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Dear Readers,

Wishing each of you a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2023.

The shortened days of winter are upon us and the temperatures are chilly. It is time for us at SCOPE to begin planning and preparing for the upcoming summer programs and the fall of 2023. SCOPE Education Services is a not-for-profit organization permanently chartered by the New York State Board of Regents to offer services to the public-school districts in New York State. In Nassau and Suffolk counties, SCOPE provides a variety of services to the children attending our public schools. The largest programs are School-Age Child Care, Universal Pre-Kindergarten and Student Enrichment.

We at SCOPE are busy preparing for the registration of students who will be participating in these programs this summer and during the 2023-2024 school year.

SCOPE's child care programs are offered in 40 school districts, providing 194 before- and after-school programs. These programs provide safe, fun and age-appropriate child care for children in grades K-6 while their parents/guardians are working. This school year, there are more than 6,700 children attending these programs.

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten program provides a five-hour instructional program for the youngest learners attending our schools. Currently, more than 3,200 children ages 3-4 are attending prekindergarten classes. These programs are offered in 31 public-school districts, totaling 175 classrooms. It is anticipated that New York State will be providing school districts with additional funding which will increase the number of children able to attend in 2023-2024.

SCOPE's enrichment programs allow children to expand their knowledge by participating in different programs. Programs are developed in coordination with the school district to offer an array of learning experiences which expand upon the curriculum taught in the classroom. Enrichment programs are taught by members of the school district faculty. SCOPE provides all materials, supplies, registration, oversight and management of the program. Programs may be offered before and after school, weekends, vacation periods and summer. Last summer alone more than 15,000 children in Nassau and Suffolk counties participated in SCOPE enrichment classes.

You will find additional information regarding each of the programs mentioned above in this edition of the Forum.

SCOPE is always looking for qualified individuals to assist us with the many programs we offer. If you have any interest, want to make a difference and enjoy working with children, kindly visit our website at www.scopeonline.us. SCOPE has openings for teachers (retired teachers are welcomed), teacher assistants, program directors (child care) and child care staff.

Wishing you and your families a warm and healthy winter. Before we know it, spring will be knocking on our door.

Sincerely,

George L. Duffy
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George L. Duffy, Executive Director

Scope Expands Enrichment Programs To Better Serve All Students

New ENL Enrichment Program Promotes Skills and Self-Confidence

SCOPE is launching a new and exciting enrichment program specifically designed to serve the needs of ENL students and students who may receive funding or attention under grant funding. SCOPE is partnering with several Long Island school districts to implement this new enrichment and academic support program geared toward Long Island's growing number of ENL students. SCOPE's Enrichment Department is writing and creating new curriculum based on foundational language

acquisition skills and strategies that focus on growth in receptive and expressive language skills.

SCOPE's new ENL curriculum is based on hands-on and engaging phenomena that students participating in the program will experience and use as a baseboard to launch language acquisition lessons. This curriculum incorporates skills in the arts, coding and technology, robotics, science, sculpting and pottery, and many more motivating activities for students.

This highly engaging, 40-lesson curriculum and enrichment program can be implemented across grade levels K-12. This new program can be tailored for every school district and can be implemented as an after-school program, a before-school program or as a Saturday or summer enrichment option.

Please contact SCOPE's Enrichment Department at 631-873-8338 or enrichment@scopeonline.us to bring this amazing experience to your students.



New Virtual Foreign Language Enrichment Program Expands Language Literacy

New for spring 2023, SCOPE is offering a virtual after-school foreign language enrichment program for students in grades pre-K-8. Students can elect to take courses in Mandarin, Spanish or computer science languages and learn computer programming. All SCOPE language lessons are offered in the evenings on Zoom. Students across Long Island can sign on and learn with master educators in their respective fields.

Lessons are recorded in case a student needs to miss a class. Students can view the lesson or review material from the lesson to continue learning at their own pace. SCOPE's Mandarin teacher is fluent in seven languages, including Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish and Taiwanese, and has taught in-person and virtual enrichment languages for SCOPE for several years.

