



LINDY SPOTLIGHT

LINDENHURST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Lindenhurst Union Free School District

FEBRUARY 2011

BUDGET SEASON BEGINS

There is no doubt that planning the 2011-12 budget will be a difficult challenge for school districts throughout New York State. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has proposed cuts in State aid, as well as a property tax cap, which would hurt our district tremendously. The budget, as proposed by Governor Cuomo, is expected to reduce next year's school aid to Lindenhurst by \$4.6 million, or a 10.46% decrease from last year.

The Board of Education and administration are concerned about the effects lost state aid and a tax cap would have on the Lindenhurst School District. These factors would require the district to cut programs, which would result in a reduction in the quality of the education that students are currently provided.

The Board and administration does not look forward to reducing programs or increasing class

sizes; but due to the difficult financial challenges we are facing, some cuts will have to be made. We assure you that the district continues to explore ways to further reduce spending and maintain good fiscal health.

The administration has begun negotiations with the Teachers Association of Lindenhurst, as that contract expires June, 2011. "People are cognizant of the fiscal crisis, and administration will do everything we can to keep the district the home of great schools," said Superintendent Richard Nathan.

The Board of Education and school administration will be conducting workshops to provide further insight on the proposed 2011-2012 budget. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings, which will be held at **7:00 p.m.** at the **McKenna Administration Building**, 350 Daniel Street.

The district encourages Lindenhurst residents to take an active role in letting our legislators know that education must remain a top priority when discussing the State budget. Our elected officials can be reached through the following ways:

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(516) 882-0630

Senator Owen H. Johnson
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Assemblyman Robert K. Sweeney
Sweeney@assembly.state.ny.us
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BUDGET WORKSHOP DATES:

Tuesday, March 1

Community Input Night – Budget Overview

Wednesday, March 9

Buildings and Grounds, Special Education, Technology

Tuesday, March 15

Building Budgets (supplies, equipment, textbooks)

Transportation, Athletics

Wednesday, March 23

Personnel: Instructional and Non-Instructional, Other

Thursday, March 31

Finalize 2011-2012 Budget

Wednesday, April 6

Board of Education Business Meeting and Budget Adoption.

TRANSITION PLAN

in Place for Bower Community

The Board of Education voted to close the E.W. Bower Elementary School at the end of the current school year. Moving forward, students will be assigned between West Gates Avenue and Harding Avenue Elementary Schools, based on demographic lines.

Approximately 75 students will be attending West Gates, bringing that school's enrollment to approximately 400 students. Harding will have an additional 120 students, with a total enrollment of almost 360 students. The two special education classes currently at Bower will move to Harding. Most of the current Bower teachers have been placed in West Gates and Harding.

Specific transition events have been planned for the Bower students, including an after-school Project Adventure activity, an informal tea and tour for parents, a pen pal program, a picnic and puzzle day, and parent/student visitation activities. In addition, the schools will hold several events throughout the year to help children acclimate to their new school.

"The district has already started planning articulation meetings for students and parents," explained Superintendent Richard Nathan. "We anticipate making the transition as smooth as possible for everyone involved."

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Congratulations:

- Alleghany Avenue student **Grace Riemma** for spearheading the efforts to raise \$1,200 for the National Eczema Association.
- Lindenhurst High School student **Kelcie Birsner** for earning the "Most Expressive Work of Art" award for her Photograph "Stain." The award-winning photograph was displayed at C.W. Post Campus in Brookville.
- Eighteen Lindenhurst High School seniors who participated in the On-site Admissions Day for St. John's University and were admitted. More than \$170,000 in scholarship money was offered. One student received a full tuition scholarship, valued at \$34,000. Thank you to Guidance Counselor Mathew Ward for organizing the event.
- Daniel Street teacher **Erica Bohrer** on her Scholastic Book, *Reading Response Activity Sheets for Young Learners*, now also on display in the January SeeSaw Catalog.

