



The Linwood Ledger

“COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE”



Featuring on ... Festive February

By: Chloe Koffke & Indurupa Pisupati

From the winter white out to the school spelling bee there were many school activities where we participated and showed Linwood pride!

This trimester was filled with fantastic events and activities that were a huge success. During the month of February, there were many school events to celebrate different cultures and ideas!

The beautiful white snowflakes appeared on January 28, just in time for the Winter White Out! From students to staff we saw everyone gliding through the halls showing Linwood pride! To welcome new beginnings and commemorate peace the winter white out had it all.

To celebrate Lunar New Year, Linwood staff and students dressed in red, orange, and yellow! The 4th of February was a wonderful day to celebrate different cultures and to start new beginnings!

For Valentine's day everyone dressed up in pink or red to spread love and peace! Many people showed acts of caring to show that they care.

Homerooms instructed their students to make caring chains, containing who you care about and why! They also made cards to senior citizens to show that we are thinking about them and sending love their way on Valentine's day!



February 9th was a very tense night for the Linwood spellers! Everybody who won their class spelling bee throughout 5th and 6th grade were present that night. Family and friends also showed up to support their children! After 16 rounds, three hours, and a five round spell off between the two finalists, Ameen in the 5th grade won (pictured above). All 43 participants deserve a round of applause! Once again congratulations to Ameen!

The school store also opened in the beginning of February! Every Wednesday the school store would open for the 6th graders during lunch. On every Tuesday the 5th graders also had a chance to go to the school store during lunch.

On February 18, everybody “dressed to impress” to show that they care for themselves. Everyone had to wear an outfit that made them feel their best! Everybody wore their best outfit to show off the self love that they have for themselves!

To wrap up the month of February, the month of caring, love, and peace, our school conducted a kindness challenge! Each week 5th and 6th grade students were recognized by their teachers for their random acts of kindness.

Each team nominated 2 students to get an award! Way to go to everyone who showed kindness and keep it up! And as Mrs. Jacunski says “No act of kindness big or small goes unnoticed!”

Over all, this trimester was another great achievement! All our Linwood peers exhibited excellence and showed Linwood pride whenever they could! Keep up the good work and continue to strive for excellence!!!



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The New “Normal”

By: Yonaris K. Reyes

Whether you liked online school or not, it's something we all went through. Online school might have been a breeze that helped you relax while still learning or, had you struggling to the point where you were always asking for help.

Despite which one you choose, we all had something in common. We all did online school. However, now that we are back at school, somewhat getting back to normal, there is a new question. How did online schooling affect students and the way they like to learn?

After a year of online learning students were bound to become comfortable with this new way of learning. But, that was not the case for everybody. Quarantine has made parents more involved in their kid's learning and with kids whose parents work in the medical field assuming more responsibility over their work.

Most students that we have interviewed prefer in-school learning as opposed to online. Even though some students like online learning, most students think that in-school is better because they can socialize with others. It's preferred by them because they thought the way teachers taught online was boring.

A sixth grade student who is fond of in school learning, Annika Agshiker said. "I get to be with my friends. We can do more in school activities like labs and group work, and it gets less repetitive." This opinion is shared with many of Linwood's students. However, there are other opinions. Some students prefer online learning.

One sixth grade student said "My opinion is that online is better because it gives more options to students, and I think the work is more interactive which I like." Even though this opinion is shared by a lesser amount of people, it is a valid and respectable opinion that some people have.

Interactive learning has been shown to help students learn faster and retain more knowledge. Some students and the majority of teachers here at Linwood believe that students can learn, focus, and socialize more in school. When asked if she liked online learning, 6th grade Math teacher, Mrs. Mory said, "No, I don't because I really like teaching my students in person because I find that it helps students understand better," and that is true. A lot of students understand better in school including one of her very own students, Isha Conteh. Isha is a very bright student in Mrs. Mory's math class. Isha made a statement saying, "I learn better in school, I learn better in school because I can learn more, understand better, and it is easier than online."

