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CLASS

TUESDAY, MAY 23

VIOLENCE PREVENTION CLASS

THURSDAY, MAY 25

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STUDENTS CLASS

MONDAY, JUNE 5

SCOPE ANNUAL DINNER  
MEETINGTUESDAY, AUG. 15, 5-9 P.M.  
BOURNE MANSION, OAKDALE

Dear Readers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and enjoying the longer, warmer days of spring. Before you know it, the end of the school year will be here and summer vacation will be on our doorstep. At SCOPE, the staff is extremely busy planning for all the end-of-the-year activities that will take place for children participating in the many SCOPE programs offered in school districts across Long Island. We are also preparing for the summer enrichment programs and child care programs which we continue to offer in several school districts during the summer months.

SCOPE Education Services is a not-for-profit organization permanently chartered by the New York State Board of Regents to offer services to public school districts in New York State. In both Nassau and Suffolk counties, SCOPE is a leading provider of before- and after-school child care, the largest provider of universal prekindergarten on Long Island and is sought after by districts as a source of enrichment programs for children in grades K-6.

At SCOPE, we are currently busy preparing for the 2023-24 school year. Registration has already begun for the before- and after-school child care and UPK programs. In most school districts, our programs fill very quickly. This year and again for next year school-age child care is in great demand. SCOPE is busy interviewing, screening and hiring additional staff as we attempt to accommodate every family that requires this service. One of the greatest challenges we face is finding qualified and appropriate staff. Should you or anyone you know have an interest in working with children before and after school, kindly contact SCOPE's director of recruitment, Renee Mercer, at [rmerc@scopeonline.us](mailto:rmerc@scopeonline.us). We are always hiring, pay the highest salaries on Long Island for child care workers and offer benefits and scholarship opportunities for our staff.

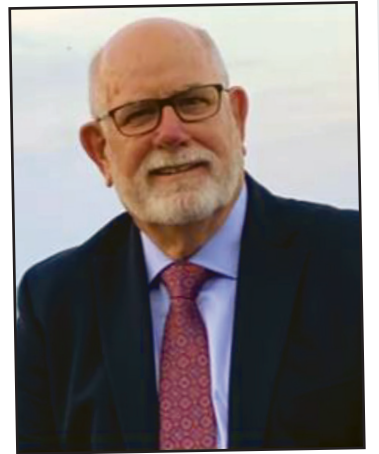
In addition to child care, SCOPE is the largest provider of UPK services on Long Island. Currently there are almost 4,000 children attending SCOPE UPK programs. SCOPE's goal is to ensure that our youngest learners are well prepared for their entrance into kindergarten. SCOPE UPK classes, with the oversight of the public school district, are held in public elementary schools, and children are provided with a fun, educationally rich curriculum which prepares the children for their entrance into kindergarten.

Finally, SCOPE enrichment programs which are held during the summer as well as during the school year, on weekends, over vacation periods and before/after school, provide children in grades K-12 with the opportunity to expand upon what is taught in the classroom. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) classes are established, in coordination with the school district, which provide children participating in these programs with age-appropriate, fun and enriching experiences. These programs are taught by teachers working in the district and administered by the SCOPE team.

We are proud of the SCOPE programs we offer in the public-school districts on Long Island and thank our parents and school districts for choosing SCOPE to meet the needs of the children in their schools and communities.

Wishing all the children attending our public schools, their teachers, school staff and families a very successful end to the 2023 school year.

Sincerely,

George L. Duffy  
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George L. Duffy, Executive Director



# The Fun Starts At SCOPE

## Summer Enrichment 2023

The summer is almost here and that means the summer fun at SCOPE will soon begin. SCOPE summer enrichment programs are designed to provide age-appropriate activities to engage children in fun and memorable educational learning experiences. There is something for every child. SCOPE's reputation for delivering enrichment programs provided by professional instructors in a safe and nurturing setting is second to none. There is still time to register. Below are the summer start dates.

### JUNE 26

- Huntington.

### JULY 3

- Center Moriches/EL.
- Garden City.
- North Bellmore.
- North Merrick.

### JULY 5

- Middle Country (*with child care*).
- Miller Place.
- Smithtown.

### JULY 10

- Babylon.
- East Moriches/EL.
- Eastport-South Manor.
- Floral Park.
- Island Trees.
- Levittown.

- Riverhead (*district transportation*).

- Sachem (*with child care/ credit recovery*).

- Sayville.
- William Floyd.
- Wyandanch/Virtual/EL (*district transportation*).

### JULY 17

- Manhasset.

### JULY 18

- Virtual.

### JULY 24

- Connetquot music and arts.
- Mattituck-Cutchogue.

### AUG. 14

- Connetquot.





# 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 child using a magnifying glass on a leaf, two children working on a project, and a child 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 provides registration details, including the dates July 10 to August 4, 2023, the daily hours of 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and a price of \$199 per week. Links for course descriptions, directions, and registration are provided at the bottom, along with the SCOPE logo, phone number, and email address.

