

# The Applegram

Lyndonville Central School District

June 2011



## Welcome Interim Superintendent Tom Cox



Tom Cox has been selected by the Lyndonville Central School Board of Education as the Interim Superintendent of Schools beginning July 1, 2011. A Waterloo native, Cox is currently serving as Interim Superintendent of the Penn Yan School District. Cox brings 40 years of experience to Lyndonville as the former Deputy Superintendent of Monroe # 1 BOCES and Superintendent of the Gananda Central School District.

A former music teacher and baseball coach, Cox has served in many positions including assistant superintendent, elementary, middle and high school principal and deputy superintendent in many districts including Wayne Central School District, Canandaigua Academy, Marion Central, Starpoint Central School District near Lockport, Honeoye Falls-Lima Central Schools and East Irondequoit. "One of the common threads that I would say has run through my career is holding really high academic expectations, working to hold staff accountable, and providing them the tools through staff development that will allow them to provide that excellent education."

There have been number of positive developments in Lyndonville over the past few years, Cox said. There's been a lot of academic growth, financially the District is on solid footing, and exploration of future cost saving and academic improvement strategies will be studied by a Community Advisory Committee beginning this summer with the Board of Education.

As Interim Superintendent in Penn Yan, Cox said he is currently studying possibilities for consolidation of services with other Districts, something which may be beneficial in Lyndonville.

"We can't just keep cutting teachers and staff positions," he said. "We have to find ways to become more efficient, and if that means sharing services with other districts and we can do that in an appropriate matter, there's some savings to be had there I believe."

Tom and his wife Kim, Superintendent of the LeRoy Central School District, have three children and six grandchildren.

**The community is encouraged to come out to our Community Open House on Thursday, June 16 to welcome Tom Cox to the District.**

## Welcome Interim School Business Administrator Susan Villiers



Clarence native Susan Villiers recently took over as Interim School Business Administrator for the Lyndonville Central School District, to assist with the leadership transition and with the Community Advisory Committee and Board of Education study.

Former Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services in the North Tonawanda and Starpoint Central School Districts, Villiers has been in public school education for 38 years. Villiers said she's

looking forward to putting her school business experience to work in Lyndonville.

"Through my experience, and since my last 23 years was spent in the Orleans Niagara BOCES, I am familiar with a lot of the business resources available to the school districts and I've worked with a number of the vendors the District works with, so I think that will be advantageous as I work with Lyndonville over the next few months," she said.

Villiers and her husband Bryan have a 28-year-old son Brett, who is a newly certified teacher.

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## Letter from the Superintendent



The Board of Education and I would like to express our thanks for your support of our Lyndonville School 2011-2012 District budget. We are deeply appreciative of your continued support during these difficult economic times and will ensure the prudent use of our community and school resources.

Lyndonville residents approved the \$13,133,000 budget with a count of 223 “Yes” and 99 “No” votes on May 17. The

budget will provide for all currently funded programs and budgeted services, although we have reduced our staff and some elective courses due to an enrollment decline.

Thank you to those of you who provided feedback on the voter survey on May 17. Your feedback has been analyzed and will be helpful for our Board of Education and the Community Advisory Committee who will begin meeting this summer. Mr. Bill Silky and Mr. Alan Pole will be facilitating these important conversations. Opportunities for feedback and input through town meetings and surveys will be provided throughout the process. The budget exit survey

did indicate that academic achievement continues to be the number one priority and that many residents are concerned about escalating costs. This echoes concerns expressed by taxpayers across the state and throughout the nation. The district has been proactively working to reduce costs in areas where new approaches may result in more cost-effective operations.

We welcome new Board member Susan Hrovat and thank incumbents Edward Urbanik and Christina Feldman for their continued service. I'd like to express thanks and appreciation to William Jurinich for his years of outstanding leadership and recognize his many contributions to the success of the current capital improvement project.

