



# Superintendent Report

November 2024

# Student Enrollment October

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE
Mill Pond Elementary School	596	94%
Cedar Creek Elementary School	436	95%
Forked River Elementary School	482	94%
Lanoka Harbor Elementary School	462	95%
Lacey Township Middle School	821	94%
Lacey Township High School	1118	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	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,009</b>	

\*Tuition paid by LTBOE



*November 2024*

*Seniors of the Month*

**KAYLA L. FITZPATRICK**

**ERIK R. STROIN**

*Vocational Senior of the Month*

**MAYA A. JINKINS**

*Unsung Hero*

**DANIELLE PASQUA**



# Mill Pond News

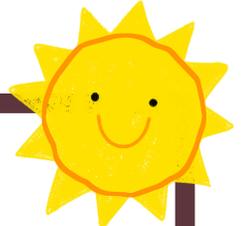
## Halloween Fun

Students had so much fun seeing each other's costumes as they traveled the halls in a grand display of creativity! Our own WLTS came over to assist in making a video to share with our parents. The day was followed by individual classroom parties. Parents volunteered their time to assist in some wonderful crafts and sharing of snacks.

As a community, the entire staff collaborated on a building theme, "Candy Land - It just keeps getting sweeter at Mill Pond!"



## 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



Ms. Molitor's PreK



Mrs. Iorio's K



Ms. Maltese's K

## Mill Pond's Book Vending Machine

A HUGE shout out to our PTA for purchasing our book vending machine! The PTA understood and supported our vision. They have committed to helping provide books to support our PBIS initiative. We had an official ribbon cutting to celebrate!



## Pawsome Citizen

This year, the good character committee along with our climate and culture committee worked toward making our school PBIS initiative possible. We began last year discussing what positive behavioral supports were needed for our students. Over the summer, we met with the PTA. Together, the foundation for our Mill Pond Pawsome Citizen program was designed. During the first few weeks of school, teachers introduced our building expectations: Be Kind, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful. Teachers recognize these traits and celebrate them with wristbands so they can go home and share with their families. Every few weeks, students have the opportunity to earn a cubby coin to use at the book vending machine.

Congratulations to our first Mill Pond Pawsome Citizens for the 24-25 school year!

### Kindergarten

**Leah Campis Arcos, Tessa Hedberg, Roxanne Allen, Charlotte Primavera, Dexter Arban, Weston Clune, Xola Turner, Ava Silverman, Finnley Hurley, Dominic Maresca, Charlotte Knapp, Haley Farnkopf, Christopher Schoemer, Greyson Blockton, Charlotte Fuge**

### PreSchool

**Theodore Dorry, Marlee Rakoczy, Liam Opitz, Liliana Langan, Miles Wright, Gracie McFadden, Killian Sweeney, Ava Kozlowski, Landon Maynard, Ruby Lazaro, Madiynn Ginsberg, Annalie Prozanik, Nora Meyler, Leslie Vargos, Palmer Fobes**



