



# The Applegram

Lyndonville Central School District

*We strive to lead in academic excellence, safety and community pride*

Back-to-School Issue

Fall 2021

## Tiger Pride

Tiger Pride and Lyndonville traditions filled the campus throughout Homecoming 2021! Various activities were held, including spirit week with fun student events each morning, themed dress-up days, a vibrant pep assembly and a student dance.

Students, staff and community members lined Main Street to view the creative showcase of floats designed by our freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior classes. This year's theme was "Rewind,"

and floats were decorated with flashbacks from past decades.

Our Varsity, Junior Varsity and Modified soccer and volleyball teams competed in exciting games on Saturday. Various food trucks were parked in the bus loop to provide tasty treats to everyone on campus enjoying the games.

Our Homecoming Court also made a special appearance with King Maddox Stirk, Queen Gracie Johnson, Prince Trenton Muck, Princess Lorelei Dillenbeck and their court: Noah Poler, Jack Whipple, Brynn Howell, Ella Lewis, Owen Mank, Mason Nicholson, Josie Duset and Brianna Krisher.

A special thank you goes out to our student council and their advisors, Maegan Suhr and Regina Marker, for such a fun and successful week!



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## A Letter from the Superintendent



Dear Families and Community Members,

The 2021-22 school year is well underway, and we are excited to have everyone back on campus! I am so glad that this year (so far) has been more like our traditional school year.

We have resumed our normal, pre-COVID, dismissal time, and our after-school extracurricular activities and clubs, with an optional late-bus, have returned. We hosted an in-person National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society ceremony for our inductees and their families. In addition, our Homecoming and fall athletic season were successful, and we eagerly anticipate the beginning of the winter sports season.

Currently, the NYS Department of Health mandates that all schools require the use of masks within school buildings, at indoor events and on buses. While I understand this continues to be an issue of debate, I greatly appreciate your understanding and your cooperation in wearing a mask while in our facilities and for following all COVID-19 protocols and procedures. I ask that you continue to keep your child(ren) home if they are not feeling well or show any COVID symptoms. Working together we can keep our students, staff and community healthy and our school open.

We have many great upcoming events for you to enjoy. Our elementary production of the Lion King is in December, and our high school musical, Cinderella, will be performed in March. Numerous chorus and band concerts are scheduled for December, and athletic competitions will be held throughout the winter season.

Our Open House and Parent Conference season is quickly approaching. Information will be sent home by our principals soon. All events will be in-person this year. However, accommodations can be made for families who need a phone call or a virtual meeting instead. Please contact your child's teacher(s) for arrangements.

As the year progresses, we will continue to focus on our newly updated Strategic Plan and integrate creative plans to focus on literacy development. More information on the 2021 Strategic Plan can be found within this newsletter and on our website. If you have questions specific to your child(ren) and the goals in our Plan, please contact your child's teacher.

Have a great fall season, and I look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Sincerely,

*Jason A. Smith*

Superintendent of Schools

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## Contact Information

### How do we communicate with families?

#### Automated Calls

- **Outreach** - goes only to the primary number on record
- **Emergency** - goes to all numbers on record

#### Robo-Texts

- Are sent to cell phone(s) on record

#### Written Correspondence

- Will be sent to your primary address on record

#### District Email

- This is a fast way to send or receive written correspondence
- Will be sent to all emails on record

#### District App

- Search for Lyndonville and download the free app in your app store of choice
- Turn on notifications for timely updates
- Includes news, directory, events, menus, documents and more

#### Social Media

- Facebook- like us at "Lyndonville Central School"
- Twitter @LyndonvilleCSD



In order for LCSD to contact you with important updates and information, we need your current contact information. This information should include your mailing address, home/cell phone numbers and an email. If your information changes at any time, or you are not receiving regular correspondence from the district, please contact us at (585) 765-3101





## 2021 Opening Day

Early in September, Superintendent Jason Smith welcomed new and returning staff to Opening Day and Staff Development. Together, they celebrated staff milestone years of service and tenure earned. Superintendent Smith discussed the challenges of the previous school year and keeping school open five days a week during a pandemic. He thanked everyone for their hard work and tenacity through such a difficult year.

