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Dear Readers,

The month of March is quickly approaching, and with that, spring is just around the corner. This winter has been kind, with warmer temperatures, and certainly not as much in the way of snow and ice as we experienced over the past couple of years. Following the winter break in February every year, the longer days and warmer temperatures become more noticeable. I certainly hope that those warmer temperatures arrive quickly and we all begin to enjoy spring.

Spring at SCOPE signifies the need to begin planning not only for the completion of the current year programs, but also for registration for the 2016/2017 school year. In the very near future, parents with children attending our many programs will receive information regarding registration. This will include our School Age Child Care, Pre-Kindergarten, Universal Pre-Kindergarten and enrichment programs. Our School Age Child Care program currently provides before- and after-school care for almost 6,000 children in Nassau and Suffolk counties every day. In addition, 1,400 children attend our Pre-K and Universal Pre-K daily.

Our enrichment offerings provide programs in science, robotics, reading, math, arts and crafts, instrumental music and recreation. When reading this edition of the Forum, you will find information regarding all of these programs and others. SCOPE programs are a favorite for many children and parents. All are staffed with highly trained and skilled professionals ready to provide children with enjoyable, fun, age-appropriate and educationally sound programs at a very reasonable cost. No child is ever denied attendance to any SCOPE program based on need; this year alone, more than \$250,000 in scholarships was provided to families in need.

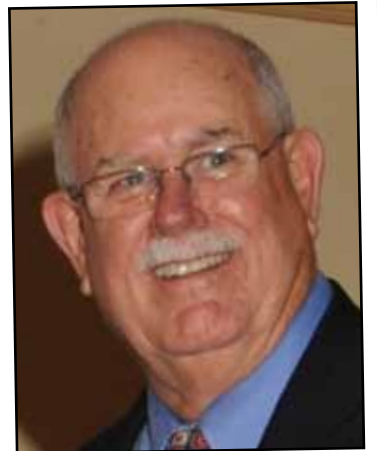
I hope you enjoy the Winter/Spring edition of the Forum. For the latest news on what's happening in schools all around Long Island, be sure to read the section titled "Inside Our Schools."

Should you have any questions regarding any program, you may obtain further information by referring to our website at www.scopeonline.us or by contacting SCOPE directly at 631-360-0800.

Best wishes to all for a warm, enjoyable and healthy spring.

Sincerely,

George L. Duffy
Executive Director



SCOPE Education Services, a not-for-profit organization currently celebrating our 51st year, is permanently chartered by the New York State Board of Regents to provide services to public school districts on Long Island and in New York State.

George L. Duffy, Executive Director

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Elmont Stewart Manor PM Program

Spotlight on Excellence

Exemplary Pre-Kindergarten Programs Supervised by Mellisa Krauss

September Program of the Month: North Babylon – Belmont Pre-K Program: When you enter Rachel Greis’ pre-K classroom, you are immediately struck by the inviting colorful display of creative learning centers throughout the room uniquely carved out for specific activities and opportunities for exploration and work. What is truly impressive is the way technology is incorporated into instruction.

October Program of the Month: Hicksville – Woodland Pre-K Program: In one of SCOPE’s newest pre-K programs, where families are always welcome, teacher Winnie Gioia and her

teaching assistant, Terri Mingst, operate from the belief that each child is special in his or her own way. Daily activities focus on the holidays, recognition of the alphabet’s letters, and much more.

November Program of the Month: Eastport-South Manor – South Street UPK Program: Teacher Christine Puglisi and teaching assistant Ann Krejnicki work tirelessly to provide students with a warm and nurturing classroom environment. Teacher-made materials abound, with daily lessons focused on language, literacy and early math concepts. Literature serves as an impetus for both language and math.



Connetquot Cherokee PM Program

December Program of the Month: Hampton Bays – Hampton Bays High School UPK Program: Teacher Ashley Lombardo and her teaching assistant, Colleen Clemenson, create and manage a very

engaging and fruitful learning environment where student work is displayed. Interactive lessons are continuously threaded throughout the day, with effective use of Smart Board technology and learning centers designed for multiple activities.

Programs of the Month Supervised by Cheri Markland

September Program of the Month: Longwood – Ridge PM Program: The staff clearly understands teamwork and handles challenges together with finesse. Supervisor Mildred Keogh and her team demonstrate a true understanding of accepting others for who they are and are highly respected by staff. Thank you to Supervisor Mildred Keogh, Assistant Supervisor Donna Gaddis, and support staff Krystal Bestenheider, Loretta Burro, Mary Ferriolo, Lisa Libassi, Emma McDonnell and Kristen Thristino.

