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Lindenhurst Middle School PTA

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President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our students and their families to the Lindenhurst Middle School. I'm sure everyone will have a fun-filled learning experience this year. The PTA has been working together to provide you with various programs and events that I hope you enjoy.

I personally would like to thank everyone for volunteering their time. We can always use more support, though. Please help by joining the PTA. By joining the PTA you are supporting the financial wellness of our PTA. Without membership, there would be many less programs and events. Being a member does not mean that you have to attend meetings. Everyone is welcome to all meetings, regardless if it says executive or general. Thank you to our Membership Chairs, Joanne Biscardi and Kim Adams for their great job signing up new members!

I would like to thank Mr. Steven Cori and Mr. Tim Noonan for taking on the Homecoming float. Without them, there would not have been a float. Thank you to all the dedicated students who came out to help represent our school! Also, thank you to all the parents who enjoyed getting involved! You are awesome! The parade went off without any problems. The sun was shining and the students were well behaved! Thank you to Donna Daub and Julie Cichetti for all their help in getting donations, and to Mr. Chris Thompson for his generosity for the use of his trailer.

Our first dance is scheduled for October 26, 2012. Please come out and join us in chaperoning the evening. We can use many parents, including dads!

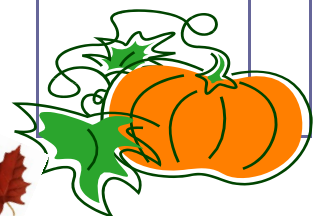
If there is any questions or concerns, you can email me @ krubino31@gmail.com or call me @ 631-226-2119. We are always looking for volunteers for both day and evening activities.

Kathy Rubino — Middle School PTA President



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Message from Mr. Naccaratto



October 21, 2012



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school year is off to a great start. All of our classes and programs have been running in a smooth and efficient fashion. Our staff has been diligent in ensuring your children know what is expected of them...grading policies, homework policies, attendance/lateness procedures, eligibility policy and more. All of our students have settled in to their daily routines and have started the hard work of taking on this year's curriculum.

As most of you already know our district is attempting to be as environmentally and fiscally conscious as possible. The district will no longer be mailing home report cards and progress reports. This information will now be available on our Parent Portal. If you have not yet signed up for the portal please do so by following the following directions:

Go to the Lindenhurst School Website.

On the far right had side, under Parents/Student, click on the Parent Portal – First Time Here.

Click on the link to create a new account. The following information will be needed to complete the process:

Your student's I.D. number which can be found on your Child's printed schedule.

Your own personal email address to complete the registration process.

Once finished, please be patient as it may take a few days for your account to be approved by district personnel. When your account is approved, you can use the appropriate email address and password to access your child's information at any time.

A big thank you to all of the students and faculty that were present at the Middle School pep-rally on October 5, 2012. It was great to see everyone show their support for the athletes and coaches that participate in our fall sporting events. The students' had fun cheering on their classmates and showing their LINDY PRIDE. I also want to thank the High School Cheerleaders who dazzled the students with their stunning routines. Our own band students were on hand to enhance the event by playing music selections to pump up the crowd. Their performance was very impressive with such a short period of time to learn each selection. Overall the students and staff enjoyed a great event.

LINDY PRIDE

Message from Mr. Naccaratto

Continued



I would like to thank the parent volunteers for helping build this year's homecoming float. They worked hand and hand with your children and did a wonderful job. The Giving Tree looked great and fit so well with the children book theme. The overall homecoming day was a huge success. As the Principal of the Middle School, I am extremely proud to have so many students and parents involved in this activity. Many thanks to all our students who wore red shirts and participated in the parade along with our PTA President, PTA parents and myself. The parade was entertaining for all.

Our band teacher, Ms. Kelly Hayes, along with the students that make up our Middle School Band, also deserve praise for their participation. We received many compliments on their homecoming performance. As always, I am looking forward to seeing what wonderful things they will accomplish this year.

