

Superintendent's Report

December 2025



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Student Enrollment for November 2025

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE
Mill Pond Elementary School	613	94%
Cedar Creek Elementary School	437	95%
Forked River Elementary School	447	94%
Lanoka Harbor Elementary School	438	94%
Lacey Township Middle School	827	94%
Lacey Township High School	1,050	95%
Special Education (Out-of-District)	27	
*OCVTS – M.A.T.E.S.	28	
*OCVTS – Performing Arts Academy	25	
*OCVTS – Academy Law & Public Safety	15	
TOTAL	3,907	



December 2025

Seniors of the Month

OLIVIA G. MILLER

RYAN BREWER

Unsung Hero

DELIA PACKEN



Mill Pond News



1st Annual Veterans Celebration

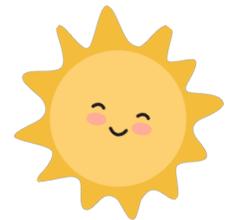
This year, Mill Pond began a new tradition to honor the veterans in our students' families. With help from staff and our dedicated PTA, they organized a lovely treat for our veterans. Our students proudly lined the hallways, singing with love and respect as our veterans paraded through the halls of Mill Pond. This event was filled with pride and joy!



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!

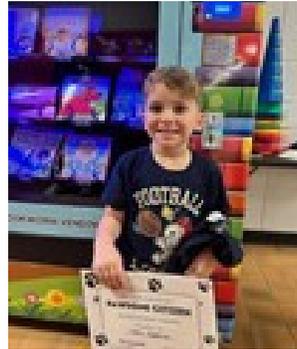
GOOD
MORNING





Pawsome Citizens

Our building wide Lion Language has really taken off as our students are learning to be kind, be respectful, and be responsible. Each week, teachers take a few moments to talk about our work of the week and how it relates to our building wide expectations. We want to congratulate our students that earned a cubby coin and a trip to the book vending machine!



Lacey Food Bank Donations

Mill Pond students and staff saw a great opportunity to help a local organization this holiday season. Our furry friends needed some assistance and we were happy to help! During the first 2 weeks of December, Mill Pond gathered items such as dry food, canned food and lots of treats!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Cedar Creek News



CCS Winter Chorus Concert

Students shared sounds of the holidays at the Annual CCS Winter Chorus Concert. Not only did our students perform for the CCS students and families, but they took a trip over to Mill Pond to share the sounds of the season!



Students of the Month

Ava Braiser

Connor Carey

Patrick Delaney

Leonardo DeMattia

Jett Pepe-DePue

Cameron DeRosa

Evelyn Dlugosz

Ethan Dye

Vincenzo Fisler

Hanna Juhr

Milania Kuser

Harper Miick

Cristina Ozell

Leslie Pacheco

Lily Pandorf

Arthur Pompei

Liliana Pompei

Hudson Schmidt

Ryan Sullivan

Ella Wrocklage

Sedona Zuniga





Festive Friday at CCS

During the month of December, we have so many spirit days!
Thank you, students and staff for keeping things festive!



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**



Forked River News



Special Area Students of the Month

Art - **Maya Wills**

Library - **David Corano-Hernandez**

Music - **Monroe Kotsifas**

PE - **Evelyn Christie**

Harvest Hoedown

On Friday, November 21st, our physical education teachers, Mr. Boedigheimer and Mrs. Sharkey, along with our special area teachers and staff, hosted the 36th annual Forked River School, "Harvest Hoedown." Students, staff, and family members wore their favorite western wear and enjoyed line dancing to their favorite country-western songs. The Harvest Hoedown is a school-wide event which is a culmination of a physical education unit of study on dance.



Hoop Shoot

We would like to congratulate the Forked River School's winners of the Lacey Elks Hoop Shoot Contest.

Congratulations to **Lennox Carvalho, Vivianne Peters, James Toner, Harper Smith, Ryan Kelly, and Kylie Carskaddan!**



Illusion Maker

The Lacey Township Public Works Department sponsored a school-wide assembly program on Tuesday, December 16th, called the Illusion Maker. It was a fun and entertaining game show that taught our students all about the recycling program we have in Lacey Township and the importance of caring for the earth. We would like to thank the Lacey Township Public Works for sponsoring such a fun and interactive program for our students!

