

# The 128 Report

News and information for residents of Community High School District 128

Fall 2005

## Students return for 2005-06 school year



More than 3,000 Libertyville and Vernon Hills High School students returned to school Aug. 23 for the start of the 2005-06 school year. District 128 Director of Curriculum and Instruction **Deb Larson** is seen here welcoming LHS students and helping direct them to the new path leading to the building. The temporary path was added to help route students around the construction site of the new gymnasium.

*(photo by M. Todoric)*

## VHHS teacher honored at District staff meeting



Vernon Hills High School English Teacher **Paul Reiff** was honored by his colleagues during opening week activities for District 128 staff. Reiff is seen here after receiving a plaque from Superintendent **Dr. David Clough** in honor of his National Board Certification. Reiff was the first District 128 teacher to earn this status.

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## District 128 schools exceed NCLB standards and set high mark for ACT scores

Libertyville High School and Vernon Hills High School students have once again taken the District 128 motto, "Excellence is our Standard," to a new level. Recent reports show that the District 128 composite ACT score has risen to a new high of 24.3. This composite, based on scores from the District class of 2005, is an increase of .4. Two District 128 students contributed perfect scores of 36 to the District's composite. The state ACT composite score remained unchanged at 20.3.

"Both schools showed significant increases in the composite scores and in every content area of the ACT," noted District 128 Director of Curriculum and Instruction **Deb Larson**. The District saw its highest increases in the areas of English, math and science.

Additionally, Libertyville High School, Vernon Hills High School, and the District have been recognized as making adequate year-over-year progress (AYP). Under the state's Illini Plan to comply with the Federal No Child Left Behind legislation (NCLB), schools and school districts are required to make AYP based on the performance of all student subgroups, not just on overall composite school scores. The ISBE designated student subgroups include any subgroup with a minimum of 40 or more students from any one of the following student subgroups: American Indian, Asian, Black, White, Hispanic, Students with Disabilities, Low Income, Limited English Proficiency. Schools were identified as not making AYP if less than 40% of the students in any one subgroup did not meet or exceed standards as reported in the PSAE school report card data.

"We continue to be pleased with the outstanding performance by our students," said Associate Superintendent **Prentiss Lea**. "Their achievement is a reflection of their hard work, as well as the exceptional instruction provided to them by our staff."

## District 128 community helps hurricane victims

In the week following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, District 128 students and staff joined forces to provide aid to the victims of the storm. The Libertyville High School Student Council coordinated a drive that garnered 866 cases of bottled water. Congressman Mark Kirk's office coordinated transporting the water to the Houston Food Pantry. The Vernon Hills High School Student Council and National Honor Society collected money for the American Red Cross during lunch hours from Sept. 6 - 9. The students raised \$3,517.82.

The students thank everyone for their generous support of this important cause.

## Reiff honored

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National Board Certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession. A voluntary process established by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), certification is achieved through a rigorous performance-based assessment that takes between one and three years to complete and measures what accomplished teachers and school counselors should know and be able to do. National Board Certification measures a teacher's practice against these high and rigorous standards. *(photo by M. Todoric)*

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## District 128 welcomes new staff members



Libertyville High School new staff members

Seated: **Hillary Olech, Laura Splinter, Minerva Lara, Angela Janick, Sandra Pardys**; Standing: **Matt Thompson, Wayne Ha, David Kahn, James Locascio, Prentiss Lea** Not pictured: **Brad Swanson**



Vernon Hills High School new staff members

Seated: **Frances Futris, Veronica Alshouse, Amy Cope, Rosemary DiCicco, Denise Houda, Lynda McDowell, Marissa Smith, Judith Smithhisler**; Standing: **Michael Marsala, Wayne Ha, Sean Connelly, Ben Wilson, Bradley Cawn, James Locascio, Gary Mouradian, Prentiss Lea.**

## Lake County Tech Campus to hold open house

The Lake County High Schools Technology Campus will host an open house on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The Technology Campus is located at 19525 W. Washington St., Grayslake. The open house will provide an opportunity for parents and students to explore the facility and programs, and meet with faculty and students.

Programs offered at the Technology Campus include automotive service, building trades, certified nurse assisting, collision repair, computer aided drafting, computer electronics repair, computer networking, cosmetology, culinary arts, early childhood education, emergency medical services, fire fighting, game/Java/C++ programming, graphic/web design, medical assisting, photographic design, television production, and welding/fabrication.

For more information, please contact the Technology Campus at 847-223-6681 or visit their website, [www.techcampus.org](http://www.techcampus.org)

## District 128 Board approves 2005-06 operating budget

At its Aug. 23 regular meeting, the Community High School District 128 Board of Education approved the proposed 2005-06 operating budget. The total 2005-06 budget is approximately \$68 million. Major components of the budget are salary and benefits for faculty and staff.

