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**TUESDAY, NOV. 15
TUESDAY, DEC. 13**

VIOLENCE PREVENTION CLASS

**THURSDAY, NOV. 17
THURSDAY, DEC. 15**

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STUDENTS CLASS**

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

Dear Readers,

The 2022-2023 school year is well underway! This is the first edition of The Forum to be published; please look for additional publications throughout the year. The Forum, a SCOPE Education Services newsletter, is distributed through public school districts to staff, parents and community members across Long Island in both print and electronic form. The Forum contains information regarding SCOPE programs and up-to-date information regarding public school employees and programs. The Forum may also be found on SCOPE's website, under Publications, at www.scopeonline.us.

In this edition, you will find information regarding SCOPE programs currently being provided in public schools in both Nassau and Suffolk counties. The programs have all experienced tremendous growth, far exceeding pre-COVID enrollments. Like most employers, both locally and nationwide, SCOPE is finding it extremely challenging after COVID to fill the many vacant positions. Should you or anyone you know be interested in part-time employment working with children, please contact us and we will be happy to discuss the many opportunities available.

The fastest-growing program at SCOPE this year has been the Universal Prekindergarten program. This program, for our youngest learners, ages 3-4, has grown from 1,300 children in 17 school districts, to 3,400 children in 33 school districts. UPK classes prepare the earliest learners for entrance into kindergarten. Studies have shown the children who attend UPK are better prepared and demonstrate fewer learning problems in later years. Each classroom has 18 children, a teacher and teacher assistant. Classes are held within the public schools and provide 5.5 hours of instruction daily for 180 days. Positions are still available for substitute teachers and teacher assistants. Should you have interest in working in this program kindly contact Kelly Hartofelis at 631-360-0800, ext. 181, or by email at khartofelis@scopeonline.us.

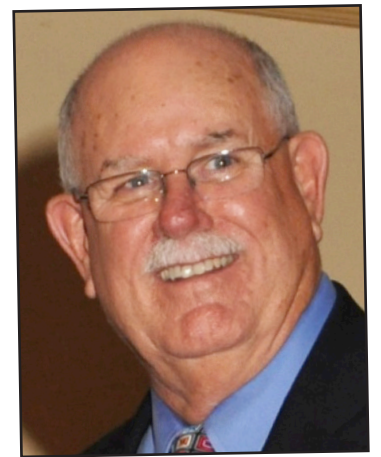
In addition to UPK, SCOPE offers before-school and after-school child care to more than 6,500 children in 193 locations in 39 school districts. These programs provide children in grades UPK through grade 6 with safe, age-appropriate, educational and fun-filled activities both before and after school. These programs are licensed through the NYS Office of Children and Family Services and are staffed with trained SCOPE child care staff, ensuring the safety of every child. Unfortunately, due to the lack of staff hundreds of children must be placed on waitlist. SCOPE has immediate openings for program directors, assistant directors and group leaders. Employees are offered hiring bonuses, pays for training, excellent salaries, scholarships to continue their education and longevity bonuses. If you love working with children and have an interest in working, please contact Renee Mercer at 631-360-0800, ext. 149, or by email at rmercerc@scopeonline.us.

Elementary and middle school students may also enroll in SCOPE enrichment classes, offered both online and in classrooms, to expand their knowledge. Operated by SCOPE and staffed with district teachers, students may choose from a variety of educationally appropriate, fun and interesting topics. These classes meet on weekends, after school or vacation periods. Last summer more than 17,500 children attended these classes. For further information visit our website at the address found above.

Additional information regarding these programs and SCOPE may be found in this newsletter. I wish you and your children an extremely successful school year. Should you have any questions regarding SCOPE or the programs we offer, kindly contact us at 631-360-0800 or visit our website.

Sincerely,

George L. Duffy
Executive Director/CEO



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George L. Duffy, Executive Director

Prekindergarten EXPANDS ACROSS LONG ISLAND



Preparing young children for kindergarten has evolved into the introduction of prekindergarten as a bona fide grade level in school districts throughout Long Island.

New York State's level of Universal Pre-K financial support has been extended from that of a two-and-a-half-hour daily program to a full five-hour daily program, starting in the 2021-2022 school year. The static funding available for nearly 20 years, however, has simply doubled to account for this doubling of daily hours. Consequently, New York State support for Universal Pre-K remains frozen at a per-pupil level that is typically only one fifth, and in all cases far lower than the per-pupil expenditures for every other grade level.

This grant money is allocated to school districts which then send out Requests for Proposals to community-based organizations. SCOPE Education Services is one of the community-based organizations that responds.

To date, SCOPE has been approved as the community-based organization to

provide Universal Pre-K instruction in 33 school districts throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. The responsibility to set up and staff 173 classes with teachers and support personnel has proven to be quite a challenge, especially with the shortage of eligible and certified staff. The 2022-2023 school year will see more than 3,400 students attending SCOPE Universal Pre-K classes each day.