October Program of the Month: Great Neck – Lakeville PM Program: Supervisor Felisa Fulton’s leadership provides a

successful program where the staff members understand and execute their roles in the program. The children benefit from a schedule that is consistent and activities that are varied. Thank you to Supervisor Felisa Fulton, Assistants Farzana Aziz and Sheba Liverpool, and support staff Orly Bolender, Sonja Cason, Catherine Choi, Joshua Hakimian, Donna Palmieri and Spencer Warshaw.

November Program of the Month: Hauppauge – Bretton Woods PM Program: Anyone who has the pleasure of visiting this program notices the welcoming nature and warmth of the staff. The children truly benefit from this nurturing environment. The staff and

students connect to their community with projects and outreach to the elderly. Thank you to Supervisor Tina Meyers, Assistant Diane Capizzi, and support staff Diana Badala and Margaret Fici.

December Program of the Month: Connetquot – Cherokee PM Program: In this program, the children and their interests are always the first priority. Students are given the opportunity to share their accomplishments with staff and peers. Thank you to Supervisor Patricia Cacioppo, Assistant Karen Stanca, and support staff Linda Keleher, Andrea Longo, Linda Mcelory, Georgoula Mikromastoras and Sofia Rizzuto.



East Meadow Meadowbrook PM Program

SCOPE Recognizes Outstanding Staff and Programs

SCOPE regularly evaluates its staff and recognizes those who exemplify the professional characteristics that make SCOPE programs truly outstanding. Staff are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Knowledge and implementation of the SCOPE regulations.
- Overall program planning skills, including community service projects and special events.
- Leadership skills and, when needed, crisis management.
- Successful relationship building with children, parents and staff.
- Timely and efficient management of internal paperwork.
- Maintaining of a positive attitude and exemplary attendance.



Longwood Ridge PM Program

Programs of the Month Supervised by Paula Driscoll

September Program of the Month: Wantagh – Elementary PM Program: Every visit to this program bears witness to numerous activities showing children and staff engaged in a mix of meaningful and entertaining experiences. The staff's positive and caring approach to children leads to multiple compliments from parents. Thank you to Supervisor Christina Napolitano, Assistant Sharon Marden, and support staff Claritza Baquero, Karen Berchoff and Toni Hathaway.

October Program of the Month: Carle Place – PM Program: Supervisor Rhonda Sutton uses each moment as a teaching opportunity. The staff is synchronized to interact with students and adapt to all kinds of situations. This creative staff thrives on making this program a fun and enjoyable experience for all children. Thank you to Supervisor Rhonda Sutton, Assistants Meryl Collins and

Fitzgerald Paul, and support staff member Elizabeth Alamandy.

November Program of the Month: Northport-Bellerose – Elementary PM Program: A major goal of this program is to create activities that keep students happy and engaged. Supervisor Lori Bainbridge and her staff often exceed expectations as demonstrated by the number of activities resulting in the creation of edible products. The enjoyment experienced by the students makes for an inviting and nurturing environment. Thank you to Supervisor Lori Bainbridge, Assistant Jeanette Capalongo, and support staff Emily Bobick, Adriana Messina and Tyler Weigl.

December Program of the Month: Deer Park – PM Program: Traditional activities



Hauppauge Bretton Woods PM Program

such as “riddle of the day” set the stage for active student engagement. These routines connect the students to the staff, each other and the program as a whole. It is not uncommon for the children to be more than reluctant to go home at day's end. Thank you to Supervisor Rebecca Rosario-Ramos, Assistant Theresa Longhitano, and support staff Christina Alfredsen, Jennifer DeJoseph, Kirstyn Dunn, Tawan Reese, Charnell Saint-Laurent and Maribeth Swetland.

Programs of the Month Supervised by Renee Mercer

September Program of the Month: Hicksville – Old Country Road PM Program: At the start of this program, seasoned Assistant Supervisor Nancy Zager assumed the role of supervisor and did an amazing job. All of the support staff worked together and contributed to a successful program. Thank you to Assistant Supervisor Nancy Zager and support staff Joann Demarco, Patimma Nasaar and Anna Ribarich. SCOPE would also like to welcome the new supervisor of the Old Country Road program, Joy Tucker.