As we look forward to our year-end activities, it is hard to believe that my first group of sixth graders is graduating this year. Where does the time go? I'd like to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve as your superintendent. I am committed, as a resident of our community, to finding innovative ways to maintain the proud traditions of LCS in these fiscally-challenging times.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Deane-Williams

## Olweus Bullying Prevention Program

In the early spring of 2011, the Lyndonville PEI began addressing *Dignity for All* legislation by forming a coordinating committee to oversee a systematic approach to improving bullying prevention. As part of the coordinating committee, Amy Muscato, Craig Paas, Bliss Thilkey, Gina Carncross, Christine Goodwin, Kim Nealon, and Patrick Whipple worked with behavioral specialists from Genesee Valley BOCES concerning the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) is the most researched and best-known bullying prevention program available today. Backed by more than thirty-five years of research and successful implementation in many different countries, the OBPP is a whole-school program that has been proven to prevent or reduce bullying throughout a school setting.

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program is used at the school, classroom, and individual levels and includes methods to reach out to parents and the community for involvement

and support. School administrators, teachers, and other staff are primarily responsible for introducing and implementing the program with the purpose of improving peer relations and making the school a safer and more positive place for students to learn and develop.

The goals of the program are to:

- reduce existing bullying problems among students
- prevent the development of new bullying problems
- achieve better peer relations at school

“This systems approach will really tie in nicely with our current bullying prevention curriculum,” states Christine Goodwin, Mental Health Prevention Counselor for the District. Professional development for all staff members will be provided at the beginning of September to ensure a start of year rollout for implementation.



## Getting a head-start on college with AVID

Students in Lyndonville are preparing for college in as early as eighth grade with the help of the Advancement Via Individual Determination program, also known as AVID. There are currently 22 ninth grade and 18 eighth grade students involved in AVID. The college-readiness academic supports students' note taking and organizational skills, ensures they are talking about and visiting colleges, setting academic and social goals, and collaborating among their peers.

Students in the program begin their day in their AVID classrooms. Their course work is organized in one large three-ring binder with materials from all their courses. Collaboration is a large part of AVID, and students in the program work together with their peers during student-driven tutorial sessions every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

Even the note taking methods utilized in AVID are geared towards what will be expected of them in college. The C-notes (Cornell Notes) system breaks a piece of paper up into three parts. One portion is for notes, one is for questions/main ideas and the bottom is for a summary. The idea is that the more students review their notes, the better their understanding of the class materials will be. The C-notes are currently being used in 85 to 90 percent of 7-12 classrooms.

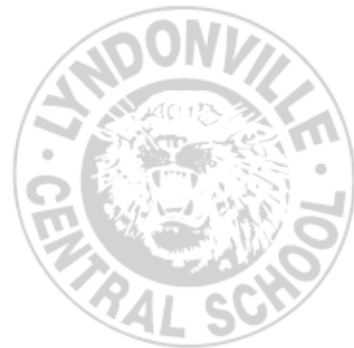
Freshman Ashley Woodworth is an AVID student. Last year, Ashley was not realizing her potential. A year later, Ashley is on track to finish high school in the top of her class.

*I don't feel like I'm drowning or stressed out...*

"I would say AVID has a lot to do with it," she said. "I don't feel like I'm drowning or stressed out. It helps because I have the support and I feel secure when I'm taking tests that I'm going to pass, which is a good feeling."

Students do receive a grade for their AVID coursework. Although this is Lyndonville's first year with AVID, some students have seen their GPA increase from two to 10 points already.

The plan is to expand the AVID program to seventh and tenth grade next year, and to six and eleventh grade the following year. The ultimate goal is to get 100 percent of AVID students to apply and get accepted to a four-year institution, and graduate from college. This year, AVID students visited SUNY Brockport and the University of Buffalo where they learned about entrance requirements, met with admissions staff and went on extensive walking tours. Elissa Smith is the District's AVID Coordinator.



## Calling All Students Who Will Turn Five by December 1, 2011

If your child is old enough to enter kindergarten in the fall (will turn five by December 1, 2011) and has not been registered, please call Mrs. Kim Bow, Central Registrar, at 765-3157, to schedule an appointment.

Although initial registration took place in April, it is never too late to register students for kindergarten. The District strongly encourages parents of all students who will turn five years old by December 1, 2011, to register them for kindergarten to take advantage of our excellent Reading First Early Literacy Program.