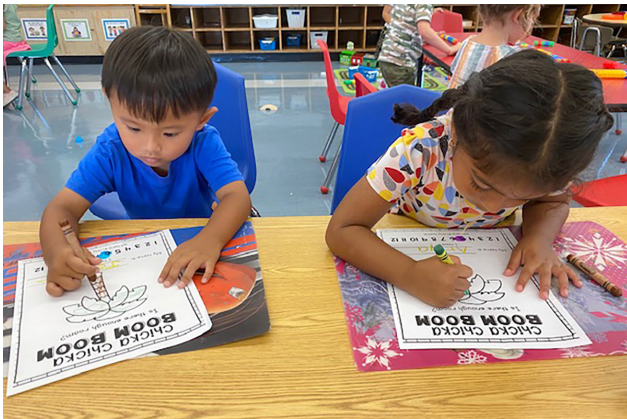
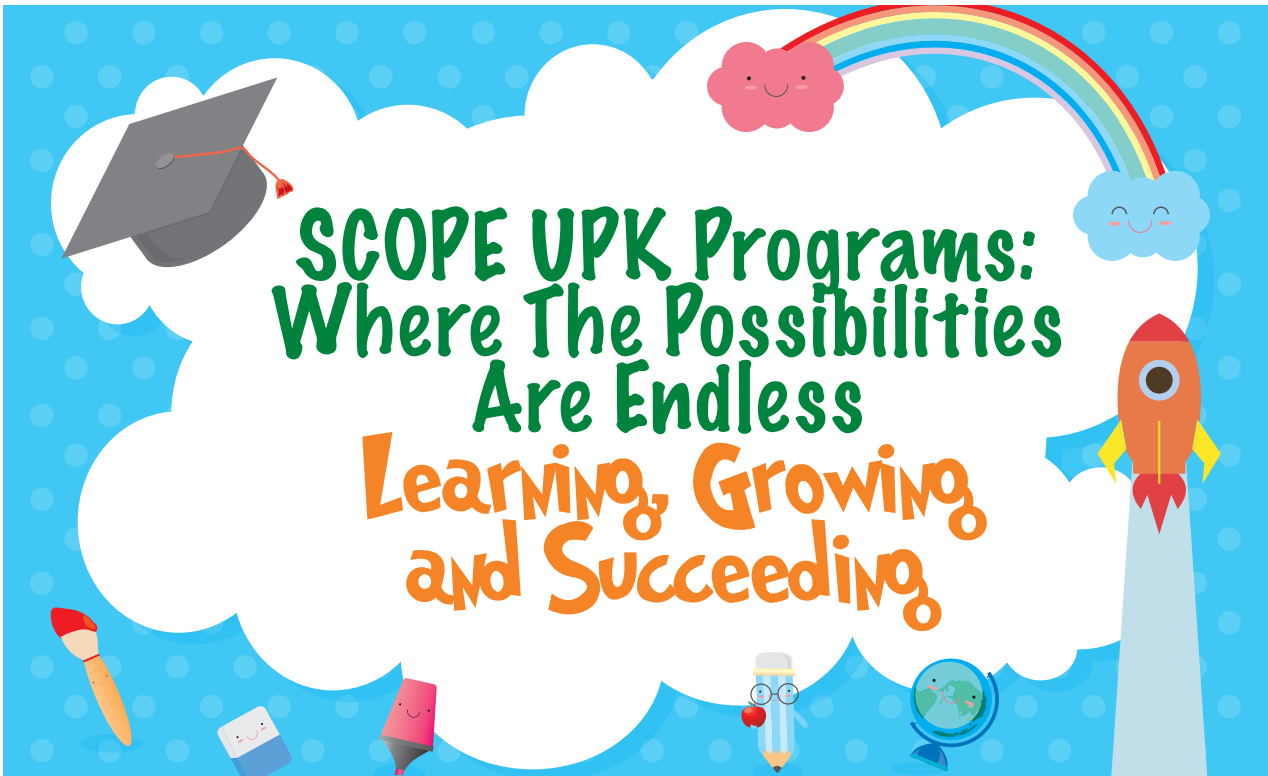
The growth from providing Universal Pre-K services in 17 school districts in 2019-2020 to 33 school districts in 2022-2023 has been compounded by the need for full-day classroom space that only two years ago accommodated two half-day Universal Pre-K classes. A number of school districts are finding it very challenging to find this classroom space.

The expenses for setting up classrooms, hiring staff, providing snacks and ordering the materials and supplies necessary to manage instruction are all covered solely by the Universal Pre-K grant allocation given to the districts.

This has truly proven to be a

collaborative effort between SCOPE and the school districts that approve our services. Understanding that grant money alone falls far short in meeting all the pre-K needs, school districts have stepped up to assist SCOPE in any way they can. This becomes more natural as districts come to grips with the fact that kids in Universal Pre-K are school district kids, and the SCOPE program is helping to prepare these 3-to-5-year-olds for the kindergarten classes that exist in the same schools.

