



The Linwood Ledger



“COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE”

Spotlight on Spirit Week

By: Annika Agshiker, Araina Kotian, Emma Inderjit

Dressing up, competitions, and Linwood Pride are all thoughts that come into the minds of students all around Linwood when they hear *Spirit Week*. Linwood School Spirit Week was a huge success. Across the school students and staff dressed up each day to celebrate Anti-Violence Week at Linwood. From wearing superhero outfits to show our best acts of kindness on Tuesday, to wearing tie-dye on Thursday to commemorate peace, Linwood had it all. We all saw Mr. Shorter and all the other administrators cruising the halls with their Linwood pride!

Mrs. Jacunski (6th Grade Dean) describes Spirit Week as a “fun way to build morale in the building!” Mr. Komar (Band) thinks of Spirit Week as our showing off our “school colors, blue and white.” Mrs. Schilder (5th Grade Assistant Principal) enjoys showing school spirit and loves seeing all the students participating! Ms. Bertolotti (5th Grade Language Arts) thinks of *Lions* when she hears school spirit. Mr. Coffey (6th grade Counselor) thinks of people being “united and together” when he hears Spirit Week!

Everyone also enjoys the Championship Belt Competition, which is an extremely fun competition between the 5th graders and the 6th graders! For this Spirit Week the 5th graders won the belt and have the championship belt proudly on display right outside the Lion House Center.

Overall, Spirit Week was really fun! Everyone at Linwood enjoyed showing off our Linwood Pride! Wearing spirit wear is showing us how much we care about our school! Just remember, *Wearing pride makes us strive!*



Internet Influencers

By: Emma Inderjit, Araina Kotian,
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Today, more and more students use the internet. Popular platforms like Tik Tok, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, and more are all led by influencers that people look up to.

This article is going to be talking about these popular Internet Influencers who impact so many people. These are some of the many famous influencers that might brighten your day. There are tons and tons of influencers we'd love to put here for you, but we've chopped it down to three influencers in each topic.

STEM

- Bill Nye (Instagram, YouTube unofficial videos)
- National Geographic (Website, YouTube, Instagram)
- Crash Course (YouTube)

ART

- Muffalo Potato (YouTube)
- Moriah Elizabeth (YouTube)
- Arts for Kids Hub (YouTube)

MUSIC/DRAMA

- Julie and the Phantoms (YouTube)
- Emma Watson (Instagram, Twitter)
- Tom Holland (Instagram)

We hope you've enjoyed the suggestions that are shown here and we hope you may want to look these people up if you're bored or are inspired to do something. If there are any more topics that interest you then go ahead and explore! We hope that these few recommendations can fulfill your curiosity.

Winter Trends to Keep You Warm!

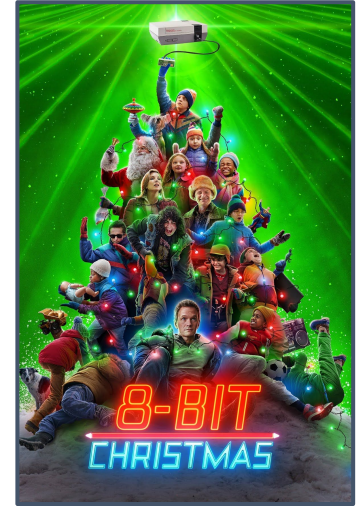
By: Jaelea Stargel & Alexandra Reyes

It's starting to get cold, and we have amazing fashion tips and awesome movies just for you! Many people have trouble looking for warm clothing and good movies to watch when it gets cold. This article is about finding you great movies and great fashion during the winter months.

One of the trendiest styles in the year is the baggy clothes, which are things like sweatpants, cargo pants, hoodies, and oversized t-shirts. Keep layering these clothing items to stay warm all winter!