Harding Buildings and Grounds Crew Adopts a Family



(L-R) David Mammima, Tom Frey, James Maloney and Vinnie Pierce of the CSEA Local 870 with the collected packages. (Missing from photo is CSEA Local 870 President Brian Graham.)

Members of the Buildings and Grounds crew at Harding Avenue Elementary School adopted a local Lindenhurst family to spread some happiness for the holiday season. The unit collected money, toys and clothing for the family. They coordinated their efforts with Harding social worker Florri Krefsky. "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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE:

In his inaugural address, Governor Cuomo said, "It is time for a bold agenda and immediate action." Included in the Governor's plans are cuts in State aid and a tax cap. A property tax cap would punish school districts for costs that are largely beyond their control, such as soaring mandated pension contributions and rising health care costs. The effect of the potential combination of a tax cap and future State aid cuts has heightened our concern to a new level.



Over the last several years, Lindenhurst has adjusted transportation guidelines, eliminated numerous teaching and administrative positions, and most recently closed an elementary school effective with the 2011-2012 school year. We can only cut areas of the budget that we can control. We are proud of what we have accomplished in Lindenhurst. The dramatic reduction of school services that may be necessary would truly be a step backwards for Lindenhurst and other low-wealth/high-tax school districts.

Simply put, fewer state and local resources for schools will require us to cut programs and will result in a reduction in educational quality. There appears to be no way around it. Governor Cuomo has a new website designed to increase dialogue, "because we are all part of the solution." Please let the Governor know how you feel about cuts in aid to education and a tax cap that doesn't take into account costs that are beyond the district's control. The website is:

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/contact/NYCitizensCampaign/index.php>

The New York State School Boards Association indicates that we must be "vigilant, visible, and vocal if public education is to retain its rightful place atop New York State's priorities." See page one of this issue of *Lindy Spotlight* for contact information for our local legislators. We cannot be complacent. We must let our Governor and our legislators know that education must remain a top priority. Help support and advocate for our schools.

Correction:

Lindy Spotlight sincerely apologizes for omitting the name of Emily Simonetti in the list of "29 Students Honored with Community Service Awards" in the December *Spotlight*.

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A Message from The Board of Education

Dear Neighbor:

On behalf of the Lindenhurst Board of Education, I wish there were better news to report to you regarding the State's ability to fund their fair share of our children's education. Unfortunately, the situation only seems to be getting worse.

The Governor recently presented his budget proposal for the 2011-2012 school year. He stated that New York spends the most on education among other states and is 34th in results. In fact, New York ranks 2nd in performance of the 50 states and education funding percentage rate on Long Island is lower than most of the rest of the state and many areas of the country. The Governor's budget called for an additional 8% reduction in aid to education, which in Lindenhurst translates to an additional \$4.6 million loss in state aid. The State must realize that such a loss in aid and a tax cap in the same year would bankrupt most school districts. The tax cap proposal, which appears to be clearing the legislature, is slated to go into effect

for the 2012-2013 school year budget.

We have in years past asked the community to reach out to the governor's, state assemblymen's and state senators' offices, but at no time in the history of our school district is it more important to do so than now. Please reach out to our representatives in Albany and tell them to restore our aid to education and not take away our voters' right to fund our children's education. A tax cap would limit local control. The Governor talks about local school boards having to start making tough decisions. We have already eliminated transportation to a significant percentage of our students, moved forward with plans to close an elementary school, and eliminated almost 100 teaching positions over the past several years, resulting in the elimination of programs and increased class size.

The 2011-2012 budget eliminates millions in federal aid and millions more in state aid. Skyrocketing retirement system contributions and health insurance premiums, along with a growing list of unfunded state and federal mandates, will increase expenses. If the proposed aid cuts and tax cap are approved by the legislature and become law, some districts will

go bankrupt and many will have to eliminate full-day kindergarten and all after school activities. This would put our children a half year behind in instruction and leave our almost 7,000 students out on the streets after school, while hurting any chances many may have to be accepted to college and receive scholarships. In addition, many other non-mandated services would need to be cut.

