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Education Services

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With the winter season now in full swing, SCOPE Education Services has been busy providing services to public school districts across Long Island. Programs to meet the many diverse needs of students and families requiring before-school and after-school child care, student enrichment programs, Pre-Kindergarten/UPK programs, PSAT, SAT and ACT preparations classes, and a variety of other student-related programs have taken place in school districts all across Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Additionally, SCOPE has provided professional



development programs, conferences and symposiums to assist educational professionals with the improvement of their knowledge and skills necessary to meet the ever-changing needs of students.

In November, on Election Day, SCOPE was a major sponsor of a number of different professional development opportunities. A conference attended by over 300 teaching assistants was held in the Middle Country School District. TAs from across Long Island received training from Dr. Monica Deschryver, an experienced school psychologist, on how to effectively work with children with special needs. At the Plainedge-Old Bethpage School District middle school, 500 educators attended a SCOPE-sponsored workshop designed to address the ever-growing issue of opioid abuse by young people in our school districts. Finally, on that same date, SCOPE was a major sponsor of a conference held in Nassau County on the topic of improving and providing Universal Pre-Kindergarten for all eligible children on Long Island. Hundreds of Pre-K/UPK teachers and administrators listened to NYS Commissioner MaryEllen Elia and Regent Roger Tilles address the benefits of Pre-K/UPK programs for our youngest students.

SCOPE is proud of its mission and efforts to provide programs and services to meet the many diverse needs of the families, children, educational professional/ paraprofessional staff and school districts located on Long Island and New York State, helping to ensure that all children meet with success.

Sincerely, Ator

George L. Duffy Executive Director

"SCOPE Education Services, a not-for-profit organization currently celebrating our 52nd 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



SCOPE and SCSSA Joint Professional Development Program



Members of the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association (SCSSA) are earning professional development hours through SCOPE by participating in select Association-sponsored sessions. This series, which was first piloted in the spring of 2017, has already enabled enrollees to earn as many as 40 professional development hours. The program, which takes its title from the Associations' strategic plan, Shaping the Future, is offered at no charge to participants. It adds tremendous value to SCSSA membership by enabling members who need the hours to maintain certification. For those who do not need the hours as a mandate, participation is open as well. For both groups, the series keeps the Association true to its goal of offering meaningful, high-quality professional development with a cohort of supportive colleagues.

Members of the Association fulfill the program requirements by participating in SCSSA-sponsored meetings, trainings, seminars and workshops. The hours that members devote to these sessions are reported to SCOPE. SCOPE, an NYSED-approved sponsor of Continuing Teacher and Leader Education, then issues a certificate to participating members certifying the completion of up to 40 hours annually of professional development. In recognition of the significance of this new program, the SCSSA Board of Directors, under the leadership of President Lars Clemensen, has made it a top priority to assure that every meeting offered as part of this program provides a meaningful, high-quality professional development experience.

The SCSSA Educational Practices and Professional Development Committee, under the leadership of Chairperson Roberta Gerold and Executive Director Gary Bixhorn, designed this partnership with SCOPE as a proactive measure recognizing that, over time, more and more members will need to comply with state requirements involving ongoing professional development.

While all SCSSA members are eligible to participate in this program, it is completely voluntary. Members may opt in at any point and begin earning professional development hours thereafter. Since September 2017, the Association has sponsored five sessions for which hours could be earned. To maintain the integrity of the true Continuing Teacher and Leader Education program, the SCSSA aligns all programs with professional standards. Agendas are aligned with specific standards from the 2015 Professional Standards for Educational Leaders. These standards were previously known as ISLLC.

The introduction of this program has been so well received by participants that they suggested the Association and SCOPE expand our collaborative efforts and offer a similar program for aspiring district leaders. That program, known as Shaping Aspiring District Leaders, was introduced in fall 2017. It offers 15 hours of instruction by members of the Association. Principals and other central office administrators, nominated by their superintendents, comprise this class of 20 participants that meets for three-hour evening sessions at the SCOPE Operations Center in Smithtown. Topics include leadership, ethics, business management, personnel management and instructional leadership. This program grew from the SCSSA's belief that it is its responsibility to help shape the next generation of school leaders for Long Island.

We see more and more opportunities for collaboration in this area. There is a tremendous amount of educational talent and expertise on Long Island and collaborative efforts such as these, between SCOPE and the SCSSA, enable us to leverage that talent for the benefit of public education in our region.

