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Expanding Technology, Enhancing Opportunities



Exemplifying another innovative use of technology in the classroom was a recent "Skype" chat between high school U.S. History Honors students and Connor Brantly, a young Texan who has formed his own political party. Students worked with the library media center to set up the Skype chat and were able to ask Mr. Brantly questions about his bipartisan organization, United Now, and his participation in government.

This school year, the Lindenhurst School District continues to incorporate the use of technology in its classrooms. As modern technology evolves into valuable learning tools for students at all grade levels, no longer is the "typical" classroom defined by the use of just chalkboard and textbooks. Through the use of SMART Board technology, videoconferencing, and laptops, Lindenhurst students have already been experiencing virtual learning opportunities to enhance the curriculum. For the 2011-2012 school year, however, the district is proud to have initiated several small pilot programs that utilize iPads for specific populations to further enrich learning opportunities.

At Harding Avenue Elementary School, students enrolled in the Life Skills program are utilizing iPads. The program, created to help students with disabilities learn to function independently in society, emphasizes the development and reinforcement of academic, language, daily living, social, occupational and gross motor skills.

By using a multi-sensory approach to learning, an interactive technology program using iPads is enhancing natural learning styles. The goal for this program is to develop individualized interactive activities on the iPads to meet the learning style of the individual student.

iPads are also being used on the secondary levels within the district.

Lindenhurst High School is using them in the college Political Science course as an interactive textbook, eliminating the need for traditional texts. This particular pilot program allows for electronic deployment of textbooks within a very limited budget. With the overall goal of moving towards electronic textbooks, the interactive classroom applications that the iPads provide should improve student achievement and overall satisfaction, as well as save taxpayer dollars.

At Lindenhurst Middle School, English Language Learner (ELL) students are using iPads to make learning a more personal process by having students touch the information on the screen. The immediacy of material in a non-threatening, non-disruptive manner is key in comprehension for students. Overall, the iPad provides a more open learning environment for the students.

Funding for the pilot programs came through a series of grants the district was fortunate to receive. Lindenhurst High School and Harding Avenue were both selected as recipients of the Optimum Lightpath Transforming Education with Technology grant. Lindenhurst Middle



School received a grant for the iPads from the Title III Immigrant grant.

To support the existing pilot programs, Lindenhurst is working with an educational consultant who specializes in developing curriculum that incorporates iPad technology. The district continues to enhance its curriculum and explore other areas that might benefit from such programs.

"It is exciting for our district to begin to utilize iPads in the classroom setting, as we expect this model to become common in schools over the next several years," explained Dr. Robert Tymann, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. "We hope student achievement will improve and we will have a more efficient use of funds with the use of iPads."

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Lindenhurst High School Auditorium

POLLING LOCATION CHANGE

The Lindenhurst School District, in preparation for the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election on Tuesday, May 15, is making changes to its designated polling places.

Residents who previously voted at Lindenhurst Middle School will now vote at Alleghany Avenue Elementary School, located at 250 South Alleghany Avenue. Those who previously voted at E.W. Bower Elementary School will now vote at Harding Avenue Elementary School, located at 2 Harding Avenue.

The other polling locations of Albany Avenue, William Rall, and Daniel Street Elementary Schools remain the same.

APPR UPDATE

The New York State Education Law requires a new performance evaluation system for classroom teachers and building principals entitled the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR). It is a statewide comprehensive evaluation system designed to measure teacher and principal effectiveness based on performance, student achievement, and educator effectiveness.

It is the intent of the Lindenhurst School District to foster ongoing professional growth and development, reflection, and refinement of professional practice for all of its faculty and staff in order to improve teaching and learning.

The evaluation system assures the maintenance and retention of highly proficient staff while providing for improvement when needed. It sets high standards for the teaching profession; provides for the professional growth of all teachers in order to meet those standards; and continuously raises the quality of teaching and the learning for all students. The evaluation system is designed in accordance with State Education Law.

“The Lindenhurst School District is committed to focusing efforts and resources to bring about a meaningful evaluation process to achieve the district’s goals,” said Dr. Robert Tymann, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. “Central administration is currently working closely with teachers and administration on adopting a fair evaluation process focused on professional growth and student learning.”