Chorus

The Forked River School Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Faille, our director, and Mrs. Camaligan, our Assistant Choral Director, will be performing their annual Holiday Concert tonight Thursday, December 18th! There were two daytime performances for our students and staff and one evening performance in the Lacey Township High School auditorium which is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM.



Community Service

Thank you to the Forked River School Staff, our Helping Hands Committee, and members of our community who generously donated money, gift cards, and food baskets to Forked River School families in need for the Thanksgiving holiday!

We would also like to thank our students who are members of the Lacey Township School District's Intergenerational Club and all of their advisors for their efforts in managing the annual "Paper Drive" that benefited the Lacey Food Bank and our community members in need for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you to all of our staff, students, and their family members who donated.



We would like to thank our Hero Club students led by their advisor, Mrs. Nachman, for coordinating this year's Winter Holiday Food Drive that will benefit the Lacey Food Bank and our community members in need for the winter holidays. Thank you to all of our students and their families who donated.

The Forked River School PTA hosted a Holiday Shop on December 8th through December 10th. Students had the opportunity to purchase small gifts for loved ones ahead of the upcoming December holidays.



On behalf of the Forked River School family, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and a prosperous New Year!



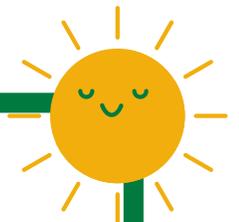
Forked River School Superstar Citizens of the Month



Teacher	Student	Teacher	Student
Mrs. Bergman	Daniela Esteves-Aguilar	Mrs. Lavorgna	Katherine Aker
Mrs. Camaligan	Logan Heins	Mrs. Mooney	Everly Truskowski
Mrs. Coller	Gemma Mays	Mrs. Mulligan	Oliver Mantilla
Mrs. Crepezzi	Citlali Matilde Velazquez	Mrs. Nachman	Mattie Bonfanti
Mrs. DeNigris	Nova Turner	Mrs. Schubiger	Oliver Steinberg
Mrs. Flynn	Braelynn Kirby	Mrs. Tilton	Jaxson Sikora
Mrs. Halliday	Madison Kearney	Mrs. Weaver	Lennox Carvalho
Mrs. Latwis	Gwenyth Villanova	Ms. Mattice	Jasiah Peins

Safety Patrol Students of the Month

Ana DiMaria
Jordyn Downtin
Jonathan Gonzalez
Hubert Hernandez
Araya Hubschman
Briana Hynes
Gavin Jimenez-Perez
Zoelyn Lauretta
Hailey Lordi
Olivia Lordi
Matthew Markle



Morning Announcers

Sofia Lezama
Nova Turner

Lanoka Harbor News

Students of the Month

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



Proud Paws

On Friday, November 14th, the Lanoka Harbor School Proud Paws hosted a breakfast to honor our veterans. Students in 3rd through 5th grade were asked to invite a special veteran to join them. In addition to the breakfast, all students and faculty were asked to participate in paying tribute by sending in a photo along with a tribute card honoring a family member or friend who is a veteran or currently serving. These photos and tribute cards were put on display in the front foyer display case of the school. The event ended with a bagpipe-led veteran's parade through the halls!

A special thanks to the Proud Paws Club, Club Advisors Mrs. Meyler and Mrs. Supsie, Mrs. Snover, and the Lanoka Harbor School PTO for their hard work in planning this amazing event!





50th Day of School

On November 20th, Lanoka Harbor School students celebrated the 50th day of school “Fifty’s Style”. The students dressed in 50’s style clothing and completed learning activities related to the number 50.

Intergenerational Club

The Lacey Schools Intergenerational Club recently participated in the Lacey Food Bank’s Paper and Toiletry Drive. The Lanoka Harbor School club asked each grade level to bring in specific items needed by the Food Bank from November 17th through November 21st. Those items were placed in grade-level collection bins. Together, the club members sorted and boxed the items that were donated to the Food Bank. We are very thankful for all the families that generously supported the Intergenerational Club and Lacey Food Bank!



Middle School News

Latest News!!!