The 33 school districts with Universal Pre-K that SCOPE serves each have their own identity, culture, needs and resources. In honoring these differences, SCOPE works closely with district personnel and makes accommodations along the way. The SCOPE staff are grateful for the cooperation and assistance received daily, knowing that what SCOPE and school districts have in common is the collective need to do right by the children served.





SCOPE SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Where Fun Is Another Word for Learning

This year SCOPE expanded into several school districts, opening several new programs. SCOPE School-Age Child Care programs are located in 39 school districts in Nassau and Suffolk counties offering 194 before- and after-school programs serving 6,300 students. In addition, SCOPE operates one full-time employee day care for children 8 weeks to four years old serving 27 children.

SCOPE continues to provide educational and recreational experiences for children participating in the various programs. Arts and crafts, games, gym time, outdoor play, STEAM activities and other fun activities fill the daily calendar. Time is also set aside each day for the completion of homework assignments from school.



Every Day Is Enrichment Day at SCOPE

There is a reason school districts across Long Island continue their partnerships with SCOPE year after year. SCOPE believes in the power of enrichment to advance the academic success and social-emotional competency of Long Island's students. SCOPE is partnering with many school districts, including Great Neck and Wyandanch, to provide enrichment opportunities every day.

Whether before or after school, SCOPE's students learn and improve their skills in

literacy, numeracy and STEM while having a great time with their friends. SCOPE also believes enrichment is the best way to combat the learning loss students experienced during the past few years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our engaging and robust curriculum offers students a fun and exciting way to access curriculum and Next Generation Learning Standards. Our amazing courses in Comic Book and Graphic Novel Design teach students

literacy, storytelling, writing and expression skills that help meet curriculum goals in literacy and written expression.

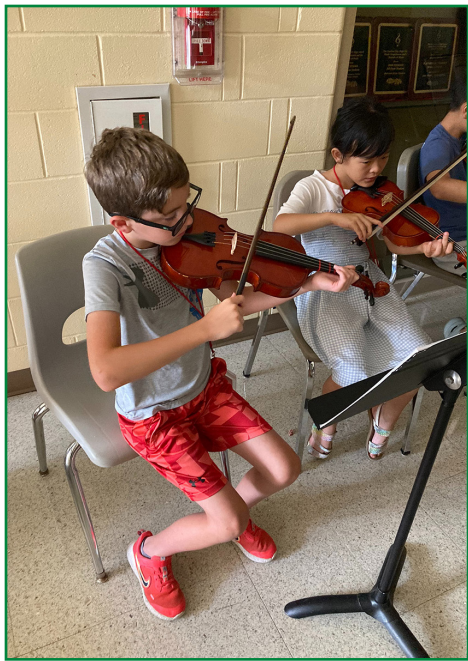
SCOPE's Extreme-STEAM Math Edition class is a fun and hands-on approach to learning mathematics. Contact SCOPE to bring these exciting, relevant and robust courses and experiences to your district's students.

Contact SCOPE at 631-873-8338 for more information.



New Curriculum in Coding and Programming

SCOPE Enrichment has been developing, writing and implementing advanced coding curriculum including Introduction to Artificial Intelligence Design, Video Game Design and Application Design for students in grades 3-12. Students love SCOPE's coding courses and engage with their peers as they learn advanced programming skills that will enhance their college and career readiness.



Saturday Academy Enrichment

SCOPE partners with more than 15 school districts, from Garden City to Riverhead and many districts in between, to provide excellent Saturday Academy programs. These programs enable students to join SCOPE on Saturday mornings for three hours or longer in coding and robotics, fine arts and music, STEM and many more classes to enhance their academic skills. Family and student feedback from SCOPE's Saturday programs have been overwhelmingly positive.



Enrichment for McKinney-Vento-Eligible Students

During the past summer, SCOPE partnered with several school districts across Long Island, including Longwood and Lawrence, to provide engaging and robust enrichment opportunities for students eligible for McKinney-Vento services. Students joined in from their locations via Zoom, and took courses in canvas painting, coding and computer programming, edible science and worldwide cooking. Supplies and materials were packed by SCOPE's enrichment director Dan Seid and delivered to students at their locations to participate with all the materials and supplies they need. Student feedback was extremely positive.



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BABYLON UFSD District Selects Interim Superintendent

The Board of Education has appointed Brian Conboy interim superintendent of schools for the 2022-2023 school year. He began his career in education in 1984 in the Seaford School District, where he served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent of schools for curriculum, instruction and personnel, and superintendent of schools, a position he held for seven years until his retirement in 2017. He served as the interim principal of Massapequa High School beginning in the summer of 2018 and was appointed interim superintendent in September of 2021. Mr. Conboy received his bachelor's degree in elementary education from SUNY Geneseo and his master's degree in elementary education and certificate of advanced study in educational administration from Hofstra University.



BALDWIN UFSD Superintendent Dr. Shari L. Camhi Sworn in as 2022-2023 President of AASA

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shari L. Camhi has been elected the 2022-2023 president of AASA, The School Superintendents Association. The district has received recognition for its innovative and rigorous academic programs, numerous partnerships and redesigned classrooms and prides itself on helping students become college, career and life ready. Dr. Camhi possesses more than 30 years' experience in education and earned her doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University, two master's degrees from Long Island

University and another from Adelphi University.