Even though we got to be at home and comfortable, does not mean that we learned better. Most students and teachers like in-school better. A big part of school is **socializing**. Socializing with your friends helps people learn and feel comfortable in school, and not being able to do that may have affected the way you learn or how much you even like school.

Now that you have this knowledge, What do you think? Is in-school better or online? Learning is individual. It's different for everybody! Here at Linwood, teachers teach so that students can learn as much as possible in the best ways they can and if you got that experience online that's ok. But, now it's your turn to voice your own opinion. How did online learning change the way you like to learn?



How Does Social Media Affect You?

By: Aiden Gonzales, Inderjeet Singh, and Aarin Ghate

Have you noticed that some kids these days are addicted to social media? If you are addicted to social media this article is for you! You can learn about how social media affects you. It is important to think about other things in life, besides social media. A lot of us use *Facebook*, *Instagram*, *Twitter*, *Youtube*, and *Tik-tok*. We need to be aware of how much time we spend on these sites.

Did you know Facebook is the most visited site with over 2 billion views per month? The next most visited site is Youtube with an approximate 1.9 billion views per month.

While social media can be both a good and bad thing, we just want you to consider the ways in which social media affects you!

Social media can lead to many issues. When you're scrolling through social media you can see people with big cars or mansions which might make you think "Why am I not rich like them?" This can lead to jealousy because you are not rich like them. Next, social media can lead to less social skills. When you are on social media you're just scrolling instead of doing all the things you can be doing like playing outside, building legos, or just talking. But guess what; you're posting things on *Facebook*, making *Tik-toks*, or clicking hearts and pressing the follow button. When doing these things your social skills are falling

very low because you are not interacting with anyone. Even though social media is good for passing the time you should still make time to go outside since you need exercise to be well... alive. You should try to get away from the phone in general. Maybe go fishing with your dad or shopping with mom because before you know it, the time has passed and you spent too much time on social media and you never got to really enjoy your free time.



NBTHS Frankie Garbolino Interview

By: Cassidy Almeida and Matthew Alia

Frankie Garbolino is one of the best quarterbacks for New Jersey High School. He is the star player for the North Brunswick Township High School varsity football team this year. He threw for 1,857 yards and was 150-248 on passing attempts this season. He also threw for 23 touchdown's and 11 Interceptions this year those are very talented stats for a very talented quarterback and today.

Linwood Ledger reporters, Cassidy and Matthew have interviewed North Brunswicks star quarterback Frankie Garbolino, and we would like to show you our questions and answers from the interview.

Q1: What is it like being North Brunswicks quarterback?

A: Being North Brunswicks quarterback is definitely a cool experience, it's been fun being able to do it since sophomore year, it's fun going out and leading the team every week.

Q2: How do you manage to play three different sports?

A: "I think it's just time management, being able to fit in

Q3: Do you plan on playing football in college?

A: Yeah definitely, that's my goal, to play beyond high school and throughout college.

Q4: What is your favorite hobby not related to sports?

A: I would probably say fishing.

Q5: What is your favorite sneaker brand?

A: I'm gonna go Jordans.

Q6: If you don't play professional sports, what would you like to be when you grow up?

A: Not positive but I think I wanna be an engineer, that's what I'm planning on for now.

Q7: Do you miss going to school at Linwood?

A: Definitely ya know it's different. High school is fun but you know, you miss the old days. Never got to go to the new school either. So I definitely miss Linwood.

We hope you enjoyed Frankie Garbolino's interesting opinions and all the events happening in NBTHS athletics!

Frankie Garbolino with Linwood Ledger staff member, Cassidy Almeida



Classroom News

By: Annika Agshiker

Throughout Linwood School there are many teachers doing fun and engaging activities with their students. In this article I am going to highlight a few of these stories.

First, we are taking a trip to Ms. Norman's 6th-grade science class where her students are doing a heating and cooling lab to test what materials absorb and retain heat the longest.

