

Pemberton Pride

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PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS CELEBRATES POLICE WEEK

The Pemberton Township Police Department paid a visit to three schools in Pemberton Township in a three-day span to recognize National Police Week.



Busansky student Jenevieve Espada arrives at school with Pemberton Township Police Department Patrolman Julia DeBronzo.

The initiative occurs annually each May and includes interactive events designed to honor and thank America's law enforcement community.

Representatives from the Pemberton Township Police Department stopped by Helen Fort on May 17 during the seventh and eighth grade students' lunch recess periods. Detective Joshua Danka challenged participants to compete against him in a series of one-on-one basketball games and Lieutenant Jon Glass casually tossed a football back and forth with students. Patrolman Dante Hodnett, a 2009 graduate of Pemberton Township High School, spent time interacting with current students and

his former teachers during the visit.

The headliner of the event was the police department's new canine, Bodhi. The eight-month old yellow labrador retriever was accompanied by his handler Patrolman Greg deCharleroy and Patrolman Josh Mann, and was introduced to students in an outdoor meet-and-greet session. Bodhi shared the same level of excitement as those who came out to see him as he was pampered with pets and hugs.

The festivities continued on May 18 as students Jazmine Laster and Jenevieve Espada from Busansky were awarded the opportunity to receive a personalized ride to school from the police. Both students were named the winners of the National Police Week Essay Contest. Espada arrived to school with Patrolman Julia DeBronzo and Laster approached



Pemberton Township Police Department Patrolman Laquan Jett eats lunch with a group of students at Busansky.

the campus shortly thereafter with Patrolman Tyler Reynolds-Vezos in one

of the agency's newly-renovated police interceptor SUVs. Additional students arriving on buses were also greeted by both officers, in addition to Pemberton Township Police Chief Jason Watters, Sergeant Mike Brewer and Patrolman Greg Bloniarz, with handshakes and high-fives while entering the building.



Helen Fort student Avery Padilla hugs the Pemberton Township Police Department's newest K-9 unit member, Bodhi.

Watters and his comrades returned to Busansky later in the day to provide the essay contest participants with a pizza lunch celebration.

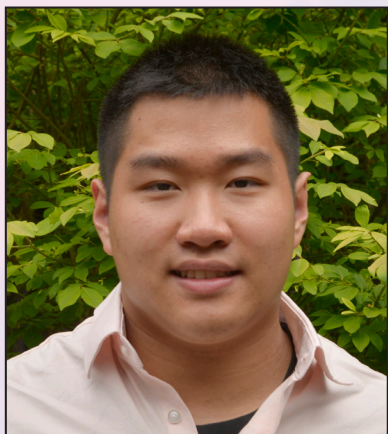
The festivities concluded with a building tour at Pemberton Township High School a day later. The officers also received a fully-catered lunch from John Mocchi's culinary arts class.

"We love to come out and be involved in the community," Watters said. "I think the interaction between us and the students and just to see the interactions the students had with all of our officers, giving us hugs, thanking us, that goes a long way."



Pemberton Learning Community: Pursuing Excellence One Child at a Time

CONGRATULATIONS PTHS TOP 12!



LEO YANG

Rank: 1

Activities: Robotics and Engineering Club, Wrestling

Awards: Burlington County Principals and Supervisors Association Award, Distinguished Honor Roll

Future Plans: Rutgers University, Engineering



YURAN SAUL

Rank: 2

Activities: Art Club, National Honor Society, Robotics and Engineering Club, Student Ambassador, Student Council, Swim Team Captain

Awards: Certificate of Selection Award for Congress of Future Medical Leaders, Four-Year Varsity Award (Swimming), Swim Team MVP, Athlete of the Month

Future Plans: Rutgers University, Engineering



LIAM PHILLIPS

Rank: 3

Activities: Habitat for Humanity, Interact Club, Varsity Boys Tennis

Awards: Athlete of the Month, Student of the Month

Future Plans: Rowan University, Civil Engineering



MICHAEL NEULS

Rank: 4

Activities: Band, Basketball Manager, Robotics and Engineering Club

Awards: Distinguished Honor Roll, Meritorious Honor Roll, Student of the Month

Future Plans: Rowan University, Mechanical Engineering



DAVID ISRAEL

Rank: 5

Activities: Black History Club, Choir, Cross Country, Football, Interact Club, Mr. Pemberton, School Musical, Spring Track, Winter Track

Awards: Distinguished Honor Roll, Meritorious Honor Roll

Future Plans: Drexel University, Engineering



CASSANDRA GLAPION

Rank: 6

Activities: FFA, Girls Tennis, Habitat for Humanity, National Honor Society, Softball, Student Ambassador, Swim Team, Travel Club

Awards: Coach's Award (Tennis), Principal's Award

Future Plans: Rowan University, Civil and Environmental Engineering

LOOKING TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE!