Please contact Governor Cuomo, Assemblyman Sweeney, Senator Johnson and Senator Fuschillo and demand that the State not further cut our aid to education. If they are not able to provide the resources to fund our children's education, they should not stand in the way of the taxpayers' ability to approve a budget with a simple majority vote. We continue to be very proud of the progress our children have made in the classroom. Please help us continue these achievements.

Thank you,

Edward J. Murphy, Jr.
Board of Education President

THE BELIEVE SYMPOSIUM INSPIRES STUDENTS



Lindenhurst High School students at the first-ever "Believe Symposium."

Forty Lindenhurst High School juniors and seniors attended the first-ever "Believe Symposium" at the Hyatt Regency in Hauppauge. It was an all-day event created to inspire Long Island high school students, to motivate young adults, help students believe in their communities and focus on career exploration.

Business and industry leaders in the areas of global business, engineering, healthcare, information technology and green business were represented, and they interacted with students throughout the day. Also attending the event were teachers Caroline Naluai and Stefana Lipari, along with Lindenhurst School Business Advisory Board member Lisa Albinowski and Guidance Counselor Christina Walsh. Students were chosen based on teacher recommendations.

The Believe Symposium was designed to inspire through keynote speakers, workshops, and networking opportunities. Students were given an opportunity to connect with leaders who have made a difference here on Long Island.

Lindenhurst was one of only ten school districts on Long Island that were invited to participate; the invitation came through a connection between the Lindenhurst School-Business Advisory Board and the Long Island Works Coalition.

Culinary Students Educate Others

Students from E.W. Bower Elementary School, Lindenhurst Middle School, and Lindenhurst High School teamed up for a morning of preparing, eating and cleaning in the kitchen. The high school culinary arts students educated the younger students about handwashing, cleanliness, safely using equipment, presenting food so it is appealing and general nutrition.

Together the students prepared and enjoyed chicken and cheese quesadillas and chocolate chip cookies. "I don't really cook too much at home," said eighth grader Robbie Poskitt. "I loved doing the cookie dough in the mixer." For some students it was the first time using a pizza cutter and cheese grater.



Students teamed up to cook cheese quesadillas.



Students make chocolate chip cookies.

Save the Date Lindenhurst Council of PTA's Second Comedy Night Fundraiser

Governors Comedy Club
90 Division Avenue, Levittown
\$20 per person

Thursday, March 10
8PM Showtime

For more information:
Julie Cicchetti
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After-School Recreational Program Hosts Festive Party



Lindenhurst students enjoyed singing festive songs at the holiday party.

The Lindenhurst School District's after-school recreational program held a special holiday party. Students enjoyed motor activities, board games, and decorating gingerbread cookies. They had the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap, as he distributed candy canes. There was also a sing-a-long of holiday tunes.

The district's after-school recreational program is a new program for students with autistic spectrum disorders. The program is designed for students to have time to generalize the skills they learned during the school day, to increase parent support, and to have consistency between home and school. The program allows students to address skills in a naturalistic setting and affords them an opportunity to interact with typical peers in a social setting.

Elementary Learning

Bower Colonial Fair Rocks

E.W. Bower Elementary School's fifth graders hosted "Ye Old Colonial Fair."

The Colonial Fair showcased a Schoolhouse, Blacksmith's Shoppe, Carpenter's Shoppe, Shoemaker, Candle and Soap Maker, Quilting Bee, Games and Toys area, Bake Shoppe, and a typical Colonial Home.

Students used a researcher's notebook to guide them in the learning process. They researched what typical colonial life was like from 1609-1776. Students were assigned actual "colonial people," and researched information on their person.



E.W. Bower fifth-grade "Laundry Women" explain clothes washing to younger students at the Colonial Fair.



Fifth graders show toys and games at the E.W. Bower Colonial Fair.

"The enthusiasm the children brought to this project was amazing," said fifth-grade social studies teacher Patricia Swanson. "Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and other relatives that donated food, costumes and props to help make the fair a successful learning experience for the children."

