staff Appreciation Week

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to our amazing staff for all they do to support our students and school community. Additionally, we would like to thank our PTA for recognizing and celebrating our staff each day!

**thank  
you**



## Career Day

Cedar Creek hosted members of our local community and people from throughout the state to share their careers and experiences with our students. We were lucky enough to have the New Jersey State Police, therapy dogs, local business owners, Senator Connors and Jim Murdoch from News12 come speak with our students!



## Third Grade Visits Cattus Island

Third grade students visited Cattus Island for their field trip. They had the opportunity to learn about the animals and their habitats!







## Fun and Learning at CCS

Our students have created beautiful artwork and engaged in a variety of spring activities while learning this month!



Pawsitively Proud of our CCS Students





# Forked River News

## Special Area Students of the Month

Art - **Cali Mazzola**  
**Delanie Toner**

Music - **Avrie Feeney**  
**Sophia Melhorn**

PE - **Arianna Bogert**  
**Cyrus Blatt**

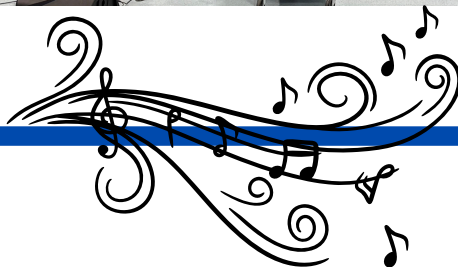
Library - **Sadie Luepke**  
**Roman Ridsen**

World Language -  
**Casey Jacobson**  
**Kylie Petriello**



## Chorus

Congratulations to the Forked River School's third, fourth, and fifth grade chorus on performing three outstanding concerts as part of their spring concert series! Thank you to Ms. Faille, our choral director and Mrs. Camaligan, our assistant choral director, for all of your efforts as well!





## Forked River School Superstar Citizens of the Month



Teacher	Student	Teacher	Student
Mrs. Bergman	<b>Jakob Winkle</b>	Mrs. Latwis	<b>Abigail Batzel</b>
Mrs. Camaligan	<b>Jacob Staples</b>	Mrs. Lavorgna	<b>Eleanor Palmieri</b>
Mrs. Coller	<b>Ryan Kelly</b>	Mrs. Mooney	<b>Angel Torres-Castro</b>
Mrs. Crepezzi	<b>Mackenzie Santiago</b>	Mrs. Mulligan	<b>Reagan McGuire</b>
Mrs. DeNigris	<b>Miles Kagabines</b>	Mrs. Nachman	<b>Mia-Bella King</b>
Mrs. Doherty	<b>Kenzie Close</b>	Mrs. Opacity	<b>Rocco Poetucka</b>
Mrs. Flynn	<b>Jaxon Rehberger</b>	Mrs. Schubiger	<b>Miguel Galindo</b>
Mrs. Halliday	<b>Brielle Napier</b>	Mrs. Weaver	<b>Hudson Verge</b>



### Safety Patrol Students of the Month

<b>Reagan Mindas</b>	<b>Ryleigh Brocklebank</b>
<b>Kyleigh Abrecht</b>	<b>Artyom Sventek</b>
<b>Daniel Sanchez</b>	<b>John Rodriguez</b>
<b>Grace Robles</b>	<b>Julianna Reese</b>
<b>Alexander Romanow</b>	<b>Grace Robles-Tablas</b>
<b>Roman Riden</b>	<b>Alexander Salvatore-Nackos</b>

### April Morning Announcers

**Daniel Sanchez**  
**Landon Tomlinson**



# Earth Day

Our students and staff celebrated Earth Day and Arbor Day with lessons designed to raise awareness of the importance of environmentally-friendly habits and conservation. Our Environmental Club students, and their advisor, Mrs. Weaver, led our school's participation in Earth Hour, Skip the Straw Day, and a Plastic Free Day in our cafeteria in support of our Earth Day and Arbor Day lessons!



We would like to thank Mrs. Weaver and her Environmental Club students for planting flowers generously donated by the Home Depot of Lacey that serve to beautify the Forked River School for the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

## Math League

We would like to congratulate our top four winners of this year's fifth grade New Jersey Math League competition. Congratulations to:

**Mariah Carvalho**  
**Leo DeCola**  
**Wes Pearce**  
**Delanie Toner**

Thank you to Mrs. Shaffer who serves as our NJ Math League coordinator.





## First Responders

On behalf of all of us at the Forked River School we would like to thank all of the first responders from our community as well as all of the surrounding communities that worked tirelessly to keep our community safe during the recent wildfire.



## Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day!

On Thursday, April 17th, the Forked River School participated in Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day. We had many guest visitors who were provided a behind the scenes view of all that goes into the daily operations at the Forked River School.



## Poster Contest

We would like to congratulate all of our fourth-grade students from the Forked River School who participated in this year's My County Poster Contest. This annual contest is hosted by the Ocean County Clerk's Office during May which is National County Government Month. We would like to extend congratulations to **Monroe Kotsifas** from Mrs. Camaligan's class who was awarded as the Ocean County Honorable Mention Winner for this year's contest!

## Community Service

Our Forked River School Scholarship Committee has been diligently organizing fundraising throughout the year in preparation for assisting our soon to be graduates with their post-secondary educational pursuits!



# Lanoka Harbor News

## Students of the Month

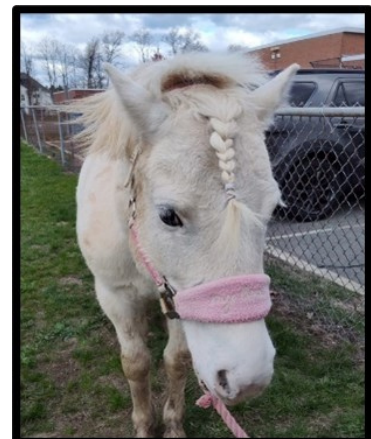
The following students have been selected as Lanoka Harbor's Students of the Month for April 2025. These students were chosen for their outstanding work, dedication, and achievement.

**SAMANTHA DOTTERWEICH**  
**AVA NASATKA**  
**GANNON PISANO**



## Career Day

On Wednesday, April 16th, Lanoka Harbor School celebrated its annual Career Day. The students and staff were treated to various presentations from individuals who volunteered to share information about their special careers. Approximately 40 presenters participated, providing a demonstration, hands-on activity, or another method to highlight their career choice to the students. A great big thank you goes out to all our career day visitors who took time from their busy schedules!



## Band Concert



Under the direction of Mrs. Meelheim and Mrs. Gauthier, the Lanoka Harbor School band students put on a wonderful concert on April 14th and 15th, which was enjoyed by staff, students, family, and friends. Their outstanding performance shows how much hard work, practice, and dedication pay off!





## Proud Paws

The Lanoka Harbor School's Proud Paws Club recently held the Lucky Pets Photo Contest to celebrate household pets and share their love of animals with the Popcorn Park Zoo. Students and staff members who donated \$5 were entered into a drawing to win a hand-painted portrait of their pet. Along with their entry, participants submitted adorable pictures of their pets to be displayed for all to see. The winner chosen at random was **Westin Riker** and his pet hen, Sunny! We are excited to report that \$500 will be donated to the Zoo thanks to the generous support of our Lanoka Harbor School community!



## Drama Club



On April 15th and 16th, this year's second-grade drama club presented - Jungle Book! Adapted for young performers from the beloved Disney film and the works of Rudyard Kipling, this musical included all the favorite Disney tunes, including "The Bare Necessities" and "I Wan'na Be Like You." With colorful characters and that toe-tapping jungle rhythm, the show was enjoyed by all in attendance.

All of our talented performers put on a fantastic show for family, friends, and students of Lanoka Harbor School. Under the direction of Mrs. Hans and Mrs. Ritacco, with costumes and stage decorations created by our amazing parents, the show was a success!

A special thank you is extended to all who contributed their time and talent to this year's production.



## Ocean County Math League

On April 8th and 9th, Lanoka Harbor School's 4th and 5th grade Math Team completed the Ocean County Math League contest. The team answer sheets were forwarded to the Ocean County Math League to determine the County winners. Each team member should be proud of their perseverance in taking on this challenge. Congratulations, and good luck to our team!

# Middle School News

## Girls Track



In April the Girls Track team shattered 3 school records!

Breaking the record in the 100 with a time of 12.38 was **Ellia Oehling**

In the 800 a second school record with a time of 2:37 seconds was added by **Olivia Dacus**

In the 4 x 100 the team of **Chacity Rotondella, Natalie Monica, Lillian Reese** and **Ellia Oehling** broke the 2006 record by 1 and a half seconds with a time of 52.95.

Congratulations to the new record holders!

## Jazz Band

Congratulations to our Jazz Band for earning an excellent rating at the LTHS jazz festival! They represented the middle school very well.



