

LINDENHURST HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS BRIEFS

GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

The freshman girls on the Cross-Country team have placed and medaled at recent invitationals, and participated in the ninth and tenth-grade championship. The team has intense workouts which have tremendously influenced performance this year. "The strong training has helped the girls improve endurance and speed," explained coach Dave Carlson.

BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

The Boys Cross-Country team has displayed much improvement from last season. Junior Brandon Ahl has become one of the top runners for the team. Senior captains Vinny Cimeri and Damian Lee are also leading the team to succeed. The goal is to make the county championships, held in November.

BOYS SOCCER

The Boys Varsity Soccer team lost in the first round of the Class AA playoffs to Half Hollow Hills West. The team participated in a summer camp at Bucknell University, where the Bulldogs lost in the finals. The team also had a successful trip to the Soccer Hall of Fame Tournament in Oneonta at the beginning of the season.

The defense is led by goalies senior Joe Aglio and sophomore James Brostowski, and defenders junior Zach Sesselman, sophomore Nick Doran and senior Ryan Gillespie.

The offense is in high gear with freshman Jack Sumski, junior Hayri Altintas and senior James Briggs adding the scoring punch. The team relies heavily on senior midfielders Kenny Gentile and Dan Diblasi for leadership down the backstretch.

Coach Rich Kloska explained "This season's wins and losses don't really show how well the boys played. They lost some close games."

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

The Girls Varsity Soccer team lost to West Islip in the first round of the playoffs. The team was off to a great start, with wins against Commack and William Floyd. They also defeated North Babylon for the first time in five years, and were determined to receive a playoff berth this year. The team enjoyed a good first half of the season, despite a few tough losses and ties.

"Don't give up five minutes before a miracle," exclaimed head coach Sara McGuire.

GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER

This year's Girls Junior Varsity Soccer team was led by captains Cassie O'Connor, Ecco Matlak, Courtney McCarthy, & Andrea Aiello.

With goalkeeper Cassie O'Connor minding the net, the girls worked hard to earn wins over Sachem, Ward Melville, and William Floyd. Defensively the girls are anchored by Courtney McCarthy, Gina Devito, Nicole Intrieri, Alyssa Barthelmes, Ashleigh Cerrato and Amanda Bartolomeo. The midfield is led by Julie Bozzo, Cooper Sesselman, Ecco Matlak, Meredith Pennisi, Jeanine Verderosa and Alexa Haines. Other players that contributed were Trisha Serras, Rebecca Wright, Nicole Saracino, Caitlin Cress, and Nicole Doner. They have caused havoc for opposing defenders.

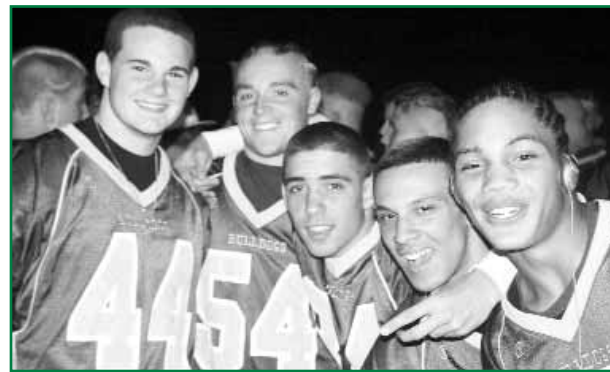
Thanks to Alexandra Evans for volunteering to keep the team's scorebook this season.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Girls Volleyball team is heading for the playoffs this season. They are rebuilding after a highly successful season last year, making their way to the state championship game. They are dealing with the loss of many star seniors. The team remained hopeful that they can relive some of last year's glory. "Winning is not the team's focus this season," explained Coach Kellie Block. "We are working on getting the girls to understand the game more thoroughly."