**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](http://WWW.SCOPEONLINE.US)**

**Daily Hours**  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Price Per Week**  
**\$199**

**Click Here for Directions**

**Location Here**

**SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES**

**More Information**

**Phone:**  
631-873-8338

**Email:**  
[enrichment@scopeonline.us](mailto:enrichment@scopeonline.us)



# SCOPE Universal Prekindergarten

## Partners With School Districts

The New York State UPK grant extension of the prekindergarten day from a two-and-a-half-hour day to a five-hour day in many ways mirrors the transition from half-day kindergarten to full-day kindergarten. It took years for schools to fold full-day kindergarten into their systems. It is worth noting that kindergarten is still a nonmandated New York State program and children do not need to be registered for school until they turn age 6.

Over the course of the last few years, while kindergarten is attached to the K-12

system, prekindergarten lagged behind, perceived as a fun-time child care type of program. Continuing research supported another direction, however, and the value of learning from birth through age 5 has become unquestioned, with preparation for kindergarten rising to a serious level.

The New York State UPK grant offered to school districts throughout the state has opened the door for UPK to become part of our school system. The financing behind this initiative, however, is far below the supports available for K-12. SCOPE has become a sought-after

community-based organization to help school districts put UPK in place.

We here at SCOPE are very encouraged by the successful partnerships formed between school districts and SCOPE. With our invested history in serving children through child care, pre-school and enrichment, we take these responsibilities very seriously.

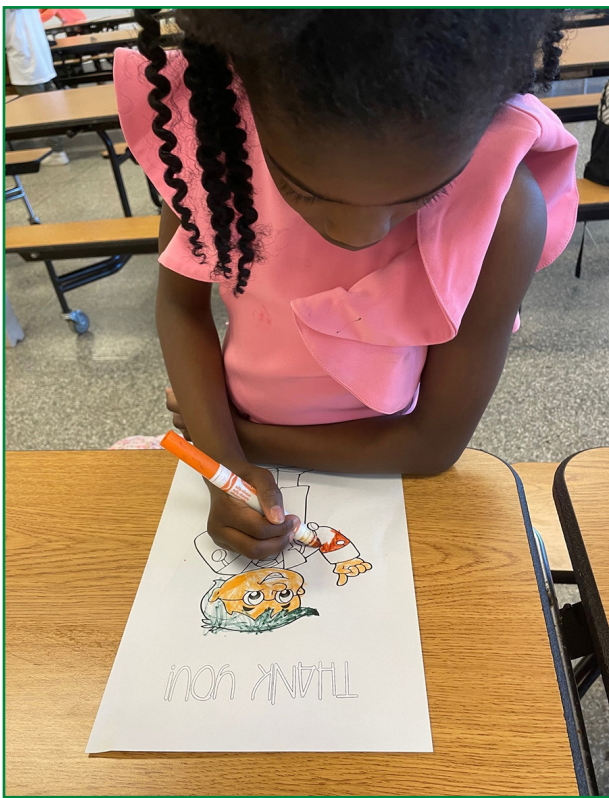
SCOPE is proud to partner with the Nassau County and Suffolk County school districts listed below. Together we provide quality programs that inspire a lifelong love of learning.



### Nassau and Suffolk County UPK Districts

Nassau	Suffolk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>East Meadow UFSD</li><li>East Rockaway UFSD</li><li>East Williston UFSD</li><li>Garden City UFSD</li><li>Jericho UFSD</li><li>Merrick UFSD</li><li>New Hyde Park-Garden City Park UFSD</li><li>North Merrick UFSD</li><li>North Shore UFSD</li><li>Valley Stream 13 UFSD</li><li>Wantagh UFSD</li><li>West Hempstead UFSD</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Center Moriches UFSD</li><li>Comsewogue UFSD</li><li>Connetquot UFSD</li><li>East Moriches UFSD</li><li>Eastport-South Manor CSD</li><li>Hampton Bays UFSD</li><li>Hauppauge UFSD</li><li>Huntington UFSD</li><li>Islip UFSD</li><li>Kings Park CSD</li><li>Lindenhurst UFSD</li><li>Miller Place UFSD</li><li>Mt. Sinai UFSD</li><li>Patchogue-Medford UFSD</li><li>Riverhead CSD</li><li>Sachem CSD</li><li>Smithtown UFSD</li><li>Shoreham-Wading River UFSD</li><li>South Huntington UFSD</li><li>Southold UFSD</li><li>Springs UFSD</li><li>West Babylon UFSD</li></ul>
12 School Districts	22 School Districts





# SCOPE School-Age Child Care Programs Offer Opportunities

SCOPE has been providing quality school-age before- and after-school child care programs throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties for more than 50 years. SCOPE programs are centered in the schools children attend, which makes the seamless transition from class to child care easy and safe. The before-school sessions are the perfect way to start the school day. The same transition happens at the end of the day to a secure school location where parents/guardians are vetted to pick up.

