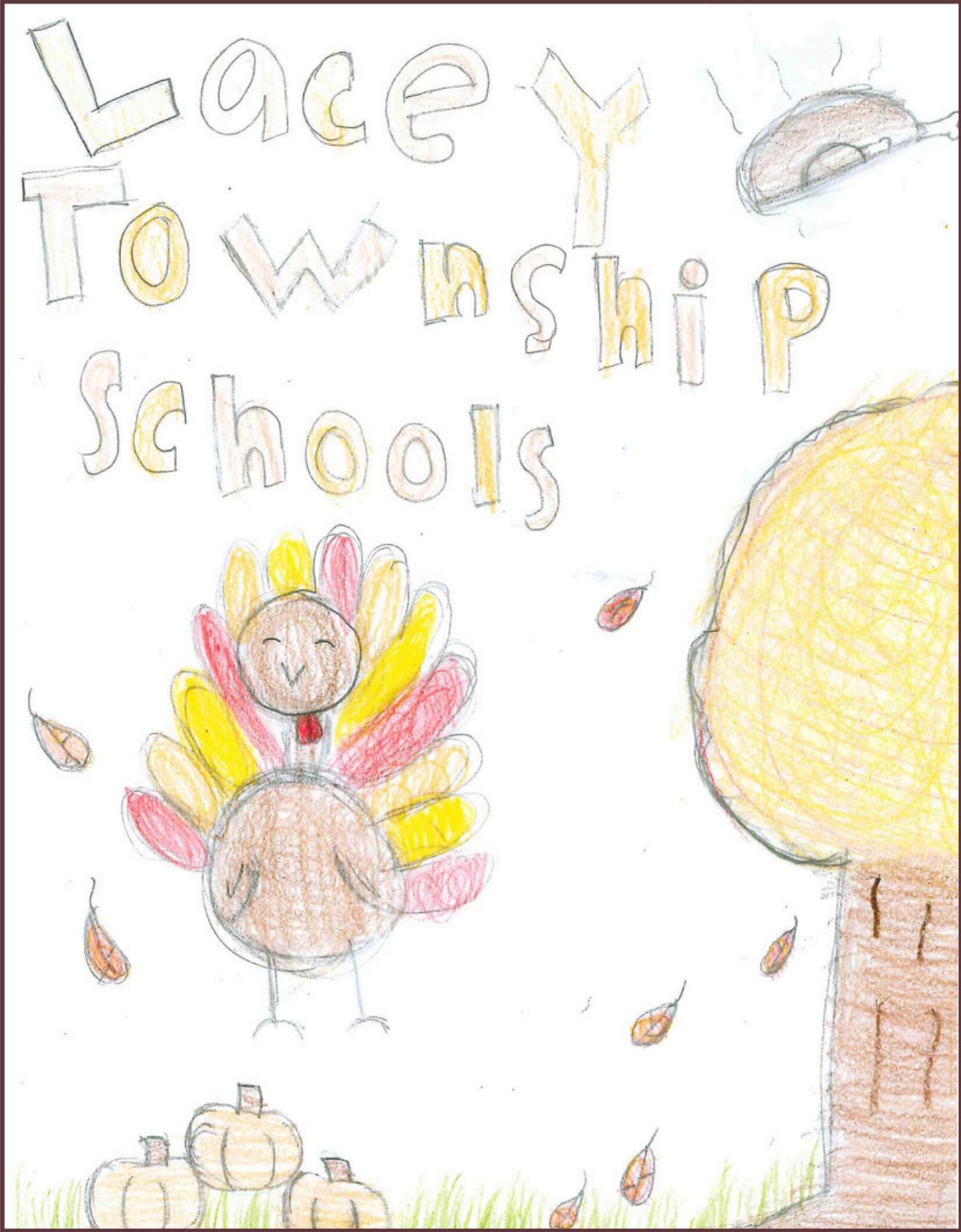


SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2025



Student Enrollment for October 2025

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE
Mill Pond Elementary School	611	93%
Cedar Creek Elementary School	443	95%
Forked River Elementary School	446	94%
Lanoka Harbor Elementary School	436	95%
Lacey Township Middle School	825	95%
Lacey Township High School	1,061	95%
Special Education (Out-of-District)	27	
*OCVTS – M.A.T.E.S.	28	
*OCVTS – Performing Arts Academy	25	
*OCVTS – Academy Law & Public Safety	16	
TOTAL	3,918	



