## Hilliard Lynx - Field Hockey

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## Hilliard Lynx Field Hockey Club holds annual banquet and hands out awards.

The Hilliard Lynx Field Hockey Club met at Hilliard Station Sixth Grade building on November 9, 2023 to celebrate a successful season and hand out individual awards. The program included a dinner provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill and presentations by members of the club board. Both high school and middle school coaches handed out awards.

Melanie McClellan (middle school coach) started by handing awards to all girls who participated and followed that by handing out team captain recognition to eight graders Claire King and Elyse Kolb. The Lynx middle school program supports girls in grades 5 through 8 through regular practices and approximately 15 game schedule. Other awards included:

Most Valuable Player (MVP) – Claire King, 8<sup>th</sup> grader
Most Improved Player (MIP) – Kay Fidelibus (7<sup>th</sup>) & Rowan White (5<sup>th</sup>)
Best Forward – Izzy McClellan, 7<sup>th</sup> grader
Best Midfielder – Amelia Wright, 6<sup>th</sup> grader
Best Defender – Elyse Kolb, 8<sup>th</sup> grader
Most Team Spirit – Lily Troyer,n 7<sup>th</sup> grader
Lynx Award – Dorothy Karman, 6th grader
Most Dependable – Rizka Darwish, 7<sup>th</sup> grader

Madison Pucci and Sarah Willbarger (high school coachs) ended the evening by handing varsity letters to Freshman Madysen Feathers and Megan McEnhill. Followed that by recognizing Dani Peck (senior), Reese Dodgion (Junior), Audrey Bruntz (Junior) as team captains. The Lynx high school program supports young woman in grades 9 through 12 with daily practices and varsity games. While the club is not OHSAA sanctioned, they do play OHSAA member teams and compete at a high level. Other awards included:

Most Valuable Player (MVP) – Elena Schumacher (Miami University commit), junior Most Improved Player (MIP) – Tess Willbarger, sophomore Best Forward – Macie Dixon, junior Best Midfielder – Dani Peck, senior Best Defender – Audrey Bruntz, junior Most Team Spirit – Emma Swartzmiller, sophomore Lynx Award – Lani Crawford, sophomore

Hilliard Lynx is a field hockey club comprised mainly of athletes from Hilliard City Schools. Field hockey is not currently a school sport, but the club's goal is to promote and build a following that will change this. **All local public, private and home school students are welcome to join the club!**