NEW CHILDCARE GUIDELINES

Effective the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education, in keeping with its desire to accommodate the needs of children and parents whenever possible, establishes the following guidelines for use when parents request that their child be transported for childcare purposes:

Non-Licensed Childcare Providers:

Permission may be granted for a child to be assigned an alternate bus for non-licensed childcare providers, if:

- The childcare provider is in the same attendance area as the child;
- The child is attending Kindergarten through 8th grade;
- Childcare transportation form is completed and approved.

Licensed Childcare Providers:

Permission may be granted for a child to be assigned an alternate bus for a licensed childcare provider, if:

- The licensed provider is within the district’s boundaries;
- The child is attending Kindergarten through 8th grade;
- Childcare transportation form is completed and approved.



SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE:

Over the past two years, Lindenhurst has lost over \$6.5 million in state aid. These state aid cuts were painful. The additional state aid given to Lindenhurst in Governor Cuomo’s recent budget proposal for 2012-13 is approximately 1.5 million. Lindenhurst UFSD anticipates receiving over \$5 million less state aid in 2012-13 than we received in 2009-10. The extra assistance proposed by the governor comes with strings attached.

The governor has given districts until January 17, 2013 to adopt a new teacher evaluation system which is still in litigation and which has not been fully clarified by the New York State Education Department. Moreover, while state mandates and educational demands are increasing, the State is imposing a 2% tax cap beginning in 2012-13. This means that the district can pass along no more than a two (2%) percent increase in the tax levy (with certain exclusions) or the Consumer Price Index if it is less. The other alternative is to ask the taxpayers to “pierce the cap” which would require 60% or more of the voters to agree to a larger increase in the tax levy. The Board of Education and I recognize that we are living through a depressed economy. Many of our residents are having difficulty making ends meet and many jobs have been lost. However, the quality of education is at stake. We must ask ourselves, “What cuts should we make and how will they affect our educational program?”

Beginning on February 29, we will hold a series of Budget Workshops (see dates below). We want our school community to be knowledgeable, to be involved and to be informed. We want to continue to foster trust and awareness in our community. We believe that attending and participating in these workshops will help promote a better understanding of the complex issues we face and will give us multiple perspectives.

In addition, we urge you to share your opinions in an online survey on our district website. We would like to hear your ideas about school budgets, programs and services. Please go to www.lindenhurstschools.org and click on the tax cap survey link to let us know what you think about the tax cap and other budgetary issues that impact our community and our children. We are facing some daunting challenges and we need your help to navigate through them.

Wednesday, February 29	Budget Overview, Community Input Night
Tuesday, March 6	Buildings and Grounds, Special Education, Transportation
Wednesday, March 14	Building Budgets (supplies, equipment, textbooks) Technology, Athletics
Monday, March 19	Personnel: Instructional and Non-Instructional
Tuesday, March 27	Finalize 2012-2013 Budget
Wednesday, April 4	Board of Education Business Meeting and Budget Adoption

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Service with a Smile

Forty-eight students from the Lindenhurst School District were recognized with the prestigious Presidential Service Award, given to students who complete a minimum of 50 hours of community service. Students were honored at a PTA Council meeting, during which Assemblyman Robert Sweeney presented the certificates.

These award recipients are leading their young lives by example, the proof being how this program has encouraged others to volunteer their time. Some of the tasks the students have completed include a beach clean-up, a food drive, elder companionship, and safety.

Congratulations to the following service award recipients:



Age 14 and Under:

- Sabrina Abbamonte
- MaryKate Bayley
- Alyssa Berrent
- Bryan Berrent
- Mikayla Bott
- Morgan Brown
- Julia Bryant
- Olivia Castellano

- Sophia Castellano
- Delia Delgado
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- Age 15 and Over:**
- Amanda Bartolomeo
 - Brittney Berrent
 - Kyle Cropsey

- Michael D'Italia
- Kayla Erb
- Joseph Flores
- Abby Gillam
- Kyle Grimes
- Kelly Harnish
- Doriann Lewis
- Thomas Mark
- Kaitlyn McAlvin

- Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski
- James Richter
- C.J. Thomson
- Nick Torres
- Dylan Young
- Ryan Young



Lindenhurst High School parents and students listen carefully about financial aid opportunities.