8th Grade Student of the Month

**LILY SARBOUKH**

Lily Sarboukh is the sweetest girl around! She always has a smile, is polite, and is also an amazing student! Due to all of her hard work, Lily maintains high A's in all of her classes, which includes Honors ELA. One of her teachers described her as a fantastic student who consistently submits quality work with thoughtful detail. Congratulations to Lily and her family.



8th Grade Student of the Month

**ETHAN SULKOWSKI**

Jackson is an amazing student! He is extremely hardworking and diligent, and the result is that he maintains high A's in all of his classes with no grade lower than a 95. His challenging schedule includes: Honors ELA, STEM Science, Honors Algebra, and full-year Spanish. Jackson is also respectful and helpful towards both his classmates and his teachers. Congratulations to Jackson and his family.



## March Madness

During the month of March, Mrs. Barker & Mrs. Kang's 7th grade math classes participated in "March Madness." The contest was formatted like the NCAA March Madness brackets and students advanced each week by mastering the most math IXL topics. In this contest, students were focused on completing their personalized recommendations from IXL so that each student was able to practice at their own pace and level in targeted areas where each student may need extra help. Over the last month, these 159 students answered over 95,000 math questions, spent over 727 hours working and made progress in 1,156 skills. Thanks to generous donations by the PTC, students won a variety of prizes.

The top performers were **David Isham, Sydney Poulos, Maddie Delzo, Claire Hess, Giavanna Zawada, and Lea Roth.**

The student who won the grand prize and completed 175 skills during March Madness was **Claire Hess.**



## Math League

Congratulations to the 7th Grade Math League participants for placing 22nd overall in the state and 3rd in their region.

The top scorers are: **Ethan Sossa, Sophia Pastore, Kamila Misztela, Vaughan Slota, Jessica Kim and Gabriella Toner.**

The top scores for the 8th Grade Math League were: **Kaylyn Potor, Lucy Wortley, Luke Audet, Adam Scherer, Jaydon Alemany, Liliana Cottone and Jayke Jackson.**

Congratulations to all Math League participants!



# High School News



## Jazz Band

The LTHS Jazz Band won The Tournament Indoor Association(TIA) Region 7, A-Class Championship, a long with winning best Saxophone Section and best Rhythm Section. **Erik Stroin** was also named outstanding soloist in the A-Class. Our Jazz Band worked really hard towards this goal and have put in a lot of hours of rehearsal, hard work/practice time and dedication to achieve this Championship. Congratulations to all the Jazz Band members! To view the Jazz Band performance please use this [LINK](#).

The LTHS Jazz Band also placed second at two competitions in the beginning of April, winning Best Trombone Section and two Outstanding Musician Awards!

**Victoria Alvarado**  
**Ryan Barry**  
**Joseph Bianco**  
**Ian Brueckmann**  
**Ryan Burr**  
**Riley Callis**  
**Ryan Conlan**  
**Claire Conroy**  
**Nicholas Faragi**  
**Tatianna Febles-Perez**  
**Brooke Fitzgerald**

**Christian Gilani**  
**Matthew Gilani**  
**Myles Harris**  
**Isabella Martinez-Alvarez**  
**Brooke McGinley**  
**Christopher Ramos-Berrios**  
**Sarah Rusch**  
**Reagan Sanguinetti**  
**Erik Stroin**  
**Hayden Van Arsdale**



# Congratulations

## **SENIOR OF THE MONTH**

### **MARISSA A. FLORES**

We are proud to recognize Marissa Flores as Lacey Township High School's Senior of the Month for May 2025, a student who truly embodies excellence in all she pursues. Marissa's unwavering dedication, remarkable intellect, and impressive versatility distinguish her as a leader among her peers and a shining example of what it means to be a well-rounded scholar.

Marissa's academic accomplishments are nothing short of outstanding. As a top-performing member of our rigorous STEM Academy, she has maintained a stellar 4.30 GPA and ranks 17th out of a class of almost 300 students, placing her firmly in the top 5%. Her intellectual curiosity and drive for understanding are evident in her consistent success across challenging coursework. She approaches complex subjects with confidence, demonstrates creative problem-solving abilities, and engages deeply with her learning, a true testament to her passion for academic growth.

But Marissa's impact extends well beyond the classroom. A natural leader and active contributor to school life, she serves as the Theme Chairperson of the National Honor Society, Activities Coordinator for Student Government, and is a key member of the Interact Club. Additionally, she has demonstrated both athletic skill and commitment as a varsity soccer and varsity basketball player. Through all of these roles, Marissa has exemplified service, leadership, and teamwork. Her ability to manage a demanding schedule with grace, positivity, and resilience makes her an exceptional role model within our school community.