October Program of the Month: Jericho – Cantiague PM Program: At the beginning of the program, Jacqueline Foran, a new assistant supervisor, successfully

assumed the role of supervisor. The Cantiague office wrote a glowing letter complimenting Ms. Foran. Along with the supportive, collaborative staff, the program had a successful start to the school year. Thank you to Assistant Supervisor Jacqueline Foran and support staff Marianna Berkowitz, Margaret Schuffenhauer, Mariah Tavares and Melissa Zapf. SCOPE would also like to welcome the new supervisor of the Cantiague program, Edward Cress.

November Program of the Month: Elmont – Stewart Manor PM Program: The staff is always seeking new and exciting projects for the children. In honor of Veterans Day, the children wrote letters to wounded soldiers at the



Hampton Bays After-School Program

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. During a presentation attended by parents, the children were presented with an award from an ex-Marine and had an opportunity to ask the Marine questions. Thank you to Supervisor Katherine Seaman, Assistant Supervisor Maria Romond and support staff member Melvin Peterson.

December Program of the Month: East Meadow – Meadowbrook PM Program: This

program has doubled in size since the beginning of the year. The increased enrollment is evidence of the wonderful job the staff is doing. The Meadowbrook staff are kind, caring and attentive to the students in the program. Thank you to Supervisor Christine Sheridan, Assistant Supervisor Victoria Cook and support staff member Yoga Kunaratham. SCOPE would also like to welcome new staff aide Naomi Fernandez.

SCOPE Services for

School-Year Enrichment Programs and Summer Enrichment Programs

STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

SCOPE is Long Island's largest provider of after-school, Saturday and summer enrichment programs for elementary school students. Last year, more than 4,000 students entering grades K-9 participated in SCOPE programs hosted in public schools in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SCOPE enrichment programs are collaboratively designed with school districts to provide a safe, fun, caring environment for students entering grades K-9. Examples of comprehensive program offerings include: Foreign Language, Reading, Math and Science Skills, Arts & Crafts, Recreation, Instrumental Music and Theme-Based Enrichment Activities.

Programs can be offered after school, on weekends or during the summer at sites determined by the school district.

ELIGIBILITY & TUITION

Programs are open to residents of school districts for eligible grades as determined by the school district. All programs are fee-based, paid for by parents of participating students. Actual program tuition fees are set annually by SCOPE and are dependent upon the number and length of sessions

offered. Scholarship opportunities are offered by SCOPE for eligible students based upon need.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS CURRENTLY OFFERING SCOPE SCHOOL-YEAR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Commack: World Language Program; East Islip: Saturday Enrichment Program; Hauppauge: Saturday Enrichment Program; Sayville: Science Explorations Program; Smithtown: Academic Challenge and Enrichment Program (ACE), Winter Explorations Program, Science Explorations Club, Middle School Robotics Program; South Huntington: After-School Enrichment Program; and Valley Stream Thirteen: Saturday Explorations Program

SCHOOL DISTRICTS CURRENTLY OFFERING SCOPE SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Commack: Summer Explorations and Music Program; East Moriches: Summer Explorations Program; Eastport-South Manor: Summer Enrichment Program; Island Trees: Summer Explorations Program; Islip/East Islip: Summer Explorations Program; Manhasset: Summer Center; Sag Harbor: Summer

Enrichment Program; Smithtown: Summer Explorations Program; West Hempstead: Summer Program; and Valley Stream Thirteen: Summer Reading and Math Enrichment Program

SCOPE RESPONSIBILITIES

SCOPE designs and advertises the program with school district input, collects all fees, conducts a criminal background check of prospective employees, employs and compensates all program staff, provides supplies and equipment, secures insurance coverage, and is responsible for management and supervision of the program.

SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

The school district offers adequate space for the operation of the program, provides custodial services and telephone access, and permits SCOPE to distribute information regarding the program to parents in the school district.

For further information, contact Julianna Carbone at jcarbone@scopeonline.us.

SCOPE Pre-School Programs

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Pre-K program provides 3- and 4-year-old children with a wonderland of opportunity and discovery that builds on children's natural curiosity. Please contact SCOPE in order to obtain information regarding available programs and fees for your school district. Social, emotional,

motor and cognitive growth are fostered through creative expression, arts and crafts, science, math, reading readiness, music, dance, large and small motor coordination, and much more. The curriculum is aligned with the NYS Learning Standards and is designed to transition students into kindergarten.

