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SOUTH HUNTERDON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SOUTH HUNTERDON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

From the Desk of the Superintendent

Your
**JUNE
UPDATE**



*Academic
Achievements*

Each month, Superintendent of Schools Anthony J. Suozzo will share a brief video message.

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{Watch Video}

Congratulations Retirees!



Timothy Angst
Wilma Houseworth
Kendra Pittore
Heather Shaffer

Susan Simonye
Dawn Stevens
Trudy Godown
Missy Richardson



SOUTH HUNTERDON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



SOUTH HUNTERDON STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN RELAY FOR LIFE

This year, South Hunterdon participated in the Hunterdon County Relay for Life on Friday, June 2nd. Over the course of the year, the team from South Hunterdon raised \$3,024 for the American Cancer Society and finished 3rd overall for funds raised in the county.

Thank you to all the students who participated in this year's events.

Congratulations!



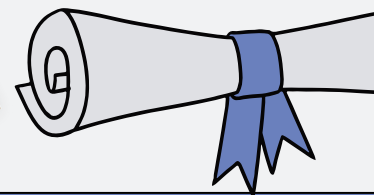
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CLASS OF 2023

**SENIOR
AWARDS**

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to Watch





SOUTH HUNTERDON



Congratulations!

Heather Shaffer

Math Teacher & 2023 SHR Retiree

Knowing that math is a challenging subject for most students, I've worked hard over the years to bring smiles and joy to a challenging subject. The most fulfilling part of teaching, for me, is having students tell me that they finally understand math or that they don't hate math as much! And of course, when a student says they love math, that an extra joy to me.

MOST IMPROVED MATH STUDENT

"This school year, Jose has worked tirelessly to understand not only the English language, but also mathematics. His determination, perseverance, and sense of humor make him a truly amazing student and person.

Felicidades, Jose!"

Ms. Kara Hart | Teacher of Multilingual Learners



JOSE VELASCO

In Spanish: "Este año escolar, José ha trabajado incansablemente para comprender no solo el idioma inglés, sino también las matemáticas. Su determinación, perseverancia y sentido del humor lo convierten en un estudiante y una persona verdaderamente increíble.

Felicidades, José!"

SOUTH HUNTERDON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



**EAGLES
INSIDER**

Click HERE
to watch our
June Episode

THE INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY 2023

*Not pictured: Anna Austin And Alessia Garaventa.
This is a theatre arts honor society.*

Celebrating Student Achievement

Juan Perez-Castro (Pablo) has recently been accepted to the highly selective Princeton University Summer Journalism program. Bay Pedersen and I are thrilled that he will spend time on the university campus over the summer break, learning from and about professional journalists ... and, perhaps best of all, Pablo will get access to a free year of college counselling through the Princeton program!

from Tom Bill...

"Do all the good you can, for all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as you can."

JOHN WESLEY



SOUTH HUNTERDON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



Students of the Middle School Band and Chorus, represented South Hunterdon at the Music in the Parks Festival on Friday, June 2nd.

- The Middle School Chorus placed 3rd and the Middle School Band placed 1st in their respective divisions.
- The MS Band also received the Overall Concert Band award for the highest score of ANY band that day, regardless of division!
- Both groups were awarded the Esprit de Corps Award: given to one school that demonstrates positivity, professionalism, exemplary behavior, school pride, and sportsmanship throughout the entire festival day.



Congratulations to all of the talented student-musicians!



SOUTH HUNTERDON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

SHRSD National Honor Society Inductees



On May 30, 2023, the South Hunterdon Chapter of the National Honor Society Inducted 18 new members to the National Honor Society at the annual Induction Ceremony. The National Honor Society is our nation's oldest, largest, and most prestigious student recognition program. Our well-rounded students were selected through their of demonstration Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character, the Four Pillars of NHS. Students must meet high standards of excellence in our school and community. During our 63rd Annual Induction Ceremony, Influential Educators were also recognized by our current members and student leadership.

