

Pemberton Pride

The Newsletter of Pemberton Township Schools

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PTHS BECOMES LATEST SCHOOL TO BE ADOPTED BY JBMDL ARMY DIVISION

Pemberton Township High School became the latest school in the district to receive an Adopt-a-School Proclamation from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

Members from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 174th Infantry Brigade, 1st Army Division (East) joined administrators in celebrating this latest partnership with the school district.

The Adopt-a-School partnership is a part of the U.S. Army's Partnerships in Education (PIE) program. It is considered a resource-sharing initiative

built on volunteerism. The purpose is to have nearby military units establish and develop regular, direct contact with staff and students.

"This adoption strengthens the bond between PTHS and our military community," said Dr. Darvis Holley, principal of Pemberton Township High School. "We are grateful for the support and collaboration that will come from this relationship and the positive impact it will have on our students."



Pemberton Township High School received a proclamation from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst as the school became the latest campus in the district to join the Adopt-a-School Program.

Busansky Elementary Hosts "Holidays Around the World"

Samuel T. Busansky Elementary School hosted "Holidays Around the World" to celebrate various cultures, holidays and languages in each classroom on December 22nd.

Each classroom was assigned a country and conducted research to present information to other visiting classes. As one classroom would host a visit, students in another class would attend a lecture that pertained to the country that was previously researched. Students also examined artifacts and engaged in hands-on learning activities to learn more about the countries in focus.

The occasion allowed students to celebrate the holidays from a creative and educational perspective.

The Busansky Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) also arranged a visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. The duo set up shop on the stage in the cafeteria and greeted each student one-by-one in the school. Every student was gifted a donated board game while interacting with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.



Students in Ms. Liput's 5th grade class participate in "Holidays Around the World" at Samuel T. Busansky Elementary School.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus distribute gifts during a meet-and-greet at the "Holidays Around the World" event at Busansky Elementary School.



Pemberton Learning Community: Pursuing Excellence One Child at a Time

HOLIDAY VARIETY SHOW AT PTHS

Pemberton Township High School hosted its annual Holiday Variety Show on December 22nd. Student Council put together a series of holiday-related performances including musical selections and skits that coincided with Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. The event brought a sense of pride and unity to the PTHS community!



WINTER CONCERTS AT PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS



Pemberton Township Schools hosted its annual Winter Concert series in the month of December. Vocal and instrumental performances took place throughout the district that featured students from Fort Dix, Denbo-Crichton, Helen Fort, Newcomb, Stackhouse, Emmons and PTHS. Interested in seeing all of our shows? [Click here](#) to visit our YouTube channel and watch our Winter Concert series!

PTHS Students Visit Pemberton Township Senior Center



Ms. Poole's Inquiry and Innovation class at PTHS visited the Pemberton Township Senior Center shortly before Winter Break as part of a class-related service project led by PTHS senior Dejah Bolen. Participating students joined senior citizens to color pictures, play holiday-themed games and introduce an "Adopt-a-Senior" initiative during this friendly visit!

Motivational Speaker Visits Helen A. Fort Middle School

Nationally-known motivational and mental health speaker and inspirational author Jordan Toma visited Helen A. Fort Middle School on January 9th. Toma talked about his learning struggles growing up as a student with an Individual Educational Plan (IEP). His interactive visit included a one-hour, 20-minute empowerment session and a period for students to connect with him individually. His inspirational message was positively received by students in attendance!



Bring the Whole Family to Upcoming Musicals at Pemberton Township Schools in February!

THE PEMBERTON PLAYERS PRESENT

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THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL

Based on the series by Stephen Hillenburg
Book by Kyle Jarrow

ARE YOU READY?

Tickets available at the door
All Tickets \$10, Children 4 & Under Free

**Friday, February 6, 2026
7:00pm**

**Saturday, February 7, 2026
7:00pm**

**Sunday, February 8, 2026
2:00pm**

Pemberton Township High School Auditorium
148 Arney's Mt. Road
Pemberton, NJ 08068

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The Helen Fort & Newcomb Middle School Pemberton Players, Jr. Present

**• Friday, February 27th
7 pm**

**• Saturday, February 28th
3 pm**

Helen Fort Middle School Auditorium

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YOUTH EDITION




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PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Preschool Enrollment

Early Bird Registration Dates
February 10th & 19th
March 20th & 30th
April 16th & 28th
May 12th, 20th & 29th
June 3rd, 11th & 15th

Registration By Appt Only

Please call Chelsey Wright or Lisa Harris-Hall at (609) 893-8141 ext. 1500 to schedule an appt. for registration.

Now Enrolling for 2026-2027

For more information & registration:
www.pemberton.k12.nj.us/parents/students-registration

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