

Superintendent's Report



June 2026

Student Enrollment for May 2026

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE
Mill Pond Elementary School	642	92%
Cedar Creek Elementary School	438	94%
Forked River Elementary School	452	92%
Lanoka Harbor Elementary School	444	95%
Lacey Township Middle School	825	93%
Lacey Township High School	1,051	92%
Special Education (Out-of-District)	33	
*OCVTS – M.A.T.E.S.	27	
*OCVTS – Performing Arts Academy	24	
*OCVTS – Academy Law & Public Safety	15	
TOTAL	3,951	



Mill Pond News



Field Day Fun at the Pond

It was a morning filled with running, jumping, balancing, and more! Our students all participated in various activities as a class that made lasting memories filled with laughter and smiles. The fantastic parent volunteers assisted in the smooth transitions from one event to the other helping to ensure no one missed an opportunity for fun!



Kindergarteners give advice to our graduating 2026 seniors!

The Kindergarteners (Class of 2038) have been talking about our LTHS seniors as so many come to Mill Pond to volunteer. They wanted to give them some advice as they head out on their new adventures!! The video was put together and sent to Mr. King to share with our seniors. Taking care of their dirty laundry, calling their parents, and not spending all their money were very popular suggestions!



Transition from Preschool to Kindergarten

During the month of June, our preschool and kindergarten classes team up to give our 4 year olds heading to kindergarten an opportunity to see what it is all about. They visit a kindergarten classroom, read a book with a kindergarten student, and they get to visit the cafeteria to see what buying lunch is like. Our preschoolers are getting ready for the challenge!



LTHS Art Club students show their creativity!

LTHS art teacher, Mrs. Saunders teamed with us to create visual murals that labeled our hallways, diamond, circle, square, etc. Using the little lion theme, the high school artists worked diligently to leave their mark in the halls of Mill Pond. Thank you to Mrs. Saunders and her LTHS Art Club students!!



Cedar Creek News



Students of the Month - APRIL

Xadiel Acevado
Emma Burnett
Emma Conaty
Mason Conaty
Matthew Darby
Dennis Ellis

Logan Gershey
Aliyah Gillison
Lorenzo Gray
Harper Hawtin
Grayson Hurley
Jayden JensenTorma

Logan Kay
Winter Kayiales
Logan Magyar
Justus Mitchell
Annaliese Natiello-Osorio
Trevor Osmond

Liam Riley
Teagan Rorke
Theodore Sheik
Anna Verenick



Students of the Month - MAY

Luke Acevedo-Otero
Daleah Barsch
Cameron Bole
Veronica Brown
Aiden Hryszko
Landon Jackowski

Emma Kay
Lilliana Kennedy
Jamie Kim
JohnAngelo Koch
Alyssa Kovacs
Hayden Kurlowicz

Stephen Lauer
Julian Manoksi
Ben Murphy
Christian Muzikar
Liliana Pompei
Julian Ponce

Nolan Rakoczy
Quinn Skieczius
Santino Sossa
Sawyer Trebecki



Superhero Bubble Walk

At the end of May, we hosted the Superhero Bubble Walk for Autism. Thank you to our students and families for helping to fundraise for our programs. Students in the classes raising the most money at each grade level got to super soak Mrs. Niemiec.



CCS Annual Career Day

At the beginning of June, CCS hosted its annual Career Day. We welcomed families and community members from around the town and state to showcase different careers! The students had a great time learning!



Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations to our Drug Awareness Poster Contest winners!



Forked River News

Special Area Students of the Month

MAY

Art - **Kendall Kent**

Library - **Angel Torres-Rodriguez**

Music - **Evelyn Christie**

PE - **Marley Moore**

JUNE

Art - **Wes Leadem**

Library - **Evelyn Christie**

Music - **Maya Wills**

PE - **Monroe Kitsifas**

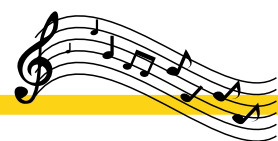
Career Day

On Friday, May 29th, the Forked River School staff hosted our annual Career Education Day. We had over forty presenters, representing a wide variety of backgrounds, providing demonstrations and hands-on activities for our students during this event. Thanks to the efforts of our presenters, Mrs. Crepezzi our coordinator, and our staff, all of our students had an educationally enlightening Career Education Day!