SCOPE Howors Former Director, Employees

SCOPE Education Services honored its former Deputy Director and longtime staff member Cramer Harrington, as well as recognized its employees for their years of service and dedication at the organization.

The organization dedicated its boardroom to Cramer Harrington, who passed away in February 2017 and served as Deputy Director of SCOPE for more than 10 years. In addition, seven SCOPE employees were recognized for their years of service: Account Clerk Susan Emmerson, Field Trainer Angelo Catanese, Program Assistant Jennifer Milillo, Director for Student Services Mindy Labriola, Account Clerk Barbara Leo, Director for Student Services Dina Pendel, and Coordinator for Outdoor Education Peggy Unger.



From Learners to Leaders

SCOPE UPK and Pre-K Programs

SCOPE Services for Children and Students

Focus on Children

Nothing is more important to SCOPE Education Services than the well-being of the children of Long Island. SCOPE provides a wide array of programs to serve children and their families. Child-care and educational programs are designed to help children thrive academically, emotionally and physically in a safe, enjoyable environment.

For further information about any program, contact: Mindy Labriola at 631-360-0800 ext. 164 or Dina Pendel at 631-360-0800 ext. 120.

SCOPE UPK and PRE-K PROGRAMS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Universal Pre-K program provides eligible 4-year-old children with a wonderland of opportunity and discovery that builds on their natural curiosity and eagerness to learn. The program focuses on meeting the child's total developmental needs. 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 New York State Learning Standards and is designed to transition students into kindergarten.

STAFFING

All teachers are New York State certified and 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 new trends in education. Staff meetings are conducted weekly to create a sharing and collaborative environment.

ADMISSION

Admission is open to all eligible 4-year-old children residing in the school district (district transportation restrictions may apply). Students must be eligible to attend kindergarten the following school year in order to attend the Universal Pre-K program. Enrollment is limited to 18 students, who must be enrolled within the school

district. If there are more eligible students than spots, the school district must hold a lottery and create a waiting list.

TUITION

Universal Pre-K programs are funded through school district state aid designated for that purpose. There is no cost to parents for children to attend this program. In districts where there is no UPK funding, SCOPE provides a parent-paid, tuitionbased program.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS **CURRENTLY OFFERING SCOPE UPK/PRE-K PROGRAMS:**

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For more information, contact Melissa Krauss at 631-360-0800, ext. 146.



ENRICHING the Lives of Children

To enrich something means to improve its quality, usually by adding something to it. SCOPE is very proud to be available to work with school districts to provide opportunities and activities that engage students, and extend essential knowledge, skills, values and relationships that add to personal success.

All SCOPE-sponsored enrichment activities take place outside the school day and each experience is structured to complement the learning base provided by the school with added focus on the interests expressed by the students. Enrichment opportunities encourage students to pursue their interests in science, the environment, mathematics, inventions, the arts and any type of research that piques their curiosity.

Enrichment should offer choices, be planned and purposeful, and provide increased depth, breadth or complexity of understanding. It loses its effectiveness if it is more of the same or viewed in isolation. The more connected it is to the students' day and world, the more relevant it becomes to personal growth. To that end, SCOPE is honored to work with school districts to create and provide those learning opportunities that simply cannot fit into the already full day of required instruction. With no evaluations other than student and parent satisfaction, the end products are manifested by the desire to continue the exploration.

Enrichment benefits students, teachers, parents and the community:

- Students Enrichment builds new skills and interests; develops selfconfidence by providing crossdisciplinary, real-world learning opportunities that support and embellish core subjects.
- Teachers Provides teachers with the opportunity to teach topics beyond the required curriculum and enhances their professional

development through these experiences.

 Parents/Community – Deepens connections between the school and the community and increases access to underutilized resources. A change in choices prevents student/ parent fatigue brought on by a longer day.

Enrichment can be explored through many different channels. In collaboration with school district staff, SCOPE has been able to entertain and offer programs in the visual and performing arts; science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM); health and wellness; foreign languages and cultural development; leadership development and service learning; history; social studies and geography. The possibilities are endless and only defined by the needs and expectations of the school district and the interests of the students who attend their schools.