Major projects to be paid for with funds from the 2005-06 budget include:

- Additional fire sprinklers at LHS which will begin later this fall
- A maintenance building and tennis courts at VHHS
- A new gymnasium currently under construction at LHS

The budget reflects a 5.6% increase over the 2004-05 budget. Increases can primarily be attributed to increases in health care premiums, increased utility costs, special education and contractual increases. The primary source of revenue for the District is local property taxes.

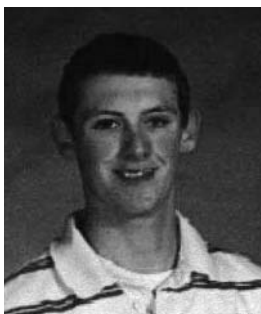
### Board member in the spotlight



Community High School District 128 Board of Education members work countless hours on behalf of the students of Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools. This month, we put the spotlight on Board of Education President **Anne Landgraf**, as we asked the question: *Why did you choose to become a Board of Education member?*

"My becoming a Board of Education member was, to me, a natural progression of volunteerism in the schools that began with my becoming a volunteer in my daughter's first grade classroom. I have served on numerous committees in all my children's schools, as room mother several years, classroom volunteer, PTO secretary and president at Copeland Manor, and PTO secretary at Highland Middle School and Parent CATS. I served on the citizens committee to pass the 1997 referendum to build VHHS and improve LHS, and became very involved with the Board of Education business and decided to run for office in 1999. I have been a member of the Board ever since and am dedicated to serving the students and taxpayers of our District. I am so proud of our District and our students' accomplishments. I am proud as well to serve as a Board of Education member and to continue to do my best to make sure our District is an excellent one."

### 2005-06 student board representatives



*Jeff Boucher*



*Tom Engstrom*

The District 128 Board of Education welcomed the 2005-06 student board representatives to the table at its August 23 meeting. Senior **Jeff Boucher** will represent Vernon Hills High School this year, while senior **Tom Engstrom** will represent Libertyville High School.

### Board of Education Meeting Dates

The District 128 Board of Education encourages community members to attend its meetings. Regular Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernon Hills High School Library, 145 N. Lakeview Pkwy., on the following dates:

Monday, Sept. 26, 2005  
 Monday, Oct. 24, 2005  
 Monday, Nov. 14, 2005  
 Monday, Dec. 12, 2005  
 Monday, Jan. 23, 2006  
 Monday, Feb. 27, 2006  
 Tuesday, March, 21, 2006  
 Monday, April 24, 2006  
 Monday, May 22, 2006  
 Monday, June 26, 2006

### Can't attend in person?

Let the meeting come to you! District 128 Board of Education meetings are video taped and broadcast on cable throughout the District 128 area. The meetings are televised on the following days and times:

Libertyville  
 Channel 19  
 Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Vernon Hills  
 Channel 4  
 Wednesdays following the 6:30 p.m. airing of the District 73 meeting (approximately 8:00 - 8:30), and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

### Don't have cable?

Don't worry! Video tapes of the meetings are available at both locations of the Cook Memorial Public Library. Tapes are generally available for check-out the week following the meeting.



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**LHS students utilize the community's gift of a multi-purpose field**



From marching band (left) and physical education classes (center), to athletic competitions, the new multi-purpose field at LHS is truly a gift to all LHS students. The school hosted its first event on Aug. 26. Prior to the start of the varsity football game that evening, Athletic Director **Tim Albers** thanked and gave plaques of appreciation to members of the District Administration and the Give Ground Committee. Albers is seen at right thanking **Bill Saxelby** for his work on the project. The community has rallied behind this initiative with personal and corporate donations. Those still wishing to contribute to the project should contact Tim Albers at 847-327-7065 or **Greg Pritchard** at 847-867-2822. *(photos by M. Todoric)*

**Community Ed Program to host 3rd Annual Traveler Showcase**

Do you feel the need to get away and relax? Thinking about taking a vacation trip but not sure where, how, or when to go? Have your questions answered at District 128's Third Annual Traveler Showcase on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Vernon Hills High School Library. To reserve a seat for this free event, please call the District 128 Community Education office at 847-932-2176 or register online for the Traveler Showcase at [www.comed128.org](http://www.comed128.org) The information-packed evening will also include door prizes and refreshments.

District 128 Community Education staff takes great pride in its continued partnership with the Community Education Travel Program of Township High School District 214 in Arlington Heights. The Community Education Travel Program (CET) has

been operating fascinating, escorted, educational adventures worldwide for the past 17 years. This partnership offers high quality, worldwide land and cruise adventures, and is dedicated to providing great experiences that are fun, educational, safe, and very affordable. CET's cruises always include round-trip airfare, all shipboard meals, port charges, taxes, transfers, and fees as well as the cruise. All land tours include round-trip airfare, taxes, ground transportation, hotels, and many meals. There are never any hidden charges. This year's program offers 34 exciting trips that cover the globe.

For more detailed information on this year's trips, including brochures and prices, please call CET at (847) 718-7710 or 7709.