RALL KINDERGARTENERS LEARN ZUMBA

Kindergarteners at William Rall Elementary School recently learned about Mr. Z as a part of Land of the Letter People, a program designed to teach children



about the alphabet. To learn all about "Z," students took part in a Zumba lesson as one of their activities. Kindergarten teacher Leighann Hollweg is certified to teach Zumba, so she led the students in Zumba exercises for the event.

William Rall kindergarteners learned Zumba exercises with teacher and certified instructor Leighann Hollweg.

The Zumba workout program, which combines Latin dance moves with resistance training, provides an intense workout. Since its inception in 2001, Zumba has grown to become the world's largest – and most successful – dance-fitness program with more than 10 million people taking weekly Zumba classes across more than 110 countries.

Albany "Holiday Happenings" Helps Families in Need

Students, staff, administrators and parents came together to provide Albany Avenue families with food, clothing, toys and gift certificates through the school's annual "Holiday Happenings." This year's event raised \$1,646.

The program, in its 19th year, raised the money for needy families within the Albany Avenue community. One of the program highlights was a Chinese auction, which offered more than 100 different donated items such as toys, dolls, games and gift cards. Many students were recipients of the raffled items.



Albany Avenue students with winning toys and baskets from the "Holiday Happenings" Chinese auction.

Across The District

Harding Students

"Walk, Jog, Run Against Hunger"



Harding Avenue third, fourth and fifth graders brace the strong winds on the "Walk, Jog, Run Against Hunger."

Harding Avenue Elementary School's Student Council and Physical Education Department, under the leadership of teacher Richard Price, held its first "Walk, Jog, Run Against Hunger" to raise awareness about the need to give to others.

Participating students, parents and teachers brought a non-perishable food item. The food was used to give hope and a good meal to local families during the holiday season. "The Harding community really came through for those that most need assistance at this time," explained Mr. Price.

The kindergarten, first and second-grade students covered a quarter mile, and the third, fourth and fifth graders covered either a half mile or a full mile, despite a very strong, gusty wind.



Harding Avenue kindergarteners, first-grade, and second-grade participants in the "Walk, Jog, Run Against Hunger."

Allegheny Polio Collection



Students from Allegheny Avenue Elementary School collected \$150 from the penny collection, for the local Rotary Club and Rotary International in support of abolishing Polio. The money raised directly supports immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children.

West Gates Student Council Participates in Toy Drive



The Student Council at West Gates Elementary School participated in Senator Charles J. Fuschillo's annual Extend the Holidays toy drive. They collected boxes of toys that were given to children at Winthrop Hospital throughout the month of January.

Top row (L-R): Student Council Moderators: Joe Mancuso and Pennie Hale.
Middle row (L-R): Jenna Hoogervorst, Hailee Ramirez, Grace Erny, Kimberly Kazdal, Jacquie Lawrence, May Vine, Lea Jilling Alexa Sarci, Claudia Casquerelli, Jackie Kalish, Brianna Reichelt, and Kaitlyn DeLuca.
Bottom row (L-R): Kayleigh Flaherty, Megan Woodworth, Ariana Ciaravino, Zachary Schinasi, Samantha Noonan, and Briana Reimers.

Daniel Street Kindergarteners Go Penguin Crazy!



Daniel Street students enjoyed making penguin masks with Kindergarten teacher Nicole Fellin.

Students in Nicole Fellin's kindergarten class at Daniel Street Elementary School recently held a party to conclude a learning unit on penguins. The unit included lessons on where penguins eat, sleep, and live. The students researched information on the computer, as well as enjoyed reading books and watching movies on the subject.

For the festivities, students dressed in black pants and white shirts and made tuxedo-like necklines and masks to look like penguins. They made an edible penguin using Oreo cookies, complete with wings, eyes, and beaks. Students enjoyed eating flavored goldfish, as penguins enjoy eating fish. Students also designed personnel paper penguin and ice skates.