Staff Musical

The Forked River School staff hosted their annual staff musical for our students on Thursday, June 4th. The musical was written and directed by Ms. Cellini, our supervisor of curriculum and instruction. This year's musical was based on the play, "Wicked," with the central theme for our students that our reputations and our lives are determined by the choices we make. The secondary themes focused on the importance of being respectful of others' opinions even when they are different from our own and stopping and thinking before we act.



FRS PTA

We would like to thank the FRS PTA and all of our parent volunteers for all that they have done to enhance the educational experience of our students over the course of the 25-26 school year. They have worked diligently to provide so many value-added educational experiences for our students!

Field Day



Mr. Boedigheimer and Mrs. Sharkey hosted our annual field-day events over the course of two days in early June. Students enjoyed demonstrating their athleticism and good sportsmanship developed throughout the school year in various fun, field-day activities as their family members cheered them on!



Community Service

The Forked River School Scholarship Luncheon committee will host a staff luncheon on Friday, June 19th. All proceeds will go to benefit graduating Lacey Township High School seniors next June 2027!

Band



The Lacey Township Fifth Grade Band members, under the creative direction of our band director, Mrs. Meelheim and her assistant, Mrs. Gauthier, performed their spring concert on Thursday, May 13th! All in attendance had a spirited time! We are very proud of our fifth-grade band students!

The Forked River School's beginner band performed two great concerts for students, parents, and staff on Tuesday, June 9th at the Forked River School under the direction of our director, Mrs. Meelheim! A great time was had by all!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the Forked River School learning community for a successful 2025-2026 school year! We would like to congratulate our students on their accomplishments this year! We would like to wish all of our graduates the very best as they move on to the next chapter of their educational careers at the Lacey Township Middle School! We wish everyone a fun and safe summer recess! Students may visit the student resource section of our website to engage in fun academic games throughout the summer. We also encourage their participation in our summer reading program!





Forked River School
Superstar Citizens of the Month
MAY



Teacher	Student	Teacher	Student
Mrs. Bergman	Ava Cerqua	Mrs. Lavorgna	Vivianna Peters
Mrs. Camaligan	Avery Coogan	Mrs. Mooney	McKenna Kelly
Mrs. Coller	Harper Smith	Mrs. Mulligan	Cameron Torre
Mrs. Crepezzi	Michael Salese	Mrs. Nachman	Olivia Lodi
Mrs. DeNigris	Zachary Nieves	Mrs. Schubiger	Pierce Kotsifas
Mrs. Flynn	Braxton Swartzel	Mrs. Tilton	Damien Daws
Mrs. Halliday	Charles Kaiser	Mrs. Weaver	Bodhi Wilson
Mrs. Latwis	Jeronimo Solano Rivera		

Safety Patrol
Students of the Month
MAY

David Corano-Hernandez
Angelique De Los Santos
Evelyn Torres-Ibarra
Angel Torres-Rodriguwz
Monroe Kotsifas
Zoelyn Lauretta
Damien Daws
Nicholas Durante
Jonathan Torres-Nolasco
Giovanni Morales-Ramirez
Olivia Lodi



Morning Announcers
MAY

Monroe Kotsifas
Mattie Bonfanti



**Forked River School
Superstar Citizens of the Month
JUNE**



Teacher	Student	Teacher	Student
Mrs. Bergman	Landon Avila	Mrs. Lavorgna	Reilly Wuinlan
Mrs. Camaligan	Brooklynn Madden	Mrs. Mooney	Riley Lesko
Mrs. Coller	Logan Sokol	Mrs. Mulligan	Finn Van Bergen
Mrs. Crepezzi	Jackson Jennings	Mrs. Nachman	Hailey Lordi
Mrs. DeNigris	Jordyn Dowtin	Mrs. Schubiger	Brayden Kasper
Mrs. Flynn	Paxton Krusieski	Mrs. Tilton	Owen Macedo
Mrs. Halliday	Harper Boos	Mrs. Weaver	Mia Cruz
Mrs. Latwis	Mackenzie Santiago		

**Safety Patrol
Students of the Month
JUNE**

- Silvia Frazee**
- Hubert Hernandez**
- Nova Turner**
- Jaxon Burlew**
- Matthew Markle**
- Jameson Mazurek**
- Mateo Galindo**
- Daviani David Ecjavarria**
- Arthur Berlinski**
- Hailey Lordi**
- Zachary Maxwell**
- Amiyah Johnson**



**Morning Announcers
JUNE**

- Briana Hynes**
- Roselyn Steinberg**



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.

