



# The Applegram

Lyndonville Central School District

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

Winter 2022

## Lion King Captivated Audiences

In early December, the Lyndonville Auditorium was transformed into the African Savannah as a group of talented fifth and sixth grade students performed Disney's *The Lion King Kids*.

Audience members were wowed with the singing, acting, dancing, costumes and sets. From the first numbers "One By One" and "Circle of Life" to the finale, the audience was enthralled by the talents and abilities of our amazing students and their directors.

The musical was an abbreviated version of the animated Disney film and Broadway musical adaptation. Over 40 participants served as the cast and crew, and they truly worked to bring this production to life. Many thanks go out to the supportive parents, Music Boosters, Administration, Mr. Dragula, our technology and custodial staff and our amazing directors, among others. This wonderful production was a tremendous success and a shining moment for our district.



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website has up-to-date information!  
Please visit us at [www.lyndonvillecsd.org](http://www.lyndonvillecsd.org)



## Interim Superintendent Appointed

The Lyndonville Board of Education formally appointed Sharon Smith as the district's Interim Superintendent during December's Board meeting.

Mrs. Smith has been Lyndonville's Director of Instruction and Student Services for the last two years. Her focus has been on the district's students and families to ensure individualized educational services and strategies were implemented to achieve the highest level of student accomplishment.

Previously, Mrs. Smith worked as Kendall's elementary principal for seven years. She was also a curriculum coordinator for Frontier Schools and assistant principal, CIO and grants coordinator for Newfane schools. Prior to her administrative career, she worked as an elementary teacher for 22 years.

Mrs. Smith began serving as Interim Superintendent on January 3, 2022, when former Superintendent Jason Smith left to serve as Superintendent for Batavia CSD.

The Board will continue with its search for a superintendent for the district. Please check the district's website for additional information and updates.



*Our Leo Club mitten tree project was a tremendous success! Thank you to our generous school community for your support.*

## A Letter from the Interim Superintendent



Dear families and community members,

I am honored to begin 2022 as Lyndonville's Interim Superintendent. I would like to thank the Board of Education for my appointment and for their continuous support. I am grateful to be working with the most talented and dedicated faculty, staff and administrators.

I come to Lyndonville with many years of teaching and administrative experience.

I also have deep roots in our local agriculture community. Together with my husband and our three grown children, we have owned and operated our family farm in Middleport for more than 30 years, although we recently downsized significantly.

I have been fortunate to work with, and learn from, Jason Smith for the last two and half years. I am grateful for his leadership and friendship. I promise the community, the students, the faculty and staff to give my best every day in fulfilling our vision to strive to lead in academic excellence, safety and community pride. My job is to continue the good work that has already begun in our district.

The daily news reports of continuing COVID challenges are frustrating and distressing for us all. I know it is difficult navigating what feels like ever-changing rules and mandates. We will work to clearly communicate with you the informational updates we receive from the County Department of Health and NYS. Our goal is to always provide a safe environment for your children. To that end, we ask that if your child tests positive for COVID, shows symptoms or does not feel well, please keep them home until they are able to safely return. If you are unsure if your child should or shouldn't attend school, you may contact our school nurse, Mrs. Mary Kurz RN at [Mkurz@lcsdk12.org](mailto:Mkurz@lcsdk12.org) or (585) 765-3124. Although the pandemic presents challenges, I know together we will work to ensure our students have a great school year. Lyndonville Schools will always be a warm place where children can learn, grow, play, achieve and thrive.

I look forward to working with all of you and am excited for the year ahead. Please reach out to me with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

I pray that 2022 is a happy and healthy year for all our Lyndonville families.

Sincerely,

*Sharon Smith*

Interim Superintendent of Schools

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## High-five Goodbye to Superintendent Smith

Students, staff and Board members celebrated Superintendent Jason Smith's last days at Lyndonville with high-fives and words of thanks. "Jason has been an asset to our district for the last ten years," said Board President Theodore Lewis. "We wish him the best of luck in his hometown."