To all of our parents and students, please be reminded that Quarterly Exams will begin on October 30th and continue through to November 2nd. We recommend that the students take a little time, each night, to study for these exams. If they try and cram their studying into one night, research shows that these students' stress level rises and they actually do worse on the exams. Listed below are some basic tips to help your child study and aid them in their success.

Find a good, quiet, well lit and comfortable place to study

Organize your study time

Focus on one thing at a time

Allow more time than you originally planned so that you can dedicate yourself to the process

When studying for a test, be sure to go over review sheets, classroom notes, past tests and quizzes and chapter review questions.

The first PTA dance is scheduled for October 26th from 7:30 to 10:00pm. Tickets will be on sale, during lunch periods, beginning October 23rd through October 25th. All students who wish to attend the dance must have a signed permission slip to purchase a ticket. Due to the school's fire code there are only 600 tickets available. If there are any parents who wished to chaperone this event it would be greatly appreciated.

Once again, I would like to remind you of the backpacks that were created for each grade on the Middle School web page. In each backpack you will find important information that is sent home from the main office and PTA. There is also a tab for after school activities along with their meeting times. In addition, you will find copies of the code of conduct, attendance policy, PTA dance contracts and building field trip information. We hope this information will keep everyone informed of the happenings at the Middle School.

As always, the Lindenhurst Middle School is the home of LINDY PRIDE!!!

Sincerely,

Frank D. Naccarato, Jr.

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Principal





Team Fordham

The students of Team Fordham are geared up and ready to thrive here at LMS. Our students have adapted well to our daily routines of schedules, Do Nows, planners and daily HW. In these first months of school we are stressing student-to-student and student-to-teacher communication to make for a risk free learning environment. Team Fordham is truly becoming unified!

As our first semester comes to a close, we have covered major topics including map skills, genres, fractions and SMI. We encourage you to continue to ***try your best***, and attend Accelerate U club Mondays through Thursdays here at LMS.

Mrs. Christiansen, Mrs. McCullum, Mrs. Josefson, Mrs. Moore,

Ms. Kissane, Ms. Dallao, Mrs. Muscarello, Mr. Mattera



Team NYU

The students of Team NYU have adjusted beautifully to the Lindenhurst Middle School's routines. They have made new friends and have become active learners. In Social Studies, students have reviewed geography skills while learning about new cultures. The students have learned how to think like historians and archaeologists to gain a better understanding of the history of the world.

Poetry is the topic being explored in Mrs. Capone and Mrs. Marine's classes. Students created their own poetic pieces to bring emotions to life and to connect with others. We are solving operations with fractions in Mrs. Innamorato and Mr. Gravina's classes. The students are discovering how fractions relate to our everyday lives.

Mrs. Hynes and Ms. Petrides have been enjoying watching the students get excited about science! We started out with learning about the Scientific Method using our own classroom experiment. We are now entering the world of cells and microscopes. Courtyard pond here we come! The students will get a chance to see up close and personal the microorganisms living right in our backyard!

In Reading the students have been learning all about the *Super Six Reading Strategies*. They have been actively engaged in reading nonfiction articles while implementing the strategies to improve their reading skills. We look forward to increasing our love for reading!





Team Cornell



This year is off to a great start for the students and teachers of Team Cornell. In Miss Waters's technology class, students are learning architectural drafting, which is the basis to every project in this class. Students will first learn about Layouts (2 dimensional drawings), followed by Obliques (3 dimensional drawings) and finally Orthographic Projections (representing 3 dimensional objects in 2 dimensions). In English class, Miss Weinstein's students are enjoying their Reading Workshop novels, while embarking on several short story units as well. They have already begun to explore old and new grammar and writing concepts. Finally, students are already on their second unit of vocabulary words from the school's universal academic word list. In Mr. Boeri's math classes, students are currently learning how to manipulate algebraic expressions. This will lead into the next topic, which is learning to solve equations. These are two of the most important topics this year, as these skills will be an integral part of the students' math classes from now through high school. Finally, Mr. Ledek's science classes are working on contour maps. They will shortly work on their labs, which will be a class favorite. Team Cornell is sure to have a successful year, filled with new, educational adventures.



