



LINDY SPOTLIGHT

LINDENHURST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Lindenhurst Union Free School District

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Congratulations

to the New York State Baseball Champions... the Lindy Bulldogs!

(see story on back page)



SENIORS HONORED WITH AWARDS

The 2010 Senior Awards Ceremony was recently held in the Lindenhurst High School auditorium to honor more than 200 students with various citations, honors, and scholarships. The testimonials recognized excellence and achievement by Lindenhurst High School seniors.

Awards were given for accomplishments in various subject areas, including math, science, foreign language and music. In addition, students with exceptional service to the community and overall educational excellence were recognized. "Congratulations to all the honorees," exclaimed Principal Daniel E. Giordano. "We had a great group of seniors this year."



Scenes from this year's Senior Awards Ceremony.



LINDENHURST COMMUNITY PASSES SCHOOL BUDGET

Voters in the Lindenhurst Public School District approved the 2010-2011 budget proposal by a vote of 2,648 to 1,929. The budget reflects an estimated tax increase of 3.87% for the average Lindenhurst homeowner.

The Board of Education and administration wanted to minimize the tax impact on residents and limit the expenditure increase to less than half of one percent, while still presenting a budget that provided for the needs of all Lindenhurst students. Programs preserved were full-day kindergarten, Project Orion, athletics, and core academic and co/extracurricular activities.

Raymond Doran, Edward Langone and Robert Vitiello were elected as Board Trustees. "Thank you to everyone who participated in the process. This was an especially difficult year and the administration and Board of Education appreciate that the community approved the budget," said Superintendent Richard Nathan.

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Teachers Association Awards Lindenhurst Students

“Education, the Safe Road to Success” was the theme of the thirty-fourth annual Teachers Association of Lindenhurst (TAL) award ceremony, held at the high school.

Congratulations to all of this year’s winners.

The TAL Friends of Education Award was presented to the crossing guards, who enable Lindenhurst students to travel to and from school safely. The Geraldine Cuneo Scholarship was awarded to Lauren Legotti; the Teachers Association of Lindenhurst scholarship was bestowed on Ashley Westfall; the Joseph Pozowicz scholarship was given to Kenneth Sanabria; and the John Canestraro scholarship was presented to Meghan Ames.

Lindenhurst High School award recipients were Sonica Sundri, Mary Mullan, Samantha McPadden and Caitlin Cress. Lindenhurst Middle School winners were Henry Horstmann, Andrew Grais and Nicholas Huber. On the elementary level, teachers selected one student in each grade from every school for recognition.

“All of this year’s winners are special,” proclaimed co-chairperson John Savastano.



This year’s fifth-grade TAL Award recipients.



Lindenhurst High School’s TAL Award honorees.



2010 kindergarten TAL Award recipients.

CSEA Buildings and Grounds Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to Lindenhurst High School senior Iliana Rodriguez for winning this year’s CSEA Buildings and Grounds Memorial Scholarship. This is the fifth year of this award. Iliana received a check for \$250.

Iliana was selected from more than 30 candidates who submitted a written essay. “Her essay was above and beyond,” explained scholarship committee chairperson and E.W. Bower custodian Stan D’Andrea.

Iliana returns home after school each day to help watch her younger sister, and also enjoys cooking, especially Spanish dishes. She intends to study nursing at Molloy College.



Lindenhurst High School senior Iliana Rodriguez with Stan D’Andrea, the CSEA Scholarship Committee chairperson.

SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE:



The 2009-10 school year has been filled with many challenges and opportunities. Faced with a reduction of approximately \$3.5 million in state aid, our Board of Education and administration worked hard to create a comprehensive budget for 2010-11 that provides for the educational needs of our children, meets state and federal mandates, honors our contractual obligations, and is fiscally responsible to the community. I believe the Lindenhurst community understood the challenges we were up against and the sincere efforts we made to hold costs down. (The budget-to-budget increase for 2010-11 is less than 1/2 %.) Our May 18 budget vote had a plurality of 719 more “yes” votes than “no” votes. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank the voters of Lindenhurst for their continued support for our educational program.

As the 2009-10 school year draws to a close, I realize how fortunate we are to have, at every level, staff who are dedicated to providing high-quality instruction for each and every student. Our teachers, administrators and a variety of support staff at both the school and district levels are working hard every day to ensure that all of our students are challenged and achieving at high levels in a safe and caring environment. In addition, we are also fortunate to continue to receive invaluable support from our parents and our community.