SCOPE child care programs offer age-appropriate arts and crafts, enrichment opportunities, games, interesting presenters and activities, and supervised

sports along with healthy snacks, scheduled homework time and time to socialize with peers.

Most importantly, SCOPE's strict supervision of these programs is paralleled with the oversight of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, which regularly conducts inspections of the programs. All SCOPE staff undergo an extensive background check and meet or exceed all requirements set by the state of New York. SCOPE programs always maintain a staffing ratio of one adult to 10 children. SCOPE's highly qualified site directors, district managers and field supervisors are responsible for overseeing

the success of the programs. The result is an environment where fun and learning go hand in hand.

There are close to 200 SCOPE school-age child care programs providing services in both Nassau and Suffolk counties. Unfortunately, large wait lists exist primarily due to difficulties in securing staffing for these sites. SCOPE is continually looking to hire staff for school-age child care programs.

Please contact Renee Mercer at 631-881-9632 if you are interested in working with SCOPE.

## SCOPE Is Proud to Offer School-Age Child Care Programs in These School Districts

<b>Nassau County</b>	Mineola	Brentwood	Miller Place
Carle Place	Roslyn	Commack	Northport
East Meadow	Seaford	Connetquot	Remsenberg-Speonk
East Rockaway	Syosset	Copiague	Riverhead
East Williston	Uniondale	Deer Park	Sachem
Elmont	Valley Stream #24	East Moriches	Sayville
Garden City	West Hempstead	Hampton Bays	Southold
Great Neck	<b>Suffolk County</b>	Harborfields	Wantagh
Hicksville	Babylon	Huntington	West Hempstead
Island Trees	Bayport	Lindenhurst	
Jericho		Middle Country	



# SCOPE ALSO OFFERS

## Professional Development Opportunities

### Summer 2023

SCOPE is an approved sponsor of Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE). All offerings are taught by New York State-certified teachers, who have created one- to three-credit courses (15 hours to 45 hours) of online instruction. The SCOPE courses are tailored to address current topics and meet the needs of school districts. Go to [www.scopeonline.us](http://www.scopeonline.us) and explore the Professional Development SCOPE has to offer.

SCOPE online summer courses run June 26 through Aug. 15. If you have any questions, please call SCOPE at 631-881-9651 or email Betty Westcott, the assistant director for instructional services, at [bwestcott@scopeonline.us](mailto:bwestcott@scopeonline.us).

### Sample Courses from the Summer 2023 Catalog:

- **Risk Behaviors in Adolescence:** Addresses teen behaviors that contribute to obesity, sexual experimentation, gang initiations, violence, depression and social media challenges. (three credits)
  - **Digital Citizenship:** It is crucial to teach students digital citizenship. With technological advances increasing each day, you will learn about the different components and how to apply them in your classroom. (one credit)
  - **Hyped for Hyperdocs Grades K-12:** Hyperdocs are documents with embedded links. They can replace worksheets and create interactive learning opportunities for students. They can be differentiated, modified and created to be used in whole group, small group or individualized instruction. (three credits)
  - **Teaching in a Brave New World of Artificial Intelligence:** Learn about the implications of AI for curriculum design, pedagogy and assessment, and the impact that AI is having on the educational landscape. (three credits)
  - **Exploring Google for Education Grades K-12:** Examine the components of Google for Education including Google Calendar, Classroom, Drive, Forms, Meet and Sheets. Additionally, you will learn how to share, collaborate and edit using the features of Google. (three credits)
  - **IPad Apps and Websites to Help Struggling Readers/Writers:** Add more to your RTI toolbox. Familiarize yourself with common reading and writing difficulties, student experiences and “The Big 5 Ideas of Reading.”
- Explore free and purchasable apps for phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle, reading fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, spelling, writing and notetaking. Grades K-12. (three credits)
- **Oppositional Defiance Disorder – Strategies for Teachers and Parents Grades K-12:** Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) has resulted in more inclusion students in mainstream classes. There is a need for teacher training in working with students who display Oppositional Defiance Disorder. (three credits)
  - **Gamifying Your Classroom:** Learn how to find and access digital breakouts and then create your own digital breakouts. Learn how to use Goosechase EDU to set up simple and engaging scavenger hunts that can be done right in your classroom. These games can be done individually or as a group. Grades K-12 (three credits)
- SCOPE’s extensive array of course offerings focus on topics related to social-emotional learning and engaging instruction in general classrooms, as well as specific disciplines such as music and math, and updated technological and internet resources available to be used as vehicles for

instruction and assessment.

The fact that these courses come from instructors in the field speaks to the timeliness of the topics and the current cry for more information and guidance.

At SCOPE, we are always open to suggestions for course offerings and feedback regarding the quality and usefulness of the courses provided. Please feel free to contact Betty Westcott at 631-881-9651 or through email at [bwestcott@scopeonline.us](mailto:bwestcott@scopeonline.us).