For registration information regarding the various required forms of identification, proof of residency, immunization, etc., please contact Mrs. Bow, Central Registrar, at 585-765-3157, or visit our website at [www.lyndonvillecsd.org](http://www.lyndonvillecsd.org).



## Discounted Sale of Some Yearbooks

Grades 5-12 yearbooks are available from the following years for only \$10: 1997, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, and 2008. Grades PreK-4 Elementary yearbooks, for 2009 and 2010 only, are available for \$8. If you are interested in one or more of these yearbooks, please contact Rebecca Lacy at 765-3164 ext. 6140 or [rlacy@lyndonville.wnyric.org](mailto:rlacy@lyndonville.wnyric.org).

## Sex Offender Registry

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services maintains a Sex Offender Registry. You are encouraged to regularly check the registry at <http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor> for notifications in our district and surrounding towns.



## Parent University News

According to Lyndonville's Prevention Mental Health Counselor Christine Goodwin, the May 18th Parent University "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families" went very well and those in attendance said that they enjoyed the workshop and would recommend this for next year. The event was part of the District's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" initiative. There was an activity for each habit so that both parents and students could gain a better understanding of what the program all about. The activities provided time for families to reconnect, learn more about each other, and reflect on their family.

A total of 92 parents and 110 students have attended Parent Universities offered this year.

"This is a large increase from last year and we hope to keep that number growing," said Goodwin.

The final Parent University of the 2010-2011 school year will be an Internet Safety class, to be held on Thursday, June 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the Stroyan Auditorium.

Parent evaluations are collected at each workshop, and suggestions are encouraged to help with planning next year's Parent Universities. Christine Goodwin can be reached at (585) 765-2251 ext. 3191.

## **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IN JUNE / FIRST DAY IN SEPTEMBER**

The last day of school for PreK-8 students is Tuesday, June 21, 2011. School ends for 9-12 students when they complete their last exam. Schools will reopen for students on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. The 2011-2012 calendar is available on the district web site at [www.lyndonvillecsd.org](http://www.lyndonvillecsd.org).

## Have fun at Summer Recreation

The Lyndonville-Yates Summer Recreation Program will be held July 11 through August 11, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Many thanks to the Village of Lyndonville, the Town of Yates and the Lyndonville Area Foundation for funding the program.

Registration details are as follows:

- Registration for the Summer Recreation is required to attend.
- Parents may register any students who will be in grades kindergarten through six for the 2011-2012 academic year.
- The registration forms have already been sent home with students.
- If additional forms are needed, please contact Mrs. Karli Sturtevant at (585) 765-2251 x 4106 by June 16.
- Transportation will be provided only for students who are also attending the Summer Literacy/Math Camp

Sign up for Summer Recreation today!



## Congratulations

to the following students for participating in the  
Orleans All-County Music Festival:

### Elementary Band

Chase Albone  
Natalie Allen  
Sierra Blonar  
Lily Boyd  
Jacob Hoffee  
Rachel Hutter  
Salma Huzair  
Brooke Kiefer  
Aubrey Lewis  
Eric Neace  
Lyuba Salih  
Veronica Sanders  
Matt Scroger  
Trevor Thaine  
Michael Wells

### Junior High Band

Steven Anderson  
Cheyenne Button  
Rebekah Hoffee  
Ty Hrovat  
Dan Mofardin  
Heather Mufford  
Jasmine Plummer  
Samantha Raduns  
Jordyn Smith  
Kristin Snell  
Jacob Wachob

### Senior High Band

Guy Burke  
Tylyn Carson  
Nathan Chikey  
Sandra Clemens  
Miranda Feller  
Elizabeth Feldman  
Michael Flanagan  
Elisabeth Follman  
Joy Follman  
Andrew Hydock  
Jon Simmons  
Amanda Sullivan  
Jamie Tombari