# Cedar Creek News

## Students of the Month October

**Abigail Christian**

**Eve Christian**

**Leonardo DeMattia**

**Derek Disanza**

**Evelyn Dlugosz**

**Savannah Dos Santos**

**Kayla Fazio**

**Noah Grodzki**

**JohnAngelo Koch**

**Miliani Kuser**

**Roman LoBosco**

**Ben Murphy**

**Mackenzie Nagy**

**Trevor Osmond**

**Lily Pandorf**

**Vincent Puglisi**

**Lucas Quinn**

**Mariah Salzer**

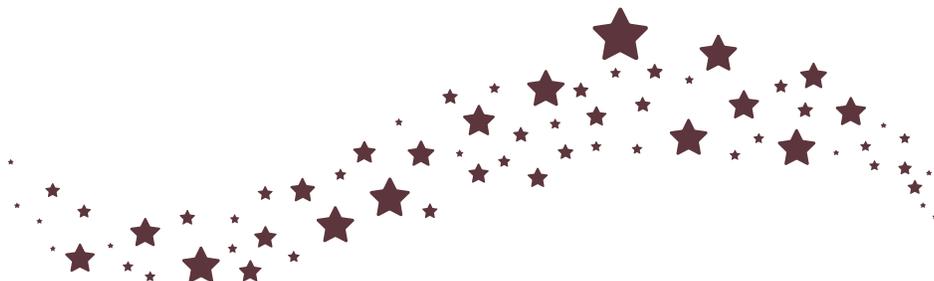
**Cora Simas**

**Lily Slaughter**

**Ryan Sullivan-Richard**

**Grace Valles**

**Dimitri Yarmolenko**



## Lanoka Harbor Fire Department Visits CCS

In October, the LHFD visited CCS. Our students in 3rd-5th grade participated in a fire prevention assembly and our students in 1st and 2nd grade visited the fire truck! Congratulations to our Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners: **Micah Trout, Lilianna Kennedy, Nicolette Johnson, and Ally May!**



## Fossil Digging in Mrs. Mantegna's Class

Students were digging for fossils in Mrs. Mantegna's class. Check out these paleontologists!





## CCS PTA Color Run

Our PTA hosted a Color Run for students at Cedar Creek! We had so much fun with our students, staff and families! Our students raised over \$10,000 for the CCS PTA!



## 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!



# Forked River News



## Special Area Students of the Month

Art - **Sofia Hernandez-Najera**

**Jason Van DeWater**

PE - **Kylie Petriello**

**Alexander Jarkezian**

Music - **Casey Jacobson**

**Jemma Corselli**

Library - **Wes Pearce**

**Avrie Feeney**

World Language -

**Anthony Rao**

**Mariah Carvalho**

## Week of Respect

We are proud to recognize this year's "Week of Respect" coloring contest winners at the Forked River School.

Congratulations to **Sawyer Drahos, Levi Bernaldo, Charlotte Klosterhoff, Monroe Kotsifas, and Cali Mazzola.**

We are also proud to recognize the following students for our "We Caught You Showing Respect" award this year as well.

Congratulations to **Penelope Staples, Wyatt DeCola, Gemma Mays, David Corano-Hernandez, and Olivia Gronczewski.**

Thank you to Mrs. Polichetti, our guidance counselor, for organizing our "Week of Respect" activities along with our teaching staff.

## Community Service

Mrs. Nachman's Heroes Club students organized a school-wide food drive for donation to the Lacey Food Bank for the families in our community who are in need for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The FRS Helping Hands Committee is also coordinating and preparing food baskets for our Forked River School families in need for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mrs. Tyhnic's Intergenerational Club students organized a school-wide paper goods drive for donation to the Lacey Food Bank for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday as well.



# Forked River School Superstar Citizens of the Month



Teacher	Student	Teacher	Student
Mrs. Bergman	<b>Dakota McAllister</b>	Mrs. Latwis	<b>Makayla Cornetto</b>
Mrs. Camaligan	<b>Mateo Galindo</b>	Mrs. Lavorgna	<b>Logan Heins</b>
Mrs. Coller	<b>Jaxon Sikora</b>	Mrs. Mooney	<b>Alexander Romanow</b>
Mrs. Crepezzi	<b>Riley Lesko</b>	Mrs. Mulligan	<b>Rylee Del Piano</b>
Mrs. DeNigris	<b>Alexander Salvatore-Nackos</b>	Mrs. Nachman	<b>Ehtan Jacobs</b>
Mrs. Doherty	<b>Anthony Rao</b>	Mrs. Opacity	<b>Chloe Robles-Tablas</b>
Mrs. Flynn	<b>Vivanna Peters</b>	Mrs. Schubiger	<b>Paxton Krusieski</b>
Mrs. Halliday	<b>Alexander Sousa</b>	Mrs. Weaver	<b>Brinley LaGreca</b>



## Safety Patrol Students of the Month

<b>Arianna Bogert</b>	<b>Ryleigh Brockelbank</b>
<b>Teya Caiazzo</b>	<b>Michael Cocco</b>
<b>Abigail Congdon</b>	<b>Jemma Corselli</b>
<b>Vincent Cairns</b>	<b>James Carmona</b>
<b>Gabriella Cruz</b>	<b>Dominic Crowe</b>
<b>Leonardo DeCola</b>	<b>Lukas Doell</b>