Team Binghamton

Math (Mrs. Duryee and Mrs. Anderson)



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Math is going to be a challenging one this year. Students are learning the eighth grade Common Core State Standards and the ninth grade Integrated Algebra curriculums simultaneously. We began the year learning transformations. Each lesson incorporated kinesthetic learning where students needed to slide across the room (translate), mirror other students movements (reflection), turn their bodies (rotate), and move different sized boxes on the floor (dilate). Currently, we are focusing on the polynomials and scientific notation unit.



Team Stony Brook:

Stony Brook University

The State University of New York

**Math**

One of the goals of our class is to relate concepts learned in the classroom to the real world. For example, integers are a part of our daily lives. They are often used to describe things such as sports scores, temperature, time, and money. Knowing how to work with integers helps us make important decisions at work and at home.



In Unit 1, your child will learn about adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing integers. Your child will also learn how to find the absolute value of integers, write and simplify expressions, and write and solve equations. In the study of this chapter, your child will complete a variety of daily classroom assignments and activities and produce a chapter project that involves the Stock Market.

The Stock Market project is an activity you can do with your child that also relates the math we will be learning in Unit 1 to the real world.

You may also wish to log on to our class eBoard page and the parent portal for more information about our class and your child.

Mrs. Markowski/Mrs. Catron



7th Grade Family and Consumer Science



The Family and Consumer Science Department has started the new school year off with much anticipation and excitement. The students and teachers are all very motivated by the topics we will be getting involved with this year.

The Family and Consumer Science classes have started off with a unit on Money Management and the students seemed to really appreciate how important good money management skills are and how these skills can be applied to both their present situation and their future endeavors. With the state of our present economy, teaching students about proper Money Management seems more important than ever before. At the conclusion of the Money Management unit, each teacher's set of classes will move onto topics which include Culinary Arts, Sewing, and Careers.

We will once again be collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education labels from various products you may have in your home. Please keep this in mind and send in the Box Tops with your child. A list of the items with the Box Tops for Education label will be sent home with the students shortly.

The Family and Consumer Science Club is well on its way to an exciting year. The students went on a walking field trip to TOP BUN. A fun time was had by all who attended. The owners were very happy to have the students come down and discuss the reasons why they started the business, the various safety and sanitation standards they must uphold, and even involved the students in a game of "Hamburger Trivia". The students were amazed at how quickly they were able to feed 55 people delicious, hot food!

We look forward to an enjoyable school year working along with your children.

Enjoy this beautiful fall weather

Mrs. Giugliano and Mrs. Mansfield

PHYSICALS and 7th Grade Physicals



Students playing sports need only one physical per year. Physicals are given by the school doctor before each sport season. Four times per year at the Middle School. Please feel free to call the nurses' office for specific dates and times the physicals will be given throughout the school year.

ALL 7th graders are required by NY State law to have a physical on file with the nurse. If you would like to have your student seen by the school doctor for his/her physical, please call the nurses' office to schedule an appointment. There is no charge for this exam.

All students born on or after January 1, 1994 entering 6th grade in September 2012, must have a new vaccine called a Tdap. Failure to provide this immunization will result in your child's exclusion from school. Please contact your family physician or local health dept./clinic.



Thank you very much,

J. Passanante, RN

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Get Involved to Help Your Child Support the Lindenhurst Middle School PTA...

Add Your Voice

PTA is America's number one parent involvement resource. Your child is why you should belong. More than 30 years worth of research has proven that children do better when their parents are involved both at home and at school. Grades and test scores climb, self-esteem grows and schools improve. There's a simple way for you to help your child succeed: SUPPORT PTA. You will belong to a community of parents committed to their children's well being and to improving school performance.