Looking for some popular winter movies to watch? Many people have trouble finding movies, so here are a few to watch. Have you seen that on Disney+ they rebooted the Home Alone movie but with a slightly new title? Some critics said it wasn't the best remake! While *Elf* and *Home Alone* are classics, you might want to try something new to watch. Here is a movie we recommend: *8-BIT Christmas*. It is very entertaining and very funny!

Hope these fashion/Movie tips help you throughout this month, because I heard it was going to be a cold winter!



Winter Activities in North Brunswick and New Jersey

By: Sneh Patel and Aiden Gonzalez

Looking for something fun to do this winter? Check out the list below for activities and places you can go for winter fun!

Welcome to the winter activities! If it's too cold in the winter and you don't want to sit around all day at your house, you have entered the right place! These are all the places you can go to have fun with your family.

Here are some winter events that will occur in December:

- On December 21st 7pm at NBTHS, join us for our Linwood Winter Concert featuring the Band, Chorus and Orchestra.
- There is an Ice Skating Rink located directly across from the North Brunswick Township Municipal Building on Hermann Road. They are open on Saturdays from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Thursdays Cost is \$1 for skating and \$3 for skate rentals.

– Hunterdon Ski and Snowboard is another great place to visit. Hunterdon is open from 12-7PM, and the website if you would want to visit is hunterdonski.com.

– Campgaw Mountain Ski Area is also another good place to visit during this winter. This place is open from 2-8PM, and is located in New Jersey, 200 Campgaw Rd, Mahwah, NJ. Aiden, one of our newspaper writers, has been to this area and said "They had very friendly staff and always made sure you were having fun. They also had a moving floor, which is like an escalator, except this is flat, so you didn't have to walk up the steep side. There was snowboarding, skiing, and tubing. There were also snowboards and skis provided with your visit. There was also a store with food and hot chocolate so you did not get too cold or hungry." Their website is <http://skicampgaw.com/>

– All Aboard The Santa Trail. Times are 5 p.m, 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m \$5 per person is the price. If you want to register, here's the link! <https://register.communitypass.net/NorthBrunswickTownship>

In all, these are all fun places that you could visit if you don't know what to do during Winter. You could go check their websites out! Thank you for your time and reading this, we hope you could possibly visit these places sometime during the winter time!



What's Going on in Linwood Classrooms?

By: Yonaris Reyes and Chloe Koffke

There are so many things happening this trimester and we'd like to share a couple of them with you! From cool science experiments to social studies activities, it was a fun trimester in Linwood. We got amazing teachers to tell us what interesting things they've been teaching in these past months.

First up we have fifth grade science with Mr. Pierpaoli, whose class is learning about a mixtures and solutions unit. They had to separate a mixture of gravel, a powder called diatomaceous earth, and salt. To first separate the gravel from the powder and salt, the students used a strainer. Then, to separate the remaining powder and salt, they dissolved the salt in water while the powder stayed, and poured the new mixture through a coffee filter. The coffee filter separated the saltwater from the powder. And the student decided to use the sun's heat to evaporate the water, leaving the salt. In the end, the students were able to separate the mixture into the original three substances.

Next is Ms. Coviello, who teaches sixth grade social studies. Who stated, "In social studies, we interviewed veterans in our families." The students also planted flowers and flags, to honor our veterans.



Ty'Aisjah Jacobs-Hayes (right) places a flag in honor of her grandfather, Mr. Daniels, who served in the Army in Alabama.

Mr. Burnett's and Ms. DeAmicis' fifth grade social studies class. They are working on sorting out Artifacts from the Old World. These artifacts represent the culture of Europeans and North Americans during the time that Columbus came to the Americas. Also, the artifacts show how the two different cultures lived. The different culture's gender roles, religion, government, economy, and art can be found by studying these artifacts.

Then there's fifth grade English Language Arts (ELA) with Ms. Fennik, the students are exploring new nonfiction texts and working to become experts about the topics they choose! Some of the topics they chose were dinosaurs, virtual reality, extreme weather, and more.