Jayson Brewer
Alina Sturdivant
Anthony Tretola

Math League

The Results Are In! On May 28, 2026, the final round of the Ocean County Math League was scored and the County winners were determined. Although Lanoka Harbor School did not place in the top 4, our team made a nice showing at this event. Below are the results.

Students who participated in the county wide math league test on April 15th:

Kyla Ambrosio	Alina Sturdivant		Landyn Machado	Tyler Hedberg
Jesse Dalziel	Marley Watson		Eva Oehling	Kevin Krzykwa
Gunnar Francis	Jayson Brewer		Ryan Sager	Anna Marcus
Judah Heilala	Fiona Egan		Anthony Tretola	Amy Pine
Addilyn Lauria	Mark Guenther		Henry Conigliaro	Liam Shaw
Connor Murphy	Conor Kiely		Michael Finnila	Roman Tretola
Logan Pisano				

Top 5 students who scored the highest out of the Lanoka Harbor students in the statewide Math League test on April 22nd:

Ryan Sager **Michael Finnila** **Logan Pisano** **Judah Heilala** **Connor Murphy**

Band & Honors Band



Under the direction of Mrs. Meelheim and Mrs. Gauthier, 5th grade band students from Lanoka Harbor School, combined with students from Cedar Creek School and Forked River School, put on a wonderful band concert that family and friends enjoyed on May 13th. Their outstanding performance demonstrates that the value of hard work, practice, and dedication pays off!

On Saturday, May 2nd, three students from Lanoka Harbor School participated in the South Jersey Band and Orchestra Directors Association Elementary Honors Band Festival. **Amy Pine**, **Neve Lowman**, and **Ryan Sager** prepared music in advance, rehearsed, and performed in concert with the most talented young musicians from 4th through 6th grade in Southern New Jersey. The concert was enjoyable and regarding, offering a preview of the great musical moments to come from these three students. CONGRATULATIONS!

STEAM Week

During the last week of May, our students were busy studying and researching many STEAM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Math) topics. Throughout their studies, our students designed many beautiful projects. These projects were displayed in the hallways and classrooms for all to enjoy. On Wednesday, May 27th, families were invited to the STEAM night to enjoy the student displays and participate in exciting activities!

The PTO also coordinated an Extreme Science Show. The show included jaw-dropping experiments, BIG reactions, and audience participation that made learning unforgettable! This program took place during STEAM night and was open to all that registered to attend for free.

It was a wonderful experience for our students. A great big thank you to our PTO and all of the parent colunteers who assisted.



Arbor Day Celebration

On May 1st, Lanoka Harbor School celebrated Arbor Day/Earth Day. It was a beautiful day to honor our retirees, Principal Secretary, Mrs. Parker, 5th grade teacher Mrs. Ritner, Para-professional Mrs. Bowen, and Para-professional Mrs. Jullich. A tree was dedicated to honor these special stass members during the celebration. The tree will reimnd us of their years of service and the many lives they have touched. The children sang, and the recorder club performed special songs for the event.

In celebration of this special day, first and second grade students were given an opportunity to participate in a poster contest. The national theme for this year's contest was **"Our Power, Our Planet!"** Students' posters were asked to reflect on confronting pollution to protect our environment. Congratulations to the following winners:

First Grade

- 1st - **Nora Whitney**
- 2nd - **Jacob Ladinski**
- 3rd - **Allyana Scalzo**

Second Grade

- 1st - **Kendall Sanchez Reyes**
- 2nd - **Juliette Gorda**
- 3rd - **Declan Shaw**



The following fourth grade students' posters were also chosen to advance to the county level of the My County Poster Contest. Although our stuents did not place at the county level this year, we are so proud of their efforts and amazed by their artistic talent!