"As I have said many times, I have been truly honored to serve as your Superintendent of Schools. The past two years have presented immense challenges, the largest of which has been continuing to provide an academic program in this era of COVID.

I am grateful to our dedicated faculty, staff and our Board of Education for coming together during such challenging times, and it has truly been a labor of love. However, our district is not defined by COVID but by wonderful students, a supportive community, talented and dedicated faculty and staff, a high-quality leadership team and a committed BOE. These attributes existed long before COVID and will exist long after.

While I look forward to the leadership opportunities presented at Batavia, my alma mater, I will continue to keep up on all things Lyndonville."

With sincere thanks and gratitude,

*Jason Smith*

## LCSD Seeks Nominations for Educators/Staff of the Year

Do you know of a Lyndonville educator or staff member who is exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable and has inspired you or your child? If so, please consider nominating them for Lyndonville Central School's 2022 Educators or Staff Member of the Year.

Lyndonville will be selecting two educators for this award, one from elementary (PreK-6) and another from secondary (grades 7-12). The district will also select one staff member for this award. The nominated educators and staff members must meet eligibility requirements as outlined in the Nomination Information Packets that can be found on the district's website.

Winners will be announced during the June 2022 Lyndonville Board of Education meeting. The winning educators will each receive a \$1,000 district grant and the winning staff member a \$500 district grant. The grant may be used for any educational initiative or project within the recipient's school, classroom, program or department. All will receive a plaque commemorating their achievement.

**Deadline for nomination submission is March 18, 2022.** Nomination forms can be completed and mailed to the district or emailed to [Llamay@lcsdk12.org](mailto:Llamay@lcsdk12.org).



## Academic Excellence

Lyndonville High School students were recognized for their academic excellence during the December Board of Education meeting. Congratulations to the following students on their impressive academic accomplishments!

The following students received their Academic Letters for maintaining an average of 92 or above, consecutively, for four marking periods.

- Kaley Corser
- Roman Heinsler
- Ella Lewis
- Daniel Barry
- Bradley Jisa
- Elizabeth Whipple

The next group maintained an average of 92 or above, consecutively, for two years and received a Certificate of Achievement.

- Amanda Garza
- Lorelei Dillenbeck
- Meagan Hardner
- Parker Silversmith

A trophy was presented to the following students for having an average of 92 or above, consecutively, for the past three years.

- Ethan Gardner
- Aasiya Huzair
- Maddox Stirk
- Jack Whipple

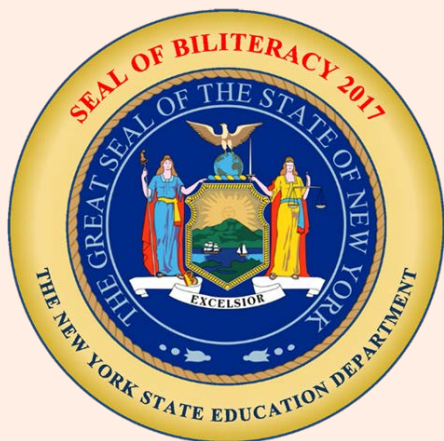


## Seal of Biliteracy

Lyndonville Central School now participates in the New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) Program. In recognition of the importance of a love of languages, biliteracy and a culturally diverse community, many states are offering pathways to earn this accredited honor.

NYSSB honors high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages, in addition to English. This distinction is celebrated on graduation day with a diploma endorsement and the opportunity to wear a medallion.

Currently, four Lyndonville seniors are working toward earning this impressive distinction. Typically, students start their work toward earning the NYSSB in World Languages courses during their junior and senior years. Interested students can contact the NYSSB Coordinator, Kimberlyann Meal at [kmeal@lcsdk12.org](mailto:kmeal@lcsdk12.org), for more information.



## LHS students inducted into NTHS

Congratulations to Catelynn Kidney and Jack Whipple for recently being inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Out of all the high school students in the United States, the NTHS students who receive this honor comprise of 1.6 percent of that population. These students represent the four pillars of the Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, service and character.