Elio Ambrosino

Georgia Andreoli

Yordi Cruz Santiago

Nina Daley

Paul DiBenedetto

Jack Edwards

Itzel Garcia Martinez

Kyle Ingersoll

Irene Li

Kevin Lucas Tellez

Edgar Pacheco

Juan Pablo Perez Castro

Stella Reed

Daniel Rose

Luis Sanchez Hernandez

Kaylyn Trivino

Anthony Venettone

Aaron Zalescik



SOUTH HUNTERDON

FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

New Members Inducted on May 31

Isaac Adas
Sarya Dumat
Itzel Garcia Martinez
Yesenia Guerra
Iris Li
Betzy Martinez- Barragan
Luis Martinez-Castro



Second-Year Members

Jack Edwards
Anthony Feria-Garcia
Siena Kauth
Hillary Pimental-Jarquin
Stella Reed
Luis Sanchez- Hernandez
Natalie Tulley
Myah White
Aaron Zalescik

Third-Year Members

Hope Cathey-Jordan
Sarah Faherty

The following students have earned the New Jersey
Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish and English:

*James Breuer
Diana Corado
Bode Dunn
Eve Durkee-Neumann
Malik Lammons*

*Kevin Lucas Tellez
Alfonso Perez
Tommy Ramsin
Fatima Rodriguez-Clavel
Amanda Santiago*

*Trevor Sirak
Araceli Torres
Julia Voorhees
Thomas Warms
Nathaniel Yax*

SOUTH HUNTERDON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

CELEBRATING FFA

South Hunterdon FFA members traveled to Monmouth University at the end of May to attend the 94th New Jersey State FFA Convention. Upon arrival, members attended a convention session entitled "Initiate Change". During this session, there were many awards distributed for FFA competitions including the art competition and parliamentary procedure competition. Awards were also distributed for outstanding community service and the agriscience fair.

Next, members attended individual business sessions as delegate representatives, participated in leadership workshops, and observed the many different public speaking competitions. During these activities, South Hunterdon FFA members were able to interact with other FFA members from across the State, collaborate with their peers to help progress the FFA Organization, as well as network with business and college representatives.

All members represented our chapter with the utmost politeness and professionalism. By far, the highlight of the day's events was the recognition of our State winning Ag Mechanics team!

During the final session of the day, South Hunterdon FFA members made their way to the stage to receive their certificates, medals and plaque for their 1st place win.

Thank you to the South Hunterdon Community for your continued support of the South Hunterdon FFA and AgriScience Program.



Sincerely,

Amanda Hayes and Taylor Waldron

SHR FFA Advisors

SOUTH HUNTERDON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

★ FFA Outstanding Student Achievements



WAYNE HEISLER

Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems

1st Place Individual

1st Place HO Sampson Award

Gold Medal

DANIEL PEREHINYS

Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems

3rd Place Individual

3rd Place HO Sampson Award

Bronze Medal



RANDY HOAGLAND

Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems

10th Place Individual

TRAVIS TRAUTMAN

Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems

11th Place Individual

4th Place HO Sampson Award



SOUTH HUNTERDON

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Celebrating Art Teacher Dawn Stevens

GOVERNOR'S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
2023 SHR RETIREE

What will you miss most about working at South?

I will miss the people. My colleagues who support and inspire me and the students who bring their love of art to my class. I'll miss knowing that every day brings the promise of learning or teaching something new. I will especially miss the shared conversations, laughter, wonder, excitement and the feeling of being part of a community.

What has been the most fulfilling thing about being a teacher?

