

# THE LENAGAZETTE

...a paper for the students, by the students.

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## A LOOP WELL SPENT WITH MR. PUSTAY

By Elizabeth Katsikis and Madelyn Edwards

Mr. Pustay recently became our new Assistant Principal at Lenape Middle School! This month, we got the opportunity to spend Loop together. Here's what we found out...

**Q: What is your favorite food?**

**A:** My favorite foods are nachos and buffalo chicken dip.

**Q: What about your favorite things to do for fun?**

I enjoy hanging out with my family, watching football, and watching boring documentaries on Netflix.

**Q: How are you planning to make Lenape a better place?**

**A:** Well, this is already an amazing place but I want to make it a place where I would want my kids to go to school. I want kids to continue to feel welcome here, and to get those feelings of home. I want to make kids feel challenged, included, and safe to take risks. I also want to help kids develop empathy.

**Q: What are you most looking forward to this year?**

**A:** I'm most looking forward to getting to know the kids outside of the classroom setting. During extracurricular activities, kids get to really show their talents and personalities. I am

excited to see that.

**Q: What are your greatest accomplishments?**

**A:** Being a dad and husband and becoming Assistant Principal. I worked for about four years to get to this point.

**Q: Do you have any ideas for what students could do to make Lenape better place?**

**A:** I want everyone to get involved in all the clubs and sports we offer. I want everyone to treat each other with respect, by putting themselves in someone else's shoes.

**Q: Did you play any sports as a kid?**

Nope, I wasn't good enough, never made the teams. But I did speech and debate, community service, drama. I also played sports outside of school for



### Upcoming Events

October 31 Halloween Pep Rally

Nov. 9th End of First Marking Period

Nov. 20th No Place for Hate Kick Off Assembly

Nov. 21st Early Dismissal

Nov. 22-24 No School

Dec. 15th Special Person's Day

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# 2017 ANNUAL DODGE, DIP, DUCK, DIVE, DODGE TOURNY

by Lauren Burchell

Lenape Dodgeball teams faced off on October 19<sup>th</sup> for the chance to go against the teacher team at the fall pep rally during loop on Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Seventh, eighth, and ninth grade teams competed. Each team played at least two games. If they won their first game, they would go off to the winners' bracket and if they lost, then they would go to the losers' bracket. Four finalist teams will play against each other on Halloween. Paige Burchell, a member of seventh grade dodgeball team "The Dodgballers" says of the event, "It was really fun and a great team experience!" Others agreed. The teams showed their spirit by wearing matching clothes and accessories. One team even wore matching sparkly eye-black paint. Parents, teachers, and students all came to support the players. Teams raised money by selling tickets to contribute to school funds. Congratulations and thanks to all the teams that participated!



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## NINTH GRADE TRENCH DAY by Mudit Guglani

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Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> marked trench day at Lenape! Trench day is a 9<sup>th</sup> grade WWI "simulator" to show students what it was like to fight in the trenches and storm across the No Man's Land. During Social Studies class, students moved on down to the gym to open fire on the enemy. Equipped with plenty of ammunition (dodge balls) and cover (gym mats), each offensive soldier charged across No Man's Land across barbed wire, dodged enemy fire, and took cover from objects out in the battlefield. Defensive soldiers stayed behind their massive trench walls while constantly firing on the oncoming attackers.

Generals Fash, Stanziola, and Robinson commanded their faithful soldiers in an attempt to proclaim victory on the battlefield. As for which side won, the defensive soldiers won most of the time, thanks to their massive defensive shields, but the offense was able to squeeze out a couple of wins. On top of the normal chaos of the battlefield, gas attacks, bomber flyovers, and tank charges all modified the outcome of the onslaught. When the clock strikes, however, a ceasefire is reached and the commanders lead their troops out of the battlefield, coming back with fresh ones and continuing the fighting. The war lasted all day, but finally an agreement was reached as the final bell rang, and the conflict was over. Until next year that is....

## New Apple Phones Bring New Advancements into the Technological World by Kate Casarella



Apple has shared big news with the world: They are releasing the iPhone 8 and the iPhone X, within a month of each other. Both phones are extremely high tech, with many new features and advancements. The iPhone 8, along with the 8 Plus, was released on September 22, and the X will be released on October 28. Even though the mobile devices are quite expensive, with the X being \$999 and the 8 being \$699, they both are fascinating and have interesting qualities. The iPhone 8 and 8 Plus can capture 4k video at a frame rate of 60fps. There is a new image processor with a quicker autofocus. It can capture slow-motion videos at 1080p and 240fps. The X however, has an even more advanced camera. You can now take selfie-mode portraits, which blur out the background, and emphasize your facial features. The portrait lighting setting produces professional-quality photos with studio-quality lighting.