"Everyone had a great time learning all about penguins," commented Ms. Fellin.

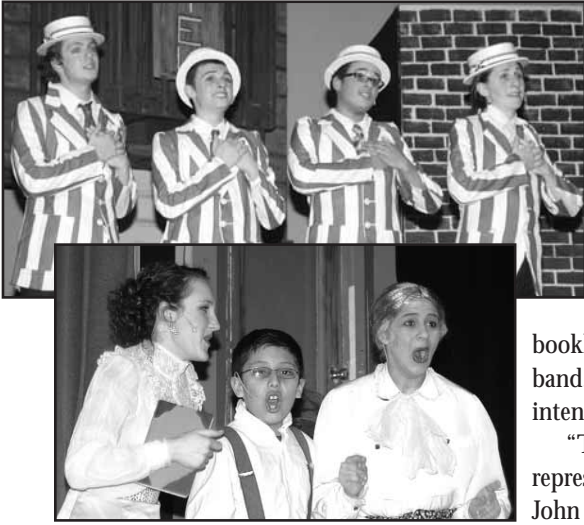


Daniel Street kindergarteners liked edible penguins made from Oreo cookies.

Lindenhurst High School

The Music Man

Doesn't Skip a Beat at Lindenhurst High School



The Lindenhurst High School Thespian Troupe performed *The Music Man* in the school auditorium on January 21 and 22 in front of a full audience. More than 100 students were involved in the production. The cast involved the community, as many of the district's fifth-grade students also participated. The show's music and lyrics were written by Meredith Wilson, who also wrote the story with Franklin Lacey.

The story follows the character of Harold Hill, a quick-talking traveling salesman who attempts to swindle the citizens of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments, instruction booklets, and uniforms with the promise of forming a young boys' band. The problem is that he has no idea how to teach the children. He intends to skip town, but "falling in love" changes everything.

"This show is filled with catchy tunes and fun characters and represents all that is good about musical theater, explained Director John Savastano. "The cast really came together to create the amazing production." Producer, Carmine Carnevale, added, "Thank you to all

the people who put in the time and passion for a successful musical."



Peer Leaders Visit Shelter Island

Rick Caravaggio's Peer Leadership class visited Camp Quinipet on Shelter Island for unique bonding opportunities. The trip focused on learning important skills such as teamwork, communication and listening.



Rick Caravaggio's Peer Leaders at Shelter Island.

Students formed into teams to prepare each meal of the day. By having to work in a cramped kitchen, students learned skills in speaking and listening. One of the evening activities was a Sherpa Walk, where students were blindfolded and needed to listen to the people around them for directions.

Another activity was the "trust fall," where one person falls backwards into a group of people. Many students were hesitant when the activity began, but soon realized their friends would not let them fall.

"The Shelter Island trip is an experience of a lifetime," noted Mr. Caravaggio. "The memories made there will be vivid in our minds for many years."

Students Display Talent at 2011 Art Fair

Artists throughout Lindenhurst High School displayed their talents during the school's annual art show, held in the area outside the cafeteria in mid-January. The show displayed a diverse collection of artwork, including illustrations, paintings, drawings, sculptures, sketch art, photographs, computer graphics and digital video productions - all created by students.

This year's exhibit included a water bottle display, featuring graphic arts labels students designed in Cecilia Mattera's computer graphics classes. She exclaimed, "The students loved showcasing their work and displayed various art forms that represent the variety of courses offered by the arts program."

There will be a new inter department class offered in the fall entitled Creative Productions, combining Business, Art and Technology. Students will be introduced to the business planning, art production, and presentation of a complete advertising campaign with emphasis on creative aspects. Advertising agencies will be developed and students will apply for positions such as: CEO, Art Director & Production Managers. The class will work with local community businesses for cooperative learning experiences. The class will be taught by Cecilia Mattera (art), Nick Lombardo (business), and Tara Biscardi (technology).