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

Pride of Lindy is what you will see every time the Varsity Field Hockey team steps on the field to play. No matter what team they are playing, from the first place to the last, an exciting game is guaranteed until the end. Their motto stands out to all: "Play like a Champion Every Day." The team, coached by Kathy Skon and Tricia McNeilly, has a "never-give-up" attitude. Senior captains Brianna Lamarca and Alexandra Donovan have shown leadership throughout the season. The team graduated ten seniors from last year's team, so this season's team has a lot of new talent. Lindy will continue to work hard and take on one team at a time. The team came up short for this season's playoffs.





LINDY SPOTLIGHT

LINDENHURST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Lindenhurst Union Free School District

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BUSINESSWEEK RANKS

Lindenhurst Among

TOP DISTRICTS

to Offer Good Schools and Affordable Homes

BusinessWeek, in conjunction with real estate website Cyberhomes, identified Lindenhurst as a town that offers excellent schools and affordable homes. In an article published in the September 24th issue, entitled "The Best Schools in the Most Affordable Zip Codes," the Lindenhurst Zip Code, 11757, was ranked as number seven in this national survey of the most affordable zip codes with the best schools. The research looked at home values and test scores.

Cyberhomes limited the ranking to zip codes with at least three public schools and rejected zip codes in which the average school rating from GreatSchools.net was below 8 (GreatSchools.net, a California nonprofit, rates schools on a 1-10 scale based on standardized test scores). The zip codes were then ranked based on relative affordability, with the highest-ranked zip codes having the lowest median home price compared with the local metro area's median home price.

"I am pleased that Lindenhurst was ranked so high in this national survey," announced Superintendent Richard Nathan. The link to the *BusinessWeek* article is posted on the Lindenhurst School District home page at www.lindenhurstschools.org.

Homecoming 2009

FILLS LINDENHURST WITH EXCITEMENT



The junior class winning float from Toy Story.



Ninth-grade girls march in the parade.



Homecoming King Tom Juba and Queen Rachel Blum.



Excitement and spirit were in the air all over Lindenhurst for this year's Homecoming festivities. The fun began on Friday afternoon, October 9th, with the Lindenhurst Middle School Pep Rally. Team members from all sporting teams showed off their "Lindy Pride." Green and white was everywhere and the Lindy Bulldog mascot encouraged cheers throughout the crowd.

The festivities continued in the evening as the Lindenhurst High School Pep Rally brought together members of all sports teams to display their spirit. Also represented were the marching band, dance teams and cheer squads. The excitement peaked as the traditional announcement of the Homecoming Queen and King, Rachel Blum and Tom Juba, took place. A colorful Grucci fireworks display ended the evening with additional entertainment. The annual Homecoming Parade was held the following day. The floats started at Fireman's Park, made their way down Wellwood Avenue, and ended at Lindenhurst Middle School. This year's theme of movies produced original and colorful floats. The junior class won first place with their *Toy Story* float. The seniors came in second with *The Little Mermaid* theme.

Following the parade, the Lindenhurst Bulldogs Football team battled against the Commack Cougars on the field. The Bulldogs defeated the Cougars with a score of 29-6 in a solid team effort. The Bulldogs victory culminated a great weekend of tradition and spirit.

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TINA LACKNER AND DIANE MILLER

Named
"Librarians of the Year"

Tina Lackner and Diane Miller, Lindenhurst High School's Library Media Specialists, were selected 2009-2010 Librarians of the Year by Western Suffolk BOCES.

"The nominees have demonstrated outstanding service to students and staff, nurtured a love of reading through creative programming, and participated in professional development to support excellence in librarianship," according to Roger Podell, Director of Western Suffolk BOCES School Library System. "The award is open to any library media specialist whose school is a member of the system."

Tina Lackner and Diane Miller have transformed the Library Media Center at Lindenhurst High School into an epicenter of everything that students need. "They have an unquenchable thirst for keeping connected with current technological advances, and have a passion for teaching and a love for learning that matters," declared Assistant Principal Linda Flannelly.

Those that visit the Library Media Center will likely see Ms. Lackner and Ms. Miller doing the following:

- Teaching and/or co-teaching
- Reading and researching materials that excite teens
- Facilitating a teen book club that encourages intellectual discourse face-to-face, or in the form of blogging
- Conducting assemblies to inform students about the resources available to them
- Training staff in the use of eBoards, PowerPoint, online parent-teacher conference scheduling, and plagiarism software
- Hosting events for parents, students, and community members
- Displaying student-produced work.