STAFFING

All teachers are specialists in early childhood education. Teachers are teamed with trained assistants who are sensitive to the unique qualities and needs of each child. SCOPE teachers participate in professional workshops to keep abreast of

Children and Students

SCOPE Pre-School Programs (cont.)

new trends in education. Staff meetings are conducted weekly to create a sharing environment.

ADMISSION

Open to all 3- and 4-year-old students. Transportation is not provided. Enrollment is limited to 16 students in the 3-year-old program and 20 students in the 4-year-old program. If there are more eligible students than spots, the child's name will be placed on a waiting list. Enrollment is based strictly on a first-come, first-served basis.

TUITION

Parents pay all fees directly to SCOPE. Fees are subject to change. Please contact SCOPE in order to obtain information

regarding available programs and fees for your school district.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS CURRENTLY OFFERING SCOPE PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Commack, Comsewogue, East Meadow, East Moriches, Eastport-South Manor, Hauppauge, Hicksville, Island Trees, North Babylon, Sachem, Three Village and West Babylon

SCOPE RESPONSIBILITIES

SCOPE will recruit/screen/hire/compensate all teachers and teacher assistants, provide all staff training, purchase all consumable materials for the program, conduct all pre- and post-student evaluations, maintain all student

performance and attendance records, provide children with a nutritious snack each day, provide all program supervision and maintain appropriate insurance coverage for the program.

SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

Provide adequate and appropriate space for the program, assign a district liaison, provide access to a photocopier, and a phone line, permit SCOPE to distribute information regarding the program to parents, and provide custodial services.

For further information, contact Mellisa Krauss at 631-360-0800, ext. 146 or email Dana Ingarozza at dingarozza@scopeonline.us.

SCOPE Employee Day Care Programs

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SCOPE day care programs provide a safe, fun, caring environment for the children of school district employees. Because we care for children beginning in infancy and extending through the school years, we can play a constant and familiar role in a child's life.

STAFFING

All staff undergo an extensive background check and meet or exceed all requirements set by the state of New York. Personnel are chosen for their nurturing abilities and patience as well as their professional credentials and child care experience. SCOPE program supervisors and field trainers oversee the programs. In addition, OCFS inspectors visit the programs regularly.

ADMISSION

The programs are open to the children of all school district employees. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to limits by OCFS regulations. When necessary, children are placed on a waiting list for the next available opening.

TUITION

Parents pay all fees directly to SCOPE. Fees are subject to change. Please contact SCOPE in order to obtain information regarding available programs and fees for your school district.

SCOPE RESPONSIBILITIES

SCOPE conducts all needs assessments, designs the program to meet district needs, obtains all licensing and permits, recruits, screens, hires and compensates all program staff, provides all staff training, purchases

all equipment and materials for the program, provides all program supervision, maintains appropriate insurance coverage for the program and provides a daily nutritious snack.

SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

The school district provides adequate and appropriate space for the program according to OCFS regulation requirements, provides access to a phone line, provides custodial services and permits SCOPE to distribute information regarding the program to parents in the school district.

For further information, contact Michael O'Brien 631-360-0800, ext. 122.

SCOPE WINTER/SPRING 2016

Professional Development Program

For more than 50 years, SCOPE Education Services has been committed to providing effective and relevant professional development for Long Island teachers. The training is designed to enhance best practices to increase student achievement in all subject areas. Great care has been given to assure that the offerings target each discipline area with high-quality standards intended to meet district needs, and that they are applicable to the New York State Standards for Professional Development. With a comprehensive evaluation system in place, professional development courses are continually designed to keep educators informed, up-to-date and ahead of educational trends.

Quality Assurance

Professional Development Statements of Assurance have been developed to maintain a standard that warrants continued approval of SCOPE courses by school districts' boards of education and administrators. These statements can be found on SCOPE's website at www.scopeonline.us.

Program Overview

- Courses are offered three times a year – Fall, Winter/Spring and Summer.
- As many as 75 courses are offered each semester.
- Brochures are distributed to schools in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

- Courses are offered for in-service credit.
- One SCOPE in-service credit represents 15 hours of instruction.
- Courses are offered both face-to-face and online.

Teaching Staff

An important key to SCOPE's success is our multi-talented instructional staff. Instructors teach a variety of disciplines based upon their qualifications, expertise and background experience. They are highly respected educators who know what works in a classroom setting and can prepare teachers to apply innovative and proven research-based strategies and techniques. Are you interested

in teaching a course? In an effort to provide the most up-to-date course offerings for our educators, SCOPE is seeking educators who are interested in sharing their knowledge and expertise.