Students admiring art at Lindenhurst High School's Art Fair.

Library Media Center Holds Open House

The Lindenhurst High School Library Media Center held an open house recently to let students view the displays of new books, DVDs, database information and features of the Destiny Library System. The open house was organized by library media specialists Diane Miller and Tina Lackner. Students enjoyed hot cocoa with whipped cream and warm sugar cookies, courtesy of Caroline Naluai's culinary arts classes. Students also had the opportunity to make their nominations for *Lindy's Big Read*, a celebration of community service and reading.

Lindenhurst Public Schools invite all residents of the Lindenhurst Community to participate in an exciting literary and community service awareness project called *Lindy's Big Read*. The Lindenhurst Public Schools and Lindenhurst Memorial Library are joining together to launch a celebration of reading and community service.



Library media specialists Tina Lackner (left) and Diane Miller (right) with students at the New Resources Open House.

Lindenhurst Middle School

Ride for Pride at Lindenhurst Middle School

Four Lindenhurst Middle School students, winners of the Ride for Pride school wide raffle, were treated to a limousine ride, lunch, and a meet and greet with Superintendent Richard Nathan. The raffle was held recently to raise money to support various activities at the middle school, such as the upcoming May 17th International Day.

The donated limousine picked up the winning students, three teachers and Principal Frank Naccarato, at the middle school and drove them to a Hibachi lunch in Farmingdale. "The whole table lit up," exclaimed one of the students.

After lunch, the limousine transported them to the McKenna Administration Building to meet with Mr. Nathan. The students enjoyed speaking with the superintendent about life at the middle school. Sixth grader Samantha told Mr. Nathan that she likes that the middle school makes the day more interesting by switching classes for each subject. "It makes the day go much faster," added John.

They ended the festivities with the limousine ride back to the middle school.



Ride for Pride student winners Gloria, Samantha, Gabby and John with Superintendent Richard Nathan, Lindenhurst Middle School teachers, and Principal Frank Naccarato.

Breakfast for Champions Continues Tradition

Congratulations to the December Breakfast for Champions for all their accomplishments at Lindenhurst Middle School. Eleven students, nominated by teachers, were rewarded with a breakfast at the Lindencrest Diner. Thanks to Deb Gloor, this is the 13th year the middle school has coordinated this event.



December's champions with Frank Naccarato (left) and Dr. Robert Tymann (right).

"Be proud of yourself!" exclaimed Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Instructional Personnel Dr. Robert Tymann. "You are among the chosen few who were selected for this program."

The December champions were: Tom Cunningham, Oksana Fostakovska, Kimberly Makowski, Sheila Malone, Inna Mankevych, Samantha McCarthy, Eileen McNulty, Lexis Meehan, Tyler Nygren, Sabrina Scali, and Sergio Silva.

Congratulations to the January Breakfast for Champions:

Brian Flanagan	Heather Mayer
Nick Giambrone	Katie McCormick
Mario Glaze	Alyssa Schwalb
Ryan Lulewicz	Veronica Scott
Anthony Maglione	Tetiana Sklyarova
John Mantikas	Angele Zoccali



Middle Schoolers Enjoy Bonding at Frost Valley

Lindenhurst Middle School's eighth graders enjoyed bonding for a few days upstate during the 25th annual trip to Frost Valley. More than 300 students participated in the three-day, two-night trip.

Frost Valley YMCA provides outdoor, experiential and educational opportunities. The facility is a 6,000-acre residential camping, environmental education and conference center located in the heart of the "forever wild" Catskill Mountain Preserve.

The trip provided the students with a quality learning experience in the outdoor setting of the Catskill Mountains. Students were provided with hands-on experiences in the natural sciences, which also challenged the students' physical, social and cognitive skills. "The students had a great time," exclaimed Assistant Principal Bruce Hoffman.



Students enjoyed participating in trust activities such as walking down a hill as a group.



Assistant Principal Bruce Hoffman and teacher Michelle Corcoran celebrated 25 years of students visiting Frost Valley.