November 2025

Seniors of the Month

RYLIE TILTON

AIDAN FLYNN

Vocational Senior of the Month

KEARA McALLISTER

Unsung Hero

SAMANTHA SUBOKOW



Mill Pond News



Mill Pond's Book Vending Machine

A HUGE shout out to our PTA for continuing to purchase our books for our vending machine! The PTA understood and supported our vision. They have committed to helping provide books to support our PBIS initiative, Pawsome Citizen.

The good character committee along with our climate and culture committee continue to work toward making our school PBIS initiative possible. We began last year discussing what positive behavioral supports were needed for our students.

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 Mill Pond Pawsome Citizens!



Morning Announcements

Our kindergarten and preschool 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!



Mrs. Sarcone's class (PreK)



Mrs. Silva's &
Mrs. Johnson's class (K)



Mrs. Garcia's class (K)

CANDY

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. There is no sweeter place than Mill Pond!



Cedar Creek News



Halloween at CCS



Students of the Month October

Xadiel Acevedo
Maci Britton
Silas Cacoilo
Gia Calderone
Daniel Carey
Samuel Christy
Derek Disanza

Brynlee Ferrando
Mason Fuentes
Grayson Hurley
Evelyn Manresa
Brooklyn Marshall
Gianna Marsicano
Roman May

Noah Pentz
Remaliah Ramos
Reed Rush
Cooper Simas
Eriel Swain
Donovan Velazquez
Charlotte Young



CCS Celebrates Veterans Day

Students engaged in a variety of lessons and activities on Veterans Day. We are honored to show appreciation to those who have served and continue to serve.



PTA Math Night



Thank you to our dedicated and supportive PTA and Staff for their help with Math Night! The students and families had a great time!



Forked River News



Special Area Students of the Month



Art - **Maya Wills**

Music - **Mattie Bonfanti**

Library - **Nicholas Riggio**

PE - **Maya Wills**

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.



PTA Color Run

On Friday, October 17th, the Forked River School PTA hosted their annual Color-A-Thon run after school on our backfield. Our students and their families enjoyed jogging the course and running through the powdered color as it was thrown along the way. Thank you to Mrs. Maguire, Mrs. Van De Water, our entire PTA executive board, our PTA parent volunteers, our staff volunteers, and all of our participants for a fun event!



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

During the last week of October, we celebrated Red Ribbon Week with daily spirit wear themes. Our staff also provided various developmentally-appropriate activities designed to raise our students' awareness of the importance of making healthy choices in all aspects of their lives.

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. Tyhanic'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.

Our students and staff also participated in a coin drive to benefit the Tyler Webb Memorial Scholarship that will provide a group of our graduating 2026 LTHS graduating seniors with scholarships for attending a trade school after graduation in Tyler's honor.

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!





Forked River School Superstar Citizens of the Month



Teacher	Student	Teacher	Student
Mrs. Bergman	Shiven Chaudhari	Mrs. Lavorgna	Abigail Batzel
Mrs. Camaligan	Marcelo Koza	Mrs. Mooney	Braxton Folk
Mrs. Coller	James Toner	Mrs. Mulligan	Kendall Hoerster
Mrs. Crepezzi	Kiernan Bass	Mrs. Nachman	Evelyn Christie
Mrs. DeNigris	Evelyn Torres-Ibarra	Mrs. Schubiger	Oaklynn Fobes
Mrs. Flynn	Kaden Myres	Mrs. Tilton	Mia Lefebvre
Mrs. Halliday	Jakob Winkle	Mrs. Weaver	Hannah Crispin
Mrs. Latwis	Layla Rizzo		

Safety Patrol Students of the Month

Angelique De Los Santos
Nicholas Durante
Silvia Frazee
Mateo Galindo
Luca Chiaravallo
Lukas Childs
Landon Deppe-Sanzone
Christian Dudek
Ryan Gorda
Monroe Kotsifas
Hazel Kramer



September Morning Announcers

Wes Leadem
Mateo Galindo

Lanoka Harbor News

Students of the Month

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



PTO Color Run

We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our 3rd Annual Lanoka Harbor 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! The 4 staff members that were chosen were Mrs. Hans, Mrs. Ientile, Mrs. Rieder and Mrs. Snover.