Isabella Aguilar

Ciara Barker

Annalise Dimone

Middle School News

Honors Band Performance

We would like to recognize three of our outstanding sixth-grade students who proudly represented our school at the South Jersey Honors Band performance held in May at Absegami High School. Congratulations to **Anastasia Otten**, **Jane Atkins**, and **Grace Nicholson** (pictured left to right) on this wonderful accomplishment and for sharing their musical talents at such a prestigious event.



8th Grade Student of the Month

Mia Wagner

Mia is a kind, hardworking student who consistently gives 100% in all that she does. She maintains an outstanding high A average while taking challenging courses, including Honors ELA and Algebra. Through her involvement in Chorus, Select Ensemble, and Drama, Mia is a positive representative of LTMS and a wonderful role model for her peers.



8th Grade Student of the Month

Stephen Germond

Stephen is a bright, hardworking, and dedicated student who consistently earns excellent grades in Honors ELA, Algebra, and STEM. He is also an active member of the Band program. Stephen's positive attitude, strong work ethic, and commitment to doing his best make him a wonderful choice for June's 8th Grade Student of the Month.

OC Math League



We are proud to [announce](#) that our OC Math League team earned 1st place overall in this year's competition. Individual student achievements included **Leo D.** (5th place), **Evan M.** (4th place), **Keshav P.** (3rd place), **Justin K.** (2nd place and 4th overall in the county), and **Mariah C.** (1st place and 2nd highest score in the county). Congratulations to our outstanding math students on this impressive accomplishment.

Pi Bee Contest

This month student council has awarded the winners of our Pi Bee contest (8th grade, **Ethan Sossa** for memorizing 102 digits of Pi, in 7th grade, **Julia Sidorick** for memorizing 223 digits of Pi & in 6th grade, **Anastasia Otten** who memorized 259 digits of Pi!). LTMS students enjoyed the BOTC pep rally and witnessed Anastasia pie-ing Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Chesley. We received the finalized donation from our clothing drive - earning \$270 for our LTMS Scholarship Fund and our 8th grade officers presented the money raised to the scholarship committee to benefit an LTHS graduating senior. Students continued to prep for end of year 8th grade activities: cutting paws, and preparing 8th grade dance decor. At our final meetings we continued team building activities by mixing our work with fun games including marshmallow tosses and friendly relays. Students also created motivational posters to inspire students during state testing.

Music

The middle school concert and jazz bands actively prepared for several performances. The jazz band performed for the National Junior Honor Society induction on June 4th, and both the concert and jazz bands performed in the spring concert on June 11th. Finally, the 6th and 7th grade concert band members performed for the 8th grade promotion ceremony.

The Spring Chorus concert was a night to remember for the LTMS Chorus! A huge round of applause to the LTMS Chorus for an absolutely outstanding performance! We want to give a special shout out to the incredible soloists who stepped up to the mic: 6th Grade stars **Ava Guariglia, Leah Hans, Madeline Todd, Landon DeRosa, Christian McNally,** and **Isla Price** totally crushed it at their very first spring show! 7th Grade standouts **Graysen Johnson, Eva Flores, Keira Evans, Madeline Kasper,** and **Harper Sosnosky** absolutely shined on center stage! And performing in their final middle school showcase, 8th Grade legends **Mia Wagner, Brynn Keelan, Amanda Orlick, Ryleigh Bloss, Eli Flores, Jackson Sager, Kamila Misztela, Abigail Lauretta, Noelle Poppe, Savannah Ascough,** and **Elena Azar** brought down the house and were truly magnificent. Mrs. Hersh and Mrs. Brannick are incredibly proud of your hard work, your talent, and the music you made together. Congratulations on a night to remember!





Sports

The middle school girls softball team had an incredible season, finishing with a record of 11 - 3. They also earned the division win for the second year in a row. As a team, they worked hard and came together in all situations. Great job ladies! Looking forward to the All-Star game on June 2nd at Central High School where 8th graders, **Vivian Hayes** and **Kaysie Clayton**, will represent Lacey! The LTMS Baseball Team finished with an outstanding 10-4 record and captured their OCIAL division title for the second year in a row!