BELLMORE-MERRICK CHSD New Assistant Superintendent Appointed

Eric Gomez has been appointed assistant superintendent for personnel and administration. He joined the district in 2010 and began his Bellmore-Merrick career as the assistant principal of Grand Avenue Middle School. He moved to Calhoun High School as assistant principal of guidance in 2011 and began his tenure as principal of Wellington C. Mepham High School in 2017. He received a Bachelor of Science in management from St. John's University, a Master of Science in secondary education from Hofstra University and a Master of Science in educational leadership and administration from The College of Saint Rose.



EAST ROCKAWAY UFSD Assistant Superintendent Appointed in East Rockaway

The district welcomes Sean Murray as its new assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. He began his career in education as an elementary classroom teacher and transitioned to assistant principal of Lakeside Elementary School in the Merrick School District. He later joined the Long Beach School District, where he served as principal of East Elementary School and then director of elementary curriculum, instruction and assessment. Most recently, Mr. Murray served as principal of West Hempstead Middle School. He earned a bachelor's degree in English and literature with a minor in chemistry from Binghamton

University and a master's degree in elementary education from Hofstra University. He received a certificate of advanced study in educational policy and leadership from Hofstra University.



EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR CSD District Welcomes New Assistant Superintendent

The Board of Education has appointed Dr. John Christie assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. Dr. Christie joined the district in 2010 as an assistant principal of the Junior-Senior High School and was later appointed principal at Dayton Avenue Elementary School. In 2019, Dr. Christie was appointed director of elementary curriculum and instruction and served in this position for three years. He received a Bachelor of Arts in history and a minor in education from St. Joseph's University (formerly St. Joseph's College), and a Master of Science in education, an advanced certificate in school district administration and a doctorate in education in educational administration, leadership and technology from Dowling College.



FIRE ISLAND UFSD Board Appoints New Superintendent

The Board of Education has appointed Travis Davey the new superintendent of schools. Mr. Davey joins Fire Island from the Babylon School District, where he served as the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. Prior to that, he was principal of Babylon Elementary School. He also served as the principal of Bellport Middle School and Brookhaven Elementary School in the South Country School District. Mr. Davey holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, a Master of Education (elementary education) and a Master of Arts in educational administration

from the University of Notre Dame. He also holds certifications in New York State school building leadership and school district leadership.

FREEPORT UFSD District Welcomes New Assistant Superintendent for Business

The Board of Education appointed Idowu Ogundipe as the district's new assistant superintendent for business. Mr. Ogundipe previously served as school business administrator in the Island Park School District. Prior to that he served as the school business official in the Wyandanch School District and school district business leader in the Shelter Island School District. A New York State certified public accountant, he earned a Higher National Diploma in accountancy from Ondo State Polytechnic, and a Master of Science in accountancy and a post-advanced certificate from Long Island University.



GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Two New Assistant Superintendents Appointed

The district welcomed Alexa Doeschner as the district's new assistant superintendent of curriculum, instruction and technology and Unal Karakas as the district's new assistant superintendent of human relations. Ms. Doeschner has served in the district for seven years, most recently as the principal of Landing Elementary School. Before then, she was the district coordinator of science and served as assistant principal of Glen Cove High School. She earned a Master of Science degree from Pace University in teaching and a master's degree at Teachers College, Columbia University in organizational leadership. Ms. Doeschner is pursuing a doctorate from Southern New Hampshire

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University. Unal Karakas began his career as a classroom teacher 17 years ago. He most recently served as principal of Brookside Elementary School in the Baldwin School District. Mr. Karakas earned his master's degree in education from New York University and his master's degree in educational administration and leadership from Iona College. He is pursuing his doctorate from Vanderbilt University.



ISLIP UFSD

Two New Assistant Superintendents Appointed

Donna Brower has been appointed assistant superintendent for human resources, administrative services and operations. Prior to her appointment, she served the district as interim assistant superintendent for business. Before joining the district, she served as the school business and operations administrator for the Mattituck-Cutchogue School District. She earned a bachelor's degree in finance and master's degree in educational leadership from LIU Post, a master's degree in higher educational leadership and policy studies from Hofstra University, and a New York State professional certification in school district business leadership.

Dr. Michael Giacchetto, principal of Islip's Wing Elementary School since 2018, will serve as the district's new assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. Dr. Giacchetto previously served as assistant principal at West Islip's Udall Road Middle School, and as an elementary teacher at South Ocean Middle School and Medford Elementary School in the Patchogue-Medford School District. Dr. Giacchetto earned both his bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in business administration from Dowling College, and an advanced certificate in educational leadership and a doctorate in educational leadership from St. John's University.

