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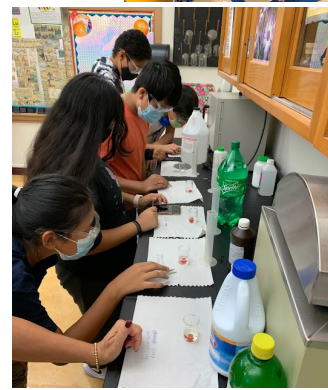
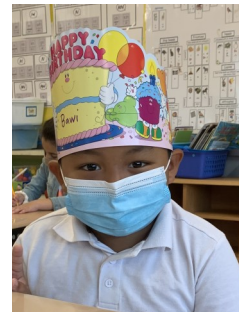
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Superintendent—James J. Austin

Phone Number 315-455-7571

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11/7 - Daylight Savings Ends (turn clock back 1 hour)

11/11 - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL

11/18 & 11/19 - Prek - 5th grade Parent Teacher Conferences

11/24 - 11/26 - THANKSGIVING RECESS - NO SCHOOL

11/29- PTO Meeting

We are Lyncourt STRONG!



The Lyncourt UFSD is hiring per diem substitutes in every department. If you are interested in subbing as a teacher, teacher assistant, teacher aide, office associate, nurse, custodian, or food service worker please call us today! 315-455-7571. We have an immediate need for every position.

We Need Your Help



Our Mission

“The Lyncourt Union Free School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to educating all learners to reach their full potential.”



Dear Lyncourt School Community,

As we continue to focus on open and effective communication with community members, we have developed a COVID-19 Dashboard to help keep you informed.

The COVID-19 Dashboard can be found on the main page of our website and will be updated daily as we receive testing results and complete the contact tracing.

In terms of reported positive cases, unless you receive a follow-up communication from the District that your child may be a close contact, you do not need to take further action at this time. We work closely with the Onondaga Department of Health to make a final determination and discuss quarantines in a timely manner.

We are extremely grateful to our committed families and staff who continue to show great flexibility and resilience as we work together to contain the spread of this virus. If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 Testing Program or COVID-19 Dashboard, please email Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Lowery, or myself.

Please be sure to visit the dashboard to stay informed about cases and quarantines in our building. The health and safety of our students and staff are our top priority.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Austin".

Mr. Austin

October 2021

Dear Families:

This year, Lyncourt School is using ONE form of communication to ALL families. It is called ParentSquare. Thank you to all of you that have signed up already.

ParentSquare is a way to stay connected from anywhere with the online portal and parent app, ParentSquare lets you get all school notifications in one place. View only what's relevant to your children. Never miss out again!

Please see the flyer on how to register and start getting connected to our Lyncourt School Community! See you on ParentSquare.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly A. Davis".

Kimberly A. Davis
Principal

Please remember to schedule an appointment to discuss any questions and/or concerns by calling the Main Office, or you may email me at kdavis@lyncourtschool.org

If you haven't done so already, please send in your gold verification forms to the Main Office.



Why Lyncourt? We are a public school with a private atmosphere!

- ◆ Small class sizes
- ◆ A close-knit community
- ◆ Families that grow together for generations
- ◆ Diversity and Opportunity
- ◆ Career and Technical Education Programs
- ◆ Chorus and Instrumental Music Lessons
- ◆ The Arts! Participate in a drama production!
- ◆ Sports! And Student Clubs!
- ◆ High school choice: Solvay or ESM
- ◆ Full cap and gown 8th grade graduation
- ◆ One-to-one technology devices
- ◆ Academic Instruction Support-Extended Day
- ◆ Before and after school care on site
- ◆ Home!



If you are a resident attending a private or charter school, come visit us today for a tour and FIND OUT MORE.
Call 315-455-7571.



The Lyncourt PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) would like to welcome new and returning families to the 2021/2022 school year! Each year we pick a theme to represent the school year and our chosen theme for this year is “One Team.” We are very excited to bring back our favorite events that the children love; Tag In/Tag Out parties, the Holiday Shop, and the Fun Fair just to name a few. These events bring the school community together and help create that “One Team” of Lyncourt strong.

The PTO hosts events like these with fundraising and volunteer support from the parents/guardians of the students. The first opportunity to participate is submitting jerseys designed by the child(ren) of our families with a \$5 donation. These jerseys will be on display in the school for everyone to see. The elementary classroom with the most jerseys turned in will earn a pizza party! Throughout this school year we will host other fundraisers that support the objectives of the PTO. These include Save Around books, flowers from Chuck Hafner’s Market and Garden Center, and Gertrude Hawk Chocolates! Participation in the fundraisers is not mandatory but always appreciated.