(L-R) Lindenhurst High School's Library Media Specialists, Tina Lackner and Diane Miller, were selected as "Librarians of the Year" by Western Suffolk BOCES.

"We are truly honored to receive this award," exclaimed Ms. Lackner and Ms. Miller.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE:

BusinessWeek recently featured an article entitled "The Best Schools in the Most Affordable Zip Codes." The magazine identified 25 zip codes around the country that offer both good schools and affordable homes. Home values and standardized test scores were used to rank the school districts. I am pleased to report that the Lindenhurst UFSD was ranked number seven in this national survey. The article states that it's good to know that a top education is not just available to the wealthy.

I recently met with our staff of over 600 teachers and administrators. I stood before them and told them that when I think about the tremendous responsibilities we have as educators, the words of Chaim Ginott, the teacher and psychologist, come to mind. "As a teacher, I have come to the frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in the classroom. It is my personal approach that creates the climate. It is my daily mood that makes the weather. As a teacher I possess tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated, a child humanized or dehumanized."

I reminded staff that it is our responsibility to help our children achieve their dreams. We need to do whatever it takes to help our students. We should have a mindset that says, "I will do this for you because you are in my classroom, my office, my hallway, my athletic field, my stage, my gymnasium, my all-purpose room, my cafeteria, my playground, my school, and that means I have for you the same dreams that I have for my own children. So I will support you, I will demand greatness of you and I will do whatever it takes to help you be successful."

For many years we have declared that "Lindenhurst is the home of good schools." Good schools? That's not enough! We should be the home of great schools, of excellent schools! I believe that in order to achieve this and to truly have the "best" schools, we must continue to encourage academic excellence, but we must also turn our schools into places where students feel cared about, welcomed, valued and seen as more than just learners - they need to be seen as resources. We will continue with our efforts in Lindenhurst to build strong character and to foster academic success, because we know that our children are our future.

Sincerely,
Richard Nathan

Superintendent of Schools

Autism Advanced
Certificate Program Offered

The OWL Teacher Center is proud to announce a new class this fall. After a year of planning, the center is offering a 15-credit Advanced Certification in Autism Spectrum Disorders through Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. The program began in September and will end in June 2010.

Teachers from Lindenhurst and surrounding districts are enrolled in the classes, which meet every Thursday in the Administration Building. The response to the program was so overwhelming that only half of the teachers who applied could be accepted into the Lindenhurst program. Another class was started in order to accommodate all of the teachers who wanted this certification.

The participants are classroom teachers, psychologists, social workers, speech and language teachers and other support staff who work with students on the spectrum. It is commendable that the dedicated professionals change roles from teacher to student so that they may better understand and educate autistic students.

Director of the OWL Teacher Center Jennifer Bova was instrumental in bringing the program to Lindenhurst. She believes that "this type of professional development must be made available due to the growing number of children on the spectrum. Teachers must have knowledge of accommodations required by students with disabilities." For more information about the program, please call Jennifer Bova at 867-3855, or email jbova@lindenhurstschools.org.



Teachers enrolled in the new Advanced Certification in Autism Spectrum Disorders class begin their studies.

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A Message from Board of Education President Edward J. Murphy Jr.:

Dear Neighbor:

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to share with you that our district was recently ranked as the 7th most valued school district in the nation by Business Week. The Board looks forward to the community's continued support of the public education system here in Lindenhurst.



This past month Governor Paterson proposed a mid-year state aid cut to school districts. Please contact our State Legislators: Senator Charles J. Fuschillo Jr. (516) 882-0630, Senator Owen H. Johnson (631) 669-9200, and Assemblyman Robert K. Sweeney (631) 957-2087, to let them know that the Lindenhurst taxpayers can not absorb almost \$2.5 million dollars of the State's debt. With all the progress our children have made, such cuts would be devastating to their education.