In sixth grade Engineering challenge with Ms. McGuirl. They are working on creating an invention to solve a climate change/unhealthy planet in groups. Students started by researching their problem and inventions that were already made to help solve this problem. After they researched, they worked in groups to come up with a list of solutions. Then students narrowed the list down to their "best-to-test" invention. Students will be working to build prototypes of their inventions that they came up with.

Next there is Ms. Brown, our art teacher! In art class, the MD and ASD classes made edible color wheels. "Mr. Kowalski and Mrs. Jacqueney were able to join us too!"



Students in Ms. McGuirl's Engineering Challenge class are coming up with inventions to help solve climate change.

Last but not least, we have gym class, with all the gym teachers! The Linwood *Athlete of the Week* is awarded to either a 5th grade or 6th grade student each week, who helps others, is responsible for their actions, asks questions when they need help, and follows class rules and procedures. The athlete of the week is someone who participates safely in activities, and is always striving for excellence!

Amazing teachers and students make Linwood an amazing place to learn new things, find new interests, and make new friends. We hope you've enjoyed these past months at Linwood school. Remember to continue to strive for excellence, exhibit excellence, and expect excellence!

Below is the edible color wheel created by Ms. Brown's art class!



Interviewing Linwood School Counselors

By: Jennah Elgamal and Noah Covington

For a great interview we decided to interview the two Linwood school counselors, Ms. Nemeth (5th grade counselor) and Mr. Coffey (6th grade counselor). We learned plenty of great things about them and we got some advice from them for all Linwood lions.

The first question we decided to ask them was "What made you want to be a school counselor?". For this question Ms. Nemeth and Mr. Coffey were saying that they wanted a helping role with students. Ms. Nemeth used to be a teacher but decided to be a counselor instead because she wanted to help the students more. Mr. Coffey was hoping to make an impact on students.

"What's it like dealing with a lot of drama at times?" was something else we were wondering about. Both Mr. Coffey and Ms. Nemeth described it as challenging. Mr. Coffey said that when solving a problem you want to avoid making that issue continue and sometimes it's difficult to find that balance. Ms. Nemeth had said that she has to understand that her day won't always go as planned. She also told us when she is dealing with drama she has to be patient and a good listener.

It was in our best interest to find out more about Ms. Nemeth and Mr. Coffey, so we asked them what they would have wanted to be instead of a school counselor. Ms. Nemeth answered with marine biologists with no hesitation. When we asked Mr. Coffey this question he said that he would have wanted to do something involving professional sports like the NBA (National Basketball Association) or a sports agent. This doesn't come as a surprise if you have seen his office.

Since we were interviewing the Linwood school counselors who know all about problems and other things happening in the school, we decided to ask for their opinion on what Linwood students do well and what they could improve on. Mr. Coffey said that Linwood students could improve on their grades, being kind to one another, and learning how to communicate appropriately. When we asked what the students do well on, he told us that students care for each other, they also want each other to succeed, helping someone out if they need help with something. Ms. Nemeth had told us that she thinks Linwood students could improve on getting along with one another/relationship skills and using words to express feelings. She also had a lot of things to say on things we do well on such as students being respectful to staff and others, happy to be back in school, and trying our best to do well academically.

It was great to learn more things about Mr. Coffey and Ms. Nemeth. They are amazing people and if you ever have a problem they are always there to help you. You can always feel comfortable talking to them about anything you're having trouble with. This was a great experience to learn so much about our Linwood school counselors!



Mr. Coffey (left)
6th grade Counselor
and
Ms. Nemeth (right)
5th grade Counselor



Teacher Talk: An Amazing Start

By: Hamnah Lodhie & Indurupa Pisupati

This question & answer is all about two new teachers at Linwood School. We got their point of view of the school and their experience as a brand new teacher!

Mr. Campion (Gym/Health)

Question 1: What do you think about the school so far? Do you like it?

Answer: "I do like it so far. I think it's a safe and fun environment for us to use."

Question 2: How is the experience here compared to where you used to be?

Answer: "The experience here is new and fun. I've met a lot of new people so far."