The Orleans/Niagara BOCES students were honored in front of their teachers, families and school district representatives. Students had to maintain an 89.5 average in their career and technical education programs and an 84.5 average at their high schools, have superior attendance, exemplary behavior, be a member in good standing with SkillsUSA and have a recommendation from a faculty member.

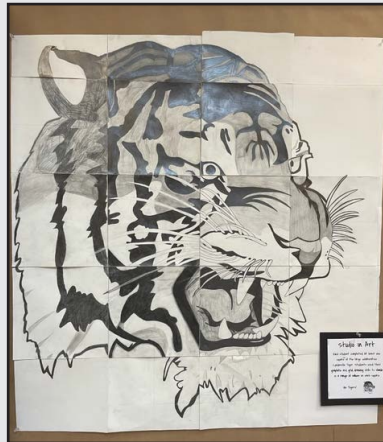
Congratulations Catelynn and Jack. We are so proud of you!





## Art Students Showcase Tiger Pride

Students in Studio in Art have been working as a class to create a large-scale graphite drawing of our Lyndonville tiger! Mr. Wolford's technology class will soon design a frame so the artwork can proudly hang in our LCS hallway for years to come.



Miss Kotas' Studio in Art and Photography classes attended a field trip to the Albright-Knox Northland in Buffalo for the Difference Machines exhibit. Students in Photography will be completing a project inspired by a piece at the exhibit.

## Student Newsletter

Students from Photography class are working collaboratively on the LCS D Newsletter for a monthly, digital publication.

Students use their skills learned in Photography and English and Language Arts, along with interviewing skills, to develop an article with a corresponding photo. Students choose school and community topics that interest them. Check out the district website and our social media pages for links to view each month's newsletter. If you have events or activities you would like included in the student newsletter, please email [LKotas@lcsdk12.org](mailto:LKotas@lcsdk12.org).



## Snowcoming Fun in 2021





## Athletic Highlights

### Fred Large Memorial Wrestling Tournament

In December, Lyndonville hosted the 4th Annual Fred Large Memorial Wrestling Tournament, held in memory of the district's long-time coach who organized the Tigers wrestling program. The tournament field included 18 teams across Section V and Section VI. Our Lyndonville Tigers finished the tournament with six individual place finishers and ended second overall, just behind Wayne Central School District. Congratulations to all our wrestlers and coaches, Joe Suhr and Jim Zeliff, for an outstanding tournament.



### Scholar Athlete Award

Each season, New York State Public High School Athletic Association recognizes varsity teams and players who excel both athletically and academically. For a team to qualify, 75% of the team must have a term GPA above 90%. Congratulations to our Girls Varsity Soccer Team for receiving the Scholar Athlete Team Award.

Athletes can also qualify individually by obtaining a 90% or higher term GPA. Congratulations to our scholar athletes!

*Girls Varsity Soccer:* Ella Lewis, Kortney Boyce, Aasiya Huzair, Annabelle Follman and Elizabeth Whipple

*Girls Varsity Volleyball:* Lorelei Dillenbeck, Gracie Johnson, Addison Dillenbeck, Karlee Rounds and Haley Shaffer



### Genesee Region League Titles

Three Lyndonville High School teams earned Genesee Region League titles during 2021.

The Lady Tigers softball team captured the GR Division 1 title with 14-1 and 17-2, overall. The team was seeded number one and finished second in the Section V Class CC tournament.

The Lady Tigers volleyball team also captured the GR title with a 7-1 record. Their ceremony will be held next fall.

Our Tigers wrestling earned the GR championship with a 3-0 record, and Rodney Davis won a Section V Class B3 title.

Our 2020 Varsity Boys Soccer team also recently unveiled their Class B1 Sectional banner.



## A Message from Lyndonville Sports' Boosters

Greetings LCSD families.

