Three-hundred ninety students graduated from Linden High School at the school’s 109th Commencement on Friday, June 21. Eighty-three percent of the graduates plan to continue their education at two- or four-year colleges and universities. Valedictorian Muhsin Khan, who will attend Rutgers University, told his fellow graduates that reward comes from effort and hard work. “Today we are Linden High School graduates. The home of the Tigers is now also the home of tomorrow’s business leaders, doctors, politicians, scientists and stars. Go forward, work hard, and attain excellence.”

Top student videos get Hollywood treatment
Students and staff from all Linden Public Schools gathered Tuesday, June 11, for the fourth-annual Academy Awards to honor the year’s best student-created videos from all grade levels. Director of Technology Michael Walters said response was overwhelming this year, with more than 150 video entrees. “You should be very, very proud of yourself,” he said to the nominees. Click here for story, video, photos, and full list of winners and nominees.

Schools go on the move to help Linden’s less fortunate
Schools from around the district took part in the annual walkathon to benefit the LINCS Food Pantry, which helps families in need in the Linden community. The main walkathon was held May 31 at Wilson Park. Students and staff from Linden High School, Soehl and McManus middle schools, and Schools No. 1, 8, 9 and 10 took part in raising awareness and donations for the cause. Other schools that couldn’t walk to Wilson Park held school-based donation drives and walkathons in their own area. Click here for video and photos.
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Senior Angelo McNeill

Kindergartner works her magic

Donates birthday money to help fellow students

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School No. 8 and 10 technology teacher Kim Kefalas with School No. 8 kindergarten student Anna Brum.

Energized

McManus Middle School celebrated its top students, athletes and performers with a lively spring pep rally on May 30. Click here to see video.

Next
Board of Education
meeting:
July 30,
7 p.m., at
Administration
Building, 2
East Gibbons
Street
A city’s worth of talent under one roof

Our annual All City Music and Art Festival was moved inside because of a rainstorm, but that didn’t dampen the young musicians’ enthusiasm. The concert featured performances from the Linden High School madrigals and concert choir, combined middle schools orchestra, combined middle schools choir, Linden High School orchestra, the LHS Musical Theatre Touring Troupe, and an all-star band made up of students from all of our elementary schools. The grand finale of “Bohemian Rhapsody” featured a combined performance of the middle school and high school choirs, as well as orchestra students and music teachers on instruments. Click here to see video of entire concert. Click here to see artwork on display.

The All City grand finale featured the middle school and high school choirs.

Elementary students show talent and teamwork at track meet

Students from each elementary school competed on May 21 and 22 in the annual Paul Blue Elementary Track and Field Meet, with the top finishers taking home the gold, silver and bronze. The meet at Tiger Stadium at Cooper Field was organized and overseen by Director of Athletics and Physical Education Steven Viana, physical education teachers from all elementary schools, and Linden High School varsity track and field athletes. The meet is named for Paul Blue, a beloved physical education teacher who taught and mentored Linden students at various schools from 1958 to 2001. Click here for video, photos, and complete list of medal winners.

Mini safari at School No. 5

Educators from Turtle Back Zoo visited with first-graders from School No. 5 on May 20 to teach about their animal friends. Click here for video.

Tigers go on a tear

The eighth-grade baseball team from McManus and Soehl middle schools went a perfect 11-0 this spring, their first undefeated season in decades.
Pomp and Circumstance

See more photos from Linden High School and Soehl and McManus middle schools.