

# Pemberton Pride

The Newsletter of Pemberton Township Schools

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## REALTOR GROUP DONATES TOWARDS UNPAID LUNCH DEBTS

The NEXUS Association of Realtors' Diversity and Inclusion Work Group donated \$570 to Pemberton Township High School to help contribute towards unpaid student lunch debts. Each member of the committee nominated a school district and Pemberton received the most votes.

Committee members Barbara Fitzgerald, Larry Steinberg and Christine Earley visited PTHS on December 21st and presented the check to Pasquale Yacovelli, Pemberton Township Schools' school business administrator and board secretary.

The NEXUS Association of Realtors'

diversity committee consists of about 15 members. The association has two offices in Cherry Hill and Toms River, and serves Burlington, Camden and Ocean counties. The group hosted an event that raised money for the donation.

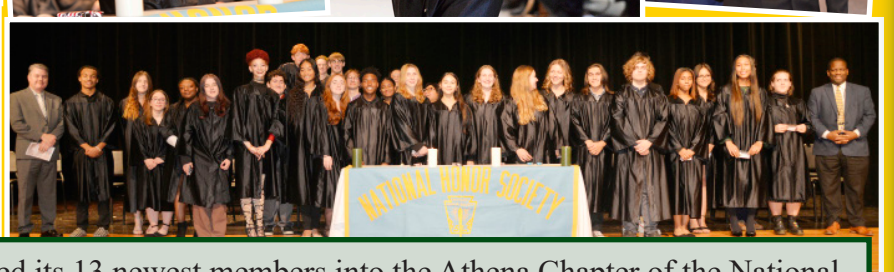
"As realtors we earn our living from the local community," Steinberg said. "We decided to do something to give back to the local community and that's how this came about."

We are thankful for their generosity this holiday season!



Pictured above: From left to right, NEXUS Association of Realtors' diversity committee member Barbara Fitzgerald, school business administrator Pasquale Yacovelli, and committee members Larry Steinberg and Christine Earley.

## PTHS Inducts 13 New Members into National Honor Society



PTHS inducted its 13 newest members into the Athena Chapter of the National Honor Society on December 4th. The 13 new members are: Siani Brown, Briana Garcia, Lyla Goodwin, Audreana Gorman, Anthony Helm, Logan Mayhue, Saber Merrifield, Victoria Poinsett, Ali Rehman, Sarah Ruzicka, Lelani Silver-Rosario, Elizabeth Trubee and Cole Yock. Congratulations!



You can get there from here!

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# 2023 THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Our district hosted its annual Thanksgiving food collection and distribution event on November 20th. The event was directed by staff members at Pemberton Township High School in collaboration with students from the school's AVID Program and W.H.Y. Club. Donations were collected, organized and distributed to 21 of our own families in the community.

## PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS PARTICIPATES IN RED RIBBON WEEK

Representatives from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the Presidential Lakes Civic Association collaborated to provide a special presentation for students at Pemberton Township High School and Helen A. Fort Middle School to raise awareness on the dangers of fentanyl on Thursday, October 26th. The two organizations also emphasized the importance of finding passion in positive activities during their presentation.

According to the DEA's website, the organization seized more than 59.6 million fentanyl-laced fake pills and more than 13,000 pounds of fentanyl powder in 2022. Those numbers are equivalent to more than 395 million lethal doses of fentanyl.



*U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Diversion Investigator Rebecca Garecht talks to students during an assembly at Pemberton Township High School.*

The Presidential Lakes Civic Association's presentation focused on the ongoing fentanyl epidemic affecting communities across America, and provided students with drug-free alternatives to remain healthy and safe.

The drug awareness assemblies at each school were a part of the annual Red Ribbon Week initiative. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated each year in the U.S. from October 23 through October 31. It highlights the importance of living a drug-free life and provides an opportunity for communities, educators, and parents to emphasize the dangers of drug use to their children.

Activities and presentations help to spread awareness and reinforce the message of remaining drug free.

# 2023 HOLIDAY MUSICAL PERFORMANCES



*Schools throughout the district hosted holiday concerts from December 1st to December 19th. Students at Stackhouse, Fort Dix, Busansky, Denbo-Crichton, Emmons, Helen Fort, Newcomb and PTHS participated in numerous band and choral performances to celebrate the holiday season. ALL performances can be viewed on YouTube and Channel 19. Pemberton Pride!*



## District Welcomes Familiar Face as New PECEC Principal

Danielle Hosey has been appointed principal of the Pemberton Early Childhood Education Center. She returns to the district to replace Norman Adams, who recently retired after 16 years in the district.

Hosey most recently served as the Director of Early Childhood for Mount Laurel Schools.

In September 2014, Hosey was named the Supervisor of Early Childhood for Pemberton



*Danielle Hosey*

Township Schools, a role she held for eight years. Prior to being named the Supervisor of Early Childhood, Hosey was a Master Teacher for the Pemberton Early Childhood Education Center from September, 2013 to August, 2014. She served as an early childhood teacher from November, 2007 through August, 2013.

She began her educational career in the Trenton School District as an early childhood teacher at Kids R First.

### Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski II Memorial Fund's Annual Holiday Celebration

The Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski II Memorial Fund's annual holiday celebration took place at the Pemberton Early Childhood Education Center on December 18th. The event is held each year to honor Zilinski's memory and provide Christmas gifts to children of deployed soldiers.



# STACKHOUSE HOSTS COOKIES WITH SANTA

Joseph S. Stackhouse Elementary School's PTO hosted Cookies with Santa for students and their families on Friday, December 8th. The event involved crafts and cookie decorating. Students were even able to meet Santa and take a picture with him!



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