SPRING VIRTUAL COURSES *Eight Weeknights Per Course*

Introduction to Mandarin Chinese Language and Culture
Grades pre-K-8 is offered virtually on Tuesday and Thursday evenings March 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, and 30 from 7-8 p.m.

Introduction to Spanish Language and Culture Grades Pre-K-8 is offered virtually on Monday and Wednesday evenings March 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 from 7-8 p.m.

Coding and Computer Science: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence Grades 3-8 is offered virtually on Monday and Wednesday evenings April 17, 19, 24, 26, May 1, 3, 8, 10 from 7-8 p.m.

Coding and Computer Science: Introduction to Video Game Design Grades pre-K-2 is offered virtually on Tuesday and Thursday evenings April 18, 20, 25, 27, May 2, 4, 9, 11 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For more information about registering for this new enrichment program, call 631-360-0800, ext. 167, or go to enrichment@scopeonline.us.



Bring SCOPE Enrichment Programs to Your District

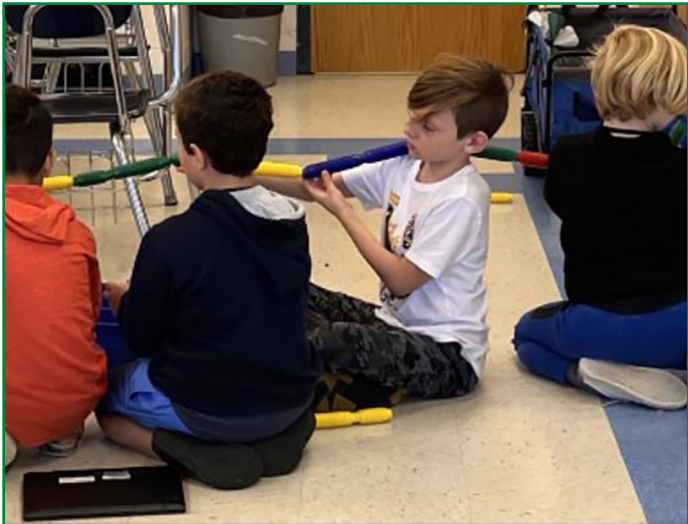
SCOPE offers a wide variety of enrichment programs that students in every school district will love. SCOPE has tailor-made programs for before and after school, Saturdays and during the summer to meet the needs of all students and their families.

SCOPE offers four-, six- and eight-week Saturday Academy Enrichment programs,

as well as before- and after-school options for everyone. For example, SCOPE is partnering with the William Floyd School District to provide a Mid-Winter Recess Enrichment program during the Presidents Week vacation for families looking for an enriching educational opportunity for their children.

It is easy for district leadership

to implement SCOPE enrichment programs that have a high impact on student learning and provide a source of satisfaction for district resident families. For more information, contact SCOPE's Enrichment Department at 631-873-8338 or enrichment@scopeonline.us to bring these amazing experiences and more to your students.



2023 AFTER-SCHOOL STEM AND ART PROGRAMS

SPRING SEASON: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 18, 25, May 2, 9

Grades K-2	LEGO Engineering Challenge	Grades 3-4	Anime, Cartooning and Comic Books
Grades K-2	Winter Sculpting and Clay Creations	Grades 5-6	Coding – App and Video Game Design
Grades 3-4	STEM Architecture and Engineering	Grades 5-6	Comic Book and Graphic Novel Design

SCOPE Universal Pre-K Programs

Inspire Love of Learning



The past two school years have witnessed tremendous growth in the number of Universal Pre-Kindergarten programs managed by SCOPE throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. The increase in New York State funding for a daily five-hour program has encouraged school districts to search for community-based organizations to put these programs in place.



Funding for UPK, however, was not increased and, in fact, moving from a two and a half hour pre-K day to a five-hour pre-K day was simply handled by doubling the allocation given to school districts.