Dear Colleague:

Online registration is now available for SCOPE’s SUMMER 2023 Professional Development Courses.

**SCOPE IS AN APPROVED SPONSOR OF CONTINUING TEACHER AND LEADER EDUCATION (CTLE)**


Courses are limited in size, register early to ensure space availability. To register online please go to...

[www.scopeonline.us](http://www.scopeonline.us)

Sincerely,

Betty Westcott  
Assistant Director for Instructional Services

Registration Fees: MEMBER DistrictNON-MEMBER District		
1 Credit Course	\$ 135.00	\$ 145.00
2 Credit Course	\$ 270.00	\$ 290.00
3 Credit Course	\$ 405.00	\$ 435.00

 = SCOPE ONLINE COURSE

Online Courses Start - June 26—August 15

\*Each credit is equal to 15 hours of Professional Development

\*\*SCOPE On-line Inservice course standards can be found on our website at [www.scopeonline.us](http://www.scopeonline.us)





# Congratulations Are in Order

## Appointments and Announcements



**EAST ISLIP UFSD**  
**New Interim Superintendent of Schools Appointed**  
Paul Manzo was appointed East Islip School District's interim superintendent of schools, effective Feb. 3, 2023. Mr. Manzo has served as the district's assistant superintendent for instruction and personnel since 2016. He had previously worked for 14 years in the Sachem Central School District, where he served as an assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction and assistant superintendent for administration and building administrator. Mr. Manzo obtained his bachelor's degree in foreign language from LIU Post, his master's degree in education from LIU Brooklyn and a professional diploma in educational leadership and administration from LIU Post.



**EAST MEADOW UFSD**  
**Board of Education Appoints Kenneth Rosner as New Superintendent of Schools**  
The East Meadow Board of Education unanimously appointed Kenneth Rosner as the district's next superintendent of schools, effective Sept. 1, 2023. Mr. Rosner joins East Meadow with 27 years of educational experience, most recently serving as the superintendent of schools in the Elmont Union Free School District, a position he has held for the past three years. While there, Mr. Rosner was highly regarded for his genuine care and concern for the district's students, as well as his transparent

and honest leadership style. Mr. Rosner holds a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication from SUNY Oneonta, a Master of Science in Special Education from LIU Post and a professional diploma in educational administration from LIU Post.



**EAST QUOGUE UFSD**  
**East Quogue Taps Michael Miller as Next Superintendent/Principal**  
After a thorough search process, the district has named Michael Miller as the next superintendent of schools/principal, effective July 1. Mr. Miller joins the district from the Bridgehampton School District, where he has worked since 2015 where he held several key administrative roles, including the director of physical education and athletics, the assistant principal and, most recently, the pre-K-12 principal/director of physical education. Mr. Miller received his bachelor's degree and master's degree from the State University of New York at Cortland and his educational administrative degree from Stony Brook University.



**LYNBROOK UFSD**  
**New Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Operations and Information Systems**  
Following the appointment of Dr. Paul Lynch as the next

superintendent of schools, the Board of Education appointed Joel C. Pres, Esq., as assistant superintendent for finance, operations and information systems, effective July 1. Mr. Press joins Lynbrook from the West Hempstead School District, where he has served as assistant superintendent for business and operations since 2018. Prior to serving in West Hempstead, Mr. Press was an assistant business administrator in the North Babylon School District and served as counsel for DC Entertainment and a contracts analyst for Condé Nast Publications Inc. He also served as a Board of Education trustee, and president and vice president for six years in the Baldwin Union Free School District. He is a member of the Association of School Business Officials of New York and serves as membership chair for the Nassau chapter. Mr. Press holds a bachelor's degree from Stony Brook University, a master's degree and school district business leader certificate from LIU Post, and a juris doctorate from Boston University School of Law.



**MASSAPEQUA UFSD**  
**District Appoints New Leader for Business Office**  
The district has announced the appointment of Ryan Ruf as the assistant superintendent of business and operations, effective July 1. For the past eight years, he has worked at Eastern Suffolk BOCES as associate superintendent, deputy superintendent and, most recently, as chief operating officer, where he manages an annual budget of \$450 million. Before joining Eastern Suffolk BOCES, Mr. Ruf was the assistant superintendent for business in the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District for nine years. He has also served as business administrator in the Sag Harbor

School District and assistant to the deputy superintendent for business in Cold Spring Harbor Central School District. His career began as a middle school mathematics teacher in the upstate East Syracuse-Minoa Central School District. Mr. Ruf holds a bachelor's degree in science in education and mathematics from SUNY Geneseo, a master's degree in educational administration from SUNY Oswego and a professional diploma in school business administration from LIU Post. He belongs to several professional organizations, including the New York State Council of School Superintendents and the New York State Association of School Business Officials, of which he is vice president of the Suffolk County chapter.