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!

Red Ribbon Week

During the week of October 27th, Lanoka Harbor School celebrated Red Ribbon Week, the annual celebration of living a drug-free life. To spread the positive message and raise awareness about living a drug-free life, students participated in red ribbon-themed spirit days throughout the week. This year's theme was "Life is a Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free."



Halloween 2025

Halloween was a treat at Lanoka Harbor School! On October 30th, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade chorus students took the stage to perform a Spooktacular Halloween Chorus concert. We thank Mrs. Ferruzza and Mrs. Cottrell for all of their hard work, and for all of the staff members and students that participated.



Food Services Great Pumpkin Contest

Lanoka Harbor School's cafeteria staff treated the students to a special contest, holiday music, and a showing of It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown during their lunch break. On October 20th the "Great Pumpkin" arrived in the cafeteria and was displayed on the stage for all to see. Every student was given the chance to guess the weight to win a prize, with one winner being chosen from each class. All class winners were then put into a drawing for the grand prize. The weight of the Great Pumpkin came in at 89.5 pounds and was announced on October 30th!

The winners were as follows:

1st Grade: **Joseph Exner, Mia Useche, Joshua Smith, Raelynn Morgan**

2nd Grade: **Summer Brenner, Harmon Vorhees, Sonya Calabrese**

3rd Grade: **Daniel Robinson, Anthony Scalzo, Brandon Benavides, Sawyer Cleary**

4th Grade: **Joey Phillips, Marina Scott, Charlie Habinowski, Maria Nolasco, Samuel Flores**

5th Grade: **Connor Murphy, Emma Lynn Kozo, Kyla Ambrosio**

The Great Pumpkin Grand Prize winner is:

Kayla Ambrosio



A great big THANK YOU goes out to Mrs. Devaney, our Cafeteria Lead, and the entire kitchen crew for organizing this spooktacular event!!



Middle School News

HALLOWEEN

The PTC hosted our annual Walk-a-thon and Halloween Costume contest on Halloween.

Congratulations to the winners!



Middle School Club Updates

Exciting things are happening in our middle school clubs! All clubs are now meeting regularly, and new members are always welcome to join in on the fun.

The Yearbook Club is buzzing with creativity as they make their final decision on this year's cover and theme. They're also planning advertising and marketing strategies, brainstorming section layouts, and encouraging everyone to submit photos through Yearbook Snap for a chance to be featured in the final edition!

The Drama Club kicked off with an energetic introductory meeting and is now gearing up for auditions and callbacks over the next two weeks. Rehearsals will begin in November, and the set design team is already dreaming up props and stage designs for their upcoming performance.

Meanwhile, the Chorus is hard at work during lessons and after-school rehearsals, preparing for the highly anticipated winter concert. Students are auditioning for solos and even creating the artwork for the concert program!

The Band is also in full swing, holding weekly rehearsals as they get ready to wow audiences at their winter concert on December 11th.

The Student Council has been incredibly active, spreading school spirit and kindness. After organizing a "Week of Kindness," candy drives, perfect attendance incentives, and themed spirit days, they're now planning exciting future events like the Battle of the Classes, the 8th Grade Dance, and more spirit weeks! They also helped "chalk the walk" with positive messages and led a schoolwide kindness reflection project using "paws of kindness."

Finally, the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is showing true leadership and compassion through several service projects, including a sneaker collection and can tab drive for the Ronald McDonald House. They'll also be helping with painting scholarship nights at Lanoka Harbor and Forked River Schools, organizing a canned food drive, and taking part in the rescheduled Trunk or Treat event.

Our middle school clubs are thriving—keep up the amazing work, and don't miss your chance to join the fun and make a difference!



Fall Sports

Congratulations to the Field Hockey team for having had an incredible season this fall. The program has grown even stronger with 52 girls on the team. Their record is 7-1-2 and are currently tied to win the division!

Girl Cross Country finished with their record of 1-5 and Boys Cross Country's record of 1-5. **Bennet Schenck** placed 23rd and **Henry Guimmarra** placed 38th overall at the Meet of Champions. **Brooke Shaughnessy** placed 23rd and **Dakota Sanzone** placed 30th overall at the Meet of Champions.