Recently the Board of Education had a demographic study done by Western Suffolk BOCES that provided us with a number of proposed options for future student housing. Administration is going to do an analysis of the financial and educational impact of all potential options for the Board's consideration.

Thanks to the community's input, the Board of Education meeting agendas will now be posted on the Lindenhurst Public School website.

Edward Murphy
President,
Board of Education

Board of Education Honored During School Board Recognition Week

The Lindenhurst Board of Education was honored at a recent Community Forum for their dedication to the school district. Each Board member was presented with a certificate and a clock for their achievements, in celebration of School Board Recognition Week, October 19-23, 2009. School Board Recognition week is observed by more than 700 districts.

It acknowledges the contribution and commitment of members of the Lindenhurst school board, who volunteer their time to serve the district. The nine Board members devote many hours of service and strive for improvement and excellence for the Lindenhurst School District.



Superintendent Richard Nathan thanks trustee Raymond Doran, in honor of School Board Recognition Week.



Harding Avenue's select orchestra dedicated their performance to the Lindenhurst Board of Education at the Community Forum.

MARCHING BAND ROCKS AT HOFSTRA

Lindenhurst High School's marching band once again performed at Hofstra University in the Newsday Marching Band Festival in October. Schools from throughout Long Island performed for three days of festivities. The band put in many hours of practice over the summer to perfect their performance.

"This group was great," exclaimed Band Director Kevin Pike. "All students involved in the marching band have a great attitude and are a hardworking group of students."



The Lindenhurst High School Marching Band at homecoming.

Advanced Placement Scholars Recognized for Achievements

Forty-six students at Lindenhurst High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams. The College Board's Advanced Placement program provides academically prepared students with the opportunity to take college-level courses while still in high school.

Congratulations to 11 students for qualifying for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of 3.5 on all AP exams and grades of three or higher on five or more exams. These students are Joseph Bozzo, Courtney DeRosa, Mary Dillon, Jessica Guise, Joseph Iannacci, Eleni Mourdoukoutas, Nicole Savin, Courtney Triola, Ariel Villano, Katarzyna Zabrocka, and Reem Zohny.

Eight students are to be commended for receiving the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams: Jonathan Belanich, Janice Chheda, Richard McDonald, Kenneth St. John, Sonica Sundri, Robert Boyles, Robert Wadolowski, and Stephanie Zirbes.

The AP Scholar Award is achieved by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. Twenty-seven were recognized for this accomplishment: Mina Aknouk, Scott Bertolino, Javier Bonilla, Sarah Boujida, Katharine Byrne, William Charlock, Morgen Coiro, Jamie Dice, Nicole Gardell, Heather Guilfoyle, Ashley Hebel, Matthew Iannacci, Heather Johnston, Riana Kuttler, Joseph Lovizio, Ryan McCormick, Steven Nelson, Joy Pawirosetiko, Stephen Perkins, Scott Petersen, Nicole Piscioneri, Jason Plevik, Amanda Regina, Kaitlyn Risberg, Michael Rossiello, Thomas Schrank, Olivia Szyszko, and Vincent Trapani.



Advanced Placement Scholars with Principal Daniel E. Giordano: seniors Mina Aknouk, Scott Bertolino, Katherine Byrne, Morgen Coiro, Heather Johnston, Riana Kuttler, Joseph Lovizio, Stephen Perkins, Michael Rossiello, Thomas Schrank, Kenneth St. John, Sonica Sundri, Vincent Trapani, and Robert Wadolowski.

Elementary Learning

Bower Honors Summer Readers

E.W. Bower Elementary School honored 55 students who participated in Senator Owen Johnson's summertime reading program, with a special lunch at the Silver Pheasant restaurant, located on Montauk Highway. Thank you to Patty and Suzanne Oleaga of the Silver Pheasant family, who gave the school a special deal on the lunch, which included ice cream and "goodie bags" for each student.

The program requirement was for students to read a minimum of three books over the summer and to write a summary of each book. Senator Johnson's office also issues certificates to each participant. The event is coordinated by reading specialists Maria Bohrer and Debra Mauro. "We are pleased that the number of children who participate each year increases," proclaimed Ms. Mauro.