As we move forward, it is important to keep in mind where we have been, where we are now, and where we want to be. The Lindenhurst school community has had a great impact on where our students have been, has shouldered the tremendous responsibility for where our students are now, and has had an ongoing influence on where they want to be. Challenges and opportunities always go hand in hand. As we face the future we will continue to find opportunities for growth and creative problem-solving as we face the challenges that lie ahead.

Best wishes for a safe and pleasant summer in the company of family and friends.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FILING OF FIRE INSPECTION REPORTS

In compliance with Section 807-A of the N.Y.S. Education Law, notice is hereby given that the annual inspection of all school buildings of the Lindenhurst Union Free School District for fire hazards has been completed. The report thereof is available at the Main Office of each building and in the Health & Safety Office at 350 Daniel Street, for review by all interested persons.

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A Message from The Board of Education

Dear Lindenhurst Residents:

As the school year draws to an end, it is with pride that I thank everyone for making this another year full of accomplishments. The Lindenhurst School District is proud to boast a special mix of achievements from our students, staff and administration.

The Lindenhurst community understands the importance of a great education. Our PTA's are a moving force in the schools, our faculty is a diverse group of professionals that include experienced mentors and competent newer teachers, and our administration makes sure the daily operation of approximately 1,000 employees and 7,000 students runs properly.

The Board of Education, in conjunction with the administration, worked especially hard this year at creating a sound budget that is fiscally responsible. We believe the community agreed by passing this year's budget by a vote of 2,648-1,929. Programs that provide for the needs of the children were preserved. We truly are the "Home of Great Schools."

Congratulations to the Lindenhurst High School Varsity Baseball team for winning the state championship. The Bulldogs were winners of the New York State, Long Island and Suffolk County Championship games, with a final record of 26-1.

Thank you for enabling me to serve as President of the Board of Education this year. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Cordially,
Edward J. Murphy Jr.
Board of Education President

Night of Photography Shines Bright



Digital Photography students with teacher Suzette Picozzi.

The Lindenhurst High School Digital Photography Club recently hosted a Night of Photography. The evening served as a showcase of displayed works from the Advanced Digital Photography and the Digital Photography Portfolio classes.

A Chinese auction of 15 matted and framed student images was held to establish a Digital Photography Scholarship. The club is also selling a beautiful calendar that showcases the work of the students. To date, the club has raised more than \$350.

"Thank you to everyone who came out and supported these talented students," expressed Digital Photography teacher Suzette Picozzi.



Photo display from Lindy's Night of Photography.

POSITIVE ADVERTISING created by Lindy Students

Lindenhurst Middle School students submitted sketches for a mural on the side of Keystone Tires on Sunrise Highway. The winning entry, chosen by Keystone, was sketched by eighth grader Jaime Reilly.

Lindenhurst students Natalie Kitts, Lisa Masching, Dan Weingaertner and Nicole Weinsheimer joined Jamie in painting the mural, with help from teachers AnneJeannine Cuzzo and Stefana Lipari. They painted the mural in only two days.

"We are trying to put a positive mark on the community and businesses," explained Ms. Cuzzo. "Thank you to Kevin and Lisa Albinowski, the owners of Keystone Tires, for providing the materials."



Lindenhurst students painted a mural on the wall of the Keystone Tires building along Sunrise Highway.

Lindenhurst Students Win First Place at Horse Show

Lindenhurst students Courtney Bauman and Alyssa Nilsen earned first-place awards in Wilson Tech's annual horse show held in Melville. Both students are enrolled in Tech's Equine Studies program. Courtney captured first place in both Intermediate Flat and Over Fences riding, while

Alyssa captured first in Advanced Flat with Test Over Fences riding.

The program teaches high school students to feed, groom, ride and exercise horses, diagnose and treat general horse injuries, and maintain riding equipment.



Courtney Bauman (left) and Alyssa Nilsen (right) celebrated their first-place finish in Wilson Tech's annual horse show.

Empire State Games Challenge Students



Scenes from this year's Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged.

Special needs students from throughout Lindenhurst participated in the Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged, held at Mitchel Field in early June. Each athlete was paired with a buddy to help train and prepare for the games.