FAFSA Education

More than 100 Lindenhurst High School college-bound students and their parents attended the annual college financial aid workshop organized by the guidance department and counselor Sara Spagna. Information on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) was distributed. FAFSA is important for students to complete to be considered for state and federal financial aid.

A special presentation was given by Michael Turner, the client relations manager from HESC (New York State Higher Education Services Corporation). He discussed different types of aid, how and when to apply for financial aid, understanding what aid packages are about, and communicating with university aid offices. At the workshop, students and parents were offered help in calculating various financial aid options.

"The workshop is intended for students and parents, regardless of where they choose to attend college," explained Lindenhurst's Guidance Coordinator Dr. Barbara Donnellan. "The same practices are used at most college financial aid offices." High school students need a good financial education to be better prepared to face fiscal decisions they will encounter in college and beyond.

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Kids in Action

Fifteen Lindenhurst Middle School students participated in the "Our Kids in Action Youth Conference." The focus of the event was on self-respect and respect for others, with the goal to bring awareness about bullying and discuss ways to help stop it. Held at the State University of New York Farmingdale, the students enjoyed a performance from talented singer Lexxi Saal, a 14-year-old freshman from Deer Park High School, who sang about the emotional damages that bullying can cause. Former American Idol contestant Robbie Rosen also sent a taped message and song.

The conference featured keynote speaker Jamie Isaacs, an anti-bullying activist who spoke about her personal experience with

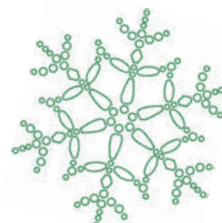


bullying. She established a foundation to provide resources for parents and students, as well as a hotline for students who are feeling suicidal.

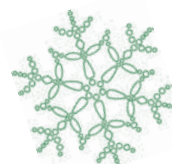
More than 30 schools and 2,500 students attended this year's conference. Thank you to Patricia Natalie, Ancy Paulose, and Donna White for coordinating the event for the middle school students.



Scenes from Winter Performances



The district presented 11 unique winter concerts throughout the month of December. Thank you to the dance, orchestra, chorus and band members and teachers, who spent many hours preparing for the successful performances.



Elementary Learning Ac



Singer/songwriter Lexxi Saal belts out her inspirational songs.

Alleghany Avenue Elementary School students participated in a special assembly on anti-bullying featuring Lexxi Saal, a 14-year-old freshman from Deer Park High School. A talented singer, Lexxi entertained students as part of her tour entitled "Beat It Bully." The theme of her songs was "Don't bully or gossip."

Lexxi began her presentation by delivering a brief introductory speech, and read

BEAT IT BULLY

aloud the book *Stop Picking on Me*, a first look at bullying. She also led an interactive paper exercise and sang four songs, three of which - "Gossip Girl," "Just Breathe," and "Winner" - are her original compositions. In one of her songs, Lexxi tells people "Know who you are and don't let anyone knock you down."

Lexxi's career as a young songwriter began after she performed the national anthem

in fifth grade. "I enjoy talking to children about bullying and how it hurts our society," said Ms. Saal. She advised Alleghany students to talk to someone about bullying if they see someone acting up against another person. "If you see something, say something" is one of her mottos. The students pledged, "I promise to live my life with compassion and tolerance because inside, we are all the same."



Birthday Sock Hop



West Gates Avenue Elementary School celebrated its 50th birthday recently with a special sock hop at the school. Students dressed up in their finest 50's outfits including Pink Ladies satin jackets, bobbie socks, poodle skirts, cat-eye glasses, saddle shoes, and Greaser jackets. Students enjoyed hula hoops and dancing contests. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to the school and candles were blown out as the evening's finale.



THE POWER OF ONE

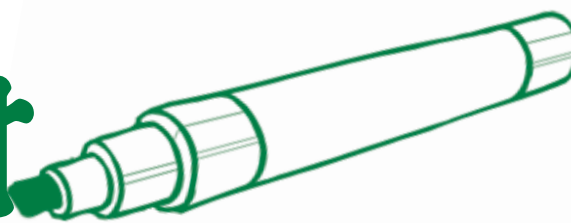
Albany Avenue Elementary School kicked off No Name-Calling Week with a powerful anti-bullying program entitled "The Power of One." The compelling program used boxes, colors and masks in a series of skits that portrayed what bullying is, what can be done about it, and how every child has the power of one - the power to report bullying when they see it.