**SEWANHAKA UFSD**  
**New Interim Superintendent of Schools Appointed**  
Following the retirement of current Superintendent of Schools Dr. James Grossane on June 30, the Board of Education has appointed Dr. Thomas P. Dolan as the interim superintendent, effective July 1. Dr. Dolan has more than 40 years of experience in education. He retired from his role as superintendent of Great Neck Public Schools in 2015 after serving there for six years. Most recently, he served as the interim superintendent for North Shore School District. Dr. Dolan earned his A.B. in history and psychology from Hamilton College, his M.S. in social studies education from Queens College, his professional diploma in school administration from Queens College and his Ed.D. from Hofstra University.





# NEWS INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS

## BALDWIN UFSD

### NSBA Recognizes Baldwin Union Free School District With 2023 Magna Award

The National School Boards Association (NSBA) recognized Baldwin Union Free School District's Education Academy as a Silver Magna Award winner in the 29th annual awards program. The Magna Award recognizes exemplary district programs that solve a challenge with creativity and out-of-the-box strategies. Baldwin UFSD is one of 18 winners in total and one of three districts nationwide to win a silver in its category of less than 5,000 students. Winners are featured in the April issue of American School Board Journal and were honored at an awards ceremony in Orlando, Florida.



## BETHPAGE UFSD

### Bethpage Student Artists Come Together to Fight Hunger

The Bethpage community gathered in the Bethpage High School cafeteria for the high school's first Empty Bowls Fundraiser. The special event, organized by Bethpage High School's ceramic artists and art teacher Elena Cardo, raised \$2,600 for Island Harvest, a hunger-relief organization on Long Island. Starting this past fall, students in the school's sculpture and college pottery classes, along with other art students, created more than 230 unique, handmade ceramic bowls for the Empty Bowls Fundraiser. After enjoying their favorite soup in their new bowls, attendees listened to live music and the students demonstrated their pottery skills. It was a wonderful event for a great cause.



## BRIDGEHAMPTON UFSD

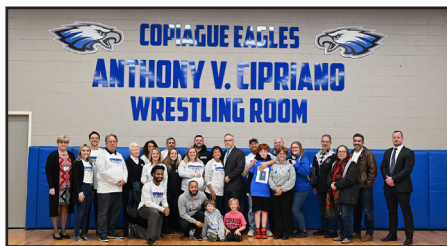
### Lessons and Landmarks for Bridgehampton School Students

Bridgehampton School eighth grade students took in the historic sites in Washington, D.C., during their action-packed itinerary in early March. The classroom social studies lessons on the nation's capital were brought to life for students and chaperones. It was an educational experience that will certainly add to their appreciation of culture, diversity, government, history and heritage.



### COLD SPRING HARBOR CSD Full STEAM Ahead

The district hosted its first districtwide STEAM Night held at the Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School. Nearly 1,000 students and their families participated in the K-12 initiative that provided an opportunity for teachers and high school students to teach younger students about science, technology, engineering, art and math. The focus of the event was to inspire students' curiosity leading to creativity, critical thinking, teamwork and problem-solving by exploring how-to tasks firsthand. Individual stations were set up for event inquiry and design concepts taught by the older students to their younger peers, expanding their knowledge and skills in the area of STEAM.



### COPIAGUE UFSD Community Gathers in Memory of Longtime Coach

Copiague School District honored the legacy of longtime wrestling coach and physical

education teacher Anthony Cipriano during a dedication of the wrestling room named in his honor. Board of Education members, administrators, family, friends, colleagues, student-athletes and community members gathered together to remember the late coach. In addition to the sign in the wrestling room, signage also hangs outside in the hallway for anyone who walks past the doors. Coach Cipriano's mother cut the official ribbon, the Copiague Booster Club gifted a jacket in memory of coach Cipriano and Susan E. Wiley Elementary School Principal Cynthia Florio unveiled a bench that will be placed outside the school in his honor.

## DEER PARK UFSD

### JFK Fourth Graders Study Energy and Create Chain Reactions

Students in Beth Ann Vahle's fourth grade class at John F. Kennedy Intermediate School wrapped up their energy unit by creating a chain reaction with various materials in the classroom. This included taking a virtual field trip to the New York State Fair, learning about roller coasters and exploring ideas such as speed, collisions and energy conversions. In the hands-on activity, students worked in collaborative groups to create their own chain reactions, using various classroom items such as dominoes, Legos and marbles.



## EAST ISLIP UFSD

### VEX GO Makes Learning Robotics Fun for East Islip CORE Students

East Islip High School's CORE technology skills class, led by teacher James Connell, completed a 10-week program in robotics where students designed, created and built competition robots using the VEX GO construction system. VEX GO teaches the fundamentals of STEAM through fun, hands-on activities that help young students perceive coding and engineering in a fun and positive way.