The five-hour pre-K school day has introduced many different conditions to the schools where they are placed. Introduced as almost another grade level, each district's youngest students are positioned to be well prepared for kindergarten. The SCOPE UPK program follows all the requirements set forth by New York State under the oversight of the Office of Early Learning. While there are strong, direct instructional threads throughout the five-hour day, purposeful play is the general form for all activities. Themes, celebrations and crafts serve as the foundations for instruction, and the parent connection is made through phone and text contact, newsletters and classroom events.

SCOPE is mindful of the range of developmental readiness and knowledgeable about the expectations for children of this age. Each school district sets its own expectations and preferred academic attachments. Children are assessed according to developmental progress in the areas of motor development (both gross and fine), language (receptive and expressive), social-emotional and cognition (comprehension). A parent conference is held at least once a year, with frequent contacts between the reporting cycles.

Children taking part in the school district's UPK program are not only prepared for kindergarten, they are also prepared to be students who are familiar with their school setting and the routines of the school day. Kindergarten becomes a simple transition as they become involved in their fifth year of life.

To date, SCOPE has been approached by 36 school districts to assist them in putting a Universal Pre-Kindergarten program in place. At this point, SCOPE has 175 UPK classes located throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. All SCOPE UPK classes are in school district buildings, most in the home school that will receive the children in kindergarten. SCOPE is both thrilled and honored to be a part of the lives of your children as they start their journey through school.





SCOPE SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS OFFER SO MUCH MORE

For more than 50 years, SCOPE has been a trusted leader in providing quality before- and after-school child care programs throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. SCOPE child care programs provide working families with the reassurance that their children are in a safe, fun, caring environment where they can learn and grow. SCOPE offers a variety of age-appropriate, supervised games, sports, arts and crafts, STEAM activities, interesting presenters and enrichment opportunities, as well as healthy snacks, scheduled homework time and daily opportunities to socialize with peers.

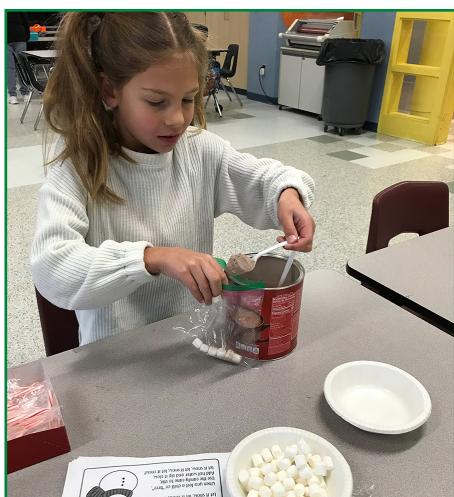
All SCOPE staff undergo an extensive

background check and meet or exceed all requirements set by the state of New York. SCOPE programs maintain a staffing ratio of one adult to 10 children at all times. SCOPE site directors, district managers and field supervisors are responsible for overseeing the success of the programs. In addition, the Office of Children and Family Services regularly conducts inspections of the programs.

SCOPE is offering 194 before- and after-school programs serving 6,426 students in Nassau and Suffolk counties. SCOPE school-age child care programs are located in 117 elementary school buildings in 39 school districts. In February, SCOPE will be offering a

new before- and after-school child care program at Clayton Huey Elementary School in the Center Moriches School District. In addition, SCOPE also operates one full-time employee day care program for children 8 weeks old to age 4 with 31 children enrolled in the East Meadow School District.

SCOPE programs are open to all elementary school students residing in the school district. Enrollment, which is on a first-come, first-served basis, is subject to capacity limits set by the Office of Children and Family Services regulations. When necessary, students are placed on a waiting list for the next available opening.



Preregister Now for 2023-2024 SCOPE Before- and After-School Programs

Preregistration for SCOPE before- and after-school programs for the 2023-2024 school year will begin on Wednesday, March 1. Parents may preregister provided:

- You have an existing SCOPE student without an outstanding balance.
- You have an incoming kindergarten student (and their siblings).
- You have been waitlisted prior to June 30 for the 2022-2023 school year.

SCOPE Keeps the Fun in Summer Enrichment 2023

SCOPE is gearing up to provide amazing summer enrichment opportunities for Long Island's students. Last year, SCOPE provided summer enrichment programs to more than 17,500 students across Long Island. This summer, SCOPE looks forward to expanding the educational reach and extending these engaging activities and programs to more students than ever before.