PTO monthly meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Teacher’s Lounge. All are welcome to join and we would love to see new faces! When you join the PTO, you join a community that encourages student achievement and enriches the learning environment. We believe in building partnerships between our families and our school.

We believe TOGETHER we can help our children be successful.

The PTO wishes everyone a wonderful school year. One Team, Lyncourt Strong to have you attend Lyncourt, where school and community are “home”!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Grade-Level Requirements for Health Exams and Screenings Families must comply with new grade-level requirements for health exams and screenings. Beginning July 1, 2018, all new students enrolling in the district for the first time—along with children entering pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 in the fall— will be required to have a health exam.

Other changes for students include vision screening for distance and near vision acuity as well as hearing screening within 6 months of admission to school and for students in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11. In addition, girls in grades 5 and 7 and boys in grade 9 will require scoliosis screenings.

We encourage families to not wait to schedule medical appointments. Please also take the time to review your child's immunization records with their pediatrician to ensure your child has the required vaccinations for their age and grade in school.

This will help ensure all children meet their health-care requirements before the start of the school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lyncourt school nurse Lowery or your pediatrician. Annual physicals are also required for all students participating in any athletic program.

Medication in school

If it is necessary for a child to take or use medicine (prescription or over-the-counter) during school hours, the following rules apply:

- The parent or guardian must submit a signed request to the school nurse.
- The family physician must also submit a written request, detailing the frequency and dosage of the medication and the purpose for which it is being taken.
- All medicines must be delivered to the nurse by a parent or guardian.
- The medication will be kept in the nurse's office and will be administered by or under the supervision of the nurse, unless the student has an order from a physician to carry and self-administer medication (i.e., an inhaler).
- The medication must be in the prescription bottle or over the-counter container.



WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

If your student or any member of your household has any of the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Mask up.



This list does not include all possible [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

Children and adolescents with the virus that causes COVID-19 may experience any, all, or none of these symptoms.

Lyncourt welcomes Ms. Hartnett and Ms. Sherman



Hello my name is Kimberly Hartnett and I am the new English as a Second language teacher. I attended SUNY Cortland for undergrad and majored in Early/Childhood Education and received my Master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (k-12) at Le Moyne College. I am coming to you from Syracuse Academy of Science where I was an ENL teacher for grades kindergarten through fourth grade. I am so happy to be at Lyncourt School!

A little about me-

What three traits define you? *Patience, fairness, and kindness*

What is the one thing you cannot resist? *I have a sweet tooth! I love anything chocolate.*

What is your favorite thing to do? *I like to take walks with my husband, our 19 month old son, and Goldendoodle. I also love to vacation in Cape Cod with my family in the summer.*

Where is the best place you've traveled to and why? *I took a trip to Italy. The food is delicious and the architecture and landscape are beautiful.*

Who is your biggest inspiration? *My mom and dad*

What advice do you have for kids who are struggling at school? *Keep persevering..don't give up! "It's not about where you start, but where you finish that counts." Zig Ziglar*

What is the best book you have ever read? *To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee*



Hello, my name is Randi Sherman and I am the new School Social Worker. I am so excited to begin my 14th school year as a school social worker as part of the Lyncourt School Community!!! You may be wondering "what does a school social worker do?" As a school social worker I work with students to explore their social emotional needs and teach them strategies to help cope with situations they experience in everyday life. I do this by meeting with students individually, in groups, leading an advisory group, presenting in classrooms, and by being a part of school wide interventions such as the Positivity Project and Second Step. I work closely with teachers and school staff to support students both in and out of the classroom. Partnering with parents/ caregivers I help to support a home school connection. I additionally help to support parents/caregivers by working together to explore situations that arise both at home and at school. Together we explore strategies and solutions. I also refer families to resources they may need. I look forward to working in partnership with students, teacher's, and parents/caregivers throughout the school year to help to provide the school community with social and emotional learning and support. The best way to reach me is to call Lyncourt School at (315) 455-7571 Ext: 2052

A little about me-

What's one thing you couldn't live without? *I could not live without my family. They are a very integral part of my life.*

What is the one thing you cannot resist? (food/dessert/candy/etc.) *I have the hardest time resisting popcorn. The smell just lures me in.*

What is your favorite thing to do? *I truly enjoy being outside. I enjoy running, biking, gardening, walking my dogs, and hiking in the woods.*

Tell us something that might surprise us about you? *I was an exchange student in Jerusalem, Israel when I was a sophomore in high school.*

Who is your biggest inspiration? *My biggest inspiration is my Grandpa Jerry. It is because of my Grandpa's influence and his life work that I chose to become a social worker.*

Where is the best place you've traveled to and why? *The best place I have traveled to is Paris, France because I was able to climb the steps of the Eiffel Tower.*



Child abuse hotline:

If you suspect a child is being abused or maltreated (neglected), report it by calling 1-800-342-3720, a toll-free 24-hour hotline operated by New York State Office of Children and Family Services. If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or your local police department. Information about reporting child abuse and maltreatment (neglect) is available online at <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps>.



