

Superintendent's Report

April 2026

Welcome
Spring



Student Enrollment for March 2026

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE
Mill Pond Elementary School	636	92%
Cedar Creek Elementary School	437	92%
Forked River Elementary School	453	93%
Lanoka Harbor Elementary School	444	94%
Lacey Township Middle School	826	94%
Lacey Township High School	1,052	93%
Special Education (Out-of-District)	31	
*OCVTS – M.A.T.E.S.	27	
*OCVTS – Performing Arts Academy	24	
*OCVTS – Academy Law & Public Safety	15	
TOTAL	3,945	



April 2026

Seniors of the Month

**SAMANTHA G. SUBOKOW
JOHNATHAN F. GRAVEMAN**

Unsung Hero

MIA MOORE



Mill Pond News



Celebrating our Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Sarah Silva has touched the lives of so many of our Lacey students! We are very lucky to have Mrs. Silva at Mill Pond. We took the time to celebrate and hold a parade to show how much we appreciate all her hard work!



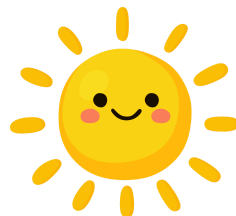
One Big Community

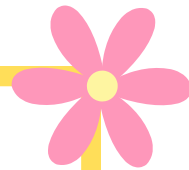
We were so very lucky to have the talented students from Lanoka Harbor School and Cedar Creek come to visit Mill Pond. They shared their wonderful musical talents as they performed for the students. We are working hard on our audience expectations. Thank you so much for sharing with us!



Starting the Morning off in a Positive Way

Our preschool and kindergarten students continue to hurry to the main office each morning to fulfill their role as our morning speakers. Our students take pride in knowing that they have a responsibility each morning to start our day with The Pledge.

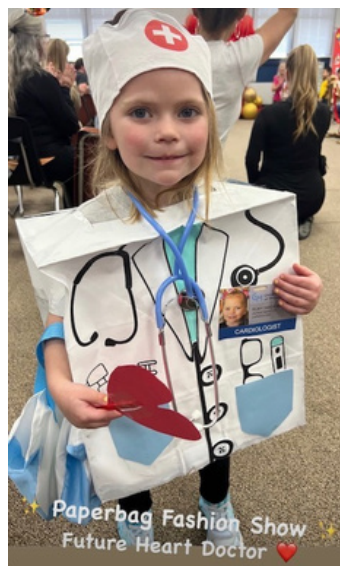




PreSchool Fashion Show

Our preschool students have been immersed in clothing! The classes during their clothing study have discovered all types of clothes, materials, textures, as well as uniforms and who wears them. They used handmade washers and dryers to pretend to clean the clothes and learned how to fold them!

At the end of the unit, as a family project, they had the opportunity to create an outfit from a paper bag. They strutted their creations down the red carpet at their fashion show.



Color Run Fun!

The PTA hosted a Color Run for the Mill Pond community. This fundraiser was a huge success. The plumes of color created lovely clouds across the back field. With music and food trucks, a great family event made the evening a huge success!



Cedar Creek News

Students of the Month

Rylan Augustine
Gabby Brooks
Juliana Calderone
Kelsie Carrano
Samuel Christy
Evelyn Dlugosz
Mason DosSantos

Bailey Ewart
Paige Forney
Avery Gibson
Cora Gonzalez
Noah Grodzki
Cameron Grzywinski
Charlotte Knapp

Paige LaMore
Alex Rosamillia
Erik Rummel
Mariah Salzer
Brynley Schaal
Charlee Torres



Drama Performance - Alice in Wonderland

Congratulations to our Drama Club! The performance of Alice in Wonderland was exceptional!





Scholarship Paint Night

Students enjoyed paint night! They were able to paint a picture of their choice!



Poster Contest

Congratulations to our Poster Contest Winners. Third grade students participated in a Read Across America Poster contest.



PTA Cereal Drive

Thank you to our PTA for organizing a cereal drive. The students loved watching the boxes fall like dominoes around the building!



PTA GLOW Party

Thank you to our amazing PTA for hosting a glow party! The students loved dancing and spending time with family and friends.



Forked River News

Special Area Students of the Month

Art - **Jonathan Gonzalez**
Library - **Jacob Staples**

Music - **Monroe Kotsifas**
PE - **Angelique De Los Santos**



Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Mrs. King, the Forked River School's 2026-2027 Teacher of the Year! Thank you, Mrs. King, for your expert instruction, dedication, and nurturing care for our students! Congratulations to all of the Lacey Township School District's Teachers of the Year!