## EAST ROCKAWAY UFSD

### Career Week Puts Students' Futures in Focus

East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School gave students a firsthand look at the wide variety of postsecondary options available for them as they consider life after high school. The weeklong series of interactive programs began with faculty-led presentations highlighting careers in their content areas, including the arts, athletics, foreign language and science. Career Day and Future Fair featured representatives and interactive displays allowing students to engage directly with professionals in fields including civil service, law enforcement, military enlistment, trades and unions, and more.



## ELMONT UFSD

### Retired Teacher and Author Visits Clara H. Carlson School

Clara H. Carlson School welcomed author and retired Carlson teacher Loren Brereton to read her book, "Other Famous African Americans," in honor of Black History Month. Brereton, a kindergarten and first grade teacher who retired in 2016, dedicated the book to her former colleagues, Carlson first grade teachers Mary Belford, Courtney Cassagne, Kate DeRuvo and Debbie Jaeger.



### FLORAL PARK-BELLEROSE UFSD Students Win Writing Awards

Five Floral Park-Bellerose School students received Cultural Arts Awards for their writing submissions in the General Federation of Women's Clubs New York – Island Metro District creative writing contest. The award winners include John Duncan, First Place Short



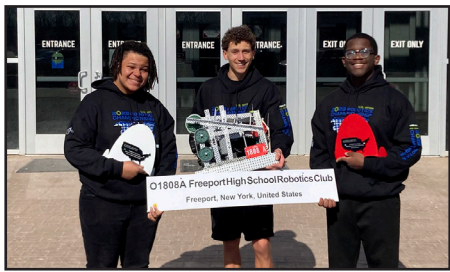
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Story; Lily Trentacoste, First Place Short Story; Ava Viola, First Place Poetry; Oscar Fattorini, Second Place Short Story and Emma Wong, Third Place Short Story.



## FRANKLIN SQUARE UFSD First Districtwide Musical

District students from all three buildings – John Street School, Polk Street School and Washington Street School – came together to perform the districtwide production of Disney’s ‘Beauty and the Beast Jr.’ More than 70 students and staff participated in the production.



## FREEPORT UFSD 2023 CREATE U.S. Open Robotics Champions

Freeport High School senior boys robotics club team of Austin Patience, Ryan Retzlaff and Dorian Trotman won the 2023 CREATE U.S. Open Robotics Championships in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Two members of the team who contributed to the design and construction of the robot, Jayden Easy and Donovan Ligonde, were unable to attend. During the tournament the team scored the highest points in a single match for any team. They were also awarded the Honor by Design Award, which is the highest award presented in a CREATE Open tournament to a team that excels in all aspects of competitive robotics. On field performance, technical knowledge, interviews and interaction with all teams, the opinions of fans and tournament officials are taken into consideration in determining the winner of this award. The Honor Award is heavily weighted toward technical innovation, fair play and collaboration.

## GARDEN CITY UFSD Stewart and Stratford Avenue Elementary Schools Unveil New Innovation Labs

Stewart School and Stratford Avenue School hosted ribbon-

cutting ceremonies to officially open and introduce their new innovation lab spaces. The innovation labs, which are renovated former science rooms, are specialized STEAM spaces that promote collaboration, curiosity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills among students. After Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kusum Sinha ceremoniously cut both ribbons, students demonstrated lessons and activities they regularly perform in the labs such as coding robots, peer editing essays on the smartboards and using VR headsets.



## HALF HOLLOW HILLS CSD Candlewood’s Middle of the Middle Day Celebrates Seventh Graders

Candlewood Middle School held its first The Middle of The Middle Day designed to celebrate the center point of the seventh graders’ middle school and overall educational experiences. The agenda included a mindfulness session, presentations from the Beautiful Me and T.E.A.M.S. programs, and many workshops from their teachers, including yoga, karaoke and teambuilding activities.



## HARBORFIELDS CSD Fourth Graders Create Interactive Museum in Makerspace

Fourth graders at Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School visited the school’s makerspace to use technology to make their Iroquois longhouse projects interactive. They used Hatch to code facts about the Iroquois, then connected Makey Makey microcontrollers to their projects so that their facts appeared when the buttons on their projects were pressed.

## HERRICKS UFSD Renovated Auditorium Unveiled in Time for Spring Production

Members of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tony Sinanis, district administrators, retired Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fino Celano and cast members of the spring musical, “The 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee,” officially unveiled the newly renovated auditorium at Herricks High School. Enhancements and upgrades to the school’s auditorium included new seating, expanded stage, new flooring, repainted ceiling, display case shelving, custom light fixtures and an upgraded stagecraft room.



## LONG BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS Students Helping Neighbors in Need

Long Beach High School IB Diploma students along with Key Club advisers, officers and general members worked together with the Youth Advisory Council of Long Beach to create the Little Free Pantry for Long Beach neighbors in need. Students, teachers and community members gathered outside the Long Beach Senior/Community Center for the official ribbon cutting of the Little Free Pantry.