The important message that bystanders are as guilty as bullies was emphasized. The skits gave vivid examples of different types of bullying including physical, verbal, exclusion and cyberbullying. At the end of the program, Albany Avenue students took "The Power of One" oath:

*I will not bully others.
I will not stand by while others are bullied.
I will report and deal with bullying whenever I see it...
Because I have... The Power of One.*

Other No Name Calling Week events included classroom lessons focused on positive peer relations, recess activities, and a schoolwide project that displayed cut-out hands emphasizing unity.

Across the District



(L-R) Steve Stiegler, Vinnie Pierce, Tom Frey, and Jimmy Maloney are pictured here with the gifts they purchased for a local Lindenhurst family.

GIVING TO A LOCAL FAMILY

Lindenhurst School District's maintenance workers, custodians, and grounds crew adopted a local Lindenhurst family to spread some happiness for the holiday season. The unit collected gift cards, restaurant certificates, money, books, and clothing for the family. They coordinated their efforts with the Harding Avenue Elementary School's social worker, Cindy Agals.

"It's a great feeling to do something good for others who are having a hard time," observed Adopt-a-Family Committee Chairperson Tom Frey.

Sharing Knowledge

German students in Mr. Week's class at Lindenhurst High School, along with members of the school's German club, visited Daniel Street Elementary School to educate fifth-grade students about the German culture. The high school students gave the fifth graders a brief lesson on numbers, days of the week, and months. Students then made cards using various German words and learned how to sing "Ten Little Indians" in the language.



High school students educate Daniel Street fifth graders on German numbers.

Delivering Cheer

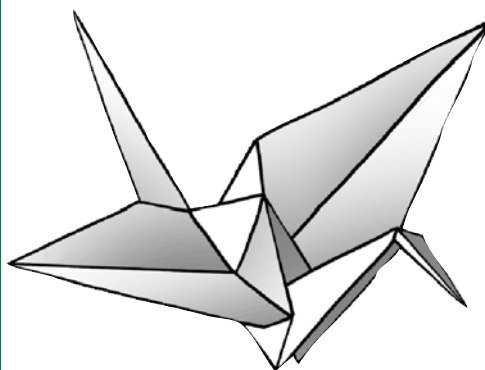
William Rall Elementary School students participated in Senator Charles J. Fuschillo's "Extend the Holiday" toy drive to benefit the Pediatric Ward at Winthrop University Hospital. Senator Fuschillo visited the school to give advice to the fifth-grade student council members on how to conduct a successful toy drive. For the campaign, students and staff were asked to donate a new, unwrapped toy or game.



Senator Fuschillo with teachers Valerie Dietrich and Dawn Masterson and fifth-grade members of the student council.

Extend the Holiday is an annual program that collects toys for children in the hospital. The toys were collected through December and delivered in early January, so that children can continue experiencing the joy of receiving gifts after the holiday season.

"Thank you to the students and staff at William Rall for working so hard to make a difference in the lives of others," said Senator Fuschillo. "Your efforts brought joy and happiness to many families."



The Art of "Storigami"

West Gates Elementary School students learned about origami from artist Rachel Katz as part of the Arts in Education program. Origami is the oriental art of paper folding ("ori" means to fold, and "kami" means paper). She explained that anyone can make animals, shapes, puppets, toys, and masks in one lesson.

Ms. Katz is the co-author of *Fun Folds: Language Learning Through Paper Folding*. She is known for her skill in paper folding, as well as her ability to entertain. She enjoyed combining storytelling and origami to get "storigami," a technique used to



illustrate a story by learning a fold and remembering it.