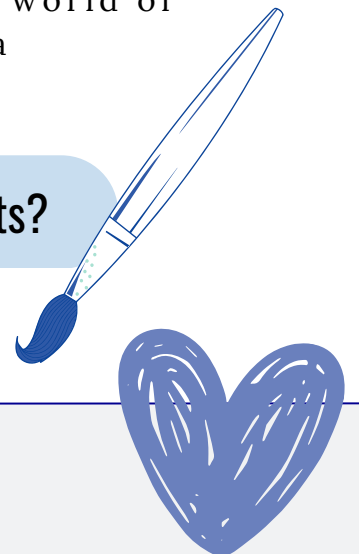
Watching students discover their artistic voices. Having the power and responsibility of introducing students to the world of creativity and self-expression. Knowing that I've made a difference in the lives of others.

Is there one message or lesson you hope stays with your students?

If you make art, you are an artist.



CLICK [HERE](#) TO WATCH
VIDEO FEATURE



SOUTH HUNTERDON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



A Special Thank You from Mrs. Stevens

My family, students and friends have always supported me and helped me to be the best I could be.

My husband Charlie encouraged me to get my master's degree and ALWAYS listened to me vent, ramble on or get way too excited about a new lesson idea. He made my lunch everyday so I didn't forget to sit for a minute to eat. He never got mad at the hundreds of dollars I spent on school supplies or new books for my classroom. He attended every Festival of the Arts and many, many graduations.

My daughter Emily has been both my student and co-worker at South. She helped me stay current with trends, kid lingo and things like TikTok. She was never embarrassed to be seen with me during her high school years at South, and has been the test subject for many of my lessons. She taught me the finer points of Google Classroom. Emily was always up for a trip to a museum (so I could take a million photos of artwork for my epic PowerPoints) and listened patiently on the train ride home as I would imagine how to tie it in to a new project. And she's always up for teacher talk...
the good, the bad and the ugly.

My son-in-law Ruben has always been there to keep our house and family running. He was the first to volunteer to run to the store on a Sunday night if I'd forgotten something I wanted to bring to school the next day and quick with a kind word about my art making skills.

Thank you to all the students who took my class and were open to trying new things. I know it's not always easy to show others your personal thoughts and ideas and I am grateful to those who took that chance. And finally my friends who would come down to chat in H-108 because they always knew where to find me and that I nearly never left my classroom between the hours of 8 and 5.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF SHR'S 2023 RETIREES



SOUTH HUNTERDON ATHLETICS



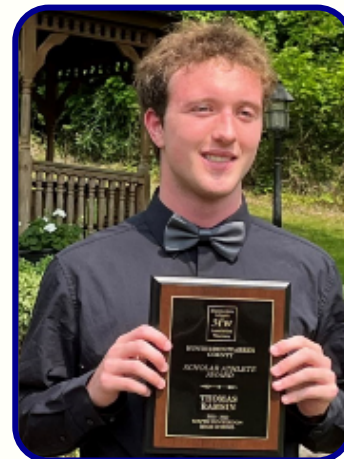
AMANDA SANTIAGO

Hunterdon-Warren-Sussex
Athletic Association
Scholar-Athlete



THOMAS WARMS

NJSIAA Scholar-Athlete



TOMMY RAMSIN

Hunterdon-Warren-Sussex
Athletic Association
Scholar-Athlete

May Athletes of the Week

Dillon Gallagher - Baseball

Kaitlyn Srivastava - Softball

Sophie Hinmna - Track

Garrett Swayhoover - Track

Cambria Loesch - Softball

The following student-athletes represent their team as a high achieving player on the sports court/field and in the classroom

GOLF



Noah Legg

Noah Legg represents South Hunterdon on the golf course with talent, perseverance and determination. His consistent good play is a result of a strong expectation to perform and continuously working on improving his game. This effort has led to consistent 9-hole scores in the low-40's this season and sub-40 scores in our final three matches including a 1-under par 35, even-par 36 and a 39. Keep up the great work!



COACH VINCE CIFELLI

SOUTH HUNTERDON ATHLETICS

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SOFTBALL

Logan Rzasa

- Logan is a three year varsity softball letter winner. She will be attending the University of North Carolina Wilmington where she will major in Chemistry.
- She has an impressive 4.6 weighted GPA and 3.9 unweighted GPA.