## LONGWOOD CSD Students Compete in Hack-A-Thon

Nearly 200 Longwood High School students participated in the Second Annual Hack-a-Thon, which helps spark an interest in computer programming while providing skills and tools for future career opportunities. The innovative computer science-programming event, hosted by the Coding Club

and the mathematics department, encourages students to work collaboratively while competing in two unique coding challenges, using Scratch and Python, to solve challenging tasks, including programming a T1 Innovator Rover.



## MALVERNE UFSD Students Push for Universal School Meals

Fifth grade ambassadors from Davison Avenue Intermediate School met with local politicians to pitch their plan to help eradicate school lunch inequality and ensure no student goes hungry. With high unemployment and poverty rates, the students feel there is a demand for programs that afford free meals to students in need, eliminate lunch debt, provide education on nutrition and eliminate food shaming. The students addressed their concerns to New York State Sens. Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick and Kevin Thomas and Assemblymember Taylor Darling and submitted their proposal to Gov. Kathy Hochul. The Davison Ambassadors will be following up on their Call-To-Action to ensure their voices are heard in Albany.



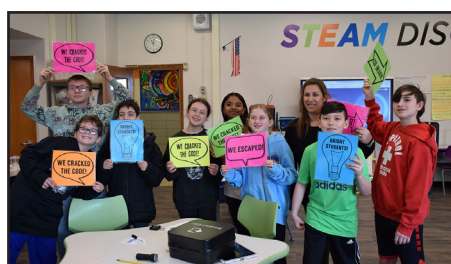
## MATTITUCK-CUTCHOGUE UFSD Conflict Resolution on an International Scale

Mattituck High School held its annual International Law Forum where 45 high school seniors, representing 12 different countries, attempted to de-escalate a scenario in which China began to stage an annexation/invasion of Taiwan. Knowledge of international politics, debate strategies and diplomacy skills were put to the test throughout the forum. The delegates representing each of the 12 countries were challenged to resolve the crisis in a diplomatic and peaceful way, to debate the way their country would respond and to behave as if the scenario were real. In the final session, the delegates voted on one of four possible resolutions that



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the delegates themselves created, with the desired outcome being a resolution of the conflict agreeable to all parties.



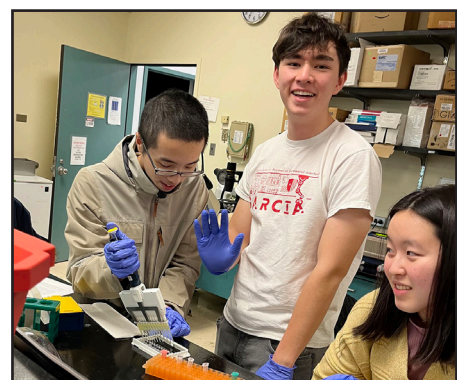
## MERRICK UFSD Celebrating STEAM Day

Levy Lakeside School marked its STEAM Day celebration with a series of engaging activities and lesson plans. Students were involved in activities throughout the day where they created, explored and problem-solved. Students also enjoyed an interactive presentation from Mad Science. Lakeside science coordinator and sixth grade teacher Melissa Robinson was instrumental in planning the day's events.



## NEW HYDE PARK-GARDEN CITY PARK UFSD Student Earns Art Recognition

Manor Oaks School fifth grader Vivaan Pandya won an honorable mention award for the 2023 New York State Youth Art Month Flag Design Contest, hosted by the New York State Art Teachers Association.



## PORT JEFFERSON UFSD Students Attend Stony Brook University Science Programs

Earl L. Vandermeulen High School students in grades 9-12 took part in a unique academic opportunity at Stony Brook University, encouraged by STEM adviser Jonathan Maletta. The programs Cancer Biology: Exploring

if Phytochemicals Can Inhibit Cancer Cell Viability and Growth and The Marine Science and Sustainability Workshop Series are facilitated at the university's I-STEM facilities. The students attended the programs for four weeks.



## RIVERHEAD CSD Student-Athlete Wins NIAAA New York State Essay Contest

Riverhead High School senior cross-country and track star Emma Ellis won both the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Section XI essay contest and the NIAAA New York State essay contest. She will now compete in the Northeast regional contest as New York's female representative. If she wins, she will move onto the national level for the NIAAA Student-Athlete Scholarship.



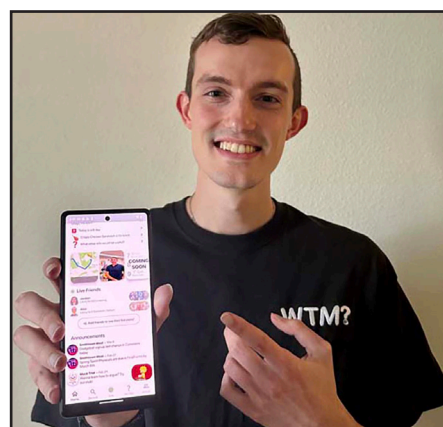
## ROCKY POINT UFSD Students Create Bubble Wands

A unique and innovative project turned into fun when Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School students learned structural engineering steps by building three-dimensional bubble wands. Along with technology teacher and integration specialist Laurie Berretta, the fifth graders used the software Tinkercad to design their bubble wands. They tested their wands for the perfect shape and size and printed them on the school's Makerbot 3D printer. They tested their finished projects outside the school.

