

### ***Board Honors "88's Best" for September***

The Board of Education recognizes students who excel at Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools through **88's Best**. They were pleased to honor the following students for their academic accomplishments:



**Lorena Shkurti** has demonstrated success in academics and extracurricular activities at **Addison Trail**. Ranking in the top of her senior class, Lorena has taken a rigorous curriculum having enrolled in seven Advanced Placement classes. Lorena's strong commitment to challenging herself has been evident since her family came to the United States when she was 8 years old.

In addition to excelling in academics, Lorena has participated in extracurricular organizations. Lorena has been involved in Student Council, International Club, International Fest, Albanian Club, Badminton, Key Club and the Math Team. Lorena even finds time in her busy schedule to volunteer in the community at the Wood Dale PADS shelter.

Lorena will be applying to University of Illinois, DePaul University, University of Chicago and Northwestern University and would like to pursue a degree in political science and a career in law.

**Kelly Lane** has excelled in academics at **Willowbrook** High School. Currently, Kelly is in the 99% of the senior class, has completed three Advanced Placement courses during her sophomore and junior years, and is enrolled in six Advanced Placement courses during her senior year. Kelly is an inductee of the National Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Math Honor Society and Social Studies Honor Society.

While at Willowbrook, Kelly has sought challenges beyond the academic classroom as a member of the cross-country and track teams, as well as being Editor-in-chief of the student newspaper *Skyline* and a New Beginnings and P.E. leader. Outside of school she is a member of Camp Fire USA and was recently appointed to serve on the National Youth Advisory Cabinet.

Kelly plans to apply to the University of Montana and Washington and Lee University and would like to pursue degrees in Journalism and Biochemistry.



### **BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP SIGNING CEREMONY:**

**Mr. Mark Johnson**, President of the Board of Education, and **Dr. Steve Humphrey**, Superintendent of Schools, honored **Walter Grant**, owner of **Churrasco Brazil in Villa Park**, for his generous contribution to District 88 students. Starting in September and continuing through the 2008-09 school year, the student recipients of 88's Best will each receive \$100 gift certificates to the restaurant. The signing ceremony was held in recognition of **Mr. Grant's leadership, commitment, and dedication to the schools and district.**



### INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF:

The Board of Education welcomed 20 new staff members to District 88 at the September 29 Board meeting. Following introductions, a brief reception was hosted to meet the new Blazer and Warrior teachers.

The Principals commended their staff for the energy and enthusiasm they have brought into the classroom.



### EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:

- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi**, Director of Curriculum and Learning, reported on the required correspondence and paperwork for *No Child Left Behind*. Copies of the Choice letter will be sent to all Willowbrook High school parents and Supplemental Educational Services (SES) letters will be sent to all families who qualify for Free and Reduced lunches. **Copies of the 2008 District and School report cards**, which contain information regarding student demographics, financial expenditures, state testing results and AYP status, **will be posted on the district web site** in accordance with state directives.

**THE CONSENT AGENDA**, which included the following items, was approved by the Board:

The **list of bills and treasurer's report** from August 2008; **fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more and **personnel items as presented** at the September 22, 2008 meeting;

**DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**, which included the following, were approved by the Board:

- BTF contractor payment request Construction Trade Billing #2..
- **Meeting minutes** from the August 18, 2008, Regular Business meeting; August 25, 2008, Educational Focus meeting; Closed Session minutes of the August 25, 2008 Board meeting; September 15, 2008, Special BTF Board meeting and September 18, 2008 Special BTF Board meeting.

**IN PERSONNEL ACTIONS:** the following items were approved by the Board:

- Certified Staff Retirement for **Joseph Scahill**, WB Physical Education Teacher effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
- Classified Staff Change of Status for **Charlie Hoehn**, AT Technical Assistance I to District Office Technical Assistant effective October 1, 2008.
- Classified Staff Retirement for **Andy Piermattei**, WB Student Supervisor effective March 20, 2009.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

- **Revised and amended Board Policies:** 7:10, 7:15, 7:20, 7:30, 7:40, 7:50, 7:60, 7:70, 7:80, 7:90, 7:100, 7:130, 7:140 and 7:150.

### SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

**Addison Trail Principal Dr. Scott Helton** highlighted recent events and recognition:

- The freshman houses visited the University of Wisconsin at Madison as part of their "future focus" initiative and will also be participating in team building activities at a local ropes course.
- The student body is participating in "Go Pink or Go Home" week to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. Monies raised from pink hair dyeing and t-shirt sales will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.
- Upcoming events: District football game and cookout, Honor Roll assembly, Triggiano, Italy student visit and Fine Arts Showcase.

**Willowbrook Principal Mr. Dan Krause** also highlighted recent events and recognition:

- The launch of the freshman advisory periods, as part of a Smaller Learning Communities model, has been successful with faculty reporting high levels of student engagement and excitement since the opening of school.
- The girls volleyball team partnered with Glenbard West to host "Volley for a Cure." Warrior fans purchased over 700 pink t-shirts for admission to the game with all of the proceeds benefiting breast cancer research.
- Upcoming events: Parent Resource Nights, District football game and cookout at AT, practice PLAN/ACT exams and Homecoming Week.

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### Mark Your Calendars:

October 20, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom*
October 27, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom*

\*2 Friendship Plaza, Addison