The Volleyball team dominated this season, finishing undefeated at 11-0 to claim the Division Championship! Their teamwork, determination, and energy on the court led to an unforgettable season. Congrats to the players and coaches on a perfect record and an incredible accomplishment!

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

November

8th Grade Student of the Month Abigail Laurretta

Abby Laurretta is a model student who exemplifies kindness, effort, and respect in all she does. Throughout 7th grade, Abby has consistently arrived to class prepared, engaged, and ready to learn. She takes pride in her work, demonstrates a strong sense of responsibility, and is always willing to lend a helping hand to classmates. Abby collaborates well with her peers and contributes to a positive learning environment. Her upbeat attitude and kind nature make her a friend to all and a true role model among her peers. Outside of academics, Abby is actively involved in the school community through her participation in band, drama club, and sports. Despite her busy schedule, she maintains excellent grades and continues to be a positive influence wherever she goes. Congratulations to Abby and her family.

November

8th Grade Student of the Month Sergio Valezquez

Sergio is an outstanding student and an all-around phenomenal person. Intelligent, hardworking, and inquisitive, he consistently looks beyond the surface and approaches every task with thoughtfulness and integrity. Sergio is the epitome of an Honors student—he carries one of the most rigorous academic schedules, including Honors ELA, Geometry, and STEM Science, and continues to excel in all areas. Despite his demanding coursework, Sergio remains deeply involved in our school community. He participates in cross country and baseball, serves on the Student Council, and is an active member of the Junior National Honor Society. His dedication to academics, extracurriculars, and leadership makes him a vital part of our school culture and climate. Sergio takes pride in everything he does, and it shows. His respectful nature, willingness to help others, and warm smile brighten the day of everyone around him. Congratulations to Sergio and his family.

High School News

GOOD NEWS

Homecoming 2025 was held on October 18th, students all had a great night! The dance was in the gym, full of fun, music and high memories.

The NJSLA (New Jersey Student Learning Assessments) was administered on November 12th - 14th. The NJSLA is a statewide assessment that measures how well students are mastering New Jersey's academic standards in core subjects such as English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. These assessments provide valuable information about student learning and help guide instruction to support academic growth.



Veterans Day

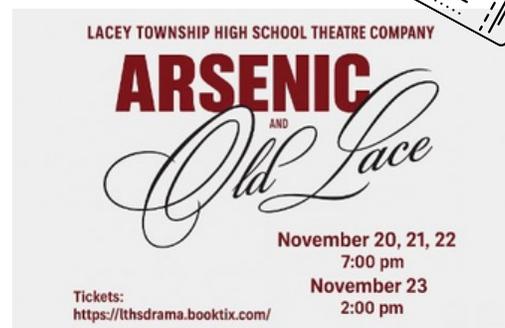
On November 11, 2025 the LTHS SGA students proudly attended the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Lacey Township Municipal Building. The event brought together community members, local leaders, and veterans to honor the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our country. Our students participated with respect and gratitude, reflecting on the importance of service and remembrance. It was a meaningful opportunity for them to connect with our community's veterans and express appreciation for their dedication to protecting our freedoms.



School Play

LTHS is excited to announce our upcoming school play, Arsenic and Old Lace! Join us for an evening of laughter, mystery, and a touch of dark comedy as our talented students bring this classic production to life on stage. Come support our student performers, crew, and directors for what promises to be an unforgettable show! Performances will take place in the school auditorium 11/20 - 11/22 @ 7:00 PM and 11/23 @ 2:00 PM.

Please use this [LINK](#) to purchase tickets for the Fall Play.



SENIOR OF THE MONTH

RYLIE TILTON

The Lacey High School is proud to recognize Rylie Tilton as Senior of the Month for November.

Rylie is an individual who seamlessly blends academic rigor, athletic achievement, and profound dedication to community leadership. Consistently ranked in the top 10 of her class, Rylie's academic performance is exemplary. Her intellectual curiosity drives her toward an interest in diverse, purposeful fields of study, including Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Nursing, and Environmental Science. This people-and-planet-centered focus highlights a commitment to making a tangible, positive impact on the world. This future-focused mindset is further honed through her placement in the prestigious Leadership Academy academic track.