SCOPE Services for Children and Students

ENRICHMENT









Before and After School-Age Child Care Programs

SCOPE Education Services is the largest child care provider in the state of New York, serving more than 6,000 students. All SCOPE child care programs are licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and are operated in public schools on Long Island.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SCOPE child care programs provide a safe, fun, caring environment for the children of working parents. A variety of age-appropriate, supervised games, sports, arts and crafts and enrichment opportunities are offered, as well as healthy snacks, scheduled homework time and daily opportunities to socialize with peers.

STAFFING

All staff undergo an extensive background check and meet or exceed all requirements set by the state of New York. The programs maintain a staffing ratio of one adult to 10 children at all times. SCOPE program supervisors and field trainers oversee the programs. In addition, the Office of Children and Family Services conducts inspections of the programs on a regular basis.

ADMISSION

The programs are open to all elementary school students residing in the school district. (District transportation restrictions may apply.) Enrollment is on a firstcome, first-served basis, subject to capacity limits set by the OCFS regulations. When necessary, students are placed on a waiting list for the next available opening.

TUITION

Parents pay all fees directly to SCOPE. Fees are posted for a.m. only, p.m. only, and a.m. and p.m. combined, as well as part-time (10 days or less) and full-time (all school days in the month). Fees are subject to change. Please contact SCOPE in order to obtain information regarding available programs and specific fees for your school district.

SCOPE RESPONSIBILITIES

SCOPE conducts all needs assessments; designs the program to meet district needs; obtains all licensing; recruits, screens, hires and compensates all program staff; provides all staff training; purchases all consumable materials; provides children with a nutritious snack each day; provides all program supervision and maintains appropriate insurance coverage for the program.

SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

The school district provides adequate and appropriate space for the program according to the OCFS regulation requirements, provides access to a storage area and refrigeration, 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 Dina Pendel and Mindy Labriola at 631-360-0800, ext. 120 or 164.

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Congratulations Are in Order Appointments and Announcements

AMITYVILLE

Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School Assistant Principal Named

The Board of Education appointed Melissa Wiederhold as assistant principal of Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School, which serves the district's fourth- through sixthgrade students. Ms. Wiederhold joined the district in 2015 as Park Avenue's instructional coach where she worked to develop the building's master schedule, the implementation of Teacher's College Reading and Writing workshops, provided professional development opportunities, and helped organize family and community events.





BAYPORT-BLUE POINT

Blue Point Elementary School Welcomes New Principal Tara Falasco was appointed as the new principal of Blue Point Elementary School, effective Nov. 27. Ms. Falasco comes to the district from the Harborfields School District, where she served as an assistant principal. Ms. Falasco began her educational career in the Comsewogue School District, serving as a special education inclusion teacher and classroom teacher for more than 10 years. She has also served as a literary consultant for the Distinctive Educator's Institute.







BELLMORE-MERRICK Bellmore-Merrick Teachers Honored for Excellence Merrick Avenue Middle School English teacher Michael Dlugozima and Wellington C. Mepham High School English teacher Erica Wagner have been recognized as New York State English Council Educators of Excellence. Barbara Hirten, an art teacher at Grand Avenue Middle School, was named 2017 Art Educator of the Year from Region 9.



BETHPAGE

Board of Education Appoints Next Superintendent of Schools The Board of Education unanimously appointed David Schneider as the district's next superintendent of schools, effective July 1, 2018. He will replace current superintendent Terrence Clark, who is retiring after 32 years of service to the district. Mr. Schneider currently serves as the district's assistant superintendent for instruction and technology, a position he has held for the past four years.

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ELWOOD

Coach Recognized for Excellence Elwood-John H. Glenn High School boys soccer coach Lou Hanner was awarded the Section/ Region 1 Coach of the Year award by the National Federation of High Schools. Hanner is one of 11 coaches throughout New York State who received sectional awards for the 2016-2017 school year.

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HICKSVILLE Superintendent Honored for Distinguished Service

Superintendent of Schools Carl Bonuso, Ed.D., was honored by Hofstra University's Alumni Association with the George M. Estabrook Distinguished Service Award. This award is presented annually to those who exhibit outstanding service to the Hofstra community and/or who have distinguished themselves in their chosen field. Those receiving the award have shown service through research, teaching, promoting policies and/or helping the community.

LYNBROOK

Teacher Earns Prestigious Award for Inspiring Future Scientists West End Elementary School science teacher Annmarie Roth was the recipient of the Anton Banko Award for Excellence in Teaching Elementary Science, awarded by the Science Teachers Association of New York State.