The Superintendent relayed a story about a Vietnam Veteran, Charles Plumb, who was shot down in the war. Plumb met the sailor who carefully folded the silks of the parachutes given to each pilot. He explained the gratitude he felt for the soldier "who held the fate of someone he didn't know in his hands."

"Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day," he said. This help can be mental, emotional or spiritual. He encouraged everyone to thank those who may have packed their parachutes and encouraged staff to lean on one another.

Staff development included instruction on the updated, 2021 Strategic Plan, a vocabulary strategies gallery walk and a keynote address of rural schools by David Little, Director of the NYS Rural Schools Association.



As we prepare for the 2021-22 school year, I encourage you to rely on each other. The past two years have truly been unprecedented, and we need each other's support and encouragement, regardless of our job, title or position.

- Superintendent Jason Smith



## Return to School

It is always exciting to see our students and staff back on campus! First days bring the exhilaration of new teachers, classrooms and activities. It is also the start of regular routines, homework and extracurricular events. This year all of our classroom activities, concerts, athletics and clubs will

resume as normal, with the exception that masks are required for all indoor events, per the NYS Department of Health.

**We look forward to an incredible 2021-22 school year, filled with Tiger pride and traditions.**





## 2021-22 Strategic Plan

Over the summer, Lyndonville Central School faculty, staff, administration and Board of Education members worked together to develop the District's 2021-22 Strategic Plan.

Together, they identified literacy as the overall goal for the school year. "Literacy skills are imperative for a child's overall development," said Superintendent Jason Smith. "It is the foundation for doing well in school. Literacy is more than just reading and writing. It is also the ability to make sense of, and engage in, advanced reading, writing, listening and speaking in all subject or content areas. By providing students with a strong foundation in literacy, we greatly improve their ability as a student, community member and life-long learner."

Throughout the year, teachers will find unique and creative ways to engage all students and enhance their literacy skills.

### Identified Goal

**To have all students proficient in literacy as aligned with their age and ability. At LCSD, we will provide students with equal access to ALL learning.**



### Challenge 1

**How do we identify and support struggling students?**

- We continuously collect and utilize data to create focused instruction and intervention strategies that benefit the whole child.

### Challenge 2

**How do we align literacy across content areas throughout our secondary grades?**

- We begin with daily explicit vocabulary instruction and collaborate with peers to incorporate effective strategies in and out of our classrooms.

Typically, Lyndonville CSD develops a strategic plan yearly to set goals and serve as the driving force throughout the school year. Due to the pandemic and the focus on health and safety, the district was unable to develop a formal plan last year. "It was nice to be able to work together as a team this summer and build upon the strategic plan we previously established," said Smith. "It unites our focus as a district, sets our goal and provides direction to ensure a successful year."

If you have questions regarding literacy building within your child's classroom(s), please reach out to their teacher(s). We look forward to seeing the many engaging activities and projects that will happen this year.

### Mission

We provide educational experiences that maximize each student's ability to achieve as a learner and community member.

### Vision

We strive to lead in academic excellence, safety and community pride.

### District Core Beliefs

- We put student needs first to ensure that all learn and succeed
- Communication should be timely, transparent and reciprocal
- We treat each other respectfully and consider all perspectives
- Collaboration among school, community and families is essential for student success
- We commit to creativity, innovation and continuous improvement
- District resources are utilized efficiently
- Effective curriculum and instruction must be rigorous, engaging, purposeful and differentiated
- We model integrity and ethical behavior
- Learning and growth require a safe, caring environment emphasizing social and emotional well-being
- We are accountable for our actions



*Strategic Plan photos were taken this summer prior to the indoor masking mandate.*



## PreK Playground Fun

Early this fall Lyndonville CSD hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the district's new PreK playground. The playground equipment and installation were funded through the district's Universal PreK grant to provide full-day pre-kindergarten for three and four-year-old children residing within the district. The vibrant playground is designed specifically for children ages 2-5 as a safe place for them to learn, play and grow. The district looks forward to adding additional gross motor play opportunities next spring.

