

Pemberton Pride

The Newsletter of Pemberton Township Schools

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PTHS INTRODUCES YONDR POUCHES INITIATIVE TO ENHANCE LEARNING

Pemberton Township High School has introduced the Yondr Phone-Free Schools Program to aid with its cell phone use policy among students.

Yondr was established in 2014 and has helped create phone-free spaces for students in all 50 states and over 48 countries with the use of pouches.

Students place their cell phones in the lockable Yondr pouches as they arrive for school. The pouches remain locked and in the possession of students for the duration of the school day. Stations are set up to unlock the pouches as students are dismissed. The objective is

to eliminate the distraction of personal technology devices during pivotal learning time. By removing cell phones from the classroom, the opportunity for creativity, productivity and student engagement is increased.

Administrators have acknowledged improvement in classroom learning, behavior and social interactions. Students are also encouraged to interact during lunch periods with the utilization of board games.



Students at Pemberton Township High School received their Yondr pouches from staff members on the first day of school in the PTHS auditorium.

Fort Dix and Newcomb Welcome New Principals for 2025-26

Kelly Reising was approved as the new principal of Fort Dix Elementary School and began her tenure on July 1st. She has served as the assistant principal of William G. Rohrer Middle School in Haddon Township since 2022. Reising previously worked for Audubon School District in various roles.



Kelly Reising was named the new principal at Fort Dix Elementary School.

As a history teacher at Northern Burlington County Regional High School, she served as a member of the Military Appreciation Committee. The experience has fueled her desire to continue serving those children in her latest role at Fort Dix.

"I want to ensure military-connected children are not only supported through their transitions," Reising said, "but are also given every opportunity to

succeed, lead, and grow in a school that understands and honors their lived experiences."

Mindy McCall was approved as the new principal of Newcomb Middle School and began her tenure on July 15th. She served as the vice principal of Lincoln Elementary School and Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in New Brunswick since 2015. McCall previously worked for the Lakewood School District in various roles for eight years.



Mindy McCall was named the new principal at Newcomb Middle School.

"With 29 years of experience in education," McCall said, "as both a classroom teacher and school leader, I've been deeply committed to fostering environments where students feel seen, supported, and challenged. I am excited to bring that same passion and dedication to Marcus W. Newcomb Middle School."



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VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES AT PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Pemberton Township Schools recognized Veterans Day with a plethora of activities. PECEC hosted its annual “Flags for Veterans” event to honor local veterans on November 4th. Fort Dix and Helen Fort celebrated Veterans Day with observance ceremonies on November 5th, and PTHS welcomed local veterans for its annual “Thank A Veteran” event on November 10th.



SCHOOL VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK AT PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS



Pemberton Township Schools celebrated School Violence Awareness Week from October 20th to October 24th. The annual nationwide initiative coincides with Red Ribbon Week, and includes activities and assemblies geared towards violence prevention and creating safe learning environments. Our district participated with various theme days as well as the playing of educational videos and messages during morning announcements at various buildings throughout the district!

Stackhouse Elementary Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month



Joseph S. Stackhouse Elementary School recognized Hispanic Heritage Month with an assembly titled “Musiquita” in October. Musiquita, a two-person band that features Blanca Cecilia González (violin/voice/uke/percussion) and Jesse Elder (piano/vocals/percussion/melodica), provided students with a bilingual interactive educational music experience.

2025 Homecoming Festivities at PTHS

The PTHS football team hosted West Jersey Football League National Division rival Riverside for Homecoming on Saturday, October 18th. Despite a tough loss, PTHS’ Hornet Pride was on full display throughout the festivities. Senior Charles “C.J.” Bauerdorf was named Homecoming King and senior Haylee Carson was named Homecoming Queen. Pemberton Pride!



PTHS Hosts Captains Breakfast for Fall Athletics

PTHS hosted its seasonal Captains Breakfast for student athletes participating in fall sports on Wednesday, October 29th. 24 total students from football, field hockey, boys soccer, girls soccer, girls tennis, cheer, cross country and marching band were represented at the breakfast.



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PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS



Please donate non-perishable items such as canned goods & sealed box and bagged goods for our Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Your kindness helps our OWN Pemberton families celebrate a fulfilling Thanksgiving!

Please drop off items at your school by:

Friday, November 21, 2025

This year, the kindness and generosity of our Pemberton Learning Community is needed now more than ever!

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