SCOPE believes in a tailor-made approach to providing enrichment to school districts, based on the unique educational experiences all of SCOPE's member school districts provide for their students. SCOPE can create and easily implement programming across a variety of academic goals. From STEM and coding-based programs to outdoor experiences in nature and sciences, to Broadway and theater programs created for students aspiring to expand their abilities in the performing arts, SCOPE provides something for everyone.

Please see below for some of the summer enrichment opportunities SCOPE will be offering for 2023.

A vibrant yellow and green flyer for SCOPE Summer Enrichment 2023. The top features the SCOPE Education Services logo and the title 'SUMMER ENRICHMENT' in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title are three photos of children engaged in various activities: a boy with a magnifying glass, two boys working on a project, and a girl painting. The flyer lists several enrichment programs: STEAM, Robotics, Coding & Rocketry Camp; Culinary Arts & Edible Science Camp; Broadway & Theater Camp (2 Week Sessions); Academic Reading & Math Camp (Free!); and Arts, Crafts, Painting & Pottery Camp. It also includes a registration link, daily hours, price per week, and contact information. The background is decorated with various educational icons like a globe, pencil, clock, microscope, and lightbulb.

SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES

SUMMER ENRICHMENT

There's something for everyone in Grades PreK-2 & Grades 3-6 this summer with our new flexible schedule! One week registrations are available from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM each day! Select any program weekly and engage in new and exciting activities, lessons and hands on learning. Your summer days will become more exiting and engaging for your children at SCOPE Enrichment!

July 10 to August 4, 2023

STEAM, Robotics, Coding & Rocketry Camp
From building model rockets to learning about computer programming through coding robotics, this amazing course will meet your Childs' sense of wonder and adventure this summer!

Culinary Arts & Edible Science Camp
Includes courses in International Cooking, Baking, Chocolate Making, and food design competitions! We will also learn about science through edible hands on lessons!

Broadway & Theater Camp (2 Week Sessions)
Join our theater teachers as you put on a end of two week session performance, from casting and acting to set design! You'll love our Theater Camp!

Academic Reading & Math Camp (Free!)
Students will have an immersive academic experience in reading and mathematics to boost their skills and start the next academic year off strong!

Arts, Crafts, Painting & Pottery Camp
Courses include summer arts & crafts, to fun with nature, upcycling art, terracotta pottery sculpting and canvas painting!

[Click Here for Full Course Descriptions](#)

REGISTER HERE:
WWW.SCOPEONLINE.US

Daily Hours
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Price Per Week
\$199

[Click Here for Directions](#)

Location Here

SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES

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Congratulations Are in Order

APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



COPIAGUE UFSD

Deputy Superintendent Appointed

Copiague School District has named Karla Cangelosi as deputy superintendent, effective Sept. 7. She previously served as the district's executive director for instructional support for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Cangelosi has been a part of the Copiague School District since 1999, first as an elementary teacher at Great Neck Road Elementary School then transitioning to a reading teacher in 2006 and assistant principal in 2011. She served as the principal of Great Neck Road from 2015-2021. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dowling College and a master's degree from LIU Post. Ms. Cangelosi also has an educational leadership certification from Stony Brook University.



ELWOOD UFSD

Elwood-John H. Glenn High School Principal Corey McNamara

Corey McNamara has been appointed the new principal of Elwood-John H. Glenn High School. Prior to his appointment he served as John Glenn's assistant principal since July 2018. He previously worked for 14 years as an assistant principal, dean of students, coach and health educator in the Valley Stream Central High School District. He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education at LIU Post, a master's degree in health education at Hofstra University and his district leadership certification at Stony Brook University.

HARBORFIELDS CSD

Harborfields High School Principal Dr. Marie Netto

Dr. Marie Netto has been appointed as the new principal of Harborfields High School. Dr. Netto most recently served as an assistant principal at John F. Kennedy High School in the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District. She had previously worked at Bellmore-

Merrick as Wellington C. Mephram High School assistant principal, English department chairperson and a high school English teacher. Dr. Netto holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from Binghamton University, a master's degree in English education from Hofstra University and a doctorate in educational administration and supervision from St. John's University.