"Logan was the team captain. It has been my pleasure to see her grow as a softball player but more importantly as a young adult. She will be truly missed next year."

★ Coach James Smiegocki

BASEBALL

Aaron Zalescik

- Aaron prioritizes academics and applies himself in the classroom.

"Aaron is the most studious player I've coached. He has the work ethic and dedication to be successful on the field and applies that same mentality to his work in the classroom"

★ Coach Christopher Skolka

GIRLS TRACK

Sophie Hinman

- Sophie is our best performer on the Girls track and field team in the 1600m and 3200m run, currently ranked 2nd in Central Group 1 in the 3200 and 4th in the 1600m run.
- Sophie is also a standout in the classroom.

BOYS TRACK

Trevor Sirak

- Trevor Sirak is our best performer on the Boys track and field team in the jumps. He currently tied for 1st in the HJ, 1st in the pole vault, 4th in the LJ and 2nd in the TJ in Central Jersey Group 1.
- Trevor is a member of the National Honor Society.

"Coaching is the honorable pursuit of helping athletes become better, coaching great performers like Sophie or Trevor make the pursuit more honorable".

★ Coach Scott Ward

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge

This year, West Amwell Health/PE Teacher Michelle Ryan celebrated her 7th year of the Kids Heart Challenge (formerly Jump Rope for Heart)! There are several reasons why West Amwell School has participated for over 20 years and continues to participate in this great event.

In PE, students in grades 3rd - 5th learned the fundamentals of jumping rope and the importance of achieving and maintaining cardiovascular fitness. In health class, they learned hand-only CPR, how to use an AED and signs of stroke. The money students raise goes towards research and medicine to improve heart related diseases and genetic defects. This year, WAS raised just over \$2,500 for the American Heart Association.



WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge (cont'd)

One student who has benefited from life-saving heart surgery is Emma Voorhees. Emma was born 11 weeks early and the wonderful doctors and nurses at CHOP helped her to continue to develop for another two weeks. Daily steroid injections helped her lungs develop, but didn't help her heart development). She was born with atrial septal defect, ASD. Emma's parents knew from the beginning she would likely need open heart surgery and hoped it could wait until she was five. Unfortunately, her growth was starting to become affected, so just after her second birthday, she was admitted to CHOP and had the repair.



Emma's parents were so scared, but they shouldn't have been. The procedure went really well, but the recovery was horrifying. Emma was two-years-old at the time of her surgery and felt great shortly after her procedure! Emma's parents were left chasing her around so that she wouldn't fall!! Emma followed up with her cardiologist for a few years afterward and is completely healthy without any complications from the procedure. She is now in 5th grade and is enjoying life to its fullest. The picture was 32 hours post op.

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Meet

MRS. MORGAN SCOZZARI



The 2022-23 WAS
Governor's Educator of the Year

Click Here  to Watch her Classroom Video Feature

Celebrating Better Hearing & Speech Month

Throughout the month of May, West Amwell School celebrated Better Hearing and Speech Month!

Each morning of the month, a sixth grader announced an interesting fact related to articulation, language, voice, fluency, and hearing. During therapy sessions with Mrs. Ford, students were reminded of the importance of learning and using good communication skills.

Fun giveaways and handouts were distributed which described the important ways that speech-language specialists can support students and colleagues in the classroom setting.

Communication disorders are among the most common conditions in children and adults, affecting tens of millions of people in the United States alone. Left untreated, these disorders can negatively impact a person's academic, social, and career success—as well as their overall quality of life.

With early treatment, many communication disorders can be reversed or even prevented. However, treatment at any age or any stage can make a positive impact.

Better Hearing and Speech Month is a great time to raise community awareness about this important topic!

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



NED's Mindset Mission Assembly visited West Amwell School in May.