The X looks much different than most other iPhones. The screen is a 5.8-inch Super Retina screen, which means there is no longer a home button. All it takes is one swipe to get you back to the home screen.

You no longer have a password to unlock your phone. Your face is now the password. Just one look at the screen and it automatically unlocks. It is a secure way to unlock, authenticate, and pay. But, many people believe that Face ID could be another way to break into people's accounts. It could be abused in a way so that hackers can access your information. This process could lead to something much worse.

Charging for both phones are wireless. You don't need a cord anymore. Set your phone on the new AirPower mat, and your phone will charge anywhere. Many hotels, cafes, and airports also have public charging mats for anyone to use, called Qi Wireless Charging Pads.

Overall, both iPhones 8 and X are an improvement for the mobile phone industry. They possibly might change the industry and how phones are made from now on.

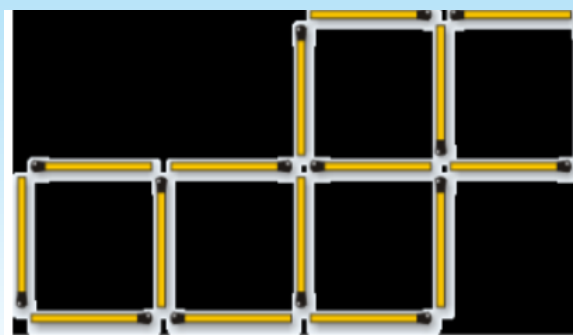


### How are Sales Doing? By Paree Pasi and Caroline Son

The new iPhone X released a month ago and it's all the hype. Unfortunately, it's sales have not been so hot. Since its release, Apple has gone down in sales. Sales also dropped in 2016 when apple

started rumors about the iPhone X, and again when it released. The iPhone X also has a lot of new features such as, the new OLED display. It includes a face recognizer, fixes problems with brightness and color accuracy, and apple also introduced 2 new colors, space gray and silver. Perhaps Apple is competing with new, less expensive phone companies such as Google. Could America be moving away from Apple?

### Riddles of the Day by Dante Falabella and Alex O'Reilly



1. Can you move just two matches to make exactly four squares? (Cannot have any unused squares)

2. The day before yesterday I was 25 and the next year I will be 28. This is true only one day in a year. What day is my birthday?

3. How do you spell candy in 2 letters?

# Devastation Spreads in Puerto Rico by Lauren Burchell



Puerto Rico was brutally hit by Hurricane Maria from September 20th to September 21st. Two days of sheets of rain and buffeting winds left a completely blacked-out Puerto Rico. The U.S. territory faced at least 34 deaths and countless injuries from the earth-shaking hurricane. There was no clean water for toilets, drinking or bathing. Homes were demolished and cell towers were destroyed, leaving little shelter and no way to contact others. The already failing economy is now sinking even more as the government tries to pay for the damage to be repaired. Mothers needing food and water for their newborns are still struggling, and hospitals that normally help them have little supplies of their own.

Since Puerto Rico is an island, supplies must be taken by boat or plane to the devastated territory. The residents could not drive to another area to escape the storm, and people could not quickly reach them over land. Airports are chaotic, so planes in and out are scarce.

## Charity Organizations accepting donations:

1. *United for Puerto Rico*
2. *UNICEF*
3. *Direct Relief*

The reality of the hurricane is overwhelming. Anyone can help out by donating money and other types of support to UNICEF USA, All Hands Volunteers, and GlobalGiving, among others. Sailors and pilots can help by delivering boxes of supplies to the citizens. Families are torn apart, neighbors no longer even have houses, much less live near each other, and communities are ripped to shreds. Puerto Rico is in need, and we must continue to rally together to help them.