LINDENHURST UFSD

District Welcomes New Superintendent

The district announced the appointment of Anthony Davidson as superintendent of schools. He

began his career in education as a teacher of English language arts in the Commack School District and went on to become the district's chairperson of English language arts. He also held the positions of assistant principal and principal of Commack High School and Commack Middle School, respectively. In 2018, Mr. Davidson became the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in the Locust Valley Central School District. He currently serves as an adjunct professor at Stony Brook University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Hofstra University, a master's degree in liberal studies from Stony Brook University, a professional diploma in school administration from Touro College and has completed the administrative certification program at The College of Saint Rose.



MANHASSET UFSD

New Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations Appointed

The district is pleased to announce the appointment of Joseph Dragone as the next assistant superintendent for business and operations. Prior to joining the district, he served as the interim assistant superintendent for finance and operations in the Amityville School District. He also served for 15 years as the assistant superintendent for business in the Roslyn School District. Mr. Dragone received his Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics, Master of Science degree in education and his specialist diploma in educational administration from CUNY College. He then received his professional diploma in administration and supervision from Hofstra University.

MILLER PLACE UFSD

New Superintendent of Schools Appointed

The Board of Education has appointed Deputy Superintendent Seth Lipshie as superintendent of schools. Mr. Lipshie has served the district for more than 30 years as a social studies teacher, assistant principal at North Country Road Middle School, principal of Miller Place High School, assistant superintendent and deputy superintendent. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Macalester College, a Master of Arts degree from Stony Brook University and professional certification from the College of New Rochelle.



NASSAU BOCES

Two New Assistant Superintendents Named

Nassau BOCES announced that Colleen Lipponer has joined the agency as the new assistant superintendent for business services. Ms. Lipponer brings nearly 30 years of school business leadership to the role. Most recently, she served as director of business services for Eastern Suffolk BOCES. Prior to joining Eastern Suffolk BOCES, Ms. Lipponer served as assistant superintendent for business in the Port Jefferson School District. She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Boston College, a master's degree in secondary education from Dowling College and certification as a New York school business administrator from Long Island University. Thomas McGrath has been promoted to the position of assistant to the superintendent for human resources and regional schools and instructional programs. He will continue to manage the daily operations of the department of human resources, where he has served

as executive director. Mr. McGrath holds a master's degree in education, guidance and counseling from Long Island University, and a bachelor's degree in sociology from Stony Brook University. He holds certification in educational leadership from the State University of Georgia, and New York State certification in school, district and business administration.



NORTH BABYLON UFSD

Interim Superintendent of Schools Appointed

Dr. Laurence Aronstein has been appointed the district's interim superintendent of schools. With a career in public education spanning more than 45 years, Dr. Aronstein has spent the past decade sharing his knowledge with aspiring leaders and teachers as the founder of Educational Performance Consultants. He previously served as superintendent of schools of the Glen Cove City School District and assistant superintendent for curriculum in the Copiague School District. Dr. Aronstein holds a doctoral degree in curriculum planning from SUNY Buffalo and a master's degree in science education and a Bachelor of Science in biology from the City College of New York.



ROOSEVELT UFSD

Board Appoints New Assistant Superintendent

The district is excited to announce the appointment of Arlise Carson as the assistant superintendent for the central office of data, attendance, assessment and registration. Mrs. Carson most recently served as the district's director of curriculum and

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instruction. She began her career in education in 1999 as a classroom teacher across multiple schools in New York and Texas, moving into the role of assistant principal and principal. Prior to joining the district in 2021, she served as principal in several schools in the Hempstead School District. Mrs. Carson earned her bachelor's degree in political science on a prelaw track from Norfolk State University, her Master of Professional Study degree with an urban focus from Nyack College and her Master of Science in education and special education from Touro College. She is pursuing her Doctor of Education degree in student curriculum and instruction from Liberty University.



SACHEM CSD

Board Appoints Deputy Superintendent

The district is pleased to announce the appointment of Patricia Trombetta as its new deputy superintendent. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Trombetta served as the district's assistant superintendent for student support and administration. Ms. Trombetta has been with the district since 2006 and has more than 15 years of administrative experience. She served as principal at Grundy Elementary School, Sagamore Middle School and Sachem High School North, as well as assistant principal at Sagamore Middle School. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, her master's degree from Dowling College and a school district administrator professional diploma from C.W. Post University.

SEAFORD UFSD

District Appoints Two Assistant Superintendents

The Board of Education has appointed Tom Lynch as assistant superintendent for curriculum and technology and Dr. Sheena Jacob as assistant superintendent for human resources and instruction and support. Mr. Lynch previously served the district as the executive director for instructional technology and STEM. He holds a bachelor's degree in physics

and astronomy, a master's degree in technology system management and an administrative certification from Stony Brook University. Dr. Jacob previously served as the coordinator of social studies in the Glen Cove School District. She holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education social studies from Temple University, a master's degree in secondary education social studies from Columbia University, a master's degree in education in educational leadership and administration from The College of St. Rose and a doctorate in instructional leadership from St. John's University.