Special Guest

The Forked River School PTA arranged for a very special guest to visit ahead of the Spring Holiday break. It was great to see our students excited to greet our special guest! Thank you to the FRS PTA for your ongoing support.



Family Math Night



On Thursday, March 12th, the Forked River School staff volunteered their time to host a Family Math Night here at the Forked River School. Students and their families had a chance to visit and engage in fun, math-themed activities as part of our celebration. We would like to thank the LTEA for sponsoring this event!

Recycle



Two representatives from the Ocean County Solid Waste Management Department visited with Mrs. Weaver's Environmental Club students to teach them about the importance and the process of recycling here in Ocean County. Our students enjoyed their presentation and are eager to turn-key what they learned to help our students and staff properly recycle for the benefit of our environment. The Environmental Club students will be hosting a "Bring your own reusable utensil to school day" to raise awareness of the negative impact plastic utensils have on our environment.

World Down Syndrome Day



The Forked River School students and staff recognized World Down Syndrome Day by rocking their most colorful pair of socks on Friday, March 20th!

Community Service

The Forked River School Denim Day Committee continues to collect for the various scholarships that will be awarded to our upcoming members of the Lacey Township High School graduating class of 2026.

Poster Contest

The Forked River School's fifth grade students participated in the Ocean County Department of Human Services "Celebrating Wellness" poster contest and we are proud to announce that **Monroe Kotsifas** was chosen as a winner! She will be receiving an invitation to the "Celebrating Wellness" event and a package that includes a notice of achievement. Her artwork will be in next year's Ocean County Department of Human Services calendar!

Drama Club

On March 26th the Forked River School's Drama Club students debuted this year's school play titled, "Live Your Life!" We are very proud of the three great shows they put on for our students and their families! Thank you to our Drama Club directors, Mrs. Bivona and Mrs. Webb, for all of your creativity and efforts to ensure a great production!



Grease!

It was exciting for our fourth and fifth grade students to experience a promotional assembly by the LTHS Theatre Company students who visited the Forked River School ahead of their spring play, "Grease!"





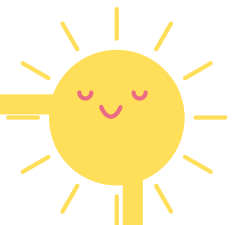
Forked River School Superstar Citizens of the Month



Teacher	Student	Teacher	Student
Mrs. Bergman	Mya Golabek	Mrs. Lavorgna	Emily Romanow
Mrs. Camaligan	Maverick Drahos	Mrs. Mooney	Remy Boos
Mrs. Coller	Brynlee Sprofera	Mrs. Mulligan	Makenna Granquist
Mrs. Crepezzi	Cecilia Sottile	Mrs. Nachman	Monroe Kotsifas
Mrs. DeNigris	Tigris Munoz-Bechtle	Mrs. Schubiger	Sigmund Golabek
Mrs. Flynn	Leah Lord	Mrs. Tilton	Gavin Jimenez-Perez
Mrs. Halliday	Neve Orlando	Mrs. Weaver	Allaire Wiesendanger
Mrs. Latwis	Greyson Wilson		

Safety Patrol Students of the Month

Jaxson Sikora
Roselyn Steinberg
Tigris Munoz-Bechtle
Ryder Robertson
Maya Wills
Evelyn Christie
Jaykob Steen
Natalie Vazquez-Sierra
Zachary Nieves
Tristan Szezpta
Mattie Bonfanti



Morning Announcers

Christian Dudek
Jacob Staples

Lanoka Harbor News

Students of the Month

The following students have been selected as Lanoka Harbor's Students of the Month for February 2026. These students were chosen for their outstanding work, dedication, and achievement.



Eva Oehling
Brody Cohen
Neve Lowman



Read Across America 2026

Lanoka Harbor School celebrated National Read Across America Day on March 2nd. This day was originally established by the National Education Association in 1998 to help get children excited about reading. The day takes place on the birthday of Dr. Seuss, the beloved children's author. On National Read Across America Day, students, teachers, and parents around that nation come together to read books and celebrate the joy of reading.

Here at Lanoka Harbor School many of the classes enjoyed special guest readers who came to read a book to the class. Members of the Lacey Woman's Club also served as guest readers and sponsored a poster contest for our 3rd-grade students.

The winners were as follows:

1st place - Charlize Watson

2nd place - Elliana D'Autorio

3rd place - Harleigh Reiff

Thanks to the participation of many guest readers, the day was enjoyed by all!