ELIZA PEPITO

Rank: 7

Activities: Class President, Homecoming Committee, Interact Vice President, National Honor Society, Student Ambassador, Softball Manager, STEM Academy, Swim Team, Tennis, Travel Club President

Awards: People's Choice Award, Most Improved Swimmer

Future Plans: Washington State University, Environmental Science



LYRIC CRAWLEY

Rank: 8

Activities: Black History Club, Gender and Sexuality Alliance, National Honor Society, Travel Club

Awards: Academic Scholarship Award, AVID Award, Distinguished Honor Roll, Nurses Intern Award

Future Plans: Rowan University, Nursing



ANTHONY BEIDELMAN

Rank: 9

Activities: Robotics and Engineering Club

Awards: Burlington County Principals and Supervisors Association Award, Unanimous Math Department Senior Award

Future Plans: Rowan University, Computer Science



ABIGAIL HELM

Rank: 10

Activities: L.O.C.K. Club, National Honor Society, Student Ambassador, Tri-M, W.H.Y. Club

Awards: People's Choice Award

Future Plans: Cabrini University, Secondary Education



ANYSSA BRANNON

Rank: 11

Activities: Class Officer, Holiday Smiles, Homecoming Committee, National Honor Society, Prom Committee, Softball, Girls Tennis

Awards: Coach's Award, Female Athlete of the Year, First Team All-Freedom Softball, First Team All-Patriot Girls Tennis, Softball MVP Award, Tennis MVP Award

Future Plans: Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Undecided



JOSHUA KELLEHER

Rank: 12

Activities: STEM Academy, Book Club, National Honor Society, Robotics and Engineering Club, Student Council, Yearbook Club

Awards: STEM Award, Meritorious Honor Roll

Future Plans: The College of New Jersey, Computer Science

HELEN FORT STUDENTS AND TEACHERS CREATE RAIN GARDEN WITH PINELANDS PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

Seventh grade students from Helen A. Fort Middle School worked with their teachers and volunteers from the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, utilizing on-site natural resources, to manufacture an on-campus rain garden. The project was executed on Thursday, May 12 and took two hours to complete.

The purpose of the designed project was to establish a serviceable system to capture, filter and infiltrate storm water runoff to protect water resources surrounding the school. The integrated rain garden will be able to capture pollutants from the storm and runoff water and decrease flooding and damage to the property. It also serves as a habitat for birds,

butterflies and beneficial insects.

“Students were very eager to ‘dig’ right in and participate in the creation of this garden,” said Deana Chiarella, Pemberton Township Schools’ Supervisor of Math and Science for grades six through 12. “Teachers commented on how engaged students were in the experience; even those who may demonstrate a disengagement in the classroom. Students were requesting to miss their final class of the day to remain outside and provide further assistance with the planting.”

Participants worked in pairs and small learning groups alongside a volunteer to organize the plants, dig the holes, and place the plants in the ground properly. The students were provided the necessary gardening tools and equipment, and an educational day by the alliance’s volunteers to review plant types and discuss the rain garden’s purpose.

The volunteer efforts were spearheaded by Jack McCausland and Jaclyn Rhoads from the organization based out of Southampton Township. Through a blend of advocacy, community outreach, education and stewardship, the alliance’s mission is to protect the ecosystem of the Pine Barrens.

“The Pineland Alliance volunteers were amazing,” Chiarella said. “They have provided so much support through the planning stages and continued to be there through this process. Prior to the rescheduled planting day, they provided an educational day with our students, where they reviewed the types of plants and purpose of the rain garden. There are not enough words to express the gratitude I have towards the seventh grade science teachers for supporting this opportunity to create an ‘outside’ classroom for our students.”



Pinelands Preservation Alliance volunteer Deanna Amodeo, left, works with seventh grader Caleb Sams, right, to begin the planting process in the rain garden at Helen A. Fort Middle School.

PTHS GIRLS TRACK MEMBERS ADVANCE TO NJSIAA GROUP 3 STATE FINALS

Five members of the PTHS girls track team advanced to the NJSIAA Group 3 state finals at Pennsauken High School on June 10 and 11.

In the South Jersey Group 3 finals, sophomore Kinu Freeman placed third in the high jump. Lily Israel finished sixth in the 400 meter dash. The quartet of Israel, Elizabeth Georgieff, Chloe Green and Kyra Knight also placed fifth in the 4 x 400 meter relay to qualify for the state finals.

“This team is very young when it comes to track experience,” coach Shanna Campbell said. “The team that traveled to sectionals (featured) only five student-athletes (that) competed on that level before. We look forward to seeing what the girls and the rest of the team will do next season.”

Congratulations on a fantastic season!



From left to right, sophomores Kinu Freeman, Lily Israel, and juniors Elizabeth Georgieff, Chloe Green and Kyra Knight celebrate advancing to the NJSIAA Group 3 state finals.