For information on course offerings and employment opportunities, please contact Coordinator for Professional Development Betty Westcott at 631-881-9651 or at bwestcott@scopeonline.us.

SCOPE REDESIGNED

SAT, PSAT and ACT Prep Courses

SCOPE, Long Island's leading education services provider, is proud to announce that we are providing SAT and PSAT prep courses that align with the redesigned test format. The new test supports college readiness with a clear focus on skills and knowledge that matter most for college success.

SCOPE's program is research-based and specifically designed to help students gain a thorough knowledge and understanding of the new test format, including:

- 21 Hours of Instruction – SAT • 15 Hours of Instruction – PSAT • Sessions Divided Between Critical Reading/Writing and Math • Timed Test Practice and Review • Custom Student Workbook • Test Taking Strategies • Full-Length Practice Tests

SAT Prep Course Preparation for May 7, 2016 Exam: Cost: \$225
New Test Format, Seven 3-Hour Sessions

ACT Prep Course Preparation for June 11, 2016 Exam: Cost: \$185
Same Test Format, Five 3-Hour Sessions

PSAT Prep Course Preparation in Fall 2016: Cost \$185
New Test Format, Five 3-Hour Sessions

Programs Available in the Following School Districts:
Central Islip • Comsewogue • Eastport-South Manor • Farmingdale
• Hauppauge • Mineola • Plainview-Old Bethpage • Smithtown • West Babylon

Teachers NEEDED

Classes offered one night a week, 6-9 p.m. • NYS teacher certification required • Bachelor's degree with strong background in content area • Current SAT/PSAT/ACT teaching experience a plus

For more information, please contact Coordinator of Student Prep Programs Betty Westcott at 631-881-9651 or at bwestcott@scopeonline.us.

SCOPE RECOGNITIONS WELL-DESERVED

At a recent SCOPE Board of Directors meeting, four SCOPE employees were honored for their years of service. From left are: Ann Nuzzo, 30 years of service; Jackie Fontana, 30 years of service; Michele Sebor, 15 years of service; and Dawn Albanese, 15 years of service.

George Duffy, SCOPE's executive director, and Susan Schnebel, president of SCOPE's Board of Directors and superintendent of Islip UFSD, presented each honoree with her award.



Congratulations Are in Order

APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



HAUPPAUGE

Neil Lederer to Serve as Hauppauge UFSD Interim Superintendent of Schools

The Hauppauge School District Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Interim Superintendent of Schools Neil Lederer effective Jan. 5, 2016. Mr. Lederer brings a wealth of experience and leadership skills to the Hauppauge School District. Over the course of five decades, he has served as a superintendent of schools, interim superintendent of schools, principal, assistant principal and teacher in several Long Island school districts.



MINEOLA

Digital Citizenship Certified Educator

Jennifer Dralle-Moreano, library media specialist at Jackson Avenue School, has been named a Digital Citizenship Certified Educator. To qualify for this designation, Ms. Dralle-Moreano had to complete a certain number of lessons on digital citizenship with students, as well as lead discussions on its importance with fellow educators and parents.

Jackson Avenue School has also been recognized as a Common Sense Digital Citizenship Certified School. Common

Sense Education is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children and families thrive in a world of digital media and technology.



RIVERHEAD

Food Pantry at Phillips Avenue Elementary School

Phillips Avenue Elementary School made local history by creating one of the only on-site school food pantries in a public school. Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools Nancy Carney, Rodney Parrish; Secretary to Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Sam Schneider, Nancy Raynor; Treasurer Gail Yeager; and Professional Personnel Director Lucia Laguarda, representing the North and South teams at the district office, transported the donated food to the pantry.



ROCKY POINT

High Honor for Rocky Point Athletic Director

Rocky Point School District's Director of Health, Physical Education, Intramurals and Athletics Amy Agnesini has been named the Athletic Director of the Year by the Suffolk Athletic Directors Association. She was nominated and chosen for this award by her athletic director colleagues in Suffolk County.

Ms. Agnesini was selected for

this honor based on the outstanding contributions she has made over the years, namely her evidenced devotion and idealism to athletics through the New York State Athletic Administrators Association and promotion of athletics in a positive manner. Ms. Agnesini currently serves the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Section XI in a number of capacities. These include the Athletic Council, Eligibility Committee, Finance Committee, Modified Committee, Mixed Competition Committee, Sportsmanship Committee, Awards Committee, Section XI Cheerleading Coordinator and the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading State Committee.