Literacy Night

Literacy Night at Lanoka Harbor Elementary, which is sponsored by the Lacey Township Education Association and the Lanoka Harbor School PTO, was held on Thursday, March 19th. This event was held in conjunction with the Book Fair Night, an evening for parents to come with their children to browse and purchase books. The library was filled with brand-new books to purchase and the classrooms were filled with activities planned by the teachers for the children and parents to partake in. We would like to take the time and thank the Lanoka Harbor School staff members, Lanoka Harbor School PTO, and the LTEA for the necessary items and time to make this event a success. A great time was had by all in attendance!

Chorus

On March 18th, the Lanoka Harbor School Chorus performed a Disney themed concert for our classmates, teachers, family, and friends! Mrs. Ferruzza and Mrs. Cottrell were very proud of their hard work and dedication to our program. On March 20th the children traveled to Mill Pond and performed our Disney Concert for all the students. The Mill Pond children sang and danced along with our Chorus members, and good time was had by all! Bravo Chorus!

Music In Our Schools

During March, Music in Our Schools month was celebrated at Lanoka Harbor School! Mrs. Ferruzza choose a student from her music classes every day to be the Music Student of the Day. The students were selected based on hard work and good behavior in the area of music. In addition, one recorder student of the day was chosen daily and one band or chorus student was chosen by Mrs. Meelheim, and Mrs. Ferruzza.

DATE	MUSIC STUDENT OF THE DAY	RECORDER STUDENT OF THE DAY	BAND STUDENT OF THE DAY	CHORUS STUDENT OF THE DAY	UKULELE STUDENT OF THE DAY
3/2	Leo Tripler	Karen Naranjo	Charlie Habinowski	Aubrey Cassella	Issabella Vanim
3/3	Lilly Kozlowski	Charlotte Dorry		Jillian Finnila	Emma Hans
3/4	Jacob Ladinski	Avery Phillips	Neve Lowman	Ella Andrews	Marley Watson
3/5	Sonya Calabrese	Aubrey Cohen		Zoe Harvey	Grayson Rieder
3/6	Emerson Girolamo	Gemma Silverman		Ciara Barker	Emma Keelen
3/9	Michael Trapanese	Elliana D'Autoria	Roman Tretola	Bronson Holden	Michael McChesney
3/10	Milo Arling	Penelope Quesada	Reid Kologe	Alina Sturdivant	Ryan Borchert
3/11	Xander Bozarth	Carson Coghlan	Brody Cohen	Nora Mitton	Ryan Dickson
3/12	Carmella Coulter	Noah Lukas		Ryan Sager	Marina Scott
3/13	Layla Cruz	Penelope Britton	Katelyn Pavao	Avery Ricciuti	
3/16	Caprice Arce	Sawyer Cleary	Andrew Razenko	Amy Pine	
3/17	Henson Fitzgerald	Isabella Aguilar		Devynn Heulitt	Annalise Dimone
3/18 CHORUS DAY				Ryan Norton Rory Mitton Skyleen Jimenez Logan Streno	
3/19	Kyla Cortez	Charlize Watson		Leia Wilson	Landyn Machado
3/20 CHORUS DAY				Killian DePasquale Gabriella Bednarz Liam Shaw Addilyn Lauria	
3/23	Roxanne Allen	Jonathan Acevedo-Fernandez	Jameson Ballie		Fiona Egan
3/24	Skylar Haag	Harleigh Kologe		Alexander Powlison	Leah Apanel
3/25	Charlotte Fuge	Sadie Terry	Seamus Collins		Connor Johnson Settle
3/26	Declan Shaw	Maris Solomon		Savannah Mazza	Brianna Sullivan
3/27	Nora Whitney	Norah Solomon	Kayla Sastrowardoyo	Callie Fraser	Morgan Prescott
3/30	Mia Steiner	Kennedy Lander	Kyren Dooley	Anna Marcus	Khloe DeNoia
3/31	Owen Hans	Brandon Benevides		Kyla Ambrosio	Rosalia Larkin