ISLIP UFSD

Islip High School Principal Dr. Lara Gonzalez

Dr. Lara Gonzalez joined the Islip School District as the new principal of Islip High School. Dr. Gonzalez previously served as a high school director at Evergreen Charter School in Hempstead, principal of Woodhull Intermediate School in the Huntington School District, assistant principal at Oyster Bay High School in the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District, supervisor of social studies for the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District and the West Hempstead School District, and a social studies teacher at William A. Shine Great Neck South High School in the Great Neck School District. Dr. Gonzalez earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley; a master's degree in international relations and Pacific studies from the University of California, San Diego; and a Master of Education degree in educational leadership from Columbia University.

LYNBROOK UFSD

Dr. Paul Lynch Appointed Next Superintendent

The Board of Education has appointed Dr. Paul Lynch as the next superintendent of schools, effective June 30. For the past 10 years, Dr. Lynch has been serving as the district's assistant superintendent for finance, operations and information systems.

Before assuming the role of assistant superintendent, he was the district's director of communications, technology and library media services for four years. Prior to joining Lynbrook, Dr. Lynch was associate superintendent for public policy and government programs at the Archdiocese of New York, where he was responsible for executive and legislative advocacy at the national and state levels, as well as the day-to-day implementation of \$75 million of government-funded services for over 200 schools in 10 counties, including three New York City boroughs. Dr. Lynch holds a Bachelor of Arts from Cathedral College, a Master of Arts from Immaculate Conception Seminary and a doctorate in education leadership, administration and policy from Fordham University.



NORTH BABYLON UFSD

Veteran Superintendent Appointed as Next Superintendent

The Board of Education has appointed veteran superintendent Dr. Kenneth Graham as the district's next superintendent of schools effective, March 6. Since 2020, Dr. Graham has served as superintendent of the Locust Valley Central School District, and for the four previous years as superintendent of the Sachem Central School District. Dr. Graham spent the first 19 years of his career in the Long Beach Public School District serving in various roles, including assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction and director of science, K-12. Currently, he serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Stony Brook University Educational Leadership program. Dr. Graham earned his Bachelor of Arts in earth and space sciences, his master's in liberal studies, and a certificate in school district administration from Stony Brook University. He is a graduate of the doctoral program in educational leadership, administration and policy at Fordham University, where he studied tracking and acceleration practices in suburban secondary schools.

Robert Moses Middle School Principal Stephanie Hasandras

The district has appointed Stephanie Hasandras as principal of Robert Moses Middle School, effective Sept. 14. Ms. Hasandras most recently served as the assistant principal at Robert Moses Middle School since 2017 as well as co-principal of the district's RISE alternative high school. She previously worked as an assistant principal at the Henry Street School for International Studies in New York City. Ms. Hasandras holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Stony Brook University and a master's degree from Cambridge College. She also holds an advanced certification in administration and supervision from Touro College.



PORT JEFFERSON UFSD

Earl L. Vandermeulen High School Principal John Ruggero

John Ruggero has been named principal at Earl L. Vandermeulen High School. Before joining the district, Ruggero most recently served as the principal at Robert Moses Middle School in North Babylon, where he served since 2018. Prior to that position, he served as an elementary principal in the Sachem School District. His professional background also includes 12 years of teaching experience in mathematics at the middle and high school level in the Sachem, William Floyd and Wyandanch school districts. He is also an active head coach for the Center Moriches Blue Devils lacrosse team and has held coaching positions in football, baseball, softball and lacrosse for numerous years. Ruggero earned a Master of Science in education from Dowling College, where he also received dual advanced certification in school building leadership and school district leadership. He holds a Bachelor of Science in finance from SUNY Old Westbury.



NEWS INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS

BABYLON UFSD

Babylon High School AP Scholars Earn Top Marks

The College Board has recognized 52 current and former Babylon Junior-Senior High School students as Advanced Placement Scholars for the 2022-2023 school year. These awards were bestowed upon the students based on their exceptional achievement on the national Advanced Placement exams last spring.