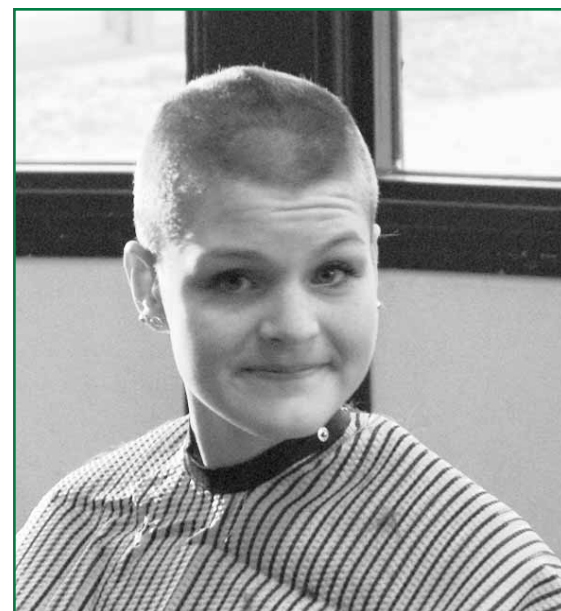
"Her presentation was truly engaging," said art teacher Nicole Pappas.

"Every student was excited to bring home their self-created origami."

Rachel Katz shows West Gates students an origami slinky.

Students Go Bald

One hundred seventeen Lindenhurst High School students and staff shaved their hair to raise more than \$2,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. At right, senior Kayla Erb is pictured before and after going bald.



Spanish Club Entertains

The Lindenhurst Middle School Spanish Cultural Club entertained seniors at the Rainbow Center for pre-holiday festivities. Club members sang "Feliz Navidad" - Merry Christmas in Spanish - as well as other holiday songs. Students also made holiday cards with the seniors.



STRING MUSICIANS PERFORM

The Lindenhurst High School Chamber Ensemble performed holiday music at the East Neck Nursing Home in West Babylon. Every year, this ensemble prepares holiday music to perform throughout the school and community as a way to add cheer and musical warmth.

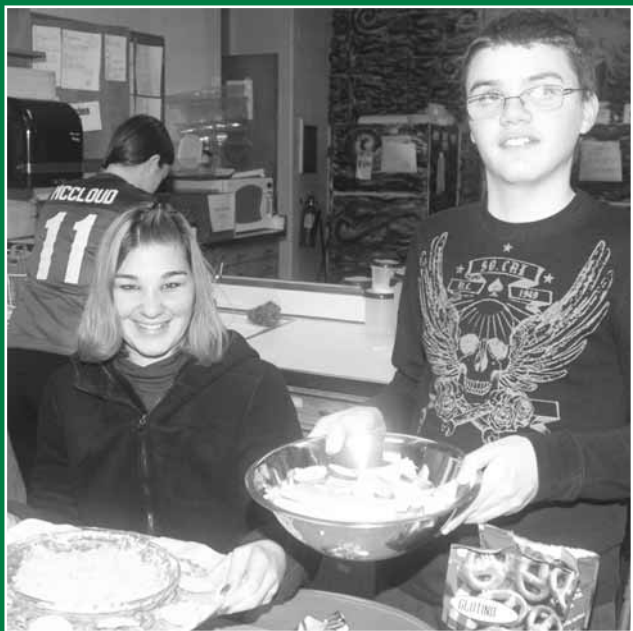
The chamber ensemble, directed by Elyse Gellert, is an extra-curricular group that consists of string students in all high school grades. Members of the chamber ensemble include: Tara Schinasi, Allison Perna, Alissa Eckert, Rebekah Wallner, Veronica Scott, Bryan Montano, Amelia Cestari, Robert Gravano, Steven Goldberg, Monica Kuil, Luke Konopka, Maria Bamundo, and Ryan Kerr.



Seniors Celebrate in Style

The National Honor Society and the Senior Council at Lindenhurst High School sponsored their annual holiday party for the senior citizens of the Rainbow Center. The Lindenhurst High School band began the day with a special musical performance, followed by singing holiday favorites by everyone in attendance. After the music, the senior citizens enjoyed a holiday buffet, catered by culinary arts students.

"The senior citizens of Lindenhurst really appreciated students taking the time out of their schedules to perform for them," said student program coordinator Samantha McPadden. "The students enjoyed spending time speaking with the senior citizens, as well."



Lindenhurst High School students show their edible creations at the cooking workshop.

Good-Looking Cooking

Lindenhurst High School students in Stefana Lipari's Culinary Arts class worked together to educate Life Skills students about the world of culinary arts. Together they prepared and enjoyed vegetables with yogurt dip, and crackers and pretzels with a cream cheese, salsa, and cheese dip. As a dessert, students loved making colorful Rice Krispie treats.