Lindenhurst Middle School PTA Membership Dues Help Sponsor:

Middle School Play: This is an annual event where the children can show off their talent and even help behind the scenes, while having a great time. Alumni come back year after year to participate

Book Fair: Children have the opportunity to purchase books that interest them.

Dances: Fall, Winter, Spring and 8th Grade

In addition to many other activities.

PTA MEETINGS at Lindenhurst Middle School Cafeteria at 7:30p.m.

11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

Any questions please contact:	Kim Adams	957-7262
	Joanne Biscardi	412-3843

Please complete and tear off the bottom portion of this letter and return to your child's homeroom teacher with your payment. Please make check payable to **Lindenhurst Middle School PTA** (\$7 for first Member \$5 for each additional Member). RETURNED CHECKS WILL INCUR A \$10.00 BANK FEE.



PLEASE SUPPORT THE LINDENHURST MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA

Parent or Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Additional Member: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

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Student's Teacher and Homeroom # _____



Lindenhurst Middle School PTA



***Join us at our
Monthly Meetings
PTA Meeting Dates
2012-2013***

First Monday of each Month:

September 10, 2012 7:30 Executive Meeting

September 20, 2012 Thursday General Meeting

6:30 followed by Meet the Teacher

October 1, 2012 7:30 Executive Meeting

November 5, 2012 7:30 Executive Meeting

December 3, 2012 7:30 Executive Meeting

January 7, 2012 7:30 Exec/Gen Meeting

February 4, 2012 7:30 Executive Meeting

March 4, 2012 7:30 Exec/Gen Meeting

April 1, 2012 7:30 Exec/Gen Meeting

May 6, 2012 7:30 Exec/Gen Meeting

June 3, 2012 7:30 Exec/Gen Meeting



Please Note: These dates are subject to change-Watch your notices for any changes or corrections.





Parent involvement is crucial to the health and well-being of a child. As a parent, you are the most important influence in your child's success in school and in life. In this role, you have a fresh opportunity every day to get involved with your child.

Parent involvement in children's education allows kids to perform better in school, and navigate more easily some of the challenges of growing up, such as bullying.

PTA is committed to being the leading resource for parent involvement. We offer comprehensive resources for helping parents get involved and stay involved in the lives of their children. Look through these parent involvement categories and learn about new ways you can make a difference in your child's life. This section also serves as a clearinghouse for parent involvement ideas and resources.

PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships offer a framework for how families, schools, and communities should work together to support student success. Here are some ideas for how you can get involved in your child's school based on each of the six National Standards.

Standard One: Welcoming All Families into the School Community. Families are active participants in the life of the school, and feel welcomed, valued, and connected to each other, to school staff, and to what students are learning and doing in class.

- Offer to do a presentation about your culture to your child's class
- Offer to teach school staff to greet your family and other from the same culture in your language
- Suggest that the school hang welcome signs around the school in different languages
- Volunteer to be a mentor to another family that may have language or cultural differences
- Make sure you introduce yourself to new families
- Offer to volunteer in the school office by setting up a help and support desk to help new families

Standard Two: Communicating Effectively. Families and school staff engage in regular, two-way, meaningful communication about student learning.

- Make sure the PTA and the school staff are using different forms of communication to inform parents of upcoming events or changes in school policies. This may include: email, print, text messages, blogs, facebook and twitter.
- Establish regular communication with your child's teacher through email, phone calls, notes or visits. Don't wait until your child is struggling or be satisfied if everything is going well.
- Ask your child's teacher how they best liked to be reached (phone, email, in person) and communicate with them regularly that way.
- Participate in family involvement surveys conducted by PTA or the school. Every opinion matters.



Standard Three: Supporting Student Success. Families and school staff continuously collaborate to support students' learning and healthy development both at home and at school, and have regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively.