SOUTH COUNTRY CSD

Board of Education Appoints Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Management Services

Jennifer Segui, who was the assistant business administrator in the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District since 2015, has been appointed the new assistant superintendent for finance and management services. She also served in the Bayport-Blue Point School District as a senior accountant/treasurer. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Binghamton University and a Master of Arts degree from Dowling College. She also has a certification in school district business leadership from Dowling College.

THREE VILLAGE CSD

Board Appoints New Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent

The Board of Education has selected Dr. Kevin Scanlon to serve as the district's new superintendent of schools. Prior to that he served as the chair of humanities at P.J. Gelinas

Junior High School before working in administrative roles in both the Oyster Bay-East Norwich and Roslyn school districts. He holds a doctorate in educational administration from St. John's University, advanced certificates in school district administration and school building administration from Stony Brook University, a Master of Science from Iona College in criminal justice with a minor in computer science and a Bachelor of Arts from Iona College in history with a concentration in Middle Eastern history with a minor in secondary education. The Board of Education also appointed Dr. Brian Biscari as the new assistant superintendent for education services. Dr. Biscari has served as the principal of R.C. Murphy Junior High School since 2019, after working as the principal of Minnesauke Elementary School for eight years. He holds a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from SUNY Cortland, a Master of Arts in special education from Dowling College, an advanced certification in administration (SBL/SDL) from Stony Brook University, and an Ed.D. in educational administration, leadership and technology from Dowling College.



UNIONDALE UFSD

District Welcomes New Assistant Superintendent

Matthew Ritter has been appointed by the Board of Education as the district's new assistant superintendent for data, planning, assessment and accountability. Mr. Ritter began his career as an English teacher in Brooklyn and most recently served as deputy superintendent for the New York City Department of Education. Mr. Ritter received his master's degree

in English education from Teachers College, Columbia University.

WEST BABYLON UFSD

Board Appoints New Assistant Superintendent

The Board of Education has appointed Denise Gillis as the district's assistant superintendent for finance and management. Ms. Gillis previously served in the Jericho School District as the assistant business administrator since 2018. Prior to that position, she was employed as a supervisor for R.S. Abrams, working closely with the school district over the last 10 years. Ms. Gillis holds a master's degree in business administration from Hofstra University and an advanced certificate in school district business leader from LIU Post.



WEST ISLIP UFSD

District Welcomes New Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Paul Romanelli has been appointed by the Board of Education as the district's new superintendent of schools. He joins West Islip from the Long Beach Public Schools, where he served as the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction since 2019 and previously served as the principal of Long Beach Middle School. Dr. Romanelli began his teaching career in the Harborfields Central School District as a teacher of mathematics and literacy at Oldfield Middle School. He served as dean of students in Harborfields and assistant principal of Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School. Dr. Romanelli received his bachelor's degree in elementary education and his master's degree in special education from SUNY New Paltz. He earned his administrative degree from The College of Saint Rose and his doctoral degree in instructional leadership from St. John's University.

BALDWIN UFSD

Junior Achievement of New York Student of the Year

Baldwin High School senior Maiya Adolphus has been named Junior Achievement of New York Student of the Year. She will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to be applied to any matriculated college program of her choice. Each year, Junior Achievement of New York selects one high school student to serve as its Student of the Year scholarship honoree.



among New York State's highest-performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. Only seven elementary schools in New York State were selected from among more than 3,500.



COMMACK UFSD

Saving Energy Today for a Brighter Future Tomorrow

The district's energy conservation initiatives were highlighted in Retrofit magazine. Its second Energy Performance Contract included upgrades and installations of lighting controls, new roofing, building weatherization, digital centralized temperature control systems, co-generation plants to recapture heat waste, and rooftop and carport solar panels. An EPC is a New York State funded and approved project at no cost to the taxpayer or out-of-pocket expenses for the schools.



COMSEWOGUE UFSD

Creating a Growth Mindset

Comsewogue High School is focused on creating a growth mindset. On the first day of school, students listened to Nick Tokman, aka Sunshine from Discovery Channel's "Deadliest Catch," speak about being your own captain, then participated in various teambuilding activities.



CONNETQUOT CSD

Personalized Parking Spaces

Connetquot High School's seniors personalized their parking spaces during the school's annual Senior Paint Day. Money collected from participants purchasing a space will be used for senior activities throughout the year.

COPIAGUE UFSD

First Day Smiles

As the district kicked off the 2022-2023 school year, newcomers made their way to their classrooms assisted by the teachers and support staff, who helped

them ease into their new environments. Students were eager to reconnect with their classmates and settle in for a productive year ahead.



DEER PARK UFSD

May Moore Autism Program Wins TangerKids Grant

May Moore Primary School special education teacher Alannah Boccia won a \$750 TangerKids grant for sensory materials for her May Moore Autism Program classroom. These materials will support and enhance the curriculum that Boccia's students receive as well as their special education needs.



EAST WILLISTON UFSD

A Sunrise to Remember

The Wheatley High School Class of 2023 started their final school year following a senior class tradition. On the first day of school, the senior class gathered for a senior sunrise celebration to officially begin their senior year together. On the last day of school, they will once again gather for a senior sunset celebration.



EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR CSD Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association named Eastport-South Manor Junior-Senior High School one of 86 schools across the state a 2021-2022 Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction. All 25 teams received the scholar-athlete designation.

ELMONT UFSD

Surprise Guest Speaker

The gymnasium at Alden Terrace School was filled with cheers as Rock and

Roll Hall of Famer, Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award Winner and co-founder of the legendary hip hop group Run-DMC Darryl "DMC" McDaniels was revealed as the year's first in-person Inclusive Community Read Assembly guest speaker. McDaniels co-wrote the children's book, "Darryl's Dream" with Alden Terrace principal Shawnée Warfield and her husband, Johnny Warfield.



FRANKLIN SQUARE UFSD

District Expands Pre-K Program

The district has expanded its pre-K program for the 2022-2023 school year, and now two full-day classes are available in each of the three school buildings, John Street School, Polk Street School and Washington Street School. One half-day morning class and one half-day afternoon class is offered at Washington Street School for all families in the district, regardless of the zoned home school.



FREEPORT UFSD

Spreading Peace Throughout Community

The district's administrators, Board of Education members and elected officials, staff, students and community members gathered in honor of International Day of Peace and International Day of Non-Violence to spread joy and peace by participating in the eighth annual Peace Walk. Those joining the walk throughout the community wore yellow as a sign of support for spreading peace and hope.

HALF HOLLOW HILLS CSD

Island Harvest 2022 Student Ambassador

Half Hollow Hills High School West senior Ariana Beck was selected to be honored



BAYPORT-BLUE POINT UFSD

A Gift Worth Noting

Cub Scout Troop 130, including 37 scouts from the district's three elementary schools, donated five benches made from 550 pounds of bottle caps to each of the district's schools.



BELLMORE-MERRICK CSD

Broadcast Students Perfect Skills

Bellmore-Merrick Broadcasting students returned to the studio early in August for its first BMB Boot Camp. Students were reintroduced to each other, the equipment and the new technologies and techniques they will use to produce their weekly broadcasts that will air throughout the year.



COLD SPRING HARBOR CSD

2022 National Blue Ribbon School

The U.S. Department of Education has designated Lloyd Harbor Elementary School a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School. It is in the Exemplary High-Performing School category and is

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by Island Harvest as its 2022 Student Ambassador at the 28th Annual Taste of the Harvest fundraising event. For the past three years, Ariana has been an acting member of the Island Harvest Leadership Council, volunteering on its farm and helping to battle food insecurity on Long Island.



HAMPTON BAYS UFSD Academic Excellence Recognized

Twelve Hampton Bays High School seniors have been designated as Advanced Placement Scholars. In total, eight students were named AP Scholars, two earned the recognition of AP Scholar with Honor and two were named AP Scholar with Distinction.



HARBORFIELDS CSD Innovative Way to Learn About the Library

School media specialist Jill Weiler introduced freshmen at Harborfields High School to the school's library with a breakout room scavenger hunt.



HERRICKS UFSD Tri-M Music Honor Society Recognized

Herricks High School Tri-M Music Honor Society, Chapter 1975, has been recognized as the 2021-2022 New York State Chapter of the Year Winner by the National Association for Music Education.



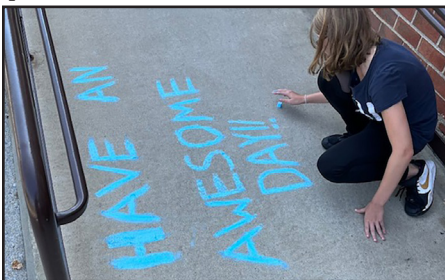
HICKSVILLE UFSD Talented Student-Artist Achievement

Hicksville High School senior Brandon Baade was named a Scholar-Artist as part of the Long Island Arts Alliance program in conjunction with Newsday.

ISLAND PARK UFSD

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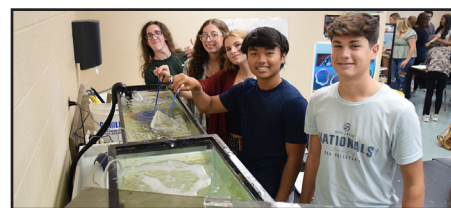
Island Park students at Lincoln Orens Middle School kicked off Start With Hello Week by writing positive chalk messages during their lunch periods.



LINDENHURST UFSD

Marine Biology Students Explore Local Waters

A field trip provided up-close insight into the native species of Long Island waters as Lindenhurst High School marine biology students in Gavin Costanzo's class visited Venetian Shores to collect specimens for study. Students learned about local geological history and collected several types of fish which will be held in fish tanks in the classroom for further study during the school year.



LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS Coastal Cleanup to Improve the Environment

West Elementary School students, families and staff participated in the Long Beach International Coastal Cleanup Day that took place on New York Avenue Beach.