"Cooking together was a wonderful experience for all students involved," said Life Skills teachers Kristy Matchett-Evans and Lisa Hajduk. "Students were also educated about healthy foods, measurement, and presentation."

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Allstate agent Steve Foray, Lindenhurst High School students William Kienle and Rebecca Wright, and teacher Frank Devenuto.

Driving Right

Allstate agent Steve Foray presented “Students of Honor” awards to Lindenhurst High School senior Rebecca Wright and junior William Kienle for their outstanding achievements in the Driver Education course. “These students were selected for continuous hard work and exemplifying what true role models are,” explained Lindenhurst High School Driver Education teacher Frank Devenuto. “These students are the leaders of tomorrow.” Each winner will receive a free defensive driving class.

Mr. Devenuto presented Mr. Foray with a certificate of achievement for completing ten years of service to the high school driver education program. Mr. Foray has addressed the driver education classes three times a year for the past ten years. In his recent visit, he explained about insurance premiums and various methods to lower rates.

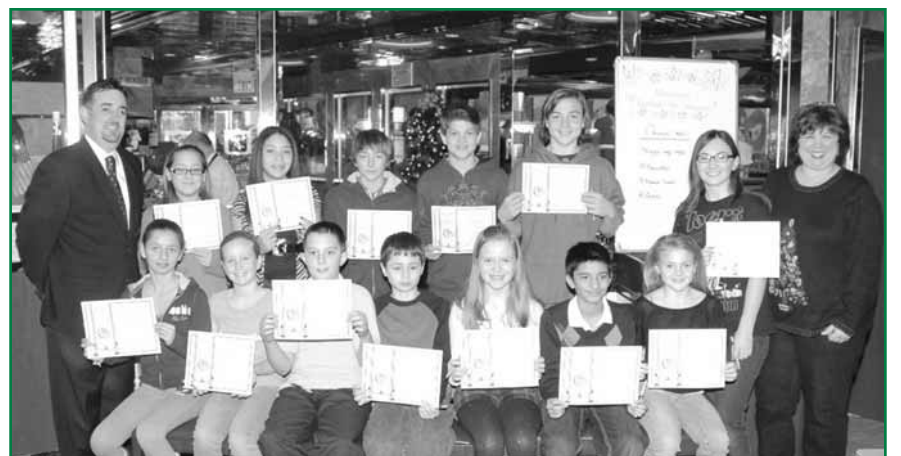
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Honoring Middle School “Champions”

Continuing the tradition, the Breakfast for Champions at Lindenhurst Middle School honors students who characterize “Lindy Pride.” Each month, selected students are honored for their excellent achievements with a breakfast at the Lindencrest Diner.

Students, parents, teachers and administrators enjoyed a breakfast to recognize those special students nominated by their teachers. “These students do great work. They do the right thing,” said Principal Frank Naccarato.

Congratulations to the December Champions: Fiona Buckley, Kyle Doner, Brooke Halper, Samantha Joseph, Michelle Lemaire, Kayla Montaniz, Salar Qureshi, Erich Ruckert, Jeremy Ruckert, Mae Vine, Salvatore Yannacone, Natalie Zabrocka, and Adam Zimmerman.



FOCUS ON THE ARTS

ACCLAIMED ORCHESTRA SELECTS LINDY STUDENTS

The Lindenhurst School District is proud to announce that nine students have been selected to participate in the Long Island String Festival. These students rank among the most accomplished string students in Suffolk County.

Elementary

Lauren Dawnkaski	Viola	Alleghany Avenue
Nicole Hayden	Bass	Harding Avenue
Joseph Leone	Viola	Harding Avenue
Maria John	Violin	William Rall

Lindenhurst Middle School

Raymond Huang	Viola
Anna Kurianowicz	Violin

Lindenhurst High School

Allison Perna	Violin
Caroline Rakus-Wojciechowski	Violin
Jessica Wong	Viola

The elementary concert took place on January 22, at Elwood Middle School in East Northport. The secondary concert (high school) took place on February 5, 2012, at Ward Melville High School in East Setauket.