Rylie is not just a participant; she is a dedicated leader and a budding activist for change. Her key initiative involves project-based activism for initiating an endeavor to start a female weight club—an inspiring effort aimed at promoting health, confidence, and equitable access to physical wellness within the school community. Rylie embodies the spirit of a visionary leader—she uses her intellect and energy to make a lasting, positive impact on the lives of others.

Her commitment to service is reflected by her active membership in the National Honor Society, AADA, and the Thespian Society, while her creative talents shine through her involvement in Drama, where she also takes on the crucial organizational role of Stage Manager.

As a dedicated multi-sport athlete, she excels on the field in both Field Hockey and Lacrosse, demonstrating teamwork, discipline, and competitive spirit.

Perhaps most notably, this student possesses an exceptional character. She is consistently described as super sweet, motivated, and extremely hard-working. Her innate compassion ensures she builds positive relationships with peers and faculty alike, embodying a rare balance: she is committed to prioritizing her future while staying genuinely present in all her current school endeavors.

We congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition!

SENIOR OF THE MONTH

AIDAN FLYNN

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School have enthusiastically awarded Aidan Flynn as our Senior of the Month for November 2025. It is an honor to speak on behalf of Aidan, a student who has made an outstanding mark on our school community through hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

Aidan's academic accomplishments speak for themselves. During his junior year, he earned a place on the High Honor Roll, a distinction that reflects not only his intelligence, but also his consistency and commitment to excellence. He has continued to challenge himself academically through his participation in the Ocean County College Academy, where he is on track to earn his Associate's Degree at the same time as his high school diploma; this is an incredible achievement that demonstrates both initiative and discipline.

Before that, Aidan spent his freshman and sophomore years in the STEM program, where he built a strong foundation in science, technology, engineering, and math. These are skills that will serve him well in any future career he chooses to pursue.

But Aidan's drive extends far beyond the classroom. He is also a dedicated four-year varsity wrestler, a sport that requires not only physical strength, but also mental toughness, focus, and an unshakable work ethic. Through every match and every practice, Aidan has shown what it means to be a true competitor and teammate.

Aidan's journey is a testament to the power of balance, as he excelled academically while committing to athletics and personal growth. He has set a remarkable example for his peers, and we could not be prouder of all he has accomplished. On behalf of the entire school community, I congratulate you, Aidan Flynn, on being named Student of the Month. We look forward to all that you will continue to accomplish in the future!

VOCATIONAL SENIOR OF THE MONTH

KEARA McALLISTER

The Lacey High School Vocational Department is proud to recognize Keara McAllister as the November Vocational Student of the Month. Keara is a truly exemplary student who embodies the qualities of dedication, kindness, and positive leadership.

Keara's commitment to making her school a better place is evident in everything she does. A particularly heartwarming example of her compassion was her recognition as Brick's Best Student for September after she took the initiative to help a new classmate find their way on the very first day of school. This simple yet profound act highlights her kind and thoughtful nature.

In the classroom, Keara is an absolute joy to have. She is known for being hard-working and dedicated, consistently demonstrating a genuine desire to learn. She listens carefully to instructions and is a valuable participant in class, always contributing positively to discussions. Her efforts help create a welcoming and engaging classroom environment for all her peers.

Keara McAllister is a model vocational student, and the Lacey High School community is fortunate to have her.

Congratulations Keara McAllister on being senior Vocational student of the Month!

UNSUNG HERO

SAMANTHA SUBOKOW

This year's November Unsung Hero is Samantha Subokow.

Sam is very involved in many activities and her commitment has led her to thrive in leadership positions. She is a field hockey captain, DECA vice president, head yearbook editor, executive board activities coordinator for Student Government, and a member of the National Honors Society.

Academic wise, Sam holds a high GPA and is enrolled in the OCC program at Lacey. She holds a high academic drive for herself and gives her best effort in everything she does.

Sam holds multiple varsity letters including fall, winter, and spring sports. Sam is always willing to help her classmates out and provide assistance when needed and continuously promotes school spirit when completing activities.

Sam is a role model for Lacey Township High School and always has a positive attitude. Congratulations Sam!