MATTITUCK-CUTCHOGUE UFSD Off to an Amazing Start

At Mattituck-Cutchogue Jr./Sr. High School, staff welcomed the students and smiles brightened the hallways. The seventh grade students enjoyed their first lunch in the cafeteria with friends, and the senior class followed tradition and decorated their parking spots the night before the first day of school.



MERRICK UFSD An Up-Close Look

Students in Jessa Kolar's sixth grade classes at Birch Elementary School explored the use of microscopes for

the first time this school year. These students worked together to bring their microscope skills into focus.



NORTH BABYLON UFSD

Three All-State Musicians Chosen

Three students have been named All-State musicians by the New York State School Music Association. Gavin Aquino was chosen for the symphony orchestra in viola, Beth Ganer is an alternate soprano in the chorus and Llewana D'Silva was named an alternate for viola.



PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CSD Four Seniors Named Semifinalists, 19 Named Commended Students

Seniors at Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School had another strong showing in the National Merit Scholarship Program competition for the 2022-2023 school year. Ryan Flood, Sophia Gu, Ethan Hsu and Daniel Zhang have been named competition semifinalists, while 19 other students were named commended students. Of the roughly 1.5 million students who apply for the program each year, the four students were among only 16,000 selected to become semifinalists.



RIVERHEAD CSD

Roanoke Avenue Teacher Awarded TangerKids Grant

Lisa Nappe, an elementary intervention specialist from Roanoke Avenue Elementary School, was awarded the prestigious TangerKids Grant to improve her students' academic abilities and experience. She applied to the TangerKids Grant program with her grant project, "Making Sense of Math," and was awarded \$1,000 to use toward resources to benefit the students and community.

SEAFORD UFSD

Immersed in a Liquid Rainbow Lab

To hone their skills in experimentation and become more familiar with scientific equipment, seventh graders at Seaford Middle School were immersed in a liquid rainbow lab. Working in pairs, the young scientists measured precise amounts of red, yellow and blue liquids and observed and recorded the changes as the liquids were mixed together.



SMITHTOWN CSD

Supporting Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

During Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, students at Accomsett Elementary School helped raise \$1,522.58 by collecting change from students and staff to make a change in the fight against childhood cancer.

SOUTH COUNTRY CSD

AP Research Student Honored

Bellport High School senior Rachel Li is among just 1.14% of AP Research exam takers worldwide to earn a perfect score. To earn the score, Li was required to submit a college-level research paper following a year's worth of research while enrolled in her school's Advanced Placement Research class. Her paper explores New York City's specialized schools and the stereotypes associated with them, as well as the history and discussions surrounding those stereotypes, specifically those related to Asian Americans.



SOUTHAMPTON UFSD Anchor Academy Kickoff

Southampton Elementary School inaugurated a new character education program, Anchor Academy, during a kickoff assembly. Students can earn

“accolades” for displaying the character trait of the month. The accolades can be traded in for prizes, including class prizes, lunch with the principal and more. The class that earns the most accolades will be presented with a Golden Anchor award.



THREE VILLAGE CSD Ward Melville High School Receives National Recognition

Ward Melville High School has been named a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes private and public schools based on their overall academic excellence and affirms the hard work of students, educators and communities in creating welcoming, high-performing schools. This year, only 297 schools across the country received the designation – with Ward Melville High School being the only high school named in Suffolk County.

VALLEY STREAM UFSD 24 Superintendent's Conference Day Prepares Faculty and Staff

Superintendent's Conference Day

was held in the three school buildings in preparation for the start of the 2022-2023 school year. The goal for the day was to provide faculty and staff with the information, tools and motivation that would help ensure an awesome and successful start to the new school year.



WEST BABYLON UFSD All-National Musician Selected

Senior High School student-musician Ronan Flynn has been selected by the New York State School Music Association to perform in the All-National ensembles. Flynn, a tenor in the mixed choir, is among approximately 550 of the best student-musicians in the United States. Students will learn from and rehearse with internationally renowned conductors during a three-day festival at the Gaylord National Resort



and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, before performing in a concert.



WEST ISLIP UFSD New Superintendent Meets With Community

Residents met the new superintendent of schools, Dr. Paul Romanelli, when he hosted a meet and greet prior to a Board of Education meeting. Dr. Romanelli shared information about his previous work in education, his personal and family life, his immediate goals as superintendent and his willingness to listen to the needs of all parents.

WESTHAMPTON BEACH UFSD Recognizing Service and Dedication

Six district staff members, Karen Aleksandrowicz, Maryann Higgins, Christopher Irish, Robert Mirro, Bryan Schaumloffel and Kathleen Walsh, were officially inducted into the district's Quarter Century Club for dedicating 25 consecutive years of service to the district. They were each presented with

certificates during the district's annual Superintendent's Conference Day.



WYANDANCH UFSD School Spirit Shines

Students at Lafrancis Hardiman Elementary School enthusiastically showed their school spirit during Spirit Week. Each day featured a different theme, including superhero day and school colors day, when students wore green and white to show their pride as Wyandanch Warriors. Spirit Week helps students get to know each other and to create a sense of camaraderie within the school.



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