NED took students on a journey to find their positive mindset! The show used inspirational stories, interaction, and fun yo-yos to focus on the 3 NED themes:

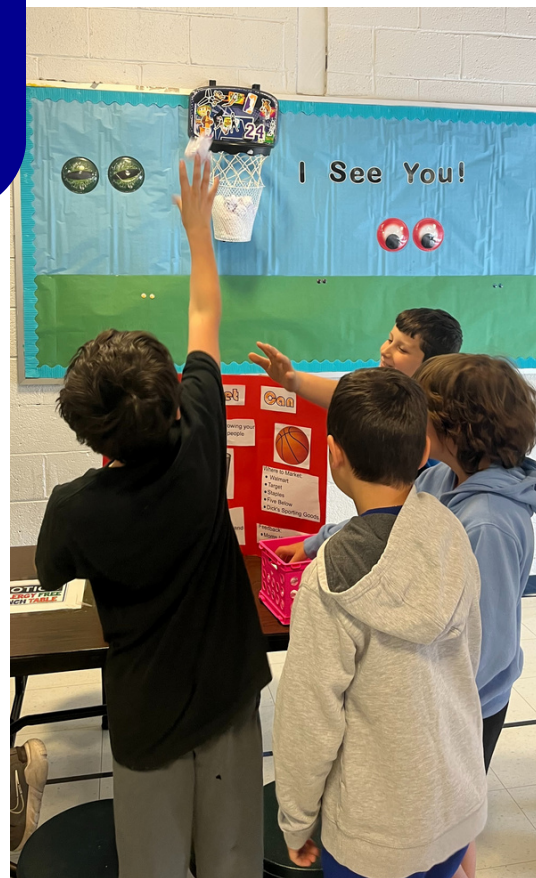
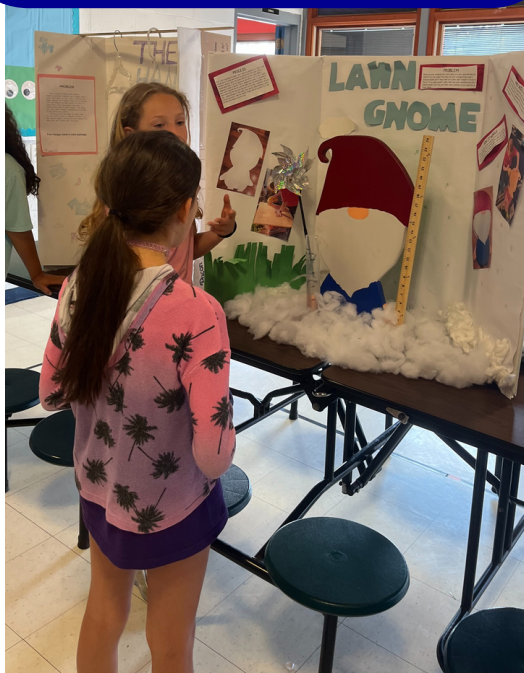
**NEVER GIVE UP!
ENCOURAGE OTHERS,
&
DO YOUR BEST.**



WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

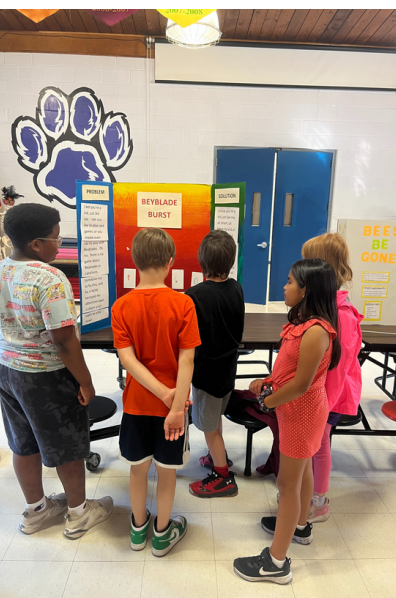
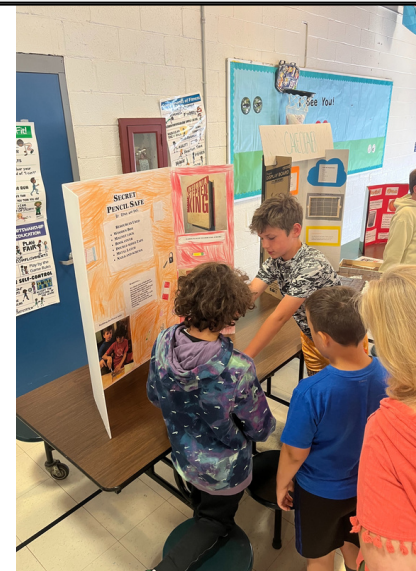
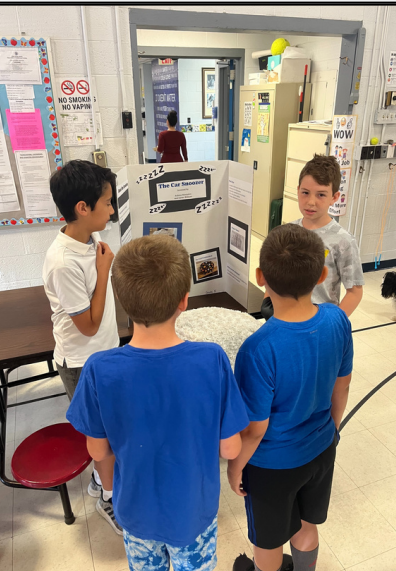


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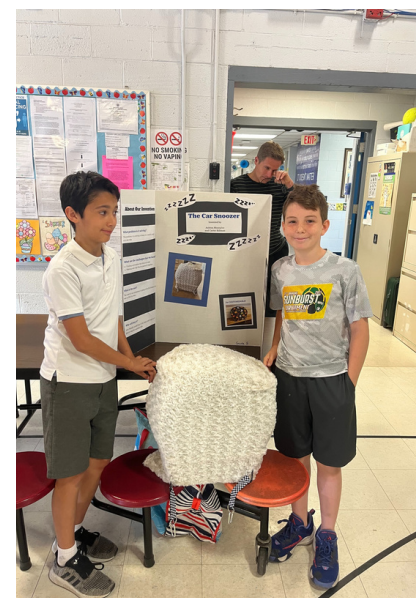


WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**INVENTION
CONVENTION**



WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & THE LAMBERTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL



5th Grade Welcomes Miss Agriculture USA

Fifth Grade has had an exciting fourth marking period. First we had a visit from Miss Agriculture USA, Brittany Ennis. Brittany was a former West Amwell graduate. She did a science experiment with us and helped us all understand the importance of agriculture in our world.



GIRLS ON THE RUN

Of course, it's about running. But it's also so much more than that! Coaches Taylor LaBau and Morgan Scozzari join members of their GOTR team to explain what their *Girls on the Run* chapter is really all about.

Click Here  to Watch our Girls on the Run Video Feature

LAMBERTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to all of the volunteers, our CSO, the PTA, all of the teachers and the PE Team for a wonderful Field Day on May 25th!



**2023
Field Day**



LAMBERTVILLE

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kendra Pittore



**LPS Teacher
& 2023 SHR Retiree**

Congratulations!

Throughout my time at LPS, there have been so many fulfilling moments. The funny thing about these moments is that they always seemed to happen when I least expected them and often from students I didn't realize I was reaching at the time. Having taught literacy to children in Kindergarten through sixth grade, I am grateful to have experienced the excitement of "I can read! I can read!" I have also enjoyed those proud moments when older children evolve as writers and have the realization that their voices are important and can use writing to effectively express their opinions, emotions, and imaginations. I will miss the cherished moments that have always reminded me as to why I chose this journey. I look forward to seeing all of my former students continue to find their own paths as I choose to follow the next one.