MANHASSET

Three Receive National Teaching Recognition

Three teachers have received National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. As NBC teachers, Diana DiPaolo-Caputi, Loretta Schuellein-McGovern and Elizabeth Watts have received the most respected professional certification available in K-12 education.



NASSAU BOCES

Nassau BOCES Appoints New Principal of Specialized Schools Kellie Cook McLaurin has been named principal of Nassau BOCES Specialized Schools, which encompasses the agency's Twilight Alternative High School, Work-Based Learning and Regional Summer School programs. The veteran educator brings nearly 25 years of experience to the position.



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NORTHPORT

Science Teacher Recognized by **STEM Leadership Center** Northport High School science teacher Kimberly Collins has been selected by the STEM Leadership Center as one of 10 teachers to participate in the 2017-18 cohort for the Regeneron STEM Teaching Fellowship, a competitive program that provides professional training experiences to exceptional science teachers in New York State. Following completion of a 16-month program of graduate coursework, Collins will receive a Leadership Certificate from Teachers College, Columbia University, and will take part in a two-week laboratory research mentorship at Regeneron's Tarrytown labs.

RIVERHEAD

Educators Earn Tenure The district extends its congratulations to Riverhead High School Assistant Principal Patrick Burke and middle school special education teacher Anna Quigley, who both received tenure from the Board of Education.



SAG HARBOR

Sag Harbor Union Free School District Appoints Business Administrator

Philip Kenter, Ed.D., has been appointed as the district's new school business administrator, effective Jan. 16, 2018. Prior to joining Sag Harbor, Dr. Kenter served as a tenured school business official in the Tuckahoe CSD, an assistant superintendent for finance and administrative services in the Kings Park CSD, the director of operations/assistant business official in the Miller Place UFSD, business manager in the Bridgehampton UFSD, and a part-time claims auditor in the Shelter Island UFSD.



SMITHTOWN

SECTION XI Coach of the Year Ann Naughton, Smithtown High School East girls field hockey coach, was named a Section XI New York State Public High School Athletic Association Coach of the Year. Coaches are selected based on years of coaching, win-loss records, participation in league/sectional committees, and being a positive role model in their school and community.



SOUTHAMPTON Teacher of the Year Award

Southampton Internediate School teacher Christina Cassel has been selected as the recipient of the 2018 New York Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year Award in the Middle School category by New York Agriculture in the Classroom. Cassel has been invited to attend the 2018 National Agriculture in the Classroom conference from June 26-29 in Portland, Maine, with all expenses paid, to join other educators involved in the Agriculture in the Classroom program.



THREE VILLAGE

A National Educational Honoree Minnesauke Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Kate Hunter has been named the Outstanding Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year by the National Council for Social Studies. She was honored at the 97th NCSS Annual Conference in San Francisco. She was awarded the Margaret Simon Outstanding Teacher of Social Studies by the Long Island Council for the Social Studies in 2016 and was recognized as **Outstanding Elementary Social** Studies Teacher of the Year by the New York State Council for the Social Studies.



WILLIAM FLOYD William Floyd Appointments and Recognitions



New Director of Student Services Deborah Gurney has been

appointed as director of student services, a role in which she will provide management and leadership in the areas of K-12 student services, supervision of the Central Registration office, districtwide attendance and more.



Special Education Teacher Earns National Teacher Certification Gina Fumai, a special education mathematics teacher, became a National Board-Certified Teacher, a certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. NBCT is a rigorous and voluntary certification process that requires demonstrated standardsbased evidence of the positive effect the teacher has on student learning, a deep understanding of their students, content knowledge, use of data and assessments, and teaching practice.



William Floyd Lead Nurse Wins Prestigious Nursing Award

The New York State Association of School Nurses selected Jacki O'Donnell, RN, lead nurse at William Floyd, as the recipient of the Judith Harrigan Founder's Award, an honor bestowed upon a practicing school nurse and member of the Board of Directors of NYSASN given in "recognition of exemplary service to NYSASN and the children of New York State."

INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS



AMITYVILLE Amityville, Savville Stude

Amityville, Sayville Students Come Together

Students from two "villes" nearly 20 miles apart came together to celebrate their similarities and differences. Amityville Memorial High School welcomed 40 students from Sayville High School through the Cultural Exchange program. This was the fourth year the two districts came together as part of the Cultural Exchange program at Amityville High School.