Athletes, buddies, parents, faculty and administrators were all there to cheer on the athletes in various track and field events. True Lindy Pride was evident, as participants donned green and white T-shirts. Buddies and their athletic counterparts joined in spirited competition against each other and other schools from throughout Long Island. "These games are truly a special event for all the Lindenhurst students who participate," exclaimed SEPTA PTA President-elect and event coordinator Mary Ellen Rama.

Elementary Learning

Famous Authors Featured in Summer Challenge Live

Grace Kotsinadelis's fourth graders at Alleghany Avenue Elementary School participated in an interactive SMART Board lesson with famous authors, sponsored by Scholastic Books. The lesson featured the authors squaring off in a trivia game show all about books, which the Alleghany students viewed live on the web.

The webcast, called Summer Challenge Live – Ultimate Author Showdown, featured best-selling children's authors Christopher Paul Curtis, Gordon Korman, R.L. Stine and Lisa Yee. Each author represented a different category: People & Places, Fantasy & Adventure, Thrills & Chills and Friends & Fun.

Students from around the world joined the Alleghany kids in submitting questions which were answered by authors in a head-to-head battle of book trivia. Questions were presented in multiple-choice format and centered on a children's book of choice.

Hosted by author Jon Scieszka, the program also encouraged students to read over the summer. Mr. Scieszka is the author of several best-selling children's titles, including *The Stinky Cheese Man* and *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*.

"The students read many books from these authors and loved seeing them in a trivia game show format," explained Ms. Kotsinadelis. "They especially liked it when they knew the answers to the questions themselves."



Students in Grace Kotsinadelis's fourth-grade class enjoyed Summer Challenge Live – Ultimate Author Showdown, sponsored by Scholastic Books.



Daniel Street Elementary School students team up with Lindenhurst High School eleventh graders to read and play together.

Daniel Street and Lindenhurst High School Students Unite for Mentoring Program

Lindenhurst High School eleventh graders from Merry Oislander's Leaders on the Rise class have volunteered to spend time with Daniel Street Elementary School students. The group meets once a week with Daniel Street students to read, play games and make crafts together. The two schools have teamed up to provide a unique mentoring program, similar to Big Brothers-Big Sisters.

The program is supervised by Daniel Street social worker Ralph Ruggiero and high school social worker Debbie Salitsky. "The program really benefits both the elementary school and high school students," stated Mr. Ruggiero. "The students enjoy spending time together."