CARLE PLACE UFSD

Outstanding Student Writer Wins Essay Contest

Rushmore Avenue School fourth grade student Brooke Stellato had her personal essay, "Life on the Sidelines," published in the New York Times Kids section. With nearly 100 student submissions from 26 states, Canada, the Philippines and South Korea, Stellato was selected as one of only six winners in the newspaper's kids essay contest about unfair or pointless rules.



with local professionals during the annual career fair designed to expose students to several possible career pathways they can consider for the future, including athletics, education, engineering, first responders, IT, law and law enforcement, manufacturing, medical, music, mental health, music and nutrition.



CONNETQUOT CSD

Freshmen Awareness Event

Connetquot High School freshmen attended Freshmen Awareness prior to becoming members of Connetquot Civic Club, a community-oriented club that believes in civic duty. Students participated in workshops to enhance listening and communication skills and to develop a better sense of self and peers.



Eastport-South Manor Jr. Sr. High School science research students submitted two novel protein structures to the Protein Data Bank. The students worked on crystallizing these proteins, collecting data remotely during the pandemic and analyzing data sets with the assistance of mentors at Brookhaven National Laboratory.



BAYPORT-BLUE POINT UFSD

International Peace Poster Contest

James Wilson Young Middle School student Dillon Bowen is the winner of the 2022-2023 Lions International Peace Poster Contest, sponsored by the Brookhaven Great South Bay Lions Club. Dillon was also announced as the winner of the Suffolk County Lions Club District 20-S contest. His poster will now advance to the New York State Lions Club competition.



COLD SPRING HARBOR CSD

Student Science Research Published

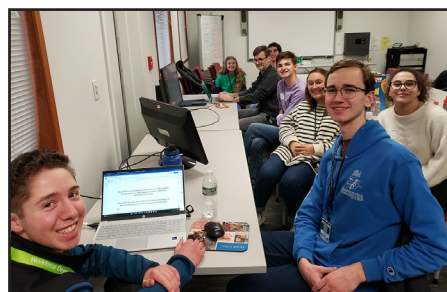
Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School students Madison Brass, Sophie Cohen, Jenna Schetty and Veronica Walkin, students in Jaak Raudsepp's molecular and genomic biology class, researched the distribution of mosquito species on Long Island by obtaining, photographing and morphologically identifying the specimens and extracting their DNA. The sequenced DNA was of such high quality that the sequences were published in the National Institutes of Health National Center for Biotechnology Information database and presented at the Barcode Long Island Symposium at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.



EAST ROCKAWAY UFSD

Students Honor Local Veterans

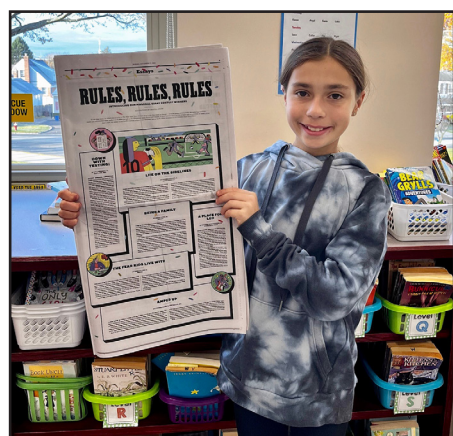
District administrators joined the students and faculty of Centre Avenue School for a special tribute to local veterans. During the event, the students presented each veteran with personalized gifts of gratitude consisting of handmade thank-you cards, poems and pictures.



ELMONT UFSD

District Launches The Basics Elmont

The district has launched The Basics Elmont, a new initiative for children ages birth to 5. Founded by Dr. Ron Ferguson, The Basics aims to bolster brain development for cognitive, emotional and social skill building as a foundation for school readiness. There are five science-based principles provided for parents and caregivers to utilize when interacting with young children: Maximize Love and Manage Stress; Talk, Sing and Point; Count, Group and Compare; Explore Through Movement and Play; and Read and Discuss Stories.



