

# Forum

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## Fall, and a New School Year, Are Upon Us

Dear Readers,

Fall is once again upon us and with that the beginning of the school year. As the executive director of SCOPE Education Services, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of The Forum, SCOPE's quarterly newsletter. The Forum again this year will be distributed in two formats, the printed hard copy and a full-color electronic copy.

SCOPE, a not-for-profit organization celebrating our 60th year, is permanently chartered by the New York State Board of Regents to provide services to public school districts on Long Island and in New York State. Some of the services we provide include student enrichment programs; before- and after-school child care; pre-K/UPK classes; college prep test classes (PSAT, SAT, ACT); a speakers bureau for students, parents and school district staff; training for school district staff in the Dignity for All Students Act, violence prevention and the identification of child abuse/maltreatment as well as other professional development; and conferences for instructional, noninstructional and administrative staff.

SCOPE's professional development program maintains approval from the New York State Education Department as a provider of Continuing Teacher and Leader Education courses. Professionals working in our state's public schools can be assured that SCOPE's professional development courses are of the highest quality, designed to improve student performance, and are approved by NYSED to meet the 100 hours of required CTLE training.

SCOPE is a strategic partner with the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association, a sponsor of both the Nassau and Suffolk PTAs and supporter of both Section VIII and Section XI athletics, in addition to continuing to give back to the communities and school districts we serve. Last year, \$500 scholarships were awarded to deserving recipients in every SCOPE member district, a practice that we have continued since 2014 and will maintain this year and into the future. In addition, both the Nassau County and Suffolk County superintendent associations were provided a \$1,000 scholarship for a deserving graduate in each of the respective counties. Two \$1,500 scholarships (one in each county) were awarded in memory of Cramer Harrington, former deputy director of SCOPE and retired superintendent of the

Harborfields Central School District, as well as many other scholarships. Congratulations to all of the 2024 scholarship recipients!

SCOPE provides before- and after-school child care (SACC) programs for more than 7,800 children, universal prekindergarten to more than 4,000 3- and 4-years-olds, and enrichment programs to thousands of elementary students across Long Island. Additionally, in partnership with Western Suffolk BOCES, SCOPE provides a robust environmental, outdoor learning program for public school students in Nassau and Suffolk. We are proud of our history of service! No child is ever denied admission to a SCOPE program due to financial need. We work with our school districts and families to ensure that any child wishing to attend may do so, and we provide scholarships to needy families where and when necessary. Children whose parents are serving on active military duty are provided free tuition to all SCOPE programs.

Please take the time to read the advertisement related to employment opportunities at SCOPE on the back page. We are looking for individuals who enjoy working with children in our before-school and after-school care programs. SCOPE has openings in both Nassau and Suffolk counties, and offers excellent wages and benefits, including the opportunity to earn scholarships for postsecondary education. Information may be found in this edition of The Forum and on our website at [www.scopeonline.us](http://www.scopeonline.us).

As always, The Forum includes interesting information submitted by school districts, including district programs of interest and new appointments and promotions. Congratulations to all new administrators and school staff, and best wishes for much success in your respective positions. As always, I wish each of you a very productive, successful and safe 2024-2025 school year.

Sincerely,

George L. Duffy  
Executive Director/CEO

### A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



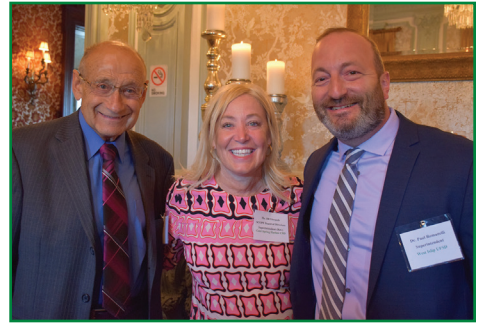
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George L. Duffy, Executive Director





# EDUCATIONAL LEADERS LISTEN AND LEARN AT Annual SCOPE Dinner Meeting

Long Island's public-school educational leaders attended SCOPE Education Services' 39th Annual Dinner Meeting at the Bourne Mansion in Oakdale on Aug. 13. It served as a valuable and informative networking opportunity for school superintendents and newly elected board of education trustees.

During his introductory remarks, SCOPE Executive Director George Duffy introduced 35 newly installed school board members and 14 newly appointed superintendents and wished them well in their new positions. He also stressed that their work is vital to maintaining the quality of education on Long Island and urged them to utilize the many programs SCOPE and other educational organizations provide.

Mr. Duffy also honored the late Dr. Robert Dillon, a leading education advocate and Nassau BOCES superintendent, whose contributions to the Long Island educational community will have a lasting effect on programs and students. Mr. Duffy presented the inaugural Challenge Coin to Dr. Dillon's family in commemoration of his

contributions to the educational field and his commitment to excellence.

Robert Vecchio, executive director of Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association, told members that "we need to be one island, one voice" in advocating for students' educational needs. SCOPE Board of Directors President Lars Clemensen also noted that advocating for Long Island's 420,000 students is about developing and maintaining a "collective fellowship" and a partnership with SCOPE, while New York State Superintendent of the Year and SCOPE Board of Directors Past President Dr. Joseph Famularo reminded members that they are "the lighthouse in your own district."

The Honorable Roger Tilles, Long Island's representative on the New York State Board of Regents, who announced that he will stay on another term, spoke about the issues facing education, including more relevant New York State Regents exams, an impending teacher shortage, charter schools and curriculum.