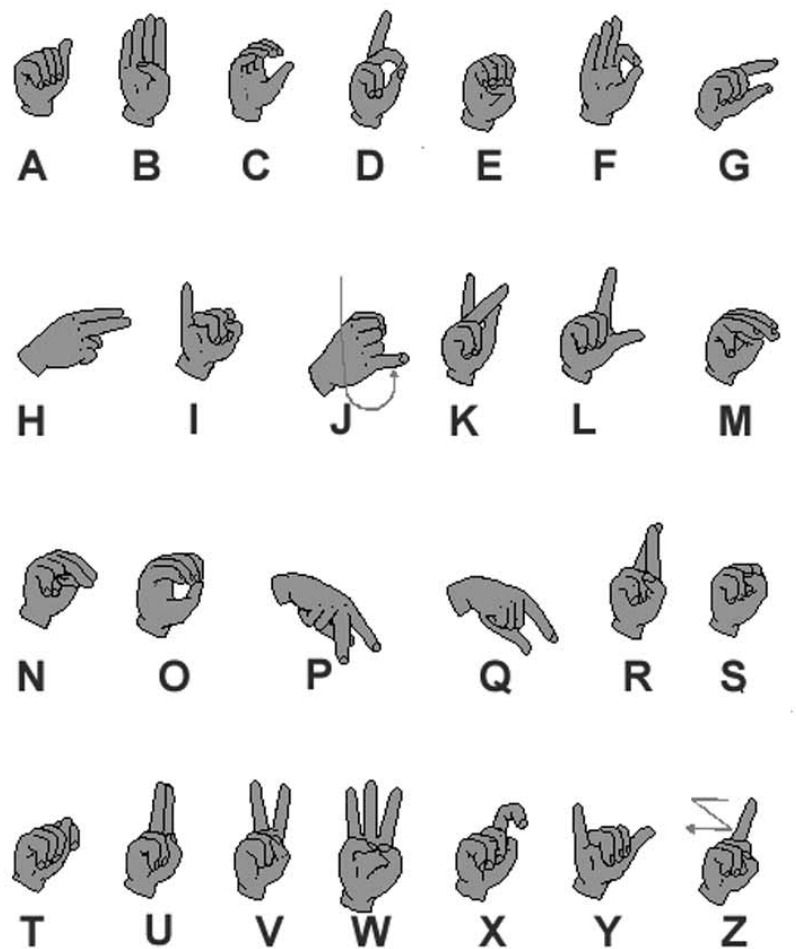
Spring into Sign Language

E.W. Bower Elementary students were introduced to American Sign Language by the school's speech therapist, Jennifer Hatfield, and administrative intern Lynda Corey, as they implemented a program called "Spring into Sign Language."

The goals of the program were to introduce the students at Bower to American Sign Language, to help them understand the need, and teach some signs of everyday words and concepts. Sign pictures were displayed to further develop the students interest.

Kindergarteners learned how to sing "Old McDonald Had a Farm," using sign language. Students in first and second grades were introduced to colors and common words while playing a game.

The third graders became familiar with food vocabulary and the alphabet, while the older students learned how to spell their names, and conversational starters such as "How are you feeling?" and "How is the weather?"



Letters of the Alphabet in Sign Language

Across the District

Students Star at "BATTLE OF THE BOOKS"



This year's winning team from West Gates Avenue Elementary School's Battle of the Books: (L-R) Nick Silva, Keith Kirby, Franki Pomatico, and Sana Hussain, with Principal Lisa Omeis

Fourth and fifth graders from West Gates Avenue Elementary School competed in the third annual "Battle of the Books," a quiz show-style competition in which students were asked questions about the plot, theme, characters, and authors of approximately 15-20 previously selected books. The game consisted of open-ended and multiple-choice questions, each of which required students to answer within 30 seconds.

The students were assembled into six teams of four. Teams selected themed-names such as Diary of Awesome Readers (DAR), Book Busters, Reading People, Blazin' Books, Rocket Readers, and Novel Pups. Each member of the winning team, the Rocket Readers, received a trophy.

"The students had a great time competing and learning," said Library Media Specialist and program coordinator Jason Elliot. "We hope the game develops the students' love for reading."



Two teams compete in the West Gates third annual Battle of the Books.

ALBANY AVENUE SENDS Teddy Bears to Orphanage in Poland

The Character Education and Multicultural Clubs at Albany Avenue Elementary School created approximately 35 teddy bears for an orphanage in Poland. The club meets a few times a month and promote tolerance and understanding among fellow students. Thank you to Albany Avenue teachers Sylwia Hulewicz and Lisa DiCicco for all their help in this special project.



Third graders involved in the Character Education and Multicultural Clubs showed the teddy bears they donated to an orphanage in Poland.

Rall's Marriage of Q and U



William Rall kindergarteners at the marriage of Q and U.

William Rall Elementary School's kindergarteners engaged in a 'wedding' between the letters Q and U. The students dressed up and each child represented a letter of the alphabet for the event. There were bridesmaids, groomsmen, and bubbles when they pronounced Mr. Q and Ms. U as husband and wife. Cake and apple juice were enjoyed at the end of the celebration.

