



## Pompton Lakes School District

2018-19 School Year  
*Winter Update*

- The district was excited to announce the 2018-2019 Governor's Educators of the Year. At the high school, Mr. Matthew Foley, culinary arts teacher, was selected. At Lakeside Middle School, this year's winner is Mr. Jason Stier, music teacher. At Lenox, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher Mrs. Cheri Polay was selected, and at Lincoln School, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Mrs. Joanne Riggio was the choice. Each of the teachers will be recognized by the New Jersey Department of Education and are also eligible to apply for selection as the Passaic County Teacher of the Year. The 2017-18 Passaic County Teacher of the Year was Pompton Lakes High School English Teacher Mr. Robert Edgar.
- In November, the Columbia Bank Foundation made a donation towards the renovation of the Pompton Lakes High School library. The generous donation totaled over \$60,000 and will be used for the purchase of new furniture for the library.
- In January, the district received news that Investors Bank Foundation will be donating \$15,000 towards the Lakeside Athletic Field Project.
- In December, the school district received official notification that it was being awarded a [New Jersey Advanced Computer Science Grant](#) from the Department of Education. The award of over \$47,000 will be used to provide advanced computer programming courses at the high school and to purchase high tech equipment such as a 3D printer and a laser cutter.
- The district, in partnership with the Pompton Lakes Prevention Coalition, hosted an information session on the dangers of e-cigarettes and vaping. The title of the presentation, [Vaping: A New Generation of Nicotine Addiction](#) took place on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> in the PLHS Library. The event was attended by parents, community members and school staff.
- Most of the work on the Lakeside Field Project has been completed. The district anticipates fully using the field with the start of the spring sports' season (early March).
- At the January 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting, elementary counselor Mrs. Kate Vivino provided the Board and public with an overview of the elementary counseling program. To read the report, report [click here](#).
- At its January 2<sup>nd</sup> re-organization meeting, the Board elected Mrs. Mrs. Stephanie Shaw as President and Mrs. Nancy Schwartz as Vice President. Mrs. Traci Cioppa, Mr. Bobby Cruz and Mrs. Colleen Dawson were sworn in to begin their new three-year terms.

### Upcoming Events/Dates

February 5	Board of Education Conference Meeting 7:30PM
February 7	Fine Arts Night – PLHS 7:00PM (snow date February 8)
February 11	2PM Dismissal All Schools
February 12	Board of Education Meeting 7:30PM
February 18	Schools Closed – President's Day
March 1	Eighth Grade Play – 7:00PM PLHS Auditorium
March 5	Board of Education Conference Meeting 7:30PM
March 11	2PM Dismissal All Schools
March 19	Board of Education Meeting 7:30PM
April 4-6	PLHS Spring Musical, <i>Once Upon a Mattress</i>