Next, we are taking a trip to Mr. Komar's 5th and 6th-grade band classes where a number of students were placed into the Honors Band. This is a huge accomplishment for these students, some of which have been playing their instruments for a few years now.

This trimester, Ms. McGuirl's 5th-grade science class is exploring their Earth and Space Unit. They learned about how distance affects brightness, especially when it comes to stars and space. To learn more about this they compared the brightness of the flashlight when placed at different distances.

Our next classes are the 6th-grade Engineering Challenge classes, in which 9 teams of students progressed to the next level of Steam Tank with their eco-friendly inventions to solve a climate or climate-related problem. These students used their knowledge of the engineering design process and their passion for inventing to create a sustainable solution for the problems of today.

The next classes we are visiting are Ms. Brown's 6th grade MD and ASD classes. Students learned about Vincent Van Gogh and created a sunflower painting inspired by one of his most prominent pieces.

Next, we are going to Ms. Mensah's 5th grade ESL class. Here, students made a paper quilt for Black History Month. This quilt displayed influential African Americans and their greatest accomplishments.

Our last stop is Mrs. Levitt's 6th-grade social studies class where her students are doing a project entitled "Voices from the Past". In this activity, the students write a letter to their loved ones in the form of a postcard from the perspective of a soldier living in Valley Forge. They learn about the hardships they faced as well as the patriotic faces that boosted morale and eventually led the Continental Army to victory.

I hope you enjoyed our trip around Linwood. There are so many teachers that make Linwood an amazing place and I am really happy to be able to spotlight some of them!



Lunchroom News

By: Annika Agshiker

Everyone has their favorite food... right? Well, for this article I put out a random poll asking students what their favorite food choice is from the Blue Lion Cafe. These are the responses:

In **1st place** for the most favored main entrée is **PIZZA!!**

In **2nd place** is **french toast!**

And in **3rd place** is **hamburgers!!**

Are these your favorite lunch choices? Although the main parts of our meals are the main entrée we can't forget about the sides that tie the whole meal together. The options for sides were tater tots, french fries, potato wedges, garlic bread, vegetables, and fruit. Now here are the responses:

In **1st place**, by a landslide, is **TATER TOTS!!**

In **2nd place** is **french fries!!**

And in **3rd place** is **garlic bread!!**

I hope you enjoyed our brand new section, the Lunchroom News! Are these your choices?

Linwood's Hidden Heroes

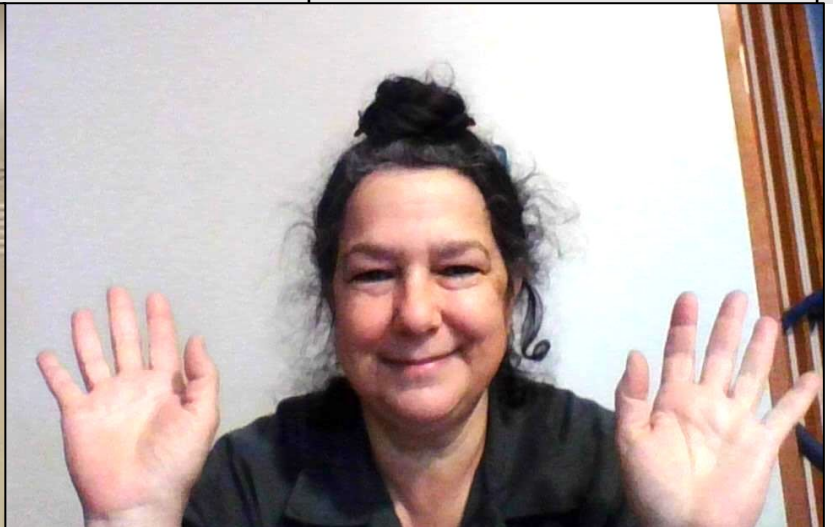
By: Araina Kotian, Hamnah Lodhie

We decided to interview two amazing Linwood staff members. Mr. Eato and Ms. Gloria are wonderful and hardworking staff members. If you see them in the hallway, give them a little wave!