Congratulations to the following members of the track team who proudly represented Lacey at the Ocean County Championships: **Alysa DiGaetano, Ariella Nasta, Brooke Shaughnessy, Caitlin Baldaccini, Callie Kountouris, Claire Hess, Dakota Sanzone, Ella Ziobro, Emily Zehner, Emma Lindsey, Emma Risk, Juliet Faccioli, Laila Vogel, Liv Poulos, Lucia Cacoilo, Madeline Kasper, Madeline King, Reese Plavoet, and Zoe Brueckmann.** We are so proud of your hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout the season. A special congratulations goes out to **Maddy King**, who broke the school record in the 800-meter race with an amazing time of 2:34 and placed 6th overall in the county! Congratulations to all of our athletes on an outstanding performance! Go Lions!



8th Grade Awards Ceremony

On June 2, LTMS held its [8th Grade Awards Ceremony](#), recognizing the outstanding achievements of 83 students. Awards presented included Honor Roll recognition, the Presidential Award, the Edwin B. Salter Award, the Caring Award, and the Christi Rampone Award. The ceremony celebrated academic excellence, leadership, character, and community involvement. Many proud parents and family members attended the event, making it a memorable occasion for the students as they prepare to move on to the next chapter of their educational journey.



Yearbook

The Yearbook team is looking forward to distributing this year's books at the end of the school year and hopes everyone enjoys reflecting on the memories and experiences shared throughout the year. Thank you to all students and staff who helped make this year's yearbook a success.



High School News



As the 2025/26 school year comes to a close at LTHS, we would like to thank our students, staff, families, and community for their continued support, dedication and school pride. This year was filled with outstanding achievements in academics, extracurricular activities and athletics, showcasing the talent and commitment of our students. We are proud of all that our students have accomplished and the positive impact they have made throughout the school year. We wish everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer.



AP Competition

Congratulations to **Gabby Koshko** for earning 2nd Place in this year's AP Competition at Barnegat High School! Gabby's hard work, creativity, and dedication were on full display throughout the competition, and this outstanding achievement is a reflection of her talent and commitment to excellence. Congratulations!



Big Brook Park

During a recent field trip to Big Brook Park, students accompanied by Mrs. Weekly and Mrs. Audet made an exciting discovery—fossilized shark teeth estimated to be over 60 million years old! These prehistoric treasures offer students a fascinating glimpse into New Jersey's ancient past and provide a unique opportunity to explore the world of paleontology and extinct marine life.





LTHS Select Choral Ensemble

Congratulations to the LTHS Select Choral Ensemble earned a superior rating at the Trills and Thrills Music Festival!

LTHS STEM III

LTHS STEM III students put their engineering skills to the test, where they competed against students from other county schools using boats constructed entirely from corrugated cardboard.

Team "Snooze Cruise" (**Melia Lange, Mackenzie Langan, Caelin Sutter, Aubrey Madensky, Jacob Platvoet, Austin Vecchio, Brooke Fitzgerald, and Payton Pluta**) captured first place in the race with an impressive time of 1:14, finishing a full minute ahead of the second-place team. The team also earned the Research Award for their outstanding presentation.

Team "USS Freedom Fighter" (**Dalton Johnson, Ian Brueckmann, Joe Geiger, Ryan Conlan, Gianni Montecalvo, Ethan Honningsvaag, Ryland Morris, and Landon Cline**) was recognized for their creativity and teamwork, receiving both the Spirit Award and the Master Builder Award for their exceptional boat design and construction.

Congratulations to all of our STEM III students for their hard work, innovation, and outstanding representation of LTHS!



STEM Academy

Sophomore students from the LTHS STEM Academy recently competed at an international event hosted by the University of Maryland. More than 200 middle and high school teams participated, representing not only the United States but also countries including China, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Egypt, Australia, and New Zealand. Competing on a global stage, our students demonstrated exceptional teamwork, innovation, and problem-solving skills while proudly representing LTHS