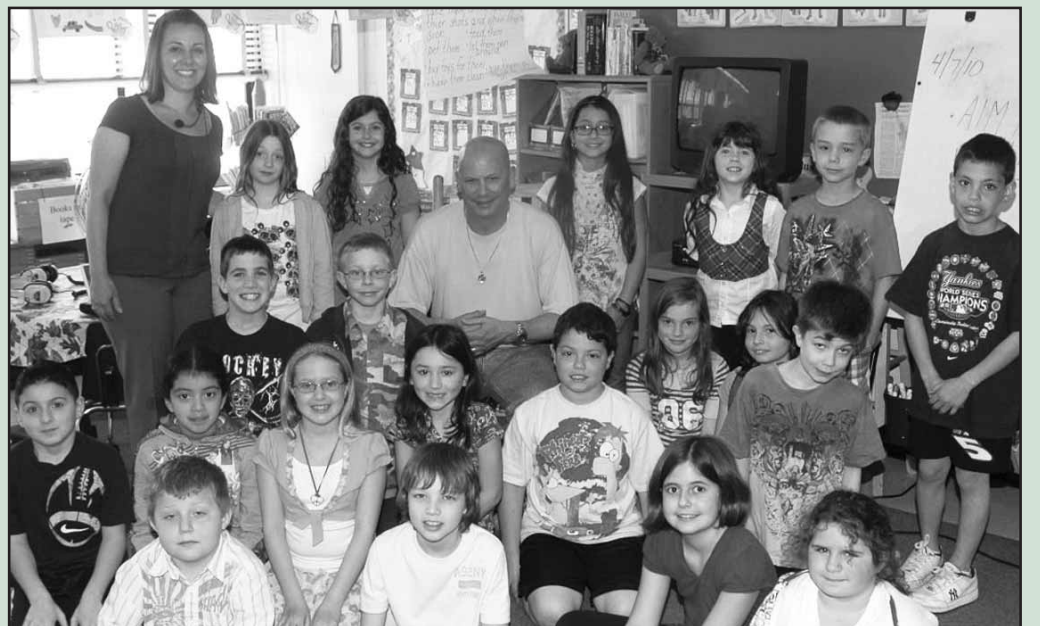
The kindergarteners learned about why U must accompany Q in order to create words. Teachers Heather Paglino and Diana Leone organized the big "Land of the Letter" wedding. "This helps the kindergarteners remember that the letters Q and U always stay together in words," explained Ms. Paglino. "Everyone had a great time."

Harding Third Graders Explore Animal Rescue

Harding Avenue third graders in Jennifer Cavallaro's class were given a special lesson by Chris Elton from the Town of Babylon Animal Rescue Center. Students learned about the process of adopting animals from the center and specific information on how to care properly for cats and dogs.

Mr. Elton explained the mission of the center as an organization that provides a safe environment for stray and impounded animals, how it abides by state laws and local ordinances, and finds new homes for homeless animals. The center cares for more than 3,600 animals each year and has a highly successful adoption rate.

Students had an opportunity to ask questions and give personal stories of experiences with their own pets. "I didn't realize the importance of spaying or neutering cats," said one student.



Jennifer Cavallaro's third graders with Chris Elton from the Babylon Animal Rescue Center.

Class of 2010 Valedictorian *Thomas Schrank*



On June 26th, Tom Schrank will lead the graduation procession as Valedictorian of the Lindenhurst High School Class of 2010. "I believe that everyone has the potential to be successful if they work hard at something," said Tom.

Tom will attend Boston University next fall and will major in Communications; he hopes to pursue a career in the television industry. Tom received the University Scholar Scholarship from the University.

Other awards bestowed on him include Commended National Merit Scholar, Advanced Placement Scholar, Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, and Best Supporting Actor in a Musical from the Babylon Arts Council.

Tom has also been involved in countless activities and clubs at Lindenhurst High School, including the Thespian Club, Student Council, Peer Leadership, Tri-M Honor Society, National Honor Society, Odyssey and the Long Island Challenge, serving as captain.

He has had featured roles in the Thespian Club musicals *Urinetown*, *Into the Woods*, *The Wiz*, and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. He also enjoyed participating in the spring productions of *Noises Off*, *I Remember Mama*, *Fools*, and *Fate or Free Will*.

"I will truly miss performing with the theatre department," explained Tom. "The many teachers, students and administrators have made my years at Lindenhurst High School enjoyable and entertaining." Ranking number one in a class of 600 students is quite an achievement. Congratulations Tom!

National Honor Society Inducts 56 Students

It was a proud evening for parents of Lindenhurst High School students on May 21st, as the newest members were inducted into the National Honor Society. Holding the celebratory lit candles, the inductees streamed into the school's cafeteria to join parents, friends and teachers for the special ceremony and celebration.



Newest National Honor Society members light candles as a part of their induction.

Students of the National Honor Society's Executive Board from last year gave speeches and conducted the official induction of new members. Principal Daniel E. Giordano and guest teachers congratulated the 56 students whose grades, community service, and leadership qualities placed them in this prestigious group.

The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization to recognize outstanding high school students. The organization honors those students who have demonstrated the highest standards of excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

"It was truly a beautiful ceremony," announced Principal Giordano. For a complete list of names, go to www.lindhurstschools.org.