Bower students with Principal Donna Smawley at their special lunch for participating in the summer reading program.



Bower students with reading specialist Maria Bohrer at the summer reading program luncheon.

Jump-Start Program Helps Students

Albany Avenue Elementary School's English as a Second Language (ESL) students got a head start on learning before school opened through a special Jump-Start Program, held the last week of August.

The students practiced the Pledge of Allegiance, and were introduced to daily school activities. They also became familiar with some of the Albany Avenue policies and procedures. The students worked under the supervision of teachers Sylwia Hulewicz, JoAnne Russo, Maria Rotta and Dorothy Ferro.



Albany Avenue students practice the Pledge of Allegiance in a special Jump-Start program.

Dalmatians Participate in Homecoming

William Rall Elementary School students marched in the Lindenhurst School District's Homecoming Parade, from Fireman's Park to Lindenhurst Middle School, with the theme of *101 Dalmatians*. Many students and the PTA volunteers were instrumental in this year's festivities. "Rall had a great showing," exclaimed Principal Patricia Castine. "Everyone had an awesome time."



William Rall students march in the Homecoming Parade with the 101 Dalmatians theme.

Learning Centers Teach First Graders

The students at Daniel Street Elementary School in Erica Bohrer's class are learning about literacy centers during the literacy block. The class has ten different centers each week and the students attend two each day. The centers allow Ms. Bohrer to pull a group and

teach them to read using guided reading. At the "listening" center, students first listen to a book on CD and then complete a simple log for that book. At the "spelling" center they use rubber stamps and grid paper to stamp out the spelling words. "The students seem to enjoy the different ways of independent learning to improve their reading," explained Ms. Bohrer.



First graders use rubber stamps at the spelling literacy center.



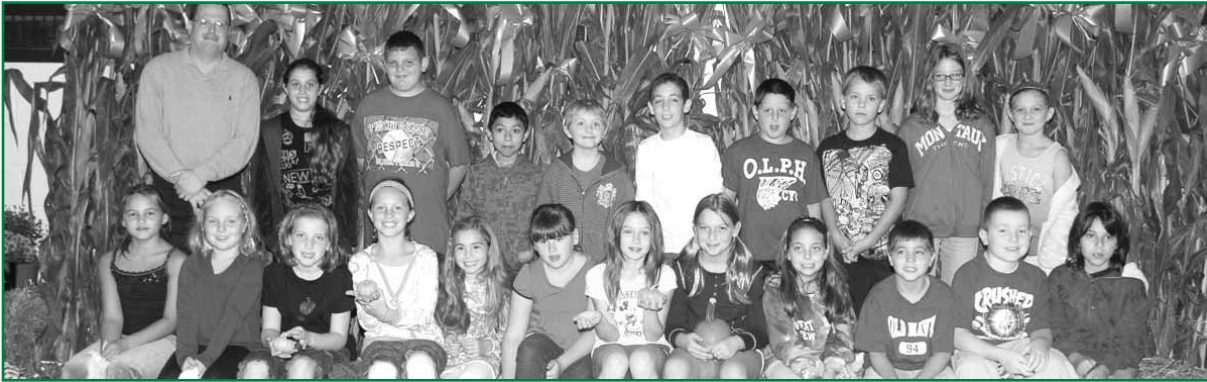
Students log stories at the listening literacy center.

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Students Treated to a Pumpkin Patch

Alleghany Avenue Elementary School students were recently treated to a pumpkin patch in the school's gymnasium. In past years the patch had been held on the softball field, but due to inclement weather, this year's event was brought inside. Each student was able to handpick their pumpkin and purchase other fall cornucopia items such as corn, mini pumpkins and signs. The cornucopia is associated with the harvest season. "Our school is one of the first to do the pumpkin patch," noted PTA President Regina Cuffaro.

Students entered the patch and went directly to have class photos taken by the haystacks with the big pumpkin. Thank you to the PTA for all their help with making the event a success.