COMMACK UFSD

Eighth Grade Career Fair

Commack Middle School eighth grade students spoke

EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR CSD

Students Contribute to Protein Data Bank

ELWOOD UFSD

Students Explore the Science of Skulls

Second graders at Harley Avenue Primary School learned all about the parts and functions of the human skull, then made paper skull masks modeled after their own craniums.

NEWS INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS

FLORAL PARK-BELLEROSE UFSD

Book Vending Machine Open for Business

Floral Park-Bellerose Elementary School hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new book vending machine. A committee comprised of teachers, administrators and PTA members developed a plan to raise funds for and install a book vending machine. Students will be rewarded with tokens for the vending machine by displaying positive behaviors such as teamwork, responsibility, hard work and being kind to others.



FRANKLIN SQUARE UFSD

Daily Living Skills Center Opens

The district hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open its new, state-of-the-art Daily Living Skills Center at John Street School. It is one of the first elementary daily living spaces in New York State. It will be used to teach the district's Intensive Support Program students basic skills including socialization, personal hygiene, meal preparation, housekeeping, home safety and leisure time.



FREEPORT UFSD

Seniors Show Competitive Skills

Four Freeport High School seniors, Yuleydy Cortorreal, Vanessa Marroquin, Alexandra Rodriguez and Kimberly Rosa,

were among 100 students in grades 6-12 across the tri-state area participating in the Girl Powered VEX robotics workshop at Google's New York City headquarters. The students designed, built and coded a robot used to compete in a mini tournament of the engineering challenge, VEX Spin Up, and placed third among 25 teams.



HALF HOLLOW HILLS CSD

Hills West Students Win \$2,500 Long Island Water Quality Grant

Half Hollow Hills High School West Environmental Club members Mariam Hassan, Alex Huang and Emma Zoccoli won a \$2,500 grant from the Long Island Regional Planning Council in their annual Long Island Water Quality STEAM challenge. The grant will support the creation of a rain garden at High School West which the students designed. It will use seed bombs, clusters packed with indigenous wildflowers, at the base of drainage channels to filter stormwater runoff and reduce nitrogen levels on school grounds.



HARBORFIELDS CSD

Student Artist Hosts Talent Showcase for Long Island High School for the Arts

Madeline Quigley from the Harborfields CSD, who is attending Nassau BOCES Long Island High School for the Arts, demonstrated her formidable talents during the school's student

showcase. Madeline served as master of ceremonies for an afternoon of lively entertainment before an enthusiastic audience from across the island.



HICKSVILLE UFSD

VIP Day

Fork Lane Elementary School celebrated VIP Day during the before-school family-engagement event, hosted by the school's PTA. Students interviewed their special person, completed a craft and enjoyed a breakfast treat together.



ISLAND PARK UFSD

Island Park Students Participated in Hour of Code

The district held its Third Annual Hour of Code event at Francis X. Hegarty Elementary School and Lincoln Orens Middle School as part of Computer Science Education Week. Students in grades K-8 participated in the interactive activities that created art and games through coding.

ISLIP UFSD

Students Build Awareness and Raise Funds for Breast Cancer

Islip High School participated in a buildingwide awareness campaign for Northwell Health's annual Pink by the Bay event,

raising \$1,000 for the Islip Breast Cancer Coalition.



MALVERNE UFSD

Students Join Mission to End Global Water Crisis

Students from Howard T. Herber Middle School are turning their used water bottles into lifesaving funds that will help the Thirst Project, a nonprofit organization, bring fresh water to communities in need throughout the world.



MANHASSET UFSD

Students Spread the Gift of Warmth

Members of the Munsey Park Elementary School Kindness Club partnered with the nonprofit organization Blankets of Hope. The organization provided the club with 25 blankets to support a local homeless shelter. The students learned about how it might feel to be dealing with housing insecurity, wrote uplifting messages to accompany the blankets and donated the blankets to the Pax Christi Hospitality Center in Port Jefferson, New York.