LMS Students Decorate Gingerbread Houses

More than 200 Lindenhurst Middle School students participated in the "Make Your Own Gingerbread House Holiday Workshop," sponsored by the Family and Consumer Science Department, Arts in Education and Gingerbread University.

Each participating student decorated gingerbread houses, enjoyed pizza and soda, and had the opportunity to win raffles at the special holiday workshop. Interested students had the opportunity to have their photo taken with Santa, who also gave out goodie bags to the students. There was a collection of food donations from participants for families in need.

This year, senior citizens from Sunrise Assisted Living in West Babylon and New York State Assemblyman Robert Sweeney joined the holiday festivities.

Thank you to teacher Rosanne Giugliano, who organized the event. She was helped by her fellow Family and Consumer Science teachers, Angela Cori, Stefana Lipari, Christin Mansfield and Heather Reismiller.



Middle School students make gingerbread houses at the Holiday Workshop.



Middle School students pose with Santa at the Holiday Workshop.

LINDENHURST SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the fall scholar-athlete teams at Lindenhurst High School who have met the criteria for a designated number of athletes and maintained an overall unweighted G.P.A. of 90 or higher for the duration of the fall season.

<u>Team</u>	<u>G.P.A.</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Boys Cross-Country	97.28	George Smawley
Girls Tennis	95.38	Debi Bonanduci
Boys Volleyball	94.77	Kevin Muscarello
Girls Cross-Country	94.58	Dave Carlson
Dance Team	93.23	Lisa Ancona
Cheerleading	93.05	Tina Savastano
Girls Volleyball	92.14	Kellie Block
Football	91.80	Nick Lombardo
Girls Soccer	91.63	Ed Hanley
Boys Soccer	90.51	Rich Kloska

This designation is a tremendous credit to the hard work and dedication of our student athletes, their parents, the high school administration and staff, and the Lindenhurst coaches.

Suffolk Zone Winners



Congratulations to Lindenhurst High School's Suffolk Zone winners Michael Roehrig and Elizabeth Gorman.

KELLIE BLOCK

NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR

Lindenhurst High School's Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach, Kellie Block, was nominated by the Suffolk County Volleyball Coaches Association as 2010-2011 Coach of the Year. Kellie led the team to New York State Class AA Semifinals, after winning the Long Island championship. Congratulations Kellie!

VOLLEYBALL NIGHT SPIKES LINDY PRIDE

The Lindenhurst Middle School Physical Education Department is happy to announce the winners of its 2011 Lindy Pride Volleyball Night. Fifteen teams entered this year's tournament and the competition was quite tough. More than 150 students showed up for intense volleyball matches.

Congratulations to the night's winners, Team Nine. The winning team consisted of Ashley Claud, Rebecca Conway, Brianna Doran, Briana Koehler, Kyle Messa, Samantha McCarthy, Tyler Niygren, Bobby Spurell and Brian Steiger.



Lindenhurst Middle School's Team Nine after their win at Lindy Pride Volleyball Night.

Students Make a Dream Come True for Former LHS Student

The Lindenhurst High School physical education teachers and students raised \$1,713 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation to help subsidize alumni Zachary Ortmann's dream of snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef.

Zachary is planning to travel to Australia in March, despite his diagnosis of leukemia. He graduated last June and plans to continue his studies at Suffolk Community College. He played volleyball and lacrosse at Lindenhurst High School.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. The Foundation representative, Jay Goldman, presented the check to Zachary in a ceremony at Lindenhurst High School. The Foundation fulfilled more than 125 wishes in Suffolk County in 2010.

"The students of Lindenhurst High School are the best," announced Physical Education teacher and coordinator Mike Cheskay. "You stepped up big time in the Make-A-Wish campaign for Zach."



Lindenhurst High School physical education staff, 2010 graduate Zachary Ortmann (in shorts), and Make-A-Wish Foundation representative Jay Goldman (far right) with a check representing money raised by students.