IMPORTANT DISTRICT SUMMER UPDATES

Pemberton Township Schools 2022-23 School Start and End Times

Location	Student Arrival Begins Normal Day	Student End Time Normal Day	Student End Time Early Dismissal	Student Arrival Begins 2 Hour Delay
PTHS	7:10 am	2:05 pm	11:50 pm	9:10 am
Helen Fort	7:55 am	2:40 pm	12:25 pm	9:55 am
Newcomb	7:55 am	2:40 pm	12:25 pm	9:55 am
Busansky	8:00 am	2:45 pm	12:45 pm	10:00 am
Emmons	8:00 am	2:45 pm	12:45 pm	10:00 am
Fort Dix	8:00 am	2:45 pm	12:45 pm	10:00 am
Denbo-Crichton	9:00 am	3:45 pm	1:45 pm	11:00 am
PECEC	9:10 am	3:40 pm	1:40 pm	11:10 am
Stackhouse	9:15 am	4:00 pm	2:00 pm	11:15 am

Pemberton Township Schools & the NJ Department of Agriculture
Invite Community Residents 18 & Under to Enjoy

FREE Breakfast & Lunch!

DATES VARY BY LOCATION

LOCATIONS:

Stackhouse School - 125 Trenton Rd., Bldg 1, Browns Mills
Emmons School - 14 Scrapetown Rd., Pemberton
The Nesbit Center - 1 Anderson Rd, Pemberton
Monday – Friday, June 27th – August 26th
 Breakfast 9:00 – 10:00am, Lunch 12:00 – 1:00pm

Pemberton Township High School - 148 Arney's Mt. Rd., Pemberton
Monday – Friday, July 6th – August 26th
 Breakfast 9:00 – 10:00am, Lunch 12:00 – 1:00pm

Denbo-Crichton Elementary School - 2 Learning Way, Browns Mills
Monday – Thursday, July 6th – August 4th
 Breakfast 9:00 – 10:00am, Lunch 12:00 – 1:00pm

**MEALS MUST BE EATEN IN THE BUILDING
NO TAKE-OUT MEALS AVAILABLE**

All Sites Closed July 4th

The Summer Food Service Program is a federal program of the Food and Nutrition Services, United States Department of Agriculture. The US Department of Agriculture prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.




Congratulations Class of 2022!



Congratulations 2021-22 National Honor Society & National Junior Honor Society Inductees!

PTHS



2022 ATHENA CHAPTER INDUCTEES

Noah Abbott	Lucie Hoffman
Amelia Adams	Rachel Hussmann
Lucas Baker	Anthony Hutchins
Camryn Barkley	Lola Jenkins
Aleece Black	Ameile Jones
Kayla Carson	Mackenzie Lacey
Jalen Clarke	Allyson Lambert
Mayah Diamond	Evan Lin
Annthonnella Diaz-Madrid	Brianna Malave
Illissa Forman	Michael McNaughton
Montana Fulmer	Katie Midura
Azariah Giddings	Victoria Morfin
Destinee Goodly	Chelsea Noll
Elyssa Gravatt	Maya Okulewicz
Ma Carmen Guillen	Ella South
Jeanine Hammerle	Jessica Tuck
Andrew Zweiback	

Helen Fort and Newcomb

6th Grade Inductees

Giacomo Annunziato	Gabriella Ocello
Erik Bogdol	Gavin Olmsted
Kierra Boggess	Stella Phillips
Kyla Boggess	Matthew Roeckel
Hira Bond	Michael Rojas
Fiona Bosserdet	Mikaela Santamaria
Angela Canlas	Josie Schreiber
Jacqueline Cruz Rojano	Seth Scott
Ta'Lee Dacres	Karsyn Shaw
Edward Davis	Symphony Sheffield-Washington
Terrylynn Gordon	Eliani Silver-Rosario
Marlee Guerrieri	Landon Stricklen
Joselyn Hurlburt	Stephanie Toll
Hailey Fialk	Violette Vancho
Emma Jerome	Bo Whitcraft
Taniah Johnson	Elise White
Olivia Kaufman	Machayla Willis
Kadin Kemp	Ana Wilson
Jadian Lloret	Jacob Woodtke
Tyla Mason	Gabriela Zawalich
Gavin Zawalich	



7th Grade Inductees

Tristan Garcia	Brianna Guillen
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HELEN A. FORT EIGHTH GRADE AWARDS CEREMONIES!



2022 MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATIONS



PTHS hosted its annual Memorial Day Observance event on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 with guest speakers from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and American Legion Post 294, in addition to other Memorial Day events.

1. Lt. Col. Andrew G. Clemmensen served as the keynote speaker at the PTHS Memorial Day Observance.
2. PTHS senior Maddie McGreevy opens the ceremony as the Master of Ceremonies.
3. Veterans representing VFW Post 10065 salute the American flag.
4. PTHS band director Raymond Quattrochi performs *Taps*.
5. PTHS senior Czeslaw Rzeczkowski carries a wreath during the Ceremony of Wreaths.
6. PTHS senior Diane Ionescu performs the *National Anthem*.
7. Students from PTHS, Helen Fort and Fort Dix attended the JBMDL Ceremony of Wreaths.

2022 SPRING BAND AND CHORAL PERFORMANCES

With in-person learning back at full capacity, the school year concluded with a full slate of spring band and choral events involving students from Busansky, Denbo-Crichton, Emmons, Fort Dix, Helen Fort, Newcomb, PTHS and Stackhouse.



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