QUESTIONS	Mr. Eato: Coolest Building Aide	Ms. Gloria: The Sweetest Custodian
Q1: What do you like about your job?	"I love the kids and I just love being here at Linwood, because it's just a part of my home! I met my wife here 51 years ago when I used to go here."	"I like helping people. I enjoy being around students and staff."
Q2: If you could choose a different job what would it be and why?	"It would be a teacher because I think kids would love my personality. "No matter what job I have, I will put my heart and soul into it."	"I would love to be a geologist because I love science."
Q3: What did you do before this job?	"I was a full-time custodian, and now I'm a part-time custodian."	"I used to make supplies for elementary schools in science."
Q4: How did you come to Linwood?	"My dad was here so I replaced my dad and I have been here ever since. "	"They asked me to come here because they needed help here."
Q5: What is your favorite part of Linwood?	"The students and staff. I like being a building/security aid."	"The people I work with and the students I meet."
Q6: Would you rather be a student or do the job you have right now?	"I would rather have the job I have now because either way, I will always learn. "	"I would rather be a student because I love to learn, especially science."



Mr. Eato



Ms. Gloria

Listening to our Librarian

By: Emma Inderjit

In the Media Center, we have our Linwood Librarian/Media Specialist Ms. Segro! We decided to interview her so YOU can get an insight on what's going on when you check out books!

Questions:

1. What is one thing you love the most about the media center?
2. Have you always had a passion for books? And what's one book you recommend?
3. If you were to change one thing in this school what would it be?
4. What is one message you'd like to give to the Linwood Lions?

You can donate your books to the Linwood Library!

Answers:

1. Everything! I love books and having students excited to read and learn about research!
2. I've loved to read for as long as I can remember. My mom read to me nightly when I was a young child and took me to our public library regularly. She was also a reader herself. I don't recommend one particular book to students because every reader is different. I try to match books to students based on their interests
3. Nothing! I love it here!
4. Read, read, read!



The ART of Being a Teacher

By: Alexa Jefferson

We interviewed one of our Linwood Art Teachers, Ms. Passalacqua!
Below are the questions asked and answers given.

Questions:

- 1: If you were the principal what would you do?
- 2: What do you love about teaching art?
- 3: What would you do other than teaching?
- 4: If you could change one thing about Linwood what would it be?

Answers:

- 1: "I would interact with students, like at lunch events."
- 2: "Seeing how students get creative with their assignments."
- 3: "I would be a librarian or a baker."
- 4: "I would see my sixth graders everyday."

Premier League Covid Retrospective

By: Gabriel Lopes & Sneha Patel

Did you know that many of the Premier League fixtures, matchups, have been postponed? Why? Because of Covid-19 outbreaks. Covid is affecting a numerous number of players which is causing a lot of games to be postponed. The Premier League, the top soccer league in Britain, has taken action and still is taking action on the subject. We will talk about what the Premier League has done so far in this Covid retrospect.

In the 2021/2022 *Premier League handbook*, it included Covid protocols. In addition, as the new season started for 2021/2022, they let fans enter the stadium, adding even more pressure to make sure they don't have to close the stadiums down again.

Due to this issue, in the *Premier League handbook*, they state that they would "Only permit the rearrangement or postponement of a league match in exceptional circumstances." This statement means that the Premier League will only allow you to postpone a match under their circumstances. One of these circumstances is that the team *must* have less than 14 players for a postponement. But the issue with this, more recently, is some of the teams have started to abuse these rules. For example, *Arsenal* requested that the *Tottenham - Arsenal* fixture would be postponed. In this scenario though, only 1 player was affected by Covid-19. But, Arsenal only had 14 players, which called for a postponement.