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# ENRICHMENT

## 2024/2025



### Did you know?

SCOPE Education Services is the largest provider of enrichment services and programs to Long Island Public & Private Schools. Our programs are designed to entice and engage students K-12 in all districts across LI. Our programs are highly rated by families. SCOPE Education Services offers the best enrichment programs by providing diverse, high-quality experiences that foster creativity, learning, and personal growth in a fun and supportive environment.

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- Outstanding Academics
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# Celebrating Our Youngest Learners

## A Glimpse Into Growth: *Discovering Universal Pre-K With SCOPE Education Services*



We are excited to showcase the remarkable Universal Pre-K program offered by SCOPE Education Services! This initiative transcends mere school readiness; it's about igniting a lifelong passion for learning and equipping children with essential skills that will serve them well into the future.

### What Can You Expect?

As you step into our Universal Pre-K classrooms, you'll discover vibrant, engaging environments designed to inspire curiosity and wonder in young minds. Here's an overview of what a 4-year-old can learn, the skills they will develop, and materials that will enrich their daily experiences:

### Learning Experiences:

- **Literacy Skills:** Children dive into the world of letters, sounds and vocabulary through captivating story times, playful rhymes and interactive reading activities. They'll practice writing their names and simple words, laying a solid foundation for early literacy development.
- **Mathematical Concepts:** Our program introduces foundational math skills through hands-on, playful activities. Children learn to recognize numbers, count objects and understand simple shapes and patterns – all while enjoying games and engaging in meaningful everyday experiences.
- **Social-Emotional Learning:** Guided play and collaborative activities nurture essential social skills. Children will learn to share, take turns and express their feelings, fostering cooperation and the building of lasting friendships.
- **Creative Expression:** Our classrooms are vibrant hubs of creativity, offering art, music and dramatic play. Children will explore various mediums, allowing their imaginations to flourish and their self-expression to blossom.

### Essential Skills Developed:

- **Critical Thinking:** Engaging in problem-solving activities and open-ended questions encourages children to think critically and make informed decisions.
- **Fine and Gross Motor Skills:** Activities like cutting with scissors, building with blocks and outdoor play enhance coordination and physical strength, laying the groundwork for future skills.
- **Independence and Responsibility:** Children learn to manage their belongings, adhere to routines and participate in classroom jobs, fostering a sense of responsibility and self-sufficiency.

### Materials Used:

- **Books and Story Kits:** A diverse collection of books tailored to various reading levels sparks a love for reading and storytelling.
- **Manipulatives:** Engaging tools like counting bears, shape sorters and puzzles help children explore math concepts and refine fine motor skills.
- **Art Supplies:** Crayons, markers, paints and crafting materials empower children to unleash their creativity and imagination.
- **Outdoor Play Equipment:** Access to playgrounds and outdoor learning spaces encourages physical activity and exploration, enhancing overall development.
- **Technology Tools:** Age-appropriate tablets and interactive whiteboards introduce children to basic technology skills in a fun, engaging manner.

We warmly invite you to witness firsthand how our Universal Pre-K program fosters a nurturing and dynamic environment that benefits not only the children we serve but also the entire community. A heartfelt thank-you to our component districts for fostering a robust partnership, ensuring our youngest learners have the best possible start.

Join us in celebrating the incredible journey of our youngest learners!

### What Parents Are Saying About Our Program...

"My child loves going to school! The teachers are so caring and make learning fun."

"I've seen such growth in my child's confidence and social skills. The Universal Pre-K program truly prepares them for the next step!"


### What Superintendents and Principals Are Saying About Our Program...

"The Universal Pre-K program has been a transformative addition to our community. It not only enhances academic readiness but also supports emotional growth."

"The collaboration with SCOPE Education Services has strengthened our commitment to early childhood education. We're proud to be part of this initiative!"








## School-Age Child Care

7,826 children attend

45 school districts (includes four new districts for 2024-2025 school year: Floral Park-Bellerose, Locust Valley, Mattituck-Cutchogue and Westhampton Beach)

220 programs (9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. programs)

131 buildings (129 elementary schools and two middle schools)





## Day Care

- 1 employee day care for the East Meadow School District
- 1 building (East Meadow District Office)
- 27 children (8 weeks to 4 years old)

Currently, we are at capacity in the infant and toddler room. We have five spots available in the pre-K room. Once children age out of some of the rooms in December, we will have 32 children at the day care.



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# Congratulations Are in Order

## APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COLD SPRING HARBOR

#### Superintendent of Schools

The Cold Spring Harbor Central School District Board of Education unanimously approved the appointment of Joseph Monastero, effective July 1. Mr. Monastero has been in Cold Spring Harbor Schools since 1998. He previously served as executive director for instructional and administrative technology since 2017. Prior to that, he served as Cold Spring Harbor Junior/Senior High School assistant principal, technology coordinator and secondary social studies teacher.



Mr. Monastero earned a bachelor's degree in economics, a master's degree in liberal studies, and both a certificate in school district administration and a certificate in educational computing from Stony Brook University.

### MANHASSET

#### Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Dina Maggiacomo joins Manhasset as assistant superintendent for human resources after serving in the same role at Herricks UFSD since 2016. She is a past president of the Long Island Association of School Personnel Administrators and a member of the New York Association of School Personnel Administrators and American Association of School Personnel Administrators. Ms.



Maggiacomo holds a Master of Liberal Studies, Educational Computing from Stony Brook University and a Bachelor of Science in education from the State University of New York at Fredonia.

### NASSAU BOCES

#### District Superintendent

The Nassau BOCES Board of Education appointed Larry J. Leaven as its new district superintendent. He assumed responsibility for leading the largest Board of Cooperative Educational Services in New York State on July 1. He brings more than 30 years of experience in education, having held numerous leadership roles, including most recently as superintendent of Florida Union