LHS Symphony Orchestra Wins Gold Rating



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The Lindenhurst High School Symphony Orchestra received a gold rating at the recent NYSSMA Majors Organization Evaluation Festival, performing at Level 4, the highest rating an orchestra can earn. The NYSSMA Majors involved the entire instrumental ensemble presenting two or more music pieces. This is the first year the orchestra prepared for and attended the event.

The orchestra performed Vivaldi "Concerto Grosso in A Minor," "Capriol Suite" by Peter Warlock and "Fiddle Dance" by Fletcher.

"It was a huge pleasure just to participate at the festival," exclaimed Orchestra director Elyse Gellert. "And to receive such a high rating was a well-deserved honor."

Class of 2010 Salutatorian *Kevin Salvaggio*



It was always a dream for Kevin Salvaggio to strive his hardest to be one of the top students in his class. The dream came true when Kevin was named the Class of 2010's Salutatorian. Kevin has been involved in many Lindenhurst High School events, such as working on the Homecoming float, Safe Halloween, Souper Bowl of Caring and Run for the Warriors.

Kevin also volunteered his time at Daniel Street Elementary, reading and playing games as a part of the Leaders on the Rise mentoring program, and has also educated students about the causes

and repercussions of bullying. He served the National Honor Society as Recording Secretary and participated in the Thespian productions of *The Wiz* and *Into the Woods*.

Kevin is planning to attend Providence College as a part of the Liberal Arts Honors Program with a full academic scholarship. He intends to pursue education and hospitality.

"I will miss the incredible teachers who have inspired me to push myself academically," said Kevin. "I have strived to reach the highest possible grades I could earn. I worked tremendously hard, and put forth my best effort."

Lindy Students Learn about *Shattered Dreams*

Special guest speaker Bobby Petrocelli recently visited Lindenhurst High School and spoke about his personal experiences to highlight the dangers and consequences of drinking and driving.



Motivational speaker Bobby Petrocelli speaks with Lindenhurst High School junior and seniors.

Years ago, a drunk driver drove through his house and killed his wife. Mr. Petrocelli retold the details of that evening, as well as how his life was "shattered." Mr. Petrocelli has been speaking to high school students nationwide for 18 years. He was animated in his presentations and advised students to "believe in themselves."

The lecture was a part of the *Shattered Dreams* program, presented each year to emphasize to Lindenhurst High School students the importance of not drinking before getting behind the wheel of a car. Student Council members also dramatized a mock accident to promote responsibility.

Business and Marketing Honor Society Inducts 21

Congratulations to the 21 Lindenhurst High School students who were inducted into the New York State Business and Marketing Honor Society. A special ceremony was recently held in the Lindenhurst High School library, at which inductees received their certificates.

"We are proud of all the students inducted into the Business and Marketing Honor Society," proclaimed advisor and coordinator Joanne Williams.

2010 Inductees:

Sylwia Brzozka
Joseph Curry
Steven Goldberg
Michael Grassa
Shannen Harrigan
Melinda Jeffries
Khristina Kopchuk

Keith Meisner
Amanda Menichini
Olivia Papa
Kaitlyn Peck
Donna Pess
Matthew Reddington
Kyle Santiago

Richard Schimmel
William Simons
Vinessa Soluri
Ewa Strumidlo
John Sylvander
Christopher Thomson
Veronica Villanueva



This year's inductees of the Business and Marketing Honor Society at Lindenhurst High School.

Breakfast for Champions

Congratulations to the Lindenhurst Middle School students who were selected for the May 2010 Breakfast for Champions. "These students are wonderful people," stated proud Principal Frank Naccarato.

Each month, selected students are honored for going "above and beyond," with a breakfast at the Lindencrest Diner. The program was established 11 years ago by teacher and coordinator Debbie Gloor. Students are nominated by their teachers. The May champions are:

Emily Burkard
Vanessa Cardino
Alexis Didonato
Albina Dzeladini

Gabrielle Gambuzza
Kiersten Gustavson
Kathleen Mackey
Ewelyn Majkrzak

Larissa Manning
Colleen Marquardt
Rebekah Wallner



The Breakfast for Champions honors with Lindenhurst Middle School Principal Frank Naccarato and LASA representative and West Gates Avenue Elementary School Principal Lisa Omeis.