Question 3: What's your favorite part about Linwood?

Answer: "I really like how involved the staff is with us and in terms of clubs/activities."

Question 4: In your opinion, what's the best part about teaching?

Answer: "I like being able to connect with a variety of students and being able to teach about their health, life, and respect."

Question 5: If you could teach another subject what would it be?

Answer: "I would teach English because I like to write stories and poetry."

Question 6: What is it like to switch between the middle school and Linwood?

Answer: "It's...stressful because I have to learn 2 different policies and rules for both the schools. But switching between schools helps me meet more new people and helps me engage with more students."

Ms. Angelella (Music)

Question 1: What do you think about the school so far? Do you like it?

Answer: "I love Linwood so far. The students and teachers have been so kind and helpful."

Question 2: How is the experience here compared to where you used to be?

Answer: "Linwood is different from Judd because it's a lot bigger and I can meet many more people."

Question 3: What's your favorite part about Linwood?

Answer: "I love the students and staff here and meeting new students!"

Question 4: In your opinion, what's the best part about teaching?

Answer: "Seeing the progress the students are making and seeing them succeed and reach their goals."

Question 5: If you could teach another subject what would it be?

Answer: "I would teach math because I have loved math ever since I was a student."



Ms. Angelella



Mr. Campion

Debate: Who's the Better Quarterback, Tom Brady or Patrick Mahomes?

By: Gabriel Lopes, Matthew Alia, & Aarin Ghate

Tom Brady and Patrick Mahomes are two of the greatest quarterbacks in NFL (National Football League) History, no doubt about it! Because of this, there has been a lot of debate on which quarterback is better. In this article, we will give you the facts about each player. Then you can decide for yourselves—who is the better quarterback:

Tom Brady, or Patrick Mahomes!

Tom Brady

Born on August 3, 1977, one of the greatest quarterbacks ever was only chosen in the sixth round in The NFL draft. Then he became one of the greatest quarterbacks ever in the game and, even at 44 years old, is still breaking records. Because of this, Tom Brady is one of the greatest quarterbacks ever, and here's why!

At the beginning of his career, he was the Backup for New England. His mentor was Drew Bledsoe in his first year, who, at that time, was the Patriots Franchise quarterback, who had led them to a Super Bowl in 1997 against the Packers. But he and the Patriots lost 35-21 in that Super Bowl. When Tom Brady was chosen in the Draft, New England fans never thought Tom Brady would become their Franchise QB. But after Drew Bledsoe got a lung injury, Coach Bill Belichick called on Brady. And from then on Tom Brady proved that he would be one of the greatest ever, one of New England's greatest, and one of the NFL's greatest quarterbacks of all time!

He has won 6 super bowl titles with New England and 1 with Tampa Bay. Also Tom Brady, from the start of his career to now, where he is 44 years old, has been playing for 21 years. But yet, he is still breaking records. He leads the NFL with all time passing yards with 82,074 passing yards. He also has 14 Pro bowl selections, and 3 MVP (Most valuable Player awards). In addition, he has 5 Super Bowl MVPs and 3 first team all pro selections. And Tom Brady is still going even at 44! And now you see, with the miracle story and Super Bowl wins and records, Tom Brady is one of the greatest quarterbacks ever in the game!

Patrick Mahomes

Born on September 17, 1995, Patrick Mahomes is now 26. He attended Texas Tech University. Even though Patrick Mahomes has not played that long (compared to Tom Brady's incredibly long career), he has become one of the top quarterbacks in the NFL!

After that little bit of background, let's get to the facts. First of all, Patrick Mahomes, considering he's played for such a short amount of time, has already rushed 1,035 yards! That is only 50 yards behind Tom Brady, who has been playing for much longer. Also, his average throwing distance is 8.1 yards (which is really good for a quarterback!)

In Patrick Mahomes' career he has thrown 140 touchdown passes. In addition, in four playoff games, he has thrown 11 touchdown passes, making him the only one with double digits for touchdown passes! Also, in the 2021 season, he is 2nd in most yards thrown, with 2,940!