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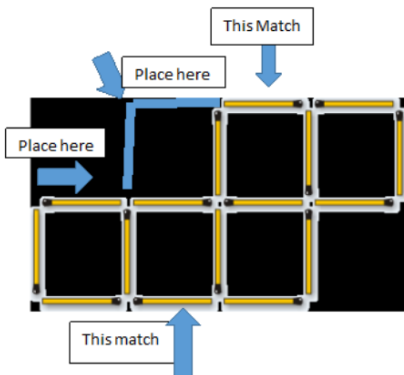
## America's Got Talent Winner Revealed by Emme Partyka

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The fun but competitive time on America's Got Talent has finally come to an end. Here is how it all went down. First, all the contestants got a chance to perform with some of their idols: Kechi and Angelica Hale with American Idol winner Kelly Clarkson, Mandy Harvey performing with country singer Shania Twain, and Darci Lynne performing with season two winner of "America's Got Talent" Terry Fator. After 52 million votes, it was finally time to reveal the results. Despite being deaf, Mandy Harvey beat artist Chase Goehring. Next, Sarah and Hero edged out 13-year-old vocalist Evie Clair. Placing the third spot

Riddle Answers: 1. See below  
2. New Year's Eve 3. C and Y

was the amazing Light Balance dance group—sending Diavolo home. The remaining contestants were Angelica Hale, Light Balance, and Darci Lynne. After a long commercial break, Light Balance took third place. It was down to Angelica and Darci. After the longest 30 seconds, Darci Lynne took the win as the season 12 America's Got Talent winner bringing home \$1 million and a headline show! After the announcement, the place was doused with confetti and had a happy ending after a fantastic season.



## TRAGEDY STRIKES LAS VEGAS by Megan Blake

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:10pm, the country music playing on the Las Vegas strip dulled to stop, quickly becoming replaced by the roaring sound of thousands of bullets raining into a crowd of festival goers. After 10 minutes of nonstop firing, 58 innocent lives had been taken, and over 500 had been injured. The shooter was identified the next morning as 64-year-old Stephen Paddock, who later committed suicide. As the bodies were identified and counted, America realized this is the largest mass shooting in US history. Shooting from one of 23 guns hidden in his hotel room at the Mandalay Bay Hotel, this gunman took the lives of exactly 59 people that night, including his own, the most ever taken by a single shooter. Paddock appears to have acted alone, and the LVMPD continue to investigate this tragic incident. Our hearts go out to the victims all across the nation who will be forever affected this attack.

### Rest in Power, Edith Windsor by Grace Mautz

Edith Windsor. An iconic face and more importantly, critical activist. Marriage equality and acceptance can be acknowledged as one of her many accomplishments. Windsor was also the runner up for Time magazine's person of the year, behind Pope Francis. Edith can be recognized as the greatest equal rights activist of her time. She aided in marriage equality, fighting against the Defense of Marriage Act of 1996.



### This Season's Must Read by Naomi Watson

[A Mango Shaped Space](#) by Wendy Mass

The book [A Mango Shaped Space](#) to me was amazing. The theme of the book was to be true to yourself. The book is told in first person point of view, through the eyes of Mia, who suffers from a rare disease called synesthesia, when you can either see sounds, smell colors, or taste shapes. But because she has kept it a secret from everyone, Mia appears to be the most normal kid in her family. Her younger brother Zack keeps a chart of all the McDonald's hamburgers he's eaten in his lifetime. Her older sister Beth dyes her hair a different color every week and might be a witch.



When trouble in the school finally convinces Mia to reveal her secret, she feels embarrassed and she embarks on an intense journey of self-discovery. Her family and friends don't understand. By the time she realizes she has isolated herself from all the people who care about her, it is almost too late. Mia has to lose something very special in order to understand and appreciate her unique gift.

### WONDER COMES TO THEATERS!

Based on the New York Times best-selling book, Wonder tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.

Starring: Julia Roberts, Jacob Tremblay, and Owen Wilson. COMING TO THEATERS NOVEMBER 17



# FALL SPORTS



By Olivia Ferrara, Brooke Brenner, and Rachel Dimilia

Photos submitted by Colton Lineman

It was a partly cloudy, windy day as Brooke, Rachel, and I dashed through the grassy sports field of Lenape Middle School. We first scoped out the football team.

"Winners never quit, and quitters never win." Is what Coach Devlin uses to keep his undefeated team motivated.

Next, we walked over to the soccer coaches, Ms. Thomas and Mr. Kriney where the boys soccer team was hard at work. Mr. Kriney, for his 7<sup>th</sup> grade team and Ms. Thomas for her 9<sup>th</sup> grade team use the quote "Work hard and make things happen." To keep their teams motivated.