Make sure you connect with your child's teacher at the beginning of the year to find out what your child should know and be able to do by the end of the school year

Make sure you tell the teacher how your child learns best, what they do in their free time and what is going on at home

Work with the teacher to understand academic learning goals

Make sure you understand the school's standardized tests and how you can help prepare your child for these tests

Collaborate with your child's teacher on academic units and offer your expertise for units of study

Create a safe and structured place for your child to read and study every night.

Make sure your child gets enough rest. This includes the older students.

Standard Four: Speaking Up for Every Child. Families are empowered to be advocates for their own and other children, to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success.

Make sure you know the school's mission, goals and organizational structure

Encourage your school to offer workshops for parents in the school about school funded programs, policies and resources

Make sure you know about your rights as a parent under NCLB and other state and federal education policies

Help other families exercise their rights under state and federal education laws

Become a part of the school improvement committee that helps plan strategies to identify and resolve problems at school and improve academic performance

Learn advocacy strategies and techniques and share them with other parents

Standard Five: Sharing Power. Families and school staff are equal partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs.

Ask your principal or PTA to host a dialogue with families and school staff about issues and policies

Attend school meetings about policies and budget

Work with your PTA to involve a more diverse group of parents in its leadership

Meet with local officials such as school board members and local police to learn about education priorities and community resources

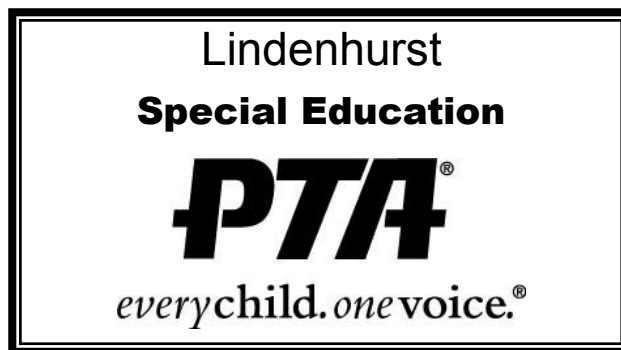
Join the school leadership team and recruit others to join as well

Standard Six: Collaborating with Community. Families and school staff collaborate with community members to connect students, families, and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation.

Share information about resources in the community with other parents. If there's a website or newspaper at your school, ask some one at the school to post the information on those communication vehicles

Reach out to community organizations and businesses you use and invite them to provide services, products and/or donations to the school





What is SEPTA

Ever hear the term “special needs child” and wonder if your child falls into that category? If your child has an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) receives related services such as PT, OT or resource room, your child has special needs. **Special Education PTAs(SEPTA)** are designed to help parents advocate for special needs children. It is a place for parents, teachers and administrators to exchange information on various programs, funding, ever-changing state and federal laws and to support each other on the many problems of adjustment, growth and development that our members face. SEPTA has regular meetings just like any other PTA, with speakers to run lectures or workshops on many pressing issues for our children. Lindenhurst SEPTA would like to invite you to attend one of our monthly meetings and add your voice. To learn more or to suggest topic of interest for workshops visit our e-board at www.septa.lindenhurstschools.site.eboard.com. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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2012-2013 Meeting Dates

September 2	7:00pm Meet Teacher	High School
October 24	7:30pm	Alleghany
November 28	7:30pm	McKenna
January 31 **	7:30pm	Wm. Rall
February 27	7:30pm	W. Gates
March 26	7:30pm	McKenna
April 23	7:30pm	Albany
April 30	7pm AWARDS	Middle School
May 21	7:30pm	Daniel
<i>June 18</i>	7:30pm	McKenna