Music Class of the Week

WEEK 1	1st Grade – It's a tie! Mrs. Ientile/Mrs. Rieder 2nd Grade - It's a tie! Mrs. Hans/Mrs. Ritacco 3rd Grade - Mrs. Bentley 4th Grade - It's a three-way tie! Mrs. Gorman/Mrs. Maria/Mrs. Subokow 5th Grade – Mrs. Marcus
WEEK 2	1st Grade - Mrs. Ientile 2nd Grade - Mrs. Hans 3rd Grade - Mrs. Bentley 4th Grade - Mrs. Maria 5th Grade - It's a tie! Mrs. Keelen/ Mrs. Ritner
WEEK 3	1st Grade - Mrs. Verge 2nd Grade - Mrs. Meyler 3rd Grade - Mrs. Bentley 4th Grade - Mrs. Maria 5th Grade – Mrs. Marcus
WEEK 4	1st Grade – It's a tie! Mrs. Verge/Mrs. Ientile 2nd Grade – Mrs. Hans 3rd Grade – Mrs. Bentley 4th Grade – Mrs. Subokow 5th Grade – Mrs. Keelen



Middle School News

Teacher of the Year

We want to recognize our amazing Math teacher, Mrs. Barker on receiving the prestigious award of Teacher of the Year! We are so lucky to have her in our building. Thank you for all your hard work Mrs. Barker.



Pi Bee!

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's Student Council Pi Bee! This year we have three amazing champions - one for each grade. In 8th grade, **Ethan Sossa** for memorizing 102 digits of Pi! In 7th grade, **Julia Sidorick** for memorizing 223 digits of Pi and in 6th grade, **Anastasia Otten** who memorized 259 digits of Pi!



April

8th Grade Student of the Month Brynn Keelen

Brynn is an outstanding student who consistently demonstrates focus, hard work, and responsibility. She maintains an impressive average above 97 while taking a challenging schedule that includes Honors ELA, STEM Science, and Algebra I. In addition to her academic success, Brynn is also a dedicated student-athlete who proudly represents Lacey both in the classroom and on the field. Brynn truly embodies the qualities of an honors student and is a well-deserving recipient of Student of the Month.

April

8th Grade Student of the Month Nolan Audet

Nolan is a positive and enthusiastic student who brings energy, humor, and kindness to every class. He is friendly, respectful, and always willing to help others, making him a great role model for his peers. Nolan maintains strong grades in a challenging schedule that includes Honors ELA, Algebra, and STEM, while also participating in Band, clubs, and sports. His involvement, hard work, and consistently positive attitude make him a well-deserving Student of the Month.

8th Grade Dialogue

Sergio Valazquez attended the 8th Grade Dialogue, where students engaged in an open and authentic discussion about their middle school experiences. The conversation centered on key topics including daily routines, the transition to middle school, balancing academic responsibilities with personal life, the role of support systems and school culture, and overcoming challenges while preparing for high school. Students were encouraged to share their genuine perspectives without scripted responses, highlighting their voices as the true experts. The dialogue provided valuable insight into student experiences and will help inform ongoing efforts to support student growth and success.



Drama Club



A huge shout out to the LTMS Drama Club, on their sensational production of Alice in Wonderland, Jr.! Your hard work, creativity, and dedication truly shined on stage. Thank you for bringing such energy, imagination, and pride to our school community—bravo to everyone involved!



Yearbook

As deadlines approach, the yearbook club has been hard at work finalizing layouts and organizing submissions. Meetings have focused on assembling pages and making steady progress toward completion.

Sports



Congratulations to all the Middle School winter athletes. Spring sports are underway. Girls and Boys Track have begun training for the upcoming Spring track season. Participants have started to learn to throw the shot put and discus. Others are training for long jump, high jump, and running events. Softball and baseball players have begun working hard to get ready for their upcoming Spring season. Athletes are beginning to build on fundamental skills and work together on the field to be one cohesive team. Go Lions!

Girl's Empowerment Group

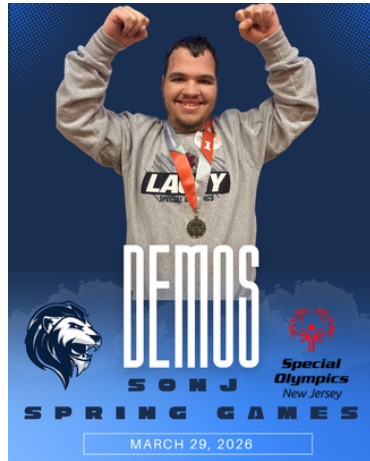
The Girl's Empowerment Group, organized by Mrs. Vella, has started at LTMS. Students participating in the Girl's Empowerment Group will attend small group lessons where they will learn to improve their self-confidence, build healthy relationships/friendship, and establish respect for themselves and others. The students who participate will also learn healthy habits including positive coping skills, mindfulness, gratitude, limiting screen time, and social media safety. By joining the Girl's Empowerment group, students will contribute to improving the overall school climate at LTMS.