May's Breakfast for Champions was sponsored by the Lindenhurst Association of School Administrators (LASA).

Principal for the Day at Lindenhurst Middle School

Congratulations to Ashley Boyle, Johnathen Gonzalez and Joseph Sirabella, who accepted the roles of principal and assistant principals for a day at Lindenhurst Middle School. These students were winners of a raffle that enabled them to patrol the middle school, equipped with walkie-talkies and appropriate authoritative badges.

The students actively participated in the school's administration and interacted with teachers and students. The students kept a watchful eye on the halls in-between classes.

"What a great experience," said Assistant Principal for the Day Johnathen Gonzalez. Ashley appreciated playing the role of Principal Naccarato for a day. "I enjoyed being on the walkie-talkie with my assistants," she exclaimed.

"I loved when people came up to me for help and asked me questions," stated Assistant Principal for the Day Joseph Sirabella.

The Principal for the Day program allows students the opportunity to shadow the principal and assistant principals to increase awareness of the accomplishments and challenges at Lindenhurst Middle School.



Ashley Boyle, Johnathen Gonzalez and Joseph Sirabella became Lindenhurst Middle School Principal and Assistant Principals for the Day, shown here with their adult counterparts (the real people in charge), Frank Naccarato, Bruce Hoffman and Leonard DiBias.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS 21 NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to the 21 newest members of the National Junior Honor Society, who were inducted at a special ceremony recently held at Lindenhurst Middle School.

Holding lit candles symbolizing scholarship, leadership, character, service, and citizenship, the students represent the best and brightest of the Middle School. Principal Frank Naccarato stated, "These students truly represent what Lindy Pride is all about. They are the future."

Members are elected by faculty to the National Junior Honor Society. Students must maintain a 90% average, show leadership, and participate in extracurricular activities. Special thanks to Debbie Gloor and Michelle Corcoran, who serve as advisors to the society and coordinated the beautiful induction ceremony.



Congratulations to the inductees, special guests, event coordinators and administrators who made the National Junior Honor Society induction special. Middle School Principal Frank Naccarato addressed National Junior Honor Society inductees.

2010 National Junior Honor Society Inductees:

William Borkofsky
 Vanessa Cardino
 Rebecca Conway
 Alexander Damone
 Emily Fitzgibbon
 Emily Herrlich
 Stephanie Hovanec
 Thomas Jansson

Puneet Kapoor
 Hayley Kay
 Brett Keeler
 Kyle Keeler
 Joshua Lewis-Jefferson
 Jenna Liguori
 Heather Lindemann

Tanish Marrocha
 Justin Meyers
 Shivam Patel
 Tanisha Pawa
 Sabrina Valdez
 Nina Williams

World Countries Highlighted at International Day 2010

With more than 400 students participating, over 100 countries were represented at Lindenhurst Middle School's sixth annual International Day. In teams of two and three, middle school students set up booths, detailing different countries from around the world. Students displayed photos and memorabilia and also served traditional foods from the nations they had researched, and played music native to these countries. The foods, music, and sights from all the places around the globe were tremendous. Special events included eating contests, a performance by the Select Chorus, music provided by disc jockey Michael, and Irish step dancing.

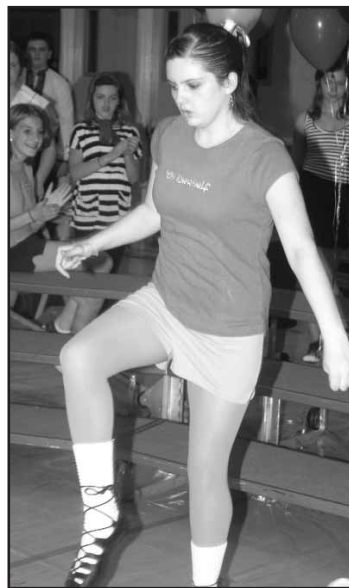
"International Day was an amazing display of many cultures," said coordinator Lisa Carboy. "The students had a great time putting it all together."



The Spanish Club eating contest was a fan favorite at International Day.



Lindenhurst Middle School students enjoyed International Day.



An Irish step dancer shows the crowd some dancing moves.

Students Enjoy TIE-DYING WORKSHOP

More than 100 Lindenhurst Middle School students and staff recently enjoyed an afternoon of tie-dying at a special workshop, sponsored by the Consumer and Family Science Department. As students also enjoyed a pizza and juice snack, they learned about different forms of tie-dye.