## October Morning Announcers

**Alexander Jarkezian**  
**Angel Torres-Castro**

## Halloween



On Thursday, October 31st, the Forked River School staff hosted many fun and educational Halloween-themed activities. Thank you to our classroom teachers for arranging celebrations, our special area teachers, Mr. Boedigheimer, Ms. Faille, Mrs. McAndrew, Mrs. Paris, and Mrs. Sharkey, for hosting their annual Spooktacular, and all staff who assisted with the festivities!



## Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was recognized at the Forked River School through various developmentally-appropriate activities designed to raise our students' awareness of the importance of making healthy choices in all aspects of their lives.



## Veterans Day

On Veterans Day, the Forked River School's fourth and fifth grade students had the opportunity to meet with and recognize veterans of the United States Armed Services. Our special guests discussed their duties, experiences, and the importance of serving our great country. We would like to thank our special guests for taking the time to visit with our students and for sharing their experiences.

In honor of Veterans Day, the students and staff at the Forked River School also completed a school-wide display honoring family members and friends who have served or are serving in the military. Students recorded each veteran's name and military branch on red, white, and blue stars which were then displayed in our front foyer for all to see. The display also included flags and posters from the various branches of the military.



On behalf of the Forked River School family, we would like to wish everyone in our great community of Lacey Township, an enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends!



# Lanoka Harbor News

## Students of the Month

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

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Jane Atkins

Kiersten Mandato

Finnegan Liston

CONGRATULATIONS!

## Red Ribbon Week

During the week of October 28th, Lanoka Harbor School celebrated Red Ribbon Week; the annual celebration of living a drug-free life. To spread the positive message and awareness of living drug-free, students participated in red ribbon-themed spirit days all week. This year's theme was "Life is a Movie, Film Drug Free."



## Fire Prevention Week

Under the guidance of the Lanoka Harbor Volunteer Fire Company, Lanoka Harbor School students learned about fire safety during October. Fourth and fifth-grade students participated in a fire safety poster contest and attended an assembly led by Fire Prevention Officer John Szafranski. Winners were selected from participants who created posters utilizing the theme: "Smoke Alarms, Make Them Work For You!"



## PTO Color Run

On October 21st the Lanoka Harbor School PTO hosted our school color run. In this fundraiser event, students collected donations from family and friends to participate in the run/walk which ended in a joyous blast of color! It certainly was a colorful and awesome time. The highlight of the event was when the 10 students who raised the most funds were able to "COLOR BLAST" the 4 staff members that were voted to be color blasted!



Top 10 fundraising students

**Jaxon Barras, Abigail Boyer, Cayleb Dooley, Kyren Dooley,  
Iris Hagaman, Madelyn Hamman, Bodhi Kelleher,  
Connor Murphy, Grace Nicholson, and Nevaeh Wilson**

It was really great to see so many of our students attend with family and friends. We are looking forward to the next year's event!



# Middle School News



## What's Happening!

The PTC hosted our annual Walk-a-thon and Halloween Costume contest on Halloween. The Student Council has some exciting events coming up this month. They will be sponsoring a Kindness Competition in recognition of World Kindness Day! Kindness is contagious! Camo Day to show your support for our veterans by wearing your best camouflage or patriotic colors! Disney Day to dress up as your favorite Disney character and bring some magic to our school! A dress for success day on School Picture Day. Additionally, they are organizing a Food Drive for our Veterans. The Student Council will be collecting non-perishable food items to support our local veterans in need.

## Sports Update



Congratulations Girl Cross Country with their record of 2-3 and Boys Cross Country's record of 2-3. **Victoria Mattison** placed 23rd overall and **Brody McGauley** placed 54th overall at the Meet Of Champions.

Field Hockey finished strong with a record 7-3-2.

Girls Soccer finished as co-champs with Goetz with a record 11-1, and Boys Soccer finished 4-7-1. **Ben Catino** and **Tristan Derosa** were selected to the OCIAL boys soccer All Star Game.