Fourth graders in Thomas Stylianos's class pose at the school pumpkin patch.



Kindergarteners in Jennifer Corrigan's class display the pumpkins they picked.

FIRE SAFETY PROMOTED AT WEST GATES

Members of the Lindenhurst Volunteer Fire Department spoke with West Gates Avenue Elementary School students on fire safety as a part of fire prevention month awareness.

Lindenhurst's Union Hook and Ladder Company #1 and Liberty Hose leader Harry Pro led the students in the discussion of safety. Mr. Pro reminded students never to play with stoves, matches and lighters. Volunteer fifth-grade students demonstrated the Stop-Drop-Roll theme, and showed specifically how to roll back and forth if any clothing catches fire.

Mr. Pro also talked about the importance of smoke detectors, and how families should have a detector in every room except the kitchen and bathroom. He reminded students to change the batteries in smoke detectors twice a year.

The firefighter uniform was discussed with students. Mr. Pro showed the extra cushioned knee pads and steel boots, and emphasized how the fireman's jacket is waterproof and water resistant.



Harry Pro talks to students about fire safety.



Lindenhurst volunteer firefighter shows how to crawl during a fire.

LINDENHURST FIRE DEPARTMENT Honors Harding Student

Shares Safety Tips

Harding Avenue Elementary School students received a special visit from members of the Lindenhurst Volunteer Fire Department as a part of fire prevention week.

A special recognition was given to fourth grader Ryan Coppolla, who recently had a fire in the kitchen of his home. He promptly proceeded to get his two younger siblings and two neighbor children out of the house. "We are extremely proud of his efforts," exclaimed his parents Heidi and Patrick Coppolla. "He knew all the right things to do." Lindenhurst's Union Hook and Ladder Company #1 leader Harry Pro led the students in the discussion of fire safety. Mr. Pro reminded students never to play with stoves, matches and lighters. Student volunteers demonstrated the Stop-Drop-Roll theme, and showed on the gymnasium floor specifically how to roll back and forth if any clothing catches fire. Mr. Pro also talked about the importance of smoke detectors, staying low, using baking soda on fire, and having a family meeting place outside the home. The firefighter uniform was also displayed and discussed with students.

Thank you to all the Lindenhurst Fire Department volunteers who helped educate Harding Avenue students on fire safety.



Members of the Lindenhurst Volunteer Fire Department, Harding Avenue Principal Brian Chamberlin, and Heidi, Patrick and Ryan Coppolla.

Fire Prevention Safety Tips

October was National Fire Prevention Month. Here are some tips, provided by the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA), to help keep children and homes safe all year.

- Always place hot food in the center of the table.
- Ensure that bath and shower water is no higher than 100 degrees.
- Allow food cooked in a microwave to cool before eating.
- Have adults blow out lit candles when they leave the room.
- Turn off portable space heaters whenever an adult leaves the room or goes to sleep.
- Place items that can burn at least three feet from anything that may be hot.
- Make sure an adult stays in the kitchen whenever food is cooking on the stovetop.
- Have an adult test all smoke alarms every month to ensure that they work.
- Install a smoke alarm on every level of the home and inside every bedroom.
- Develop and practice an escape plan.

Former Congressman Felix J. Grucci Jr. Talks with Students

Students at Lindenhurst High School welcomed former United States Representative Felix J. Grucci Jr. to speak to social studies classes in conjunction with Constitution Day on September 17. Former Congressman Grucci served on the Brookhaven Town Council, was elected as Brookhaven Town Supervisor, and elected to Congress for a two-year term from 2001 to 2003.



Former Congressman Felix J. Grucci Jr. speaks to Lindenhurst High School students in conjunction with Constitution Day.

The former Congressman spoke to the students about the importance of the United States Constitution and how people interpret and change ideas without actually altering the written words of the Constitution. He emphasized that it is good for students to develop habits of good citizenship.

Students were able to question the former Congressman after the lecture. "They truly liked Mr. Grucci," observed Ralph Viggiano, Lindenhurst High School's Political Science and Government teacher.