"The new PreK playground is an asset to the district. Play is an essential aspect of learning and helps develop children's coordination, motor skills, cognitive abilities and social awareness," said Elementary Principal Elissa Smith. LCSD currently has 65 students enrolled in the district's PreK program. For more information on Lyndonville's program, please visit the district's website.



## SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

The NYS School Boards Association recognized October 18 – 22 as School Board Recognition Week. Lyndonville joined with all public-schools across the state to celebrate and honor local board members for their commitment and dedication to district students, staff and families.

The key work of school boards is to raise student achievement by:

- Creating a shared vision for the future of education
- Setting the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance
- Providing accountability for student achievement results

- Developing a budget that aligns district resources to improve achievement
- Supporting a healthy school district culture for students and staff

### Lyndonville's Board of Education and their years of service:

Theodore Lewis,  
*President, 12 years*  
Susan Hrovat,  
*Vice President, 10 years*

### Trustees:

Vernon Fonda, 2 years  
Kristin Nicolson, 2 years  
Harold Suhr, 8 years  
Jerod Thurber, 1 year  
Steven Vann, 3 years



## New Teachers

Welcome to Lyndonville! We look forward to a great school year.

### LCSD New Teaching Staff:

Montica Sparks, *Elementary Teacher*  
Katherine Byrne, *Spanish Teacher*  
Amy Damasciewicz, *Literacy Specialist*  
Eric Villalta, *Instrumental Music*  
Emily Aydelotte, *Elementary Long-term Sub*

Nicole Heye, *Elementary Teacher*  
Lindsey Kotas, *Art Teacher*  
Kathleen Kennedy, *Science Teacher*  
Carolyn Waters,  
*Special Education Teacher*  
Richard Augustus, *Long-term Sub Special Education*



## MILESTONE YEARS

Lyndonville Central School would like to thank the following staff members for their continued dedication and service to the district.

### Twenty-five Years of Service

Lee Dillenbeck, Lori Lamay,  
Tammy Mallon, Shane Price and  
Joanne Suhr

### Twenty Years of Service

Kristal Boring, Mitzi Fredericks,  
Jeff Kingsbury, Kim Nealon and  
Karli Sturtevant

### Fifteen Years of Service

Amy Beutel, Kim Herman,  
Susan Hutter, Tanya Marek,  
Kristen Roggow and  
Donna VonHendy

### Ten Years of Service

Aaron Moessinger, Aaron Slack,  
Jason Smith, Jennifer Trupo and  
Val Wetherbee



## Music Updates

### The Lion King Kids

Rehearsals for the elementary musical "The Lion King" are well underway. Our talented fifth and sixth grade students are working hard to master songs, dances and lines as they prepare to transport their audience to the African Savannah. **Free performances** of *The Lion King* will be open to the public on Thursday, December 2 and Friday, December 3. Times will be announced; be sure to check the district's website for updates. Masks will be required for all audience members and participants.



### High School Musical: Cinderella

This year's high school musical will be Rodgers' & Hammerstein's Cinderella. This beautiful, classic musical will be performed in Lyndonville on March 25-27, 2022. Auditions will take place mid-November. Audition information and materials will be posted soon. Any student grades 7-12 may participate. There are many roles to be filled, from ensemble to leads and in-between, as well as jobs for those interested in crew, sets and other aspects of production! We look forward to the return of a live audience this year! For more information, students should contact Mrs. Trupo in room 145 or at [jtrupo@lcdk12.org](mailto:jtrupo@lcdk12.org).



### Music News

This fall, our music classes are working to have a stronger focus on literacy and vocabulary as part of our district's strategic plan. Our ensembles are preparing music for several different functions, and we are excited for the return of our after-school ensembles. Our Senior High Jazz Band will meet on Mondays, and Select Chorus will meet on Thursdays, both from 2:35-3:15 p.m. Our Elementary Ensembles will meet one day-a-week after school with fifth and sixth-grade Chorus meeting on Mondays and fifth and sixth-grade Band on Wednesdays, both from 2:35-3:15 p.m. Busing is available for all.