As a result of this, on December 20, 2021, the Premier League hosted a large board meeting about if they should take a break from the Premier League. This board meeting included the managers of teams in the league. But, since less than half of the people at the meeting agreed for a break from the Premier League, the league continued.

In conclusion, it is important that the Premier League continues to try to limit covid affecting their league. Although it may be difficult, as it has proven to be, they must try to limit Covid outbreaks, or else this situation will grow even worse than it was during that time.

To Learn more about this topic, click the link below!:
<https://www.premierleague.com/publications>



Jurgen Klopp, one of the major managers of the league. He has a big opinion with player welfare, which is why he wanted a break from the premier league.

Winter Olympic Medal Holders

By: Gabriel Lopes & Sneha Patel

The Winter Olympics happened between February 4th and February 20th. It feels like the closing ceremony just ended yesterday. Due to the Olympics ending, we have received our medal holders. We will show the top 3 countries with the most medals. In addition, we will look at how many medals America won! These countries have incredible athletes, and we should all see their efforts to recognize how much work it took to get where they are now!

Image made by Gabriel Lopes

Place	Country				Total
First	Norway	16	8	13	37
Second	ROC	6	12	14	32
Third	Germany	12	10	5	27
Fifth	USA	8	10	7	25

Jokes and Riddles

By: Jennah Elgamal

Riddle #1:

Q: What bow can't be tied or untied?

Riddle #2:

Q: You take me with you everywhere, but I never get heavier. What am I?

Riddle #3:

Q: What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover?

Riddle #4:

Q: Where can you always find "gold," but there's no gold at all?

Riddle #5:

Q: I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?

Riddle #6:

Q: I have thirteen hearts but no other organs. What am I?

Joke and Riddle answers

Riddle #1: A rainbow
Riddle #2: Your name
Riddle #3: A rash of good luck
Riddle #4: In the dictionary
Riddle #5: A map
Riddle #6: A deck of cards
Joke #1: Because every play has a cast
Joke #2: USB
Joke #3: It waves
Joke #4: With experi-mints
Joke #5: Because you shouldn't press your luck
Joke #6: Because their always short



Joke #1:

Q: Why do we tell actors to "Break a leg"?

Joke #2:

Q: What do you call an American bee?

Joke #3:

Q: How do we know the ocean is friendly?

Joke #4:

Q: What do scientists use to freshen their breath?

Joke #5:

Q: Why can't you iron a four-leaf clover?

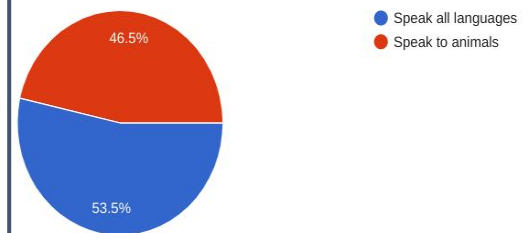
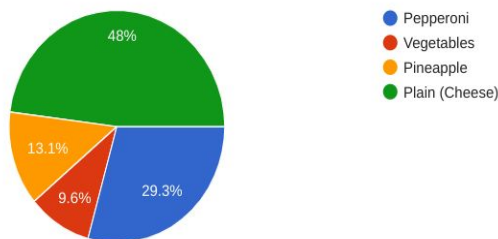
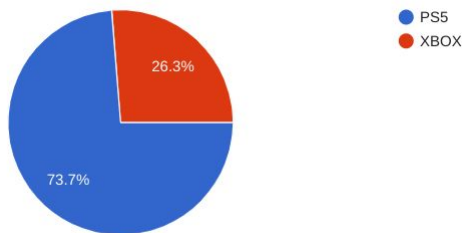
Joke #6

Q: Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?

Newspaper Poll

By: Alexandra Reyes

The Linwood Ledger decided to ask students and staff at Linwood School three very important questions. You can see the results below:



Would you rather have a PS5 or XBOX?

What is the best pizza topping?

Would you rather speak all languages or speak to animals?