The second marking period is underway, and report cards are now available on the parent portal. Students who earned straight A's will be recognized with an ice cream celebration during their lunch period—special thanks to the PTC for sponsoring this fun event! The Student Council is also proud to acknowledge all students who achieved Perfect Attendance for the first marking period—meaning no absences and no tardies. Your dedication truly stands out. As promised, every student with perfect attendance was entered into a raffle for a \$25 gift card. Congratulations to our winners: **Summer Stucy, Mia Catino, and Peter Donahue.**



Clubs /Sports

- **Band** - The band has been working hard to prepare music for our upcoming concert on December 11th.
- **Drama Club** - Drama Club members are busy memorizing lines, practicing blocking, and learning choreography. The Set Design team has also begun work on sets and props.
- **Chorus** - Chorus is currently holding dress rehearsals and getting ready for the winter concert on December 4th.
- **Intergenerational Club** - In November, the club will travel to the high school to see their production of Arsenic and Old Lace. During the week of November 17th, we will collect items for the Lacey Food Bank and deliver them on November 24th. On December 3rd, students will attend a Winter paint party at the Pheasant Run clubhouse, where they will paint seasonal scenes on canvas.
- **Yearbook Club** - The Yearbook Club has finalized cover options, continues to take photos, and is beginning to plan this year's student and teacher superlatives. We are also excited to receive Picture Day portraits so we can begin designing those pages.
- **LTMS Cheerleading** - The winter cheerleading team practiced on December 1st, learning new bench cheers and setting the bench order. The team also discussed their upcoming T-shirt order and continued preparing the dance routine and cheer that will debut at the first game. Members also reviewed their responsibilities for helping at the snack stand.

Winter sports have officially begun—best of luck to all our student athletes! School pictures were taken at the end of November, and picture retakes/makeups are scheduled for December 23rd.



Student Council

Student Council is finalizing plans for the 8th Grade Dance theme and decorations. Members continue to engage in fun community-building activities—such as a holiday-themed marshmallow toss—and are helping strengthen school spirit by hosting a monthly “Guess How Many Are in the Jar” contest during lunch. Monthly winners take home a new LTMS t-shirt and a jar of treats. Our October candy drive winners (6th grade) enjoyed a lunch music party for donating the most candy. Student Council is also preparing for our final Spirit Week of 2025—members have selected each daily theme and are currently creating and posting flyers throughout the school.

NJHS

NJHS is hosting a Toys for Tots Drive and will be collecting new, unused toys through December 19th. We are also continuing to collect can tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House.



8th Grade Student of the Month Vaughan Slota

Vaughan approaches every challenge with determination and care. Her attention to detail and strong work ethic are evident in all her assignments, and she consistently goes above and beyond expectations. Her quiet perseverance and positive attitude make her a standout role model among her peers. One of Vaughan’s teachers writes it has truly been a joy to witness her growth as both a student and a person. She is one of the most hardworking and dedicated students this teacher has had the privilege to teach, always giving her very best in everything she does. Vaughan’s character, commitment, and academic excellence set her apart; no doubt she will continue to accomplish amazing things in the years ahead. Congratulations to Vaughan and her family.



8th Grade Student of the Month Gabriel Little

Gabe is an exceptional student who currently maintains straight A’s, including in two challenging honors courses: Geometry and STEM Science. His teachers consistently express how proud they are of his academic efforts, depth of knowledge, and strong work ethic. Beyond the classroom, Gabe is a dedicated and talented member of the Lacey Township Middle School Band. His musical ability, combined with a natural sense of leadership, makes him a true asset to the program. Whether it’s stepping up to help or taking initiative when something needs to be done, Gabe can always be counted on to lead with responsibility and enthusiasm. Gabe is also a kind, respectful, and positive presence in our school community. He goes out of his way to support others and strives to make a difference not only in school but in his broader community through active involvement in his church. Congratulations to Gabe and his family.

High School News



Good News

Sue Schreier and Renee Ridsen each have received UCS Grant Award to run all-inclusive events for the district. The UCS Grant Award honors projects that make a positive difference in their community. It is given to people whose work shows creativity, dedication, and the potential to create lasting change.

LTHS Digital Media Productions / WLTS students got a behind the scenes tour guided by industry professionals at ABC Studios and Madison Square Garden in New York City. Afterwards, they attended a performance of The Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall.



Criminology Field Trip to Ocean County Courthouse/Criminal Court Observation



Social and Behavioral Sciences Field Trip to Rutgers University Sports Psychology Department.



SENIOR OF THE MONTH

OLIVIA G. MILLER

The Lacey High School is proud to recognize Olivia Miller as Senior of the Month for December.