#### Save the date for our upcoming concerts:

December 9, Sr. High Winter Concert, 7 p.m.

December 16, grades 5-8 Winter Concert, 7 p.m.



## Monochromatic Portraits

Miss Kotas' art classes, from kindergarten to upper classmen in photography, participated in a monochromatic self-portrait project.

Students in kindergarten, fourth, fifth and eighth through twelfth grades learned the art vocabulary words: monochromatic, value and self-portrait. Each class/grade was assigned a different color to create their monochromatic self-portrait, resulting in a rainbow effect display. Students practiced creating value with their coloring materials.





## Lyndonville Welcomes New Honor Society Members

Lyndonville High School hosted their annual National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony this fall. In order to be eligible for membership, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 90 percent or higher and demonstrate characteristics of leadership, citizenship, character and service.

We would like to congratulate our 2021-22 LCSD Honor Society inductees!

### **National Junior Honor Society:**

Aidan Allen  
Addison Dillenbeck  
Madison Davis  
Alyssa Prine

### **National Honor Society:**

Lorelei Dillenbeck  
Annabelle Follman  
Meagan Hardner  
Haley Shaffer  
Parker Silversmith  
Joshua Slingerland



*Students decorated their designated parking spots this year with colorful works of art! This project was sponsored by our Student Council.*

## Athletic Update

Lyndonville's fall athletic season was a tremendous success, and it was great to see our athletes and teams enjoying a more traditional season.

A special congratulations to the following athletes for earning the Genesee Region League Division II player of the week awards for their respective sports this season:

- Lorelei Dillenbeck (Volleyball - week of September 6-11)
- Ella Lewis (Soccer - week of September 6-11)
- Haley Shaffer (Volleyball - week of October 4-9)

Our Junior Varsity and Varsity winter sports will begin November 15. Please make sure your child is registered on [www.FamilyId.com](http://www.FamilyId.com) prior to the first practice. The link and instructions can be found on the district website under athletics - online registration for sports.

Modified Wrestling begins November 1. Modified Basketball (boys and girls) will begin the week of January 3.



## Board of Education

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Joe DiPassio Jr.

School Business Administrator

Dr. Elissa Smith

Elementary Principal

Dr. Aaron Slack

Middle-High School Principal

Sharon Smith

Director of Instruction  
and Student Services



## Free Meals

The United States Department of Agriculture will continue to reimburse schools for free meals (breakfast and lunch) to all students, regardless of income, through the 2021-22 school year.

Families should continue to apply for free or reduced meals using the 2021-22 Application for Free and Reduced meals on the district website or by calling (585) 765-3101.

Why should families complete an application for the 2021-22 school year if everyone qualifies for free meals?

- It allows students to carryover the free and reduced meal benefit status into the start of the 2022-23 school year.
- It allows students to request fee waivers on things like select exams and college applications.



## Early Dismissal: November 5

Students (PreK-12) will be dismissed at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 5. Early dismissal provides teachers and staff with professional development opportunities to ensure that Lyndonville students continue to receive a high-quality education. By dismissing the students early, the district will participate in trainings aligned with Common Core standards and APPR regulations.

## Upcoming Events

# November

5: Early Dismissal

8: Board of Education Meeting

11: Veteran's Day- No School

12: First Quarter Ends

15: Winter Sports Begin

19: Parent Conference Day- No School for Students

24-26: Thanksgiving Recess- No School

# December

2-3: Elementary Musical

9: Sr. High Winter Concert

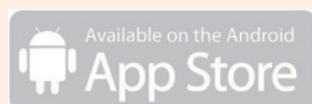
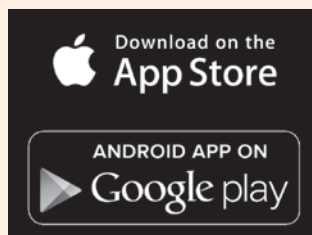
13: Board of Education Meeting

16: Elementary/Jr. High Concert

24-31: Winter Recess- No School

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