Tie-dying is an interesting technique to color and transform simple white cotton fabrics into colorful, intriguing patterns. Students received a white "Live, Learn, Lindy" T-shirt and chose a rainbow, bulls eye or spiral pattern for their shirt.

"Everyone seemed to have a great time," exclaimed coordinator Rosanne Giugliano.



Students learn various tie-dying techniques at special workshop from teachers.



Lindenhurst Middle School students prepare their T-shirts for tie-dying.

Varsity Baseball Team Wins STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Lindenhurst High School Baseball team recently completed an amazing year. Winners of the New York State, Long Island and Suffolk County Championship games, the Bulldogs finished the season with a 26-1 record.

They were league champions and had a 20-1 overall regular season record. The team won the Walt Williams Award for best league record in Suffolk County, ranked number one on Long Island in New York State Class AA, and won the State Championship games at Binghamton University.

Coach Mike Canobbio said, "Assistant Coach Rich Rogers has done a wonderful job with all of the hitters." Both coaches are also extremely proud of the team's accomplishments in the classroom, as well. Twelve players have averages of 90 or above, and five others are in the high 80s.

Coach Canobbio commented that seniors Tom Bammann, Ryan Gillespie, Zach Durbin and Vin Trapani, along with juniors Nick Bianco and Marc Gelson and sophomores Joe Wilson, Vin Valela and Ken Skon, have all contributed immensely to make this extraordinary season a true team effort.

Player milestones include Jon McGibbon getting his 100th career varsity hit – a school record - and Jimmy Briggs hitting his 21st career varsity home run – also a school record. Pitchers Joe Lovizio and Rich Vrana completed undefeated seasons of their own. Mike Roehrig, Dan DiBlasi, Ryan Manning and Alex Genao all batted over .300. Jon McGibbon, Steve Skon and Ken Gentile each batted over .400. Jimmy Briggs batted over .500 for the second consecutive year.



The Lindenhurst High School Bulldogs prepare for the Long Island Championship game at Farmingdale State University with a special pre-game warmup.



LINDY SPORTS BRIEFS

Girls Softball:

The Lindenhurst Girls Softball team, led by first-year coach Rick Caravaggio, made it back to the playoffs this year. Last year the team won four league games and this year they won 11. The team was led by All-County senior Lindsey Coppola, who hit eight home runs and drove in 30 runs, which ranked her second on Long Island. She finished the season with a batting average of .478. Lindenhurst also had two All-League players, juniors Amanda Ramirez and Lauren Gallagher. "The future looks bright for this team," exclaimed Coach Caravaggio.

Boys Lacrosse:

Kevin Hartley was selected 1st team All-County and James Mulz was selected 1st team All-Division for the Boys Varsity Lacrosse team. The team is coached by Andre Dattero

8th Grade Baseball:

The Lindenhurst Middle School 8th grade baseball team pitched a no-hitter against Bay Shore. Anthony Lanzieri, Scott Barany, and Brandon DeTemple combined on the feat. The team won the game 6-1, and is coached by Matthew Guillet.

◆ AWARDS HONOR OUTSTANDING ATHLETES ◆

The Lindenhurst High School's Varsity Awards Banquet was held in early June at the Melville Marriott. Coordinated by the Varsity Club and the Lindenhurst School District athletic department, the evening serves to recognize the dedication of Lindenhurst athletes and the many programs they participate in.

The banquet began with the grand procession of the Most Valuable Players for each team. Outstanding athletes were chosen for the Lindenhurst Hall of Fame. Individual awards were presented to athletes and coaches throughout the evening. Football coach Nick Lombardo and tennis coach Debi Bonanduci received the prestigious Bulldog Award for their continuous support of Lindenhurst Athletics.

"The evening celebrated the accomplishments of the student-athletes and coaches throughout the school year," announced Director of Athletics Richard Roche. "In addition, we celebrated the academic achievements of our teams. Eleven of our varsity teams were recognized as New York State Scholar-Athlete Teams."



Hall of Fame winners were recognized at the Varsity Athletic Awards.



The Varsity Athletic Awards honors Key Club winners.



Athletes of the Year Rhianna Conger and Jon McGibbon with their coaches.