Ms. Agnesini will receive the award during the NYSAAA conference in Saratoga this March. She has served as Rocky Point's athletic director for six years and as an athletic director for 18 years.



THREE VILLAGE

Cheryl Pedisich Named Administrator of the Year

Three Village Central School District Superintendent of Schools Cheryl Pedisich has been named Administrator of the Year by the New York State School Counselor Association.

The award was established to recognize a department, building or district leader who has provided outstanding support to the school counseling profession through development of the district's comprehensive school counseling program or other program innovations.

DEER PARK

Suffolk ASSET Honors a Bright Light

John Heeg, a social studies teacher at Robert Frost Middle School, was honored with the Bright Light Award from Suffolk ASSET. Heeg, known for his use of MacBooks and Google Classroom to allow students to research and develop arguments for discussion and debates in Socratic seminars, was acclaimed by Suffolk ASSET for his use of innovative technology in his classroom.

"I am grateful for the recognition," said Heeg. "My administrators and technology coach Chris Kauter provided the support and resources needed so that students could benefit from the use of technology in the classroom."



HARBORFIELDS

Harborfields Superintendent Announces Retirement; Successor Appointed

During its regular business meeting on Dec. 16, the Harborfields Central School District Board of Education accepted the resignation of Superintendent of Schools Diana Todaro for the purpose of retirement effective Dec. 31, 2016, while simultaneously appointing Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Human Resources Dr. Francesco Ianni as her successor starting Jan. 1, 2017.



BABYLON

Babylon HS Students Learn Forensics

Babylon Junior-Senior High School students from Melissa Callahan's Syracuse Forensic Science class visited Stony Brook University's Biotechnology Lab. The students used gel electrophoresis technology to analyze DNA from a crime scene and evidence from several victims to solve a mock criminal investigation. In addition to DNA fingerprinting, the students worked collaboratively to analyze microscopic particulates, shoe prints, chromatography of inks and latent fingerprints to successfully convict the correct suspect.



BELLMORE-MERRICK

District Ambassadors Travel to UN

As part of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District's One Voice "One Message" initiative, student ambassadors representing the four high schools traveled to the United Nations in New York City.

At the U.N., students visited the General Assembly gallery, the Trusteeship Council room and the

Security Council room. They viewed magnificent works of art donated by member nations and learned about humanitarian efforts spearheaded by the U.N.



FREEPORT

Freeport First District on L.I. with Program in Nanotechnology with Brookhaven National Lab

The Freeport Public School District became the first school district on Long Island to have its "Introducing Nanotechnology into the High School Curriculum" proposal approved by the Center of Functional Nanomaterials at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

"This partnership with Brookhaven National Laboratory will provide our students with real-world experiences in the growing field of nanotechnology and enable them to explore college and career paths in areas of advanced science research beyond the typical high school classroom," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kishore Kuncham.



GLEN COVE

Vatican Performance for Glen Cove Singers

Members of the Glen Cove High School Select Chorale

enjoyed the experience of a lifetime when they performed at the first Children's Choir Festival for Epiphany, alongside the Sistine Chapel Choir, during a Mass led by Pope Francis at the Vatican.

Under the guidance of Ed Norris, Glen Cove's director of choral music, the students in grades 10-12 performed twice at the Vatican, once at the Church of San Lorenzo and once in Assisi.

The group began raising money for the trip last June and garnered nearly \$40,000 thanks to the support of local businesses, local officials and Glen Cove community members. Superintendent of Schools Maria Rianna accompanied the select chorale to Rome and described the trip during a Board of Education meeting in January. "It was an amazing experience for everyone there," Rianna said. "When it comes to honoring Glen Cove, these students put the district on the map internationally. I can't tell you how many people approached me after their performances just in awe of their voices, their professionalism and their behavior. They were outstanding."



HARBORFIELDS

Exploring the Elements of STEM

Students at Harborfields High School interested in science, technology,

engineering and mathematics careers attended the Cradle of Aviation Museum's fifth annual Long Island STEM Career Expo. The purpose of this event was to expose students to various careers and applications in STEM disciplines, especially on Long Island.