Our mission is to enhance Lyndonville's sports programs in cooperation with administration, coaches, parents and players. Over the years, some of our greatest accomplishments have included: a scoreboard for the softball field, village flags, concessions, homecoming breakfast, clothing sales, camp scholarships and our anticipated contribution of American flags installed adjacent to the scoreboards. Our volunteers have been instrumental in seeing these projects through, and our student athletes greatly benefit.

While it has been our pleasure to serve our athletes, we are hoping to welcome new parents to carry on the tradition as we

transition to being parents of college students. Please consider getting involved now as we look to make way for new officers in the near future. You can check us out on Facebook-Lyndonville Sports Boosters to follow most of our current events, clothing sales and meeting times and locations. Our hope is to ensure our Tiger Athletes have these same wonderful opportunities for years to come!

Gretchen Albone, President

Jacqueline Grabowski, Vice-President

Julia Robinson, Secretary

Stacy Doolan, Treasurer

As a reminder: winter sports are underway, and masks are required for all spectators.



## Cinderella Takes the Stage

Rehearsals are underway for our High School Musical: Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella! Our Lyndonville and Medina students are working hard to bring this magical fairytale to life. Performances are Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 26 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 27 at 2 p.m. All performances are in the Lyndonville Stroyan Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 each and will be available through cast members, at the door and at [ShowTix4U.com](https://www.showtix4u.com). Watch our website and social media for upcoming ticket information.



## Silver Tigers: You are invited!

If you are a district resident age 65 or older and interested in being included in select school events throughout the year, please call the school at (585) 765-2251 to be added to the Silver Tigers' mailing list.

The next Silver Tigers' event is the Cinderella production and tea:

**Thursday, March 24, 2022 at Lyndonville High School**

**12:15 p.m. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be provided**

**1 p.m. Cinderella preview**

We look forward to seeing you on campus!



A special thank you to our Lyndonville Chorus and Band members and our amazing music department for filling our auditorium with holiday music and cheer!





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## Community Fitness Center

Lyndonville's fitness center opened to the community this December. District residents are welcome Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost for use is \$10 a month or \$2 per visit. All attendees must sign-in upon arrival, and masks are required.

Lyndonville's fitness facility is a great way to start or maintain a healthier and more active life and includes treadmills, ellipticals, arc trainers, adaptive motion trainers, bikes, free weights, heart rate monitors, a dance/exercise room and more.



## Volunteer Procedures

**"One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time."**

If you or a family member would like to volunteer in a classroom, attend field trips or assist with an event, please see our district website ([under Family Resources then Volunteer Corner](#)) for additional information and to submit an electronic application. Volunteer applications require Board approval and expire annually on June 30.

We truly appreciate our volunteers and thank those dedicated to helping with activities, clubs, sports and our many other incredible events.

## Upcoming Events:

### February

4 - Second Quarter Ends

14 - Board of Education Meeting 7 pm.

21-25 - Mid-Winter Recess- No School

### March

14 - Spring Sports Begin

14 - Board of Education Meeting 7 pm.

25-27 - High School Musical

### April

11-18 - Spring Recess- No School.

19 - Board of Education Meeting 7 pm.

22 - Third Quarter Ends

**Mark your calendar! The 2022-23 Budget  
Vote is Tuesday, May 17, 2022.**

## Kindergarten and PreK Registration

Lyndonville CSD will begin accepting applications for its 2022-23 pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs.

If you are a resident of the Lyndonville School District and your child will be 3, 4 or 5 by December 1, 2022, they are eligible to enroll. Space is limited but openings are available for all age groups.

Our developmentally appropriate pre-k and kindergarten programs are available five days

a week and engage students in planned educational activities, quiet play and rest time. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

If more students are pre-registered for pre-k for the 2022-23 school year than available seats, a lottery will be held mid-May. If pre-k seats remain, they will be filled per UPK and district guidelines.

To register or obtain additional information, please contact the school at (585) 765-3122 or [esmith@lcsdk12.org](mailto:esmith@lcsdk12.org). You will need to provide your name, address, child's name and child's date of birth. More information can be found at <https://www.lyndonvillecsd.org/page/pre-k-registration>