Coaches and student athletes are looking forward to winter sports starting later this month. Good luck to all our Middle School athletes!



## 8th Grade Student of the Month

### GRACE LIEBMAN

Grace is an excellent student and classmate. She is presently enrolled in our most challenging course work including ELA Honors, Geometry Honors, and STEM. Her grades are stunning with no grade below a 98. One of her passions is playing the french horn; therefore, she chose full-year Band as her elective. Her teachers describe her as being honest, caring, and hard-working. Congratulations to Grace and her family.



## 8th Grade Student of the Month

### TYLER BLAZEJEWSKI

Tyler has been described as having outstanding attitude, personality, and respect for his teachers as well as his peers. Tyler follows instruction without question and completes his assignments setting a good example for his peers to follow. Tyler presently has all A's in his classes due to his strong work ethic, always striving to do his best. He consistently volunteers in the classroom offering respectful and thoughtful responses.. Congratulations to Tyler and his family.

## Middle School Club Updates

Middle school clubs are now meeting regularly. New students can join anytime.

- This month the **Yearbook Club** will make a final decision on a cover/theme for this year's edition. We will also be discussing advertising/marketing strategies and narrowing down ideas for sections and photo spreads. Yearbook will also continue to encourage students and the community to utilize Yearbook Snap to submit photographs for possible inclusion in the final edition.
- **Drama Club** had their introductory meeting and have been auditioning students for their roles. They will begin rehearsals after the November break. Stage crew will be meeting to work on their sets and designing their props after the November break.
- **Chorus** has been hard at work preparing for their winter concert. They have been working during school at lessons and after school at rehearsals.
- **Band** has been holding weekly rehearsals, which will culminate in their winter concert on December 5th.
- **Student Council** held its first food drive "DARE TO CARE" to benefit the Lacey Food Bank during the month of October. The following students have been elected as officers:

President: **Grace Hall**

Vice President: **Leah Simonson**

Secretary: **Christian Tretola**

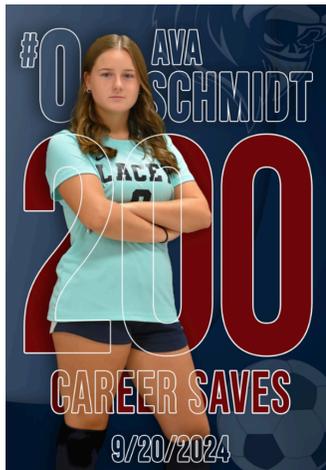
- **NJHS** is organizing a sneaker collections drive and a can tab collection drive for the Ronald McDonald House. Additionally, they will take part in the upcoming painting scholarship nights at Lanoka Harbor and Forked River Schools, as well as participate in a PTC holiday gift wrapping fundraiser.



# High School News

## Player of the Week

Congrats to our own Ava Schmidt for being named the Shore Coaches "B" South Player of the Week for week #8!



## LTHS Marching Band

On Saturday, October 12, 2024 the LTHS Marching Lions and Color Guard competed in the Tournament of Bands competition at Jackson Liberty High School. After a fantastic performance, the Marching Lions came in third place overall in Group 2A, coming in first place in Visual and second place in Individual Music. Congratulations!!



## Soccer

The LTHS Women's soccer team is off to their best start in over 15 years. Their record as of 10/31 was 16 wins 2 losses and 1 tie. The ladies are "B" South champions and made it all the way to the Shore Conference semi-finals where they were eliminated 2-1 by eventual champions Freehold Twp. The team will compete in the State Tournament.



## **SENIOR OF THE MONTH**

### **KAYLA L. FITZPATRICK**

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School have enthusiastically awarded November 2024 Senior of the Month to Kayla Fitzpatrick!

Kayla's exceptional intelligence, remarkable ambition, and unwavering dedication make her a standout recipient for this senior honor.