The Dignity Act seeks to provide public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying. See Lyncourt School's website for more information. If you hear about or witness incidents that might be in violation of the Dignity Act, please contact the school's Dignity Act Coordinator:

Kelly Schroeter, School Psychologist
315-455-7571
kschroeter@lyncourtschool.org

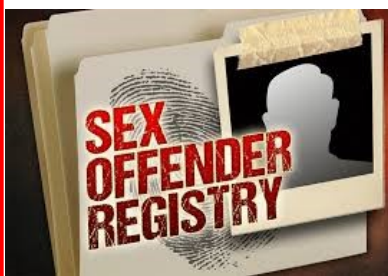
PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW

Under Federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation, it is the right of the parent of any student attending Lyncourt School to request information regarding their child's classroom teacher(s) and paraprofessional staff assigned to teach their children. Minimum information parents may request includes:

- ◆ Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- ◆ Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- ◆ The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- ◆ Whether the child is provided direct services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

The Lyncourt Union Free School District is pleased to inform parents of students that all classroom teachers have the requisite New York State certification for their employment. Our paraprofessional staff does not provide direct services to students. Questions regarding a teacher's specific baccalaureate or advanced degrees should be sent in writing to:

Superintendent of Schools
2707 Court Street
Syracuse, New York 13208
(315)455-7571



Did you know you can sign up for the Onondaga County Sex Offender Registry Notification System? It will alert you if an offender moves into your area. Information is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is updated by the Sheriff's office in real time.

To access the OffenderWatch registry, visit:

http://www.sheriffalerts.com/cap_main.php?office=56540

PARENT NOTIFICATION

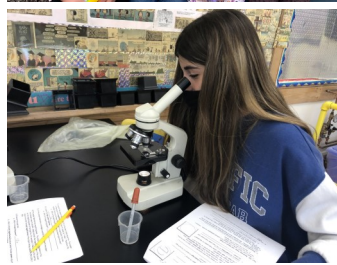
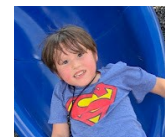


During the school year, your son or daughter may have the opportunity to have his/her photo taken, video image and voice recorded, and/or art and written work published in connection with a school district activity or program. Your child's photo (image) and school work may be published in local newspapers, posted (displayed) on the District's Internet Site, or used by the requesting organization (local TV or print media) for programming, i.e., backup and their news stories.

If you **DO NOT** want your child's picture or schoolwork to be used in newspaper articles, video, and/or District publications, including our District's website, please inform the school principal, Mrs. Davis, in writing or email bcusick@lyncourtschool.org



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We are all very fortunate to have a Board of Education who supports our school and community, and shares a common vision of doing what is best for our students:

Dr. Lawrence Salamino (BOE President)
Mr. Dave Florczyk (BOE Vice President)
Mrs. Kimberly Vespi (Trustee)
Mr. Anthony (Tony) Maggi (Trustee)
Mr. Michael Leonardo (Trustee)

Board of Education meetings in 2021-22 will generally be held once a month. As per the meeting scheduled posted on the Board of Education page on the district website, www.lyncourtschool.org and below, in the district conference room at the school building located at 2707 Court Street. Please check for location updates as well as announcements of special meetings on the website.

Our board typically meets the second Tuesday of every month. Audit Committee Meetings start at 5:45 PM and Regular Meetings begin at 6:00 PM.

The Lyncourt UFSD Clerk is Beth Cusick bcusick@lyncourtschool.org

**Look for our website:
www.lyncourtschool.org**



Our board meets the second Tuesday of every month. Meetings start at 6:00 PM and are located in the District Conference Room.

Audit Committee Meetings start at 5:45 PM.

August 17, 2021* (new date)
September 14, 2021 (Audit Committee)
October 12, 2021
November 9, 2021
December 14, 2021 (Audit Committee)
January 11, 2022
February 15, 2022
March 8, 2022 (Audit Committee)
April 12, 2022
April 18, 2022 at 8am -- Special Meeting--Annual BOCES Admin Budget Vote/Election
May 10, 2022
June 14, 2022 (Audit Committee)
July 12, 2022