### Elementary Chorus

Hope Albone  
Natalie Allen  
Sierra Blonar  
Madison Callara  
Nikki Ciotuszynski  
Anna Goodwin  
Rachel Hutter  
Trevor Thaine  
Jacob Hoffee  
Salma Huzair  
Brooke Kiefer  
Cassie Maynard  
Victoria Newman  
Lyuba Salih  
Veronica Sanders  
Kennedy Smelski  
Angela Wachob  
Ariane Wachob

### Junior High Chorus

Hannah Albone  
Jessica Czechowicz  
Jenna Doran  
Tiffani Durov  
Korra Gerety  
Zac Karp  
Brenda Mault  
Rebekah Hoffee  
Heather Mufford  
Jasmine Plummer  
Chelsey Silversmith

### Senior High Chorus

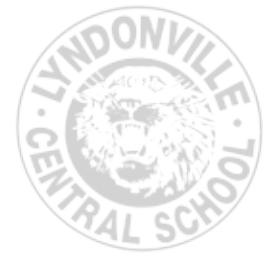
Tiffany Bane  
Nathan Chikey  
Amanda Churchfield  
Michael Flanagan  
Elisabeth Follman  
Joy Follman  
Katie Hartman  
Jeffrey Leigh  
Amanda Luckman  
Valerie Mostyn  
Taylor Piskorowski  
Nikita Wachob

### Students of the month April/May

<b>7th</b>	Dale Hopkins	Jasmine Plummer
<b>8th</b>	Ty Hrovat	Rebecca Paradiso
<b>9th</b>	Musa Mansur	Chelsey Silversmith
<b>10th</b>	Eddie Silversmith	Amanda Sullivan
<b>11th</b>	Jimmy White	Alana Bogue
<b>12th</b>	Jake Hopkins	Tresia Brace

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bd. of Education Meetings**  
Monday, June 13, 2011, 7 p.m.  
Monday, July 11, 2011, 7 p.m.



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## Points of Pride

**Liz Follman** represented Lyndonville High School in the Genesee-Orleans All Star Jazz Ensemble, opening for Gap Mangione at Genesee Community College's Stuart Steiner Theater on Saturday, April 30.



The Leadership Class, headed up by senior **Miranda Feller**, collected **Pennies for Patients** in the month of May. Students and staff donated change in plastic containers in the office, lunch room and various other locations in the District. The collection raised \$692.01 which will go towards Leukemia research.



Our Boys Baseball team is batting 100 this season!

On Saturday, May 21, the Boys Baseball team clinched the **Genesee Region League Title** for the second time in three years. This win also locked up the No. 1 seed in sectionals. **Brooks Boyle, Josh Brabon, Andy Hydock, Ryan Lilley and Joe Burgess** were named to the Genesee Region All-League team. Andy, Ryan and Joe all played in the exceptional senior game on June 8 at Dwyer Stadium in Batavia.

One more Point of Pride to celebrate! Lyndonville's Boys Baseball **Coach Shane Price** was named as Genesee Region Coach of the year!



*A note from teacher Bradley Hoffee regarding the 8th grade trip.....* "As I sit and recover from the 8th grade trip I feel compelled to share with you how well the students represented themselves, their families, the community and LCS during the 8th grade trip to Albany and Adirondack Extreme Adventures. On several occasions people commented on how polite and well behaved the group was during the trip. Thank you for allowing the students to participate in such an educational experience."

The following students from Lyndonville's L.A. Webber Middle-High School were named semi-finalists for the **2011 Outstanding Scholar Award**:

- **Ayman Huzair** - Mathematics and English
- **Daniel Marek** - Mathematics
- **Miranda Feller** - English
- **Elizabeth Feldman** - English, Mathematics and Foreign Language
- **Jeffrey Leigh** - Foreign Language
- **Caitlin Hartman** - Foreign Language
- **Matthew Gawne** - Mathematics

The Outstanding Scholar Awards program was instituted by Genesee Community College in 1998 to recognize exceptional academic performance by students participating in the Advanced Studies Program. Semi-finalists received a Certificate of Merit and are eligible for a county-wide competition in their specific subject area. Finalists were announced during a reception at the Stuart Steiner Theatre at Genesee Community College on Wednesday, June 1.