After soccer, we walked over to Dr. Marttila the field hockey coach. Quoted by her with fierce energy, "If we play hard, and play as a team, then we'll win games!" And as for tennis? Coach Menta uses the quote, "Play every game like it's your last." To keep his team going. Some quotes we received from players were the following:

"Go big or go home."

"Better, faster, stronger."

"Eye on the prize"



**WANTED:  
WRITERS AND  
DESIGN ARTISTS!**

*Get involved, take on a role, and be a part of the Lenagazette Team!*

*We have more upcoming issues. Don't miss out! Our meetings are on Thursdays.*

*Please join us for our next meeting, Thursday November 2nd in Room 503. We look forward to seeing you!*

*-Miss Mooradd, Staff Advisor*



# Student Council Inductees Shatter the Glass Ceiling

By Harry Malone and Ruby Scupp

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, four ninth grade girls who campaigned last year to represent the students of this school were officially sworn into office on the Lenape Executive Board: President Ella Bryan, Vice President Vidya Balaji, Treasurer Ellie Galt, and Secretary Ruby Scupp. For them, it was a very exciting and important day. Emma O' Reilly prefaced the ceremony by singing the Star Spangled Banner. She took your attention and gave the stage back to the new Executive Board, who delivered their speeches. In her speech, Vidya Balaji said that "I want to integrate new ideas and events that everyone will appreciate."

Student Council is looking forward to a great 2017-2018 year at Lenape. We are excited to be building on the work done in the past to create another outstanding year, guided by the motto "help us help you." It is a new year and a new council, with many exciting events in the near future. Through these events and activities, we hope to energize and activate the spirit of the Lenape community.

So far, we have already had a number of successful events happen at Lenape. One such thing was the Halloween Dance – a fun night of dancing, music, food, and of course - costumes. Another success was Dodgeball, in which Lenape students, and some teachers, competed against one another to establish a winner. Furthermore, every loop participated in a door decorating competition. As a result, the normally dull doorways at Lenape have turned into creative, inventive, and colorful works of art that are representative of the students in each loop.

Another exciting thing this year will be the continuation of the mural campaign. These works of art add pops of color to the hallways, while spreading inspiration and important messages into the Lenape community. Check them out outside of Mr. Burgess's and Mrs. Dillman's door! We hope to add many more.

Some changes are going on within Student Council, too. What used to be "resource representatives" are now to be "loop delegates." Under this system, every loop is able to have a voice within student council, and can bring their fresh ideas to for improving Lenape.

There are four committees within Student Council, that are each dedicated to improving an aspect of Lenape. The Communication Committee goal is to spread the word about Student Council's mission, goals, and events. It works to improve communication between loops, students, and the government, while also adding spirit to the school. Events and Fundraising is responsible for creating and managing events such as listed above, and for fundraising. The Athletic and Clubs Committee supports things from football games to the school play. Finally, the Special Project Committee is responsible for adding school spirit by supporting school achievements, extracurricular events, and other programs. They work on one large project each year,



## Casting Call

**Auditions for Lenape's Spring Musical Production, "Willy Wonka" are scheduled for Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Stop by the choir room for more information!**

### COUNTRY GENTLEMEN'S SHOW

The show is "sponsored" by the Lenape choir. The Lenape Chamber Choir and Men's Ensemble will also perform in the concerts. Lenape alumni Durham, Hayden, Grant, and Drew have also been asked to do a guest appearance singing their winning song for the quartet contest last year. The guest quartets this year are world-class. It's a show worth advertising to our community and seeing.

The event will be held at Lenape Middle School, in the auditorium on Saturday, November 11th at 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

# Meringue Bones and Ghosts

## Ingredients:

- 2 large egg whites
- 2 drops fresh lemon juice
- 7 tablespoons White sugar



## Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 225f
2. Line 2 baking sheets with silicone baking mats
3. Whisk egg whites with lemon juice together in bowl until thick, white, and foamy
4. Add sugar a spoonful at a time, whisking constantly until meringue is shiny, thick, and holds its shape
5. Transfer meringue to a piping bag. Pipe 12 bone shapes onto a prepared baking sheet. Pipe 12 puffs to resemble ghosts onto the rest of the baking sheet
6. Bake in the preheated oven until dried and firm, about 1 hour. Cool completely dried, about 1 hour more.
7. Dip the end of a toothpick in melted chocolate and dot "eyes" on the ghosts

**TIP:** Try piping into different shapes!

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