Marissa's unique blend of intelligence, empathy, and perseverance sets her apart as someone who not only achieves, but uplifts those around her. She leads with integrity and kindness, inspiring others through her example. Marissa will continue her education at South Carolina University in the Fall. Congratulations, Marissa, on being named May 2025 Senior of the Month! Your contributions to Lacey Township High School have been extraordinary, and we are excited to see the many ways you will continue to shine in the future!



## **SENIOR OF THE MONTH**

### **BRENDAN A. SCHULER**

When it comes to commitment, drive, and excellence, Brendan Schuler exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding student and community member. Brendan approaches every challenge with determination and a sincere desire to succeed, consistently putting forth his best effort in all areas of his life. His well-rounded intellect, leadership, and character make him a remarkable individual and a true asset to our community therefore an obvious choice for May 2025 Senior of the Month!

As a standout leader in our competitive STEM Academy, Brendan has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, maintaining an impressive 4.397 GPA while ranking 12th in a class of nearly 300 students. His dedication to his studies and genuine passion for learning set him apart. Brendan regularly engages with complex topics across multiple disciplines and does so with curiosity, diligence, and self-motivation. He is not only driven to succeed but also eager to understand, grow, and make meaningful contributions through his academic pursuits.

What truly distinguishes Brendan, however, is the strength of his character and leadership. He exemplifies integrity, resilience, and responsibility in all that he does. Whether through his academic pursuits or his involvement in extracurricular activities, Brendan consistently demonstrates initiative, teamwork, and a positive attitude. His ability to navigate challenges with grace and determination speaks volumes about his maturity and work ethic. Brendan is an outstanding varsity wrestler. This year alone, Brendan was a State qualifier, 100 match winner and District runner up for his weight class. Even more impressive, Brendan is the recipient of the NJSIAA Scholar Athlete for Lacey High School. Brendan will be continuing his academic and wrestling career at Stevens University in the Fall!

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we recognize Brendan Schuler as Senior of the Month for May 2025. His academic accomplishments, leadership, and exemplary character make him more than deserving of this honor. Congratulations, Brendan!

## **SENIOR OF THE MONTH**

### **EMILY S. SIERRA**

We are thrilled to recognize Emily Sierra as Lacey Township High School's Senior of the Month for June 2025! A distinguished member of our elite STEM Academy, Emily exemplifies the very best of what it means to be a student leader, scholar, and compassionate community member.

Emily's academic performance speaks volumes about her dedication and intellect. With a 4.211 GPA and a class rank of 18th out of almost 300 students, she stands proudly in the top 7% of her class. Her passion for learning, particularly in the face of rigorous coursework, is matched by her ability to think critically, problem-solve creatively, and consistently rise to new challenges. What sets Emily apart is not only her academic excellence, but her outstanding character and leadership. She serves her community as a dedicated EMS worker, demonstrating composure, empathy, and resilience under pressure. Her real-world experience has shaped her into a quick thinker and compassionate teammate—qualities that shine both in and out of the classroom.

Within the school, Emily's leadership is equally impressive. As an active member of the Student Government Association, she works tirelessly to support her peers and foster a spirit of collaboration and inclusivity. Her optimistic attitude and open-minded approach inspire those around her and contribute to a positive, uplifting school environment. One of the most remarkable qualities about Emily is her truly exceptional personality, which stands out as her greatest asset. Warm, genuine, and effortlessly engaging, Emily possesses a natural ability to connect with others, making everyone around them feel seen, heard, and valued. Her positivity is contagious, and her approachable nature encourages collaboration and trust in any setting. Whether leading a group, supporting a friend, or simply sharing a conversation, their presence brings comfort and motivation. It's this rare blend of empathy, charisma, and emotional intelligence that not only leaves a lasting impression but also makes them an invaluable member of any team or community.

Emily's ability to balance academic rigor, community service, and leadership is a testament to her strong work ethic and admirable character. She is a role model to her peers and a valued member of the LTHS community. Please join us in congratulating Emily Sierra, June's Senior of the Month! Your commitment, compassion, and drive make us proud, and we can't wait to see all that your future holds at Tampa University!

# **SENIOR OF THE MONTH**

## **AIDAN J. FITZGERALD**

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School have enthusiastically awarded June 2025 Senior of the Month to Aidan Fitzgerald! Aidan's remarkable drive, steadfast perseverance, and clever intellect make him a standout recipient for this senior honor.