BAYPORT-BLUE POINT

Bayport-Blue Point HS Named Blue Ribbon School

Bayport-Blue Point High School was recognized as one of 342 schools nationwide as a National Blue Ribbon School by U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.



CARLE PLACE

National Hispanic Scholar Carle Place High School student Kaitlyn Quijano was named a National Hispanic Scholar as part of the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program after scoring in the top 2.5 percent among Hispanic and Latino PSAT/NMSQT test takers in the region. She is one of approximately 5,000 students recognized for their performance from a pool of 250,000 Hispanic test takers nationwide.

COMMACK

Joining Together in Support of Our Global Neighbors

When our neighbors need help, the Commack School District reaches out with generosity and spirit. With so many in need after the deadly storms across the United States and beyond, multiple efforts continue by students, staff and the Commack community. Donations collected will help meet survivors' immediate needs for food, fuel, clean water, hygiene products and shelter. Reaching out to others is what this caring community is all about.



COPIAGUE Two Copiague Seniors Named Zone Winners

Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School seniors Samantha Sanchez and Osazuwa Eghafona received the New York State Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Suffolk Zone Award. The two student-athletes were presented with certificates and gold medals recognizing their outstanding achievement as physical education students, scholars and citizens.





EAST ISLIP SADD Seeks to Stop Substance Abuse

East Islip High School's Students Against Destructive Decisions Club shared antidrug messages during Red Ribbon Week visits to fifthgrade classes in the district. They also conducted a Red Ribbon antidrug slogan contest and presented skits showing drug- or bullying-related situations and how to respond. Fifthgraders wrote to the seniors reminding them to make good decisions and wishing them well in the future.



EAST ROCKAWAY

East Rockaway Principal and Student Honored

Rhame Avenue School Principal Erik Walter and East Rockaway Junior-Senior High School senior Peter Wilson were celebrated during the district's Board of Education meeting. Walter received a proclamation from New York State Senator Todd Kaminsky for saving two young girls struggling to stay afloat in the water at Edwards Boulevard Beach in Long Beach. Wilson was recognized for being added to the junior-senior high school's Mathematics Wall of Excellence.



FREEPORT Select Chorale Dazzles in Radio City Debut

For the first time in its illustrious history, the Freeport High School Select Chorale earned the honor of ushering in the holiday season with a dazzling array of festive performances at the world-famous Radio City Music Hall in New York City.





GREAT NECK Students Accept the Northwell Health Spark! Challenge

Students enrolled in the anatomy and physiology class at Great Neck South High School visited the Northwell Health Radiology Department at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center as part of the Spark! Challenge. Students met with medical professionals and observed demonstrations of equipment used to create patient images and treatment plans, and deliver radiation treatments. The students are producing an advertisement/informational video about one of the radiology careers to demonstrate what they learned. Projects will be entered into a contest sponsored by Northwell Health, and presented at a Spark! Challenge celebration event in April at the Cradle of Aviation Museum.

HAMPTON BAYS

Coats for Those in Need

To give back to the community, members of the Hampton Bays Elementary School K-Kids community service club hosted a coat drive and donated the coats to local families in need. The coat drive is just one of the many fundraisers the K-Kids is hosting this school year. They also collected enough food to feed 15 local families for Thanksgiving.



HERRICKS

Two Students Win Best Presentation at Internationally Renowned Materials Science Research Conference

Based on their stellar work as scholars in the Garcia summer science research program at Stony Brook University, Herricks High School juniors Sahith Vadada and Rushikesh Patel earned the distinction of attending and presenting at the Materials Research Society Fall Meeting, held at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. They were awarded best poster presentation at the conference in a field of hundreds of graduate students.



LONGWOOD

Learning Lessons of Acceptance at Disability Awareness Day

Ridge Elementary School students participated in Disability Awareness Day to increase their knowledge about disabilities and foster positive attitudes toward people living with disabilities. Students explored 13 workstations across six classifications including learning disabilities, autism, intellectual disabilities, speech/language impairments, and visual and hearing impairments. Members of Longwood High School's Best Buddies Club assisted with activities and shared their personal experiences.



INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS

MASSAPEQUA

Mock Trial Teams Impress

Members of Massapequa High School's mock trial teams participated in competitions against schools from other states and countries. Many of Massapequa's mock trial students are enrolled in the high school's Introduction to Law courses offered through the Social Studies Department. Practices are held in a law classroom designed to resemble a courtroom.



NORTHPORT

Women in Technology at Northport High School

Northport High School juniors Alexia Kaloudis and Anne Catherine Unser graduated from the Women in Technology Program at BAE Systems in Greenlawn.



PORT JEFFERSON

Village Mayor Visits Edna Louise Spear Elementary School

Second-graders at Edna Louise Spear Elementary School welcomed Village of Port Jefferson Mayor Margo Garant, who came to their classes to share information on the local community. As part of the second-grade curriculum, students learned about urban, suburban and rural regions and started to gain an understanding of civic involvement, economics, geography and the history of their own neighborhood.



PORT WASHINGTON Cultural Studies Cover the Land of

the Rising Sun Manorhaven Elementary School continued an annual tradition of Cultural Studies Week, delving deep into Japanese culture. The library was transformed into a Shinto shrine, built by a parent, where students listened to Japanese folklore, created their own mini Zen gardens, practiced the art of origami, made Kabuki masks and learned about the country's geography. Students mastered the art of using chopsticks, made rice balls – a Japanese delicacy – and took karate and Japanese dancing lessons to help strengthen their bodies and minds.



RIVERHEAD

Learning About Latvia Riverhead High School students learned about the country of Latvia from the Honorary Consulate of Latvia Daris Delins. Delins spoke about the country's vast history, its customs, language and location, which tied into the students' studies of world history and current events.



SACHEM

Inspirational Author Visit

Literacy came alive for sixth-grade students from Sagamore and Seneca Middle Schools when they enjoyed an inspiring day with author and illustrator George O'Connor.



SMITHTOWN A Hands-On Beach Cleanup

As part of a hands-on Project Lead the Way activity, sixth-graders in Sean Tomasello's technology class at Nesaquake Middle School were tasked with cleaning up an oil spill after learning about its effects on oceans, wildlife, coastal ecosystems and local economies. Students learned the different cleanup methods used by petroleum companies and chemical engineers and then prepared their mockup of a beach and ocean before adding the oil. Working in teams, students removed the oil as efficiently as possible without disturbing the ecosystem and the surrounding wildlife.



SPRINGS

Staying Connected

Superintendent of Schools Debra Winter met with Springs School eighth-graders before they graduated and kept a promise to reconnect with them at East Hampton High School. During that meeting, they spoke about how prepared they felt for the challenges of high school and also shared they would have liked more independence in elementary school. As their visit ended, they agreed they will always be Spring students and will stay connected.



SYOSSET

Choosing Kindness

Berry Hill Elementary School Principal Mary Kolkhorst displays the book "We're All Wonders" with students sporting their Berry Hill "PRIDE Warrior" shirts. Each class at the school received its own copy of the book, which was recently made into a movie.



WANTAGH Musician Named a 2018 U.S. Army All-American

Wantagh High School senior and drummer Jarod Sullivan was one of 101 student-musicians nationwide selected by the U.S. Army to perform during the 2018 All-American Bowl held in San Antonio.



WEST BABYLON

Coding Conductors at Forest Avenue

In recognition of Computer Science Week, students at Forest Avenue Elementary School participated in the Hour of Code during their library classes. The Hour of Code is a global event that occurs annually to honor the contributions of computing pioneer Admiral Grace Murray Hopper.



WEST HEMPSTEAD West Hempstead Shares #WhyIWrite

Motivated by the National Day on Writings's theme of "#WhyIWrite," students in grades K-12 wrote about what makes them or their school district special. They described their unique characteristics and penned reasons why West Hempstead is special, including its teachers, restaurants and community. Edward Bickard, a firstgrade teacher at George Washington Elementary School, assisted students with their writing on the National Day on Writing.



WILLIAM FLOYD

Students Help Stony Brook University Seed Shinnecock Bay With Clams

Students from Mario DiDomenico's Environmental Club and Robert Mozer's Science Research Club at William Floyd Middle School participated in a clam seeding trip in Shinnecock Bay with marine biologists from Stony Brook Southampton. The students helped seed the bay with more than 13,000 clams, which filter nitrates from the water column to help stem algae bloom and brown tide.



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