“Congratulations to all of the students who have been selected,” said Coordinator of Fine & Performing Arts Rose Marvel. “I wish them a wonderful experience working and performing with students throughout Suffolk County.”



Lindenhurst High School honorees with teacher Elyse Gellert (left) and Coordinator of Fine & Performing Arts Rose Marvel (right).

Songs of the Season

William Rall Elementary School fifth-grade chorus members performed in the annual holiday concert at Just Kids Preschool. They sang songs they performed at the winter concert in celebration of the season, and led a sing-a-long with holiday favorites.



Fall Athletic Achievements

Congratulations to the following teams on being named Fall Scholar-Athlete teams, recognized by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. These teams have met the criteria for a designated number of athletes within each sport and maintained an overall unweighted G.P.A. of 90 or higher for the 2011 fall season.

<u>Team</u>	<u>G.P.A.</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Cheerleading	95.85	Michelle Corcoran/ Anne Wishniak
Girls Cross Country	95.40	Dave Carlson
Boys Cross Country	95.38	George Smawley
Boys Volleyball	94.53	Kevin Muscarello
Girls Volleyball	94.25	Kellie Block
Dance Team	93.21	Lisa Ancona
Girls Soccer	92.88	Ed Colgan
Girls Tennis	92.28	Debi Bonanduci
Girls Swimming & Diving	92.02	Diane Pollard
Football	91.60	Nick Lombardo
Field Hockey	91.36	Ralph Tubello
Girls Gymnastics	90.97	Nicole Briscoe
Boys Soccer	90.49	Rich Kloska

The following Lindenhurst teams were recognized by Section XI as winners of the Outstanding Sportsmanship Team Award:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Girls Volleyball	Kellie Block
Boys Volleyball	Kevin Muscarello
Girls Cross Country	Dave Carlson
Boys Cross Country	George Smawley
Boys Golf	Lou Yampiro
Boys 8 th Grade Football	Mike Cheskay/ Lou Landers

"These recognitions are a tremendous credit to the hard work and dedication of our student athletes, their parents, and high school administration and staff, as well as our Lindenhurst coaches," said Coordinator of Athletics, Physical Education and Health Anthony Amesti.

ATHLETES RECEIVE HIGH HONORS

The Lindenhurst High School physical education department is proud to announce that Ajsha Mekulovic and Kyle Cropsey were selected as outstanding physical education students and received the prestigious Suffolk Zone Award. The award is granted from the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation.



Ajsha Mekulovic and Kyle Cropsey, this year's winners of the Suffolk Zone Award.

The criteria for the Suffolk Zone award are exceptional performance in physical education, scholarship, leadership qualities, and service to the Lindenhurst community. Ajsha participates on the badminton and volleyball teams and Kyle is a member of the cross-country and lacrosse teams.

These students were honored at a dinner at the Hyatt Regency Wind Watch in Hauppauge. "We take great pride in this award," said Anthony Amesti, Coordinator of Athletics, Physical Education and Health. "Congratulations to Ajsha and Kyle."

SUFFOLK ZONE HONORS TEACHER

The Lindenhurst School District is proud to announce that Harding Avenue Elementary School's physical education teacher Richard Price is the recipient of the Suffolk Zone Teacher of the Year award.



Mr. Price conducts interesting and exciting physical education programs at Harding Avenue, including Fitness Gram, Fitness Assessment, Walk, Jog and Run Against Hunger, Noodle Fun, Care to Share, and Adventure Night. He is also instrumental in securing grants to conduct existing programs such as Jump Rope for Heart and The Circus Comes to Town.

"Mr. Price is always positive and leads by example," said Harding Avenue Principal Brian Chamberlin. "He continues to implement nutrition lessons into his curriculum to help promote healthy lifestyles."

Star Athletes

Congratulations to Lindenhurst High School seniors Colleen Ames, Kyle Cropsey and Nicholas Doran who signed letters of intent for academic and athletic basketball and lacrosse scholarships.

Colleen will attend St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, New York on a basketball scholarship. Kyle and Nicholas will attend Adelphi University in Garden City, New York, where they will continue their lacrosse careers at the collegiate level.



Nicholas Doran, Colleen Ames, and Kyle Cropsey signed letters of intent. They are shown here with administrators, coaches, and Principal Daniel E. Giordano.