Olivia is a student whose character, attitude, and daily actions make a meaningful and lasting impact on our school community. While her accomplishments are impressive, it is who she is—not just what she has achieved—that truly sets her apart.

Olivia is the kind of student who elevates every space she enters. She approaches each day with positivity, humility, and purpose. Whether she is supporting a classmate, mentoring younger students, or simply interacting with peers and staff, Olivia brings a sense of warmth and sincerity that makes others feel welcomed and valued. Her kindness is effortless and genuine, and it is one of the qualities that makes her so deeply respected by both students and faculty.

What stands out most about Olivia is her quiet strength. She leads not through recognition or spotlight, but through example: showing up consistently, working hard, and encouraging others to do the same. Her ability to balance numerous responsibilities with grace speaks to a maturity well beyond her years. Olivia never complains, never avoids a challenge, and never hesitates to help when someone needs support. She is dependable, compassionate, and grounded—traits that make her a model for her peers.

Olivia embodies what it means to be both a dedicated student-athlete and a committed STEM scholar. She balances the demands of rigorous coursework with the intensity of competitive athletics, approaching both with the same discipline, focus, and determination. In the classroom, Olivia's curiosity and drive push her to excel in challenging STEM environments, where she consistently demonstrates strong problem-solving skills and innovative thinking. On the field and on the track, she brings leadership, resilience, and a team-first mentality that mirror her academic strengths. Her ability to thrive in both arenas speaks to her exceptional work ethic, time management, and unwavering commitment to personal growth.

Even with her many responsibilities, Olivia remains humble and selfless. She continuously finds ways to contribute—whether through mentoring, community involvement, or being there for her teammates and classmates. Her presence strengthens our school community and leaves a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Olivia is truly deserving of this recognition. Her character, kindness, and steadfast dedication to everything she does define what it means to be Senior of the Month. Lacey Township High School is a better place because of students like her, and I have no doubt she will continue to inspire others wherever her future takes her.

SENIOR OF THE MONTH

RYAN BREWER

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School are proud to recognize Ryan Brewer as our Senior of the Month for December 2025. Ryan represents the very best of our student body—an exceptional scholar, a dedicated leader, and a compassionate member of the school community.

Throughout his high school career, Ryan has consistently embraced and excelled in rigorous academic challenges. His course load includes numerous Honors and Advanced Placement classes, particularly within STEM fields, reflecting both his intellectual curiosity and strong work ethic. Ryan's sustained academic excellence has earned him a remarkable 4.25 cumulative GPA, annual High Honor Roll distinction, and membership in the National Honor Society.

Ryan's contributions extend well beyond the classroom. He is a proactive, dependable leader whose influence is felt across our school community. As a committed member of the Student Government Association, he demonstrates maturity, initiative, and a strong sense of responsibility. His leadership is equally evident on the athletic field, where he has been a valuable member of both the Varsity Football and Varsity Baseball teams. His ability to balance academics, leadership, and athletics is a testament to his discipline and character.

What truly sets Ryan apart is his unwavering commitment to service. He has dedicated countless hours to mentoring younger students, providing academic tutoring, and assisting in coaching youth athletes. His involvement in Student Government has been instrumental in coordinating successful blood drives and schoolwide events that benefit the greater community. Ryan approaches every role with enthusiasm, compassion, and a genuine desire to uplift those around him.

Ryan Brewer exemplifies the qualities we hope to instill in all our students—integrity, determination, leadership, and kindness. It is with great pride that we honor him as December's Senior of the Month. His accomplishments, character, and dedication make him an outstanding representative of Lacey Township High School, and we are confident he will continue to excel in all his future endeavors.

UNSUNG HERO

DELIA PACKEN

Each month, the Student Government Association picks one student who is creating a positive impact on LTHS as our Unsung Hero. This student is an exceptional one who is determined and kind. She brings light to every room she's in and always has a serious, yet positive attitude. She is a part of the varsity tennis team, the sophomore cohort for the STEM academy, Interact, choir, drama, and band. She's also in the top 5% of her class and has maintained straight A's throughout the 1st marking period. Lastly, she is always willing to help those who need it and is passionate and caring, demonstrating her positive influence on the school environment. So for these reasons, we congratulate Delia Packen as our December Unsung Hero.