High School News



Special Olympics

Demos Tsarnas brought home the gold at the SONJ State Level bowling competition!
Congratulations Demos!



Seaperch

At the 2026 NJ Seaperch Robotics Competition in Neptune **Delia Paken, Jillian Cox** and **Beatrice Perry** won 2nd Place overall. There were 32 Teams from NJ and NY competing in this underwater remotely operated vehicle challenge. They also took home a 2nd Place in the ROV Challenge Course. Congratulations!



SENIOR OF THE MONTH

SAMANTHA G. SUBOKOW

Samantha Subokow is a truly deserving recipient of Senior of the Month, having made a lasting and positive impact throughout her time at Lacey Township High School. She embodies what it means to be a well-rounded student, consistently demonstrating dedication, leadership, and a positive spirit that enhances the entire school community.

Throughout her high school career, Samantha has challenged herself academically while remaining deeply involved in school life. She has embraced a rigorous course load and balanced it with an impressive level of commitment to extracurricular activities. Samantha is actively engaged in a wide range of organizations, including the National Honor Society, Student Government Association, DECA, FBLA, Interact Club, Yearbook Club, AADA, National Art Honor Society, and Surfrider Club. In addition, she is a dedicated three-sport varsity athlete, participating in field hockey, winter track, and golf. Her ability to manage these responsibilities with consistency and determination speaks volumes about her work ethic and time management skills.

What truly sets Samantha apart, however, is her character. She is known for her kindness, positivity, and genuine ability to connect with others. Samantha fosters a welcoming and inclusive environment for her peers, naturally stepping into leadership roles while also serving as a supportive and dependable friend. Her presence contributes to a stronger, more connected school community.

Samantha Subokow exemplifies the qualities of leadership, perseverance, and compassion that define Lacey Township High School's Senior of the Month. She is highly deserving of this recognition, and her impact will undoubtedly extend far beyond her time in high school.

SENIOR OF THE MONTH

JOHNATHAN F. GRAVEMAN

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School are proud to recognize Johnathan Graveman as our Senior of the Month for April 2026. Throughout his high school years, Johnathan has consistently demonstrated exceptional character. He is kind, compassionate, and always willing to step up to help whenever and wherever he is needed. Whether supporting classmates, assisting teachers, or volunteering his time, he approaches every opportunity with humility and genuine care for others. His strong work ethic and positive attitude set a powerful example for his peers, making him a shining role model for his graduating class.

Johnathan's accomplishments reflect both his leadership and his commitment to service. He was recognized as the Unsung Hero in October 2025—an honor that perfectly captures his quiet dedication to helping others. He has been an active member of the National Honor Society and the Student Government Association, demonstrating both academic excellence and leadership within the school community. In addition, his involvement in the Interact Club highlights his continued commitment to service initiatives that benefit others.

Beyond school organizations, Johnathan has also been actively involved in athletics, participating in both volleyball and basketball programs. Through these experiences, he has demonstrated teamwork, perseverance, and outstanding sportsmanship.

From his freshman through senior year, Johnathan has worked as a summer camp counselor and year-round tutor at the Advanced Education Center. In these roles, he has mentored younger students, provided academic support, and served as a positive role model both in and out of the classroom. His dedication to helping others succeed academically speaks volumes about his character and strong sense of responsibility.

Jonathan's commitment to service extends beyond the school community. He has been a three-year member of the Antlers program and currently serves as the 3rd Vice President for the Junior Elks, a youth-focused organization that promotes leadership and community involvement.

Academically, Johnathan continues to excel, maintaining a 3.8 GPA while taking a demanding course load. He was also the recipient of the Academic Excellence Award in Social Sciences, reflecting both his intellectual curiosity and his commitment to high academic standards.

Johnathan embodies the very qualities that the Senior of the Month recognition is meant to celebrate—integrity, service, leadership, and compassion. It is with great pride that we honor him as April's Senior of the Month. Johnathan's 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

MIA MOORE

The Student Government Association of Lacey Township High School has selected Mia Moore as the April Unsung Hero. Mia is very involved in many activities and her commitment has led her to thrive in leadership positions. She is involved in Student Government events, Interact Club, and Surf Rider, while also participating in soccer and basketball here at Lacey.

Academic wise, Mia holds an impressive GPA and is enrolled in the Leadership Academy, taking on a rigorous course load. She always has a smile on her face, bringing a positive light to the classroom. Mia is always willing to give a helping hand, providing assistance when needed. Mia plays a critical role in making Lacey High School a better environment.

Congratulations Mia on winning the April Unsung Hero!