From academic achievements to extracurricular excellence, Kayla exemplifies what it means to be a well-rounded individual. Her intellectual curiosity is evident in her outstanding academic performance, where she consistently excels in challenging coursework and demonstrates a deep understanding of complex subjects. Her ability to think critically and solve problems creatively is truly inspiring. As a leader in the rigorous STEM Academy, Kayla has maintained a 4.449 grade point average and is ranked 4th out of 296 students, positioning her in the top 1% of her graduating class!

Beyond her academic prowess, Kayla is a natural leader who has made significant contributions to our school community. She has been actively involved in the National Honor Society, in the Student Government Association as an Officer, and a member of LTHS Interact Club. Kayla's leadership and initiative have driven positive change and her commitment to service and her passion for helping others reflect her holistic approach to personal and professional growth. Kayla also possesses a rare blend of empathy, resiliency, and innovation. 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 Kayla is a well-rounded individual with a strong academic record, has exemplary leadership skills, and a deep commitment to community service. Her diverse interests and experiences make her an asset to any situation. I am confident that Kayla Fitzpatrick will continue to excel and make significant contributions wherever her future endeavors take her. In recognition of her outstanding achievements and her exceptional contributions to our school community, we wholeheartedly endorse Kayla Fitzpatrick as November Senior of the Month. Congratulations, Kayla!

## **SENIOR OF THE MONTH**

### **ERIK R. STROIN**

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School have enthusiastically awarded November 2024 Student of the month to Erik Stroin!

This recognition is a testament of Erik's outstanding achievements and character, and we couldn't be prouder to celebrate him.

Erik's intelligence and motivation shine through in everything he does. As a member of the National Honor Society and a consistent High Honor Roll student, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence. His contributions to the All State Band and the South Jersey Band and Orchestra Directors Association highlight not only his musical talent but also his dedication to his craft.

As Class President since September 2021 and the Drum Major of the High School Marching Band since his junior year, he has showcased exceptional leadership skills. Erik's ability to inspire his peers and foster a sense of community is truly commendable. Beyond his academic and extracurricular achievements, his extensive volunteer service hours within our community reflect his humility and commitment to making a difference. Erik embodies the values we strive to instill in our students, and his actions set a wonderful example for others.

We look forward to seeing all the great things he continues to achieve. Congratulations, Erik, on this well-deserved recognition!

## **VOCATIONAL SENIOR OF THE MONTH**

### **MAYA A. JINKINS**

Dedication, self motivation, and determination are only a few of the outstanding qualities that sets Maya apart from her peers. Maya strives to do her best and accomplishes anything she sets her mind to with great success.

Beyond the classroom, Maya is a shared-time student with Ocean County Vocational Technical School (OCVTS). There she is pursuing her passion in the mechanical field of Heating and Air Conditioning. After graduation she plans to continue her education in the field. Maya's passion for her trade is very evident with a goal to own her own Heating and Air Conditioning company.

In her spare time Maya rides dirt bikes and repurposes furniture.

Maya is wished the best as she continues her education and sincere congratulations on being chosen as November's Vocational Student of the Month.

## **UNSUNG HERO**

### **DANIELLE PASQUA**

For the month of October, Lacey Township High School would like to recognize Tatia as the Unsung Hero!

The Matthew Blum Unsung Hero Award is awarded to a person who has exemplified unselfish acts within his or her community. The recipient for the month of November is someone who has been able to go above and beyond for the Lacey community. She has been a member of the Varsity Girls Soccer Team for the past 3 years, playing as center defense. In the spring season, she has shown her athletics while being on our Varsity Girls Track Team. Her teammates have described her as being “positive”, “uplifting”, and “ambitious”. In her academics, she has been a member of the STEM Academy as well. She has consistently been in the top few of her class academically and has received High Honor Roll throughout her high school career. This person has challenged herself with some of the hardest courses Lacey can offer and has succeeded in all of them. Not only this, she is an incredibly caring person who has been there for her peers throughout her past 3 years at LTHS. She has an attitude that can lighten up a classroom and can brighten everyone’s day. For these reasons, SGS is proud to announce that the November Unsung Hero is Danielle Pasqua. Congratulations Danielle and keep up the great work!