But all in all, Patrick Mahomes is an incredible player. The NFL is very lucky to have a player like Patrick Mahomes. He gives the NFL some more quality in its quarterbacks!

And that is why Tom Brady and Patrick Mahomes are one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever play American Football! And now it is your time to choose who is better: Tom Brady, or Patrick Mahomes?



"I think sometimes in life the biggest challenges end up being the best things that happen in your life"

- Tom Brady
(pictured above and below)



Both players talked about in the article. (Tom Brady on the right, Patrick Mahomes on the left)

Jokes and Riddles

By: Inderjeet Singh and Cassidy Almeida

Riddle #1:

Three people check into a hotel. The clerk tells them that the bill for their stay is \$30, so each person pays the clerk \$10. The clerk puts the money in the cash register. Later that night, the clerk realizes that he made a mistake and should have only charged the three guests \$25. He pulls \$5 in one dollar bills out of the register and tells the bellhop to return the money to the guests. On the way to the room, the bellhop realizes that he cannot split the money evenly between the three people. As the guests don't know that they were charged the incorrect amount for their room, the bellhop decides to simply give them \$1 each and pocket the extra \$2 as a tip. Each guest gets \$1 back, so they each paid \$9 for their room, totaling \$27. The bellhop kept \$2, But the guests originally handed over \$30. What happened to the missing dollar?

Riddle #2:

I live and thrive in winter. As I grow done and sharpen, but you'll never see me in the summer. What am I?

Riddle #3:

I am one color, but not one shape, stuck to the bottom but easily fly, present in the sun but not in the rain, give no harm and feel no pain, what am I?

Answers:

Riddle #1 Answer: The missing dollar.

Riddle #2 Answer: An icicle

Riddle #3 Answer: A shadow

Seasonal Jokes:

Q: What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?

A: A meltdown

Q: Grandma had been staring through the window ever since it started to snow.

A: If it gets any worse I'll have to let her in

Q: How does a snowman get around?

A: He rides an icicle

Q: What do you call a penguin in the Sahara desert?

A: Lost

Q: What do you call an old snowman?

A: Water.

"Laughter is like a windshield wiper, It doesn't stop the rain but it allows us to go on."

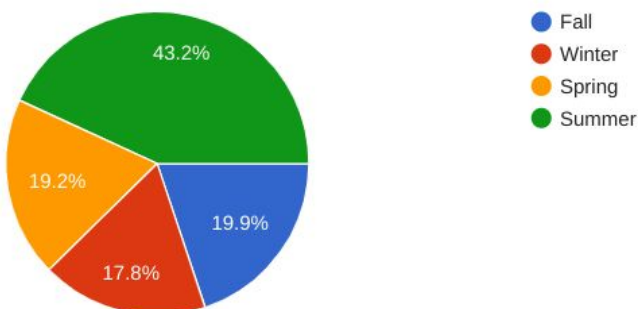
Newspaper Poll

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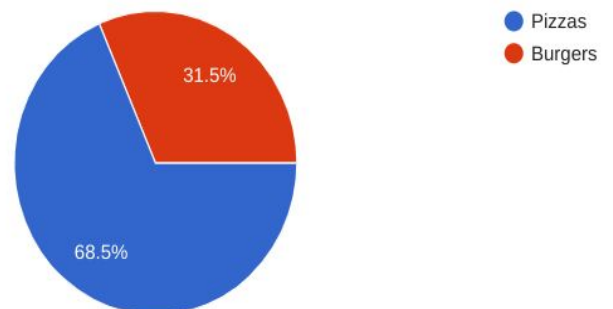
In this Trimester, *The Linwood Ledger* Newspaper Poll asked 5th graders, 6th graders, and Staff at Linwood two very important questions. One was "Would you rather have pizzas or burgers?" and the other was "What's your favorite season?"

Below are the results.

What's your favorite season?



Would you rather have pizzas or Burgers?



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