## SEAFORD UFSD Munchies and Math at Seaford Middle School

The Viking Café, which was transformed into a restaurant with servers and green and white table clothes, opened its doors to seventh

graders as a way for students to enhance their math skills. The menu included beverages, muffins and snacks. Teachers took orders and after students noshed handed out the checks. The young mathematicians had to tabulate their bills, first figuring out the discount from coupons they received, then adding in tax and tip. Students were able to apply their math skills in a real-world situation. At the end, students presented their bills to show their calculations and how they arrived at their totals.



## SMITHTOWN CSD Smithtown High School West Alumnus on the MOOV

A new app aimed at revolutionizing how parents and students access school information is being piloted by the district. The app, called MOOV, was created by Smithtown High School West alumnus Kevin Camson. The app was designed to increase student engagement and centralize school information, making it social and accessible. It can showcase each school's events and clubs in a more dynamic and lively way on students' phones. It also provides live bus tracking, has the capacity to send push notifications for announcements, showcases student clubs and sports teams, broadcasts live sports streams, sends a daily brief notification in the morning detailing lunch menus, A/B day information, etc., and much more.

## SOUTH COUNTRY CSD Bellport High School Hosts Civics Day

As part of its role as a New York State Civic Readiness Pilot

School, Bellport High School hosted its second Civics Day. The informative and engaging event was part of a project known as Generation Citizen that teaches students how to advocate for civic change. Generation Citizen students presented their projects including researching an issue in their community, devising a solution to the issue and asking community stakeholders to implement a solution. Topics included creating an ambassador program for special education students at the high school, providing student mental health days, introducing students to language before seventh grade and establishing later start times for the school day.



## WYANDANCH UFSD Scholars Take Science to a Higher Level

Several outstanding Wyandanch Memorial High School science and mathematics scholars had the amazing opportunity to showcase their knowledge by participating in the Long Island Regional Science Bowl at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Scholars senior Angel Campos, junior Carlos Diaz and sophomores Ashly Polanco and Valeria Romero, under the direction of their adviser Dr. Karl Spielmann, tied during the round-robin portion of the tournament. The U.S. Department of Energy National Science Bowl is a nationwide academic competition that challenges and tests students' knowledge in all areas of science and mathematics.







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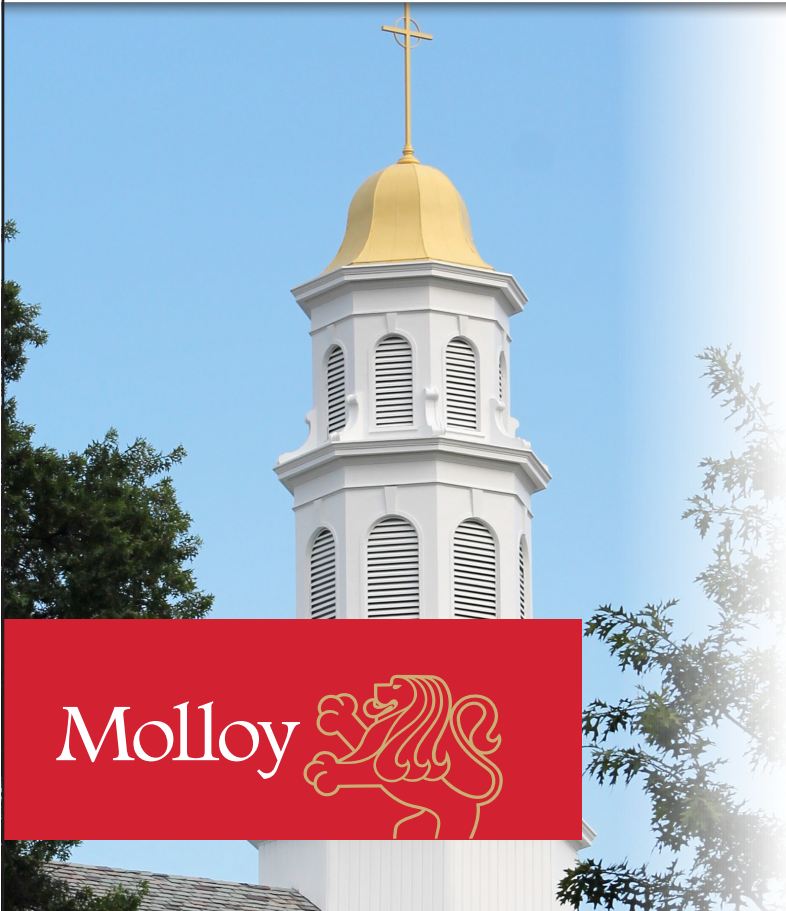


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