Social Studies Coordinator Richard Finder stated, "Congressman Grucci spoke about his own political experiences while in Congress, as well as current topics such as health care reform."

Peer Leaders Visit Shelter Island

Richard Caravaggio's peer leadership students took a trip to Shelter Island in late September. The students stayed overnight at Quinipet Camp and participated in "Project Adventure" activities. These events train students to become involved, learn leadership skills, build trust, and bond together. Some of the activities included rock climbing, taking directions while blindfolded, and balancing across a ropes course.

The students found the experience rewarding and fun, and it gave them a chance to learn more about themselves and others. Student Chelsea Joyce stated, "The trip expanded the students' capabilities of working together cooperatively."

Mr. Caravaggio's class assisted at freshman orientation and act as role models to other Lindenhurst High School students throughout the year.



Richard Caravaggio's Peer Leaders at Shelter Island.

LIVING ENVIRONMENT STUDENTS Perform Hands-on Laboratory Experiments

Students in Alicia Napoli's Living Environment classes enjoyed spending time doing a gel electrophoresis, which is a real laboratory technique used by scientists that uses DNA to determine relationships between organisms.

This technique is often used to identify a person when DNA is left at a crime scene.

Students in Mrs. Napoli's class used dyes that mimicked the movement of DNA through a gel. By observing the patterns and the dyes created, students were able to identify the "unknown." This test can also be used to determine relationships between people, such as in a paternity test.

"The tenth-grade students loved performing real-life experiments in the laboratory," explained Living Environment teacher Alicia Napoli.



Tenth-grade students in the Living Environment class enjoyed working on a gel electrophoresis lab.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT *Sponsors College Fair*

The Lindenhurst High School Guidance Department sponsored a mini college fair to educate students on academic opportunities after high school. More than 85 colleges were present to provide students with further insight into their options after graduating from high school. Many students attended to gather more information on prospective schools.

"We had more students attend this year than in the past," said guidance counselor and fair coordinator Debra Strell. "It is great that many colleges come here to share their information."



Seniors talk to college representatives about the academic programs they offer.



Lindenhurst seniors are all smiles at the mini college fair.

Chef Rick Fine Visits the CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS

Chef Rick Fine of The International Culinary Schools at The Art Institutes enjoyed his visit to Lindenhurst High School to talk to the Baking and Culinary Arts classes on career options in the culinary arts. He discussed options offered by The Art Institutes such as Art Media Design, Digital Media and Film, and Culinary Management.

He also discussed the health benefits of garlic, why Asian Fusion is popular, and what "making it look good" is all about in the industry.

Chef Fine demonstrated the preparation of a special brochette with cheeses, garlic, spices and artichoke hearts. Student volunteers helped create, distribute, and sample the delicacy at the end of the lesson. "That was really good, and healthy too," said one student as she exited the classroom.

Teacher and coordinator Caroline Naluai exclaimed, "Successful chefs like Rick Fine truly inspire students interested in learning more about culinary arts."

GERMANS VISIT LINDENHURST



Students and administrators with friends from the Torgau School in Germany, outside the middle school.

German teacher Wolfgang Scarpippe and some of his colleagues from the Torgau School in Germany recently visited Lindenhurst Middle School to discuss life in their country. He enjoyed educating students about schooling in Germany and the American participation in the demolition of the Berlin Wall. He spoke about life in Germany, and some of the similarities and differences from life in Lindenhurst. The Family and Consumer Science teachers and students baked traditional German cookies during the visit.

There has been an ongoing relationship between the Torgau School and the Lindenhurst School District for several years. The students from Germany always leave with "Lindy Pride" souvenirs.



Lindenhurst Middle School students with administrator Hans Sebald enjoy making German cookies with the teachers from Germany.

Pep Rally

The middle school Pep Rally kicked off Homecoming weekend. All teams were represented and "Lindy Pride" was in the air. The Lindy Bulldog cheered on the crowd. Everyone got excited for a fun-filled Homecoming weekend.

Photos from the Lindenhurst Middle School Pep Rally