The Lyndonville Central School District has earned the **Titanium Level Safety Excellence Award** from Utica National Insurance Group, which is the District's insurance carrier. There are three levels of recognition; Gold, Platinum and Titanium. This is the third year in a row that the District has achieved this ranking.

"We are very proud of our entire staff," said Lyndonville's Board President Ed Urbanik. "It takes the entire team to stay continuously vigilant about maintaining a safe, secure and healthy environment for our students."

## Points of Pride



Lyndonville's National Junior Honor Society recognized "**World No Tobacco Day**" by cleaning up the park by the library and Lynhaven Cemetery after school on May 10. The NJHS worked with the Genesee/Orleans Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse's (GCASA) Smoke Free NOW campaign which is a coalition of agencies, business and individuals aimed at convincing lawmakers to enact legislation to make public areas and parks smoke free, and reducing tobacco use in Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming Counties.

Seniors **Miranda Feller, Jeffrey Leigh** and **Valerie Mostyn** recently won Best Comedy in the Rod Serling Video Festival for their video "The Artist." Winners of the film competition were honored at a ceremony at the Helen Foley Theatre at Binghamton High School on Friday, June 3.

The Rod Serling Video Festival premiered in 1995 as a county-wide festival for students in Broome County in grades K-12 as a means to promote the use of video arts technology and creativity in area schools. It was a huge success and in the following year the festival opened to students throughout the state of New York. Now a much anticipated annual event, the festival receives entries from as far west as Buffalo to the eastern shores of Long Island.



Lyndonville's **Envirothon Team** won the Orleans County Championship on May 5 at Bond Lake. Sponsored by the State Soil and Water Conservation District, the NYS Envirothon is a competition which tests and cultivates students' knowledge and understanding of natural resources and environmental issues within the state.

The team, consisting of senior **Nate Chikey**, junior **Alana Bogue**, sophomore **Dakota Froman**, and freshmen **Heather Mufford** and **Zac Karp**, won the top score award for Aquatics and their video presentation. Their overall score was the highest for all schools competing from Orleans and Niagara Counties. The team travelled to the NYS Championship competition at Hobart and William Smith College on May 25 and 26. Although they finished in the middle of the pack, students gained valuable experience for next year, said Biology teacher and team advisor Kathy Wronski.



Two Lyndonville students were named finalists in the **Genesee/Orleans Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse's annual poster contest**. Lyndonville seventh-grader **Jennifer Chapman** earned first-place in the contest and fifth-grader **Kennedy Smelski** took third-place. The theme of this year's contest was "Keep the Promise." Winners were selected in the following grade levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. Grand prize winners received \$100 and their design on a t-shirt.



The Lyndonville Central School District recently donated over 6,000 pounds of books to the **Howard Academy in Panama City**. Howard Academy is a private school which offers an Americanized-style of education from Pre-kindergarten through middle school. The school has been operational since 2004 and currently serves 245 students. The Howard Academy raised the \$3,500 in shipping costs through a community walkathon. Some of the books will be dedicated to students with learning disabilities, while other books will be kept in the school's new library. "We thank the community from the bottom of our hearts and please know that you have a sister school in the Isthmus of Panama," Assistant Director Alberto Ayala wrote in an email. "We are looking forward to continuing to develop a long-term friendship in the name of education."

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## OPEN HOUSE REMINDER

The Lyndonville Central School District Board of Education cordially invites you to an Open House on Thursday, June 16 at 6 p.m. Come tour our 21st Century Learning Facilities and welcome new Interim Superintendent Tom Cox.

### Also part of the celebration:

- 🍏 Middle-High School student demonstrations and Open House from 6 to 7 p.m.
- 🍏 Middle-High School Ceremony at 7 p.m.
- 🍏 Elementary School Tour from 7:15-7:45 p.m.

Please join us for this community celebration.



## Board of Education

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Middle-High School Principal



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Lyndonville Central School District's mission is to work with the community as partners to provide our students with the values, attitudes, knowledge, skills, and encouragement necessary to enable them to successfully meet life's challenges.