ISLIP

Imparting a Message of Cyber Safety

Police officer Sabrina Pitch from Suffolk County's Community Response Bureau recently visited sixth-grade social studies classes at Islip Middle School to speak on the importance of cyber safety.



LOCUST VALLEY

Locust Valley Middle School Promotes Tolerance

Locust Valley Middle School students are working to promote tolerance. In an effort to learn about preventing bullying and other types of intolerant behavior, a group of students attended Middle School Tolerance Day, sponsored by the Nassau County Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center in Glen Cove. The seventh- and

eighth- graders were chosen by their social studies teachers to be part of this important program.

The LVMS students joined approximately 200 other middle school students from across Long Island to participate in workshops designed to help them teach their peers to be “upstanders.”



MERRICK

We Have ‘PARP’ Liftoff

Chatterton Elementary School launched its “Reading Is Out of This World” Pick a Reading Partner Week with the help of U.S. Marine Major and NASA astronaut Nicole Mann.



MINEOLA

International Educators Visit Mineola

As part of a tour that included notable schools across the United States, international educators from China visited classrooms to hear directly from students on how engaging with iPads has enhanced their educational experience. Mineola’s teachers shared with the visitors tips on integrating technology and maximizing its use for student success. An Apple Distinguished School, Mineola Middle School was the only

school on Long Island visited by this group of educators

NORTH BABYLON

NBHS Students Visit

Legislature

Nine North Babylon High School seniors were introduced to the inner workings of the Suffolk County Legislature during the first Suffolk County Student Legislative Day.

The day, held at the Legislature in Hauppauge, was designed to teach students how government operates. The nine students who participated were Rochelle Brown, Jamima Chowdhury, Cevin Felix, Nina Malusay, Anthony Pascone, Kaitlyn Sparacio, Alonzo Tabada, Shauneil Williams and Larib Zahid.



SEAFORD

District Brings ‘Beautiful Me’ Program to Elementary Schools

Girls in grades three and five at Seaford Harbor and Manor elementary schools are discovering what makes them uniquely beautiful through a powerful, confidence-building program called Beautiful Me.

SEWANHAKA

Sewanhaka Students

Network at ACCESS Mixer

Twenty-one students from Elmont Memorial High School and Sewanhaka High School attended the Gateway Youth Outreach ACCESS (Acquiring Critical and Competitive Skills for Success) Program Networking Mixer at Martin De Porres in Elmont.

The program seeks to empower youth to hope, work and succeed through formal training, paid internships and mentorship. The goal is to give youth access to professional work experiences and interactions.



SYOSSET

Syosset HS Literary

Magazine Honored Again

For the fourth consecutive year, Syosset High School’s KEN Literary and Art Magazine received first-place recognition in the American Scholastic Press Association Contest. Judges take into account content, creativity, design, organization and presentation.



THREE VILLAGE

Drops of Relief

Although not yet old enough to donate, Minnesauke Elementary School sixth-

grade students worked to save the lives of many individuals by coordinating a highly successful blood drive this November.



WEST BABYLON

Four West Babylon Finalists in DECA Competition

Forty-three West Babylon Senior High School students competed in the annual DECA Regional Competition at Suffolk County Community College on Jan. 6. Four students – Natalie Mandich (Buying & Merchandising Team Event), Cynthia Vargas (Buying & Merchandising Team Event), Nitin Pun (Principles of Hospitality & Tourism) and Emily O’Hallaron (Principles of Hospitality & Tourism) – qualified for the state competition by placing in the top 10 in their respective events.

“All of the students who competed in the competition did an outstanding job and we are proud of all of them,” said Colleen Kilgus, business teacher at West Babylon Senior High School.

WILLIAM FLOYD

Tangier Smith Third-Graders Celebrate Thesaurus Day

In order to emphasize the importance of vocabulary and learning new words, third-grade students at Tangier Smith Elementary School participated in Thesaurus Day, a holiday to celebrate British lexicographer and physician Peter Mark Roget, the author of Roget's Thesaurus, who was born on Jan. 18, 1779.

To expand their vocabulary, students in Caitlin Contes and Michelle Montalbano's class, as well as students from Kristi Dunne's, Melissa Unger's and Chanda Zadrazil's classes, created "synonym hats" to showcase words such as hello, nice, honesty, learning, joyful, fast and fun. After referencing www.thesaurus.com, they wrote out several synonyms for the words they selected. This is the second year in a row that Tangier Smith third-graders have celebrated Thesaurus Day.



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