



Pemberton Township Schools



Pemberton Pride Newsletter

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Pursuing Excellence, One Child at a Time



Five Schools Named NJ State Schools of Character

Five more Pemberton Township Schools have been designated State Schools of Character this year, joining the district's four schools that earned the designation last year. Congratulations to **Fort Dix Elementary, Harker-Wylie, Stackhouse, Busansky and PECEC** on this distinguished honor!

"We are extremely proud that our schools continue to excel in building character," said superintendent Tony Trongone. Last year, four Pemberton schools earned the School of Character designation: Denbo, Helen Fort, Newcomb and Emmons. This year, Pemberton's five schools were the only schools in Burlington County to receive the designation. "What it comes down to is quite simple," said Trongone. "We want to send students out into the world who are both smart and good."

Above, students at Stackhouse participate in the "Bunny Hop" Food Drive as part of their SERVICE character education core value. Left to right: Rowan Kilcollins, Alexander Delgado, Dominick Torres, Maxximus Rzczkowski and Olivia Derr.

Demolition of Crichton Makes Way For New Elementary School



Summer Book Give-Away Comes Early to Harker-Wylie This Year



Phase I of the Crichton/Denbo project is moving forward, as crews recently completed the outdoor demolition of the Crichton building. Members of the SDA, Pemberton BOE and administration gathered to witness the start of the demolition on the project that will bring a new, modern 2-story elementary school to Pemberton. The new school, funded completely by the School Development Authority, will replace both Crichton and Denbo elementary schools with a prekindergarten through 5th grade facility that will house approximately 900 students.

Above, workers begin the work of demolition on Crichton after clearing out the inside of the building.

The gift of free books came early for students at Harker-Wylie this year, with students eagerly participating in this annual treat. The donation of hundreds of books is usually distributed to students for summer reading at the end of the year, but the purchase of a new stage meant having to move the books that were stored under the stage. And with storage space at a premium, the decision was made to distribute the books during "Read Across America" week. Delighted students loaded up their bags with 10 free books each, ready to read, read, read!

Above, Kymani Brown finds just the book she was looking for at the great book give-away at Harker-Wylie.

Staff of the Year Named for 2018!

Congratulations to the 2018 Pemberton Township Schools Staff of the Year! These outstanding employees were recognized for their dedication, compassion, creativity and professionalism, among other traits. They were recognized at the February Board Meeting and will be honored at a special luncheon in May. [Click here for a complete list of honorees!](#)



PTHS Student Athletes Execute Record-Breaking Performances

PTHS athletes have rolled, shot, kicked and pinned their way into the record books this year. Click on the blue type to view a photo.

- In the fall, the [PTHS Girls Soccer Team](#) won the Patriot Division for the **second consecutive year**--the first time Girls Soccer has won back-to-back championships in school history!
- [The Girls Bowling Team](#) was named the **Liberty Division Girls Bowling Champions** for the second consecutive year, and they finished the season with a **new school record of 17-0-1**.
- In **wrestling**, senior [Alex Cawley](#) finished the season with a 38-7 record, **breaking the PTHS record for both single season wins, as well as single season pins**, and giving him a total of 104 career wins. In addition, junior [Joe Wilson](#) finished the season with an impressive 37-6 record,

taking second in the districts and 3rd in the region—he is one of only 4 wrestlers who have qualified for states in the last decade.

- In **Girls Basketball**, senior **Shavonne Smith** scored 1,000 points, becoming only the 5th girl in PTHS history to reach this milestone! Shavonne will be attending Towson University on a full athletic scholarship next year.

Congratulations to all these outstanding athletes!

Pemberton Celebrates School Wellness Week



March 12th through 16th was national School Wellness Week, bringing about a flurry of activities and lessons related to good health. From jump-a-thons, to healthy snacks, to exercise and stress-relieving meditation, students focused on attaining and maintaining good health.

[Wellness Week Photo Gallery](#)

Outstanding Musicals Delight and Entertain



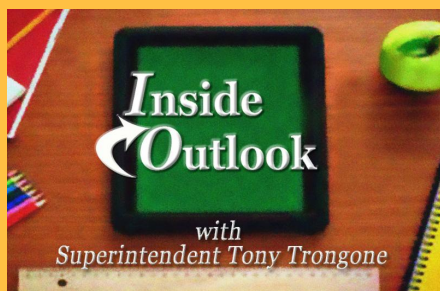
Record numbers of people came out to enjoy two Disney classic musicals this winter, with the PTHS production of "Beauty and the Beast" and the middle school performances of "Aladdin, Jr." Be sure to check out the photo galleries of these remarkable performances below!

[Musicals Photo Galleries](#)

Third Quarter Co-op Awards

The PTHS School-to-Career Advisory Board presents awards to outstanding co-op students and students interns every quarter.

Congratulations to this quarter's recipients **Jermaine Clay**, **Camille Wells** and **Javier Aponte**. Not pictured, but also awarded, was **Alexis McCrosson**.



Be sure to watch **Superintendent Tony Trongone** as he brings you the latest information on school programs and initiatives on his video blog ***Inside Outlook***.

Click here to watch the most recent episode, and catch up on ones you may have missed!

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