MATTITUCK-CUTCHOQUE UFSD

Honoring and Remembering Those Who Serve

During the sixth annual Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony held at Mattituck Jr./Sr. High School, 16 Mattituck alumni were inducted, bringing the total number of honorees to 144. The Wall of Honor serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by those who serve in the military, allows the district to thank the alumni for their service and ensures that these alumni will serve as role models for students.



NASSAU BOCES

Barry Tech Health Care Students Help Save Lives

Medical assisting students from Nassau BOCES Barry Tech Career and Technical Education High School collected 158 pints of blood during their blood drive. These vital donations, gathered on behalf of the New York Blood Center, will help save close to 500 lives. Barry Tech staff and administrators coordinated and supervised the blood drive.



NORTH SHORE CSD

Second Grade Community Celebration

Second grade classes at Glen Head School held a community celebration where each child became a member of their

community. The students studied urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods, rules and laws, and public and private places. They sang and performed their own version of "Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood?", built mini-towns in their classrooms and shared comprehensive written reports with their families.

PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE

Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars

Two Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School students were named 2023 Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars for their research. Seniors Skylar Cowen and Ethan Hsu were among 300 students selected as scholars in this prestigious contest, which this year drew more than 1,900 applicants from 627 high schools across 48 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico and four other countries.



SACHEM CSD

Marching Band Wins State Championship

The Sachem Marching Band took home the title of New York State Champion in the Large School 3 Division at the New York State Field Band Conference held in Syracuse, New York, and the coveted Governor's Cup. The band is comprised of 62 students from Sachem High School East, Sachem High School North, Sagamore Middle School, Samoset Middle School and Seneca Middle School.

SAG HARBOR UFSD

Pierson Middle Schoolers Learn Camera Techniques From Film Director

Each year, Pierson Middle School students participate in the Young Voices portion of the Hamptons Doc Fest at Bay Street Theater. This year, award-winning independent documentary film producer Eric Stange gave a presentation to the students on different camera shots. Students practiced with their own phones before watching "Pony Boys," Stange's documentary film about two brothers traveling more than 400 miles from Boston to Canada.



SMITHTOWN UFSD

Scarves for Ukraine

Smithtown High School West students banded together to make scarves and hats for people living in Ukraine. Two of the students are from the Ukraine and have family members living in the country. Many of the students had never crocheted before, but they were motivated to help the family of their friends.

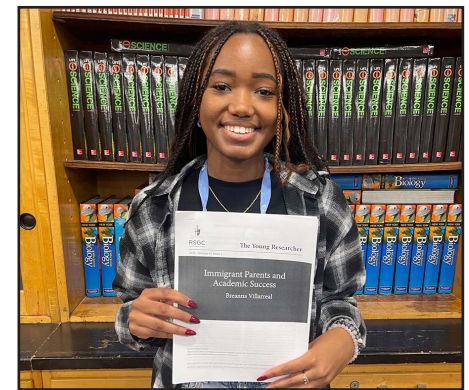
VALLEY STREAM

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Valley Stream South Senior Published

Valley Stream South High School senior Breanna Villarreal had her Capstone research project published in the prestigious journal The Young Researcher. Breanna's research project, "Immigrant Parents and Academic Success: Generational Status and Race on Academic Achievement," investigates

the academic advantages and disadvantages held by second- and third-generation children of immigrants.



WESTHAMPTON BEACH UFSD

Students Succeed in Albany

Thirty-six Westhampton Beach Middle School students participated in the New York State YMCA Youth and Government conference held in Albany, New York. The cohort received three Outstanding Bill distinctions and two students received individual accolades. This is the first time the middle school has participated in the conference that simulates the state's democratic process.

WYANDANCH

College Fair Spotlights Opportunities

Wyandanch Memorial High School's guidance department hosted its annual college fair, where more than 75 representatives from colleges, universities, trade schools and branches of the U.S. military shared information with scholars on educational opportunities after graduation. Nearly 230 juniors and seniors gathered information on potential schools, spoke to representatives about the application process, acceptance criteria, tuition and scholarships, and attended a financial aid seminar presented by Suffolk County Community College.



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