Aidan stands out from his peers due to his exceptional attendance, positive attitude, strong commitment, and unwavering perseverance. As a leader within our demanding STEM Academy, he has demonstrated remarkable academic excellence, maintaining an impressive 4.403 grade point average while ranking 11th out of nearly 300 students. Aidan consistently exhibits a deep understanding of complex subjects and has an authentic enthusiasm for learning. His inquisitive nature, diligent work ethic, and self-motivation drive him to continually expand his knowledge and strive for outstanding academic achievement.

Beyond the classroom, Aidan shines just as brightly. A true scholar-athlete, he has been a four-year varsity soccer standout and a dedicated member of both the varsity winter and spring track teams. His athletic commitment extends to competing with a high-level travel soccer team, where his passion and discipline continue to impress. Aidan brings the same drive and determination to the field as he does to his studies. Demonstrating a strong sense of community, he has volunteered as a youth soccer coach and has played an active role in supporting the administration of the local youth soccer program. Additionally, as a two-year member of the Edwin B. Salter Chapter of the National Honor Society, Aidan has served as both a mentor and tutor to fellow students while helping to plan and execute numerous service projects and school events. Aidan's exceptional blend of academic achievement, athletic excellence, and community service truly sets him apart as a well-rounded and inspiring student leader.

It is abundantly clear that Aidan embodies the qualities of accountability and unwavering reliability in everything he undertakes. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or within the community, Aidan approaches each commitment with a sense of purpose and integrity that is truly admirable. He is the kind of individual who uplifts those around him—consistently polite, collaborative, and always willing to go the extra mile to support his peers and contribute to a shared goal. His leadership, humility, and tireless work ethic leave a lasting impression on all who have the pleasure of working with him. Without a doubt, Aidan is poised to make meaningful and lasting contributions as he pursues his passions in computer science. In heartfelt recognition of his remarkable accomplishments and the invaluable impact he has made on our school community, we proudly and enthusiastically name Aidan Fitzgerald as June 2025's Senior of the Month.

Congratulations, Aidan—you have truly earned this honor!

## **VOCATIONAL SENIOR OF THE MONTH**

### **ALICIA L. BIRD**

Lacey Township High School's Vocational Senior of the Month for May is Alicia Bird.

Alicia Bird, a remarkable student whose academic dedication and strong work ethic have set her apart during her time at our school. Alicia is a focused and driven individual who consistently demonstrates a high level of maturity and commitment to her education.

Alicia is currently a shared-time student with the Ocean County Vocational Technical School (OCVTS), where she has successfully balanced the demands of both her vocational training and her academic coursework. This dual-enrollment speaks volumes about her ability to manage time effectively and prioritize her responsibilities. She approaches every challenge with a determined and thoughtful mindset, making her a role model among her peers.

Academically, Alicia excels across the board. She is not only diligent but also intellectually curious—always eager to deepen her understanding and contribute meaningfully in the classroom. Her teachers frequently commend her for her active participation, consistent preparation, and respectful demeanor.

Alicia will be attending a two-year college following graduation, and I have no doubt that she will thrive in that environment just as she has in high school. Her discipline, perseverance, and genuine enthusiasm for learning will serve her well as she takes the next steps in her educational journey.

It has been a pleasure to watch Alicia grow into the capable and thoughtful young adult she is today.

Congratulations Alicia Bird on being chosen as Vocational Senior of the Month.

## **UNSUNG HERO**

### **BROOKE FITZGERALD**

For the month of May, the Student Government Association of Lacey Township High School would like to recognize Brooke Fitzgerald as the Unsung Hero.

Brooke Fitzgerald is a hard-working, straight-A student who is a part of the Lacey Township High School STEM Academy as a STEM II student.

Outside of school hours, Brooke is actively involved in the Student Government Association, as well as Interact Club.

It is because of her hard-work and dedication that we have chosen Brooke as our Unsung Hero for the month of May. Congratulations, Brooke!



## **UNSUNG HERO**

### **JADE TORRE**

For the month of June, the Student Government Association of Lacey Township High School would like to recognize Jade Torre as the Unsung Hero.

She is a remarkable student taking an honors class. She is always kind and isn't afraid to help out. She is a part of our girls volleyball team.

Outside of school, she spends some time volunteering at the Lacey Elks. Jade is outstanding and does her absolute best in anything she undertakes in all her efforts.

For these reasons, Jade Torre has been selected for June's Unsung Hero. Congratulations Jade!