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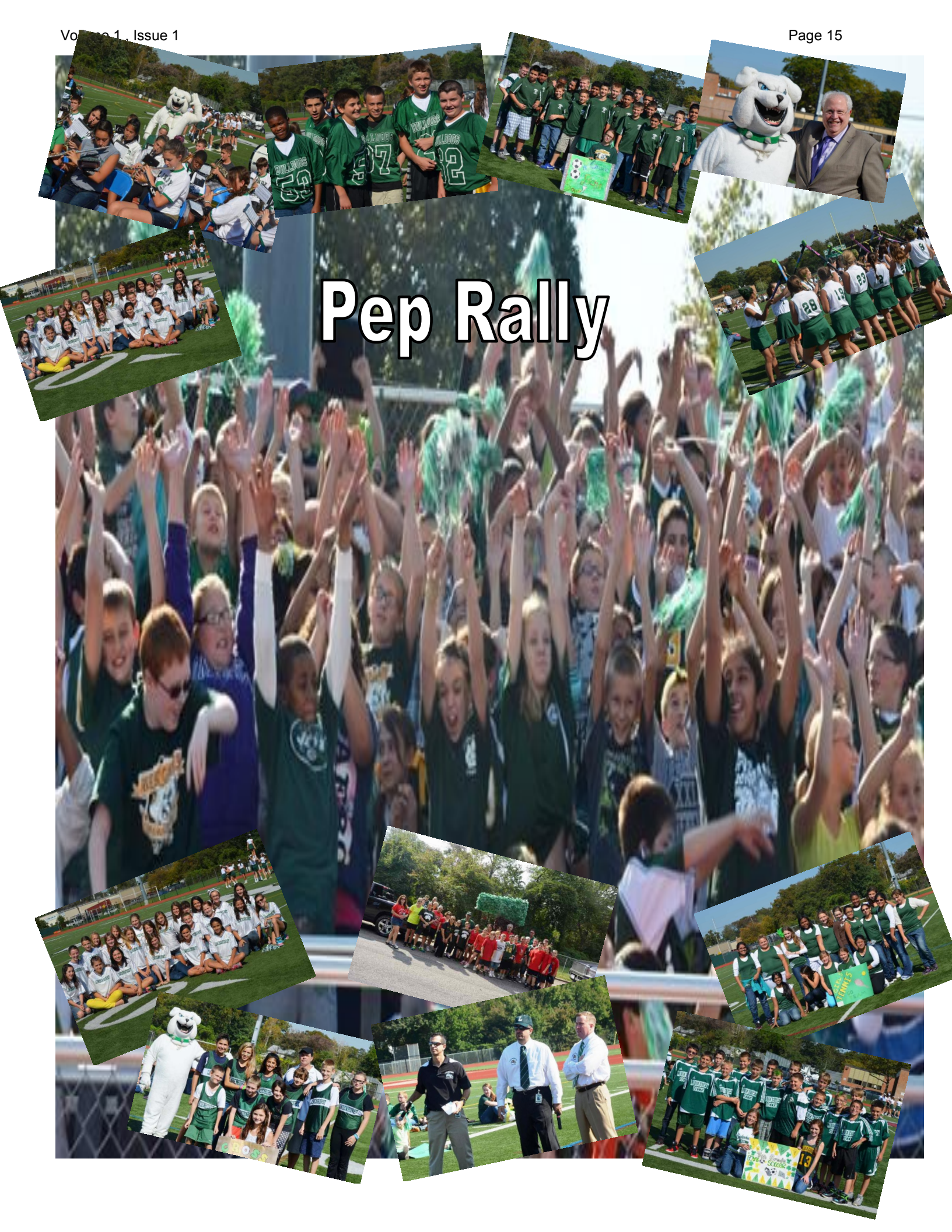
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Please place completed form and payment in an envelope addressed to SEPTA return to child's teacher or main office. Checks Payable to Lindenhurst SEPTA

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As a reminder, this year we will be going green, please read all future PTA Newsletters at the school's website www.lindenhurstschools.org . To ensure that we reach out to many Middle School parents, we are asking you to please provide your email address to us at lindenhurstmiddleschoolpta@gmail.com. You will be advised each time the newsletter becomes available for you to read.

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