



**January 22, 2010**

**Dear Parents & Friends:**

Once again, I want to tell you that Lisbon is a great place! The children are caring, intelligent and well-behaved. The staff is dedicated. I enjoy interacting with all of them on a daily basis. The purpose of this letter is to update you on a few exciting activities happening in our district.

**Lisbon Central School**

As mentioned to you several times, the staff in the Lisbon School District is exceptional. At Lisbon Central School, teachers have recently participated in training on topics such as the co-teaching model for special education and regular education teachers, grade level expectations for students and differentiated instruction. Some faculty members have also received training on Smart Boards. A Smart Board is an interactive, electronic white board used to enhance classroom instruction and increase student engagement. The faculty and students really enjoy having this tool available to them.

I had lunch with the Student Ambassadors this week. What a great group! It's impressive to have student representatives involved on the school and town boards / committees. When the students were asked the reasons for their involvement, many said that they wanted to make a difference and have a voice in community issues. I enjoyed my visit with them.

**Community Connections High School**

At the completion of every quarter, students at Community Connections High School (CCHS) orally present their work to a panel of peers, family members, advisors and mentors. Each exhibition lasts between 45 minutes and an hour. Within the exhibition, students are expected to show evidence of what they have learned, products they have developed and how they have progressed. At the completion of the exhibitions, students are asked questions and receive feedback. The administrators at Lisbon Central School had opportunities to see these exhibitions. The projects were quite impressive! Projects included topics such as the Black Sea, business marketing strategies and book publication processes.

Overall, the students were articulate, focused and knowledgeable. CCHS is a great high school for the non-traditional learner.

**Upcoming Events**

- January 22, 2010 – PTO Movie Night @ 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria.
- January 25, 2010 – Basketball (Boys – Away) / (Girls – Home) vs. Salem.
- January 25, 2010 – Regular Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the Library / Media Center.
- January 27, 2010 – Basketball (Boys – Away) / (Girls – Home) vs. Lyman.
- January 29, 2010 – Activity Night for students in Grades 7 – 8.
- February 1, 2010 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Report Cards.
- February 1, 2010 – Basketball (Boys – Home) / (Girls – Away) vs. Preston.
- February 1, 2010 – PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the Library / Media Center.
- February 3, 2010 – Basketball (Boys – Away) / (Girls – Home) vs. Bozrah.
- February 5, 2010 – Activity Night for students in Grades 5 – 6.

That is it for now. I wish you well and I wish you the best!

*Sally Keating*