Better Speech and Hearing Month

May was Better Speech and Hearing Month which is a time to raise awareness and provide the community with information about communication disorders and the role speech therapists play in schools. Speech and language problems can occur at any time in a child's life. They can be caused by accidental injury, illness, or inherited at birth. Speech therapists help students with Stuttering, Articulation problems ("wabbit" instead of "rabbit"), Language disorders such as the slow development of vocabulary, concepts, grammar, and social usage of language, and Voice disorders (nasal, breathy or hoarse voice and speech that is too high or low). School speech therapists address all of these problems to help students succeed with learning and socializing with others!

LAMBERTVILLE

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Notes from Nurse Berls

Please stay up-to-date with your child's immunizations.

5TH GRADE FAMILIES:

It is mandatory for all 6th graders to receive the Tdap and Meningococcal vaccinations when they turn 11 years old. Please provide documentation that your son/daughter has received these shots by the first day of school.

PRE-K FAMILIES:

Check with your child's pediatrician over the summer. Many PreK children will be due for additional vaccinations before they begin Kindergarten. Additionally, all PreK students are required to receive a Flu shot prior to December 31.

Summer Health Tips:

- Wear sunscreen and insect repellent. Use broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15 for sun protection.
- Keep cool in extreme heat. Extreme heat can be dangerous for everyone, but it may be especially dangerous for people with chronic medical conditions.
- Eat healthy food. Delicious fruits and veggies make any spring and summer meal healthier.
- Choose your drinks wisely. Drink water instead of sugary drinks.



Visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/resources/infographic/healthy-summer.htm> for more health tips!



LAMBERTVILLE

PUBLIC SCHOOL



COUNSELOR CORTINA

melissa.cortina@shrsd.org

June Counselor Newsletter



2023-2024 School Year

LPS On Location at 13
North Main Street

1st day of school for
STUDENTS is

Tues. September 5th

FREE GROCERY GIVEAWAY DATES:



June 24
July 22
August 26



The Free Grocery Giveaway is at 11am (to 12pm or until supplies last) at the LPS Gym Parking Lot. All Grocery Giveaways include a bag of rice.

LPS PTA WALK-A-THON

Congratulations and thank you to:

Julia Volmer (Grade 5)
Marina Abou-Daoud (Grade 1)
Beatrix Bobrovcan (Pre-K)

These students raised the most money for the Walk-A-Thon.

The 3rd Grade!

They are the grade level overall Walk-A-Thon winners – Gooooo Team!

Truly thank you to ALL who contributed to the LPS PTA Walk-A-Thon!

South Hunterdon

COMMUNITY

Connections

LAMBERTVILLE COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Lambertville has a part-time position available within the Police Department as a Parking Enforcement Officer. The Parking Enforcement Officers' primary responsibility is to ensure that drivers comply with local parking laws, ordinances and issue citations for violations. Most officers are assigned to a particular geographic area, which they patrol and monitor for violations, such as parking in a no-parking zone, expired meters and other types of illegal parking. The officers will also be responsible for collecting the money in the parking meters.

The candidate must be at least 18 years old and possess a valid New Jersey driver's license.

For an application, please email

lambertvillepd@lambertvillepolice.org or contact the police department at 609-397-3132 Equal-Opportunity Employer.

STORYTELLING ARTS

presents

FAMILY STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 10, 2-5pm

American Legion Post 120
320 N. Union St, Lambertville

With Storytelling, Music,
Art Projects, Silent Auction

Outdoors under a tent and indoors
Food and beverages are available for purchase
Bring a chair or blanket
Suggested donation \$10 for adults, children are free

Featuring Storytellers Bronwyn Bird,
Maria LoBiondo, and Lillie Chen, and
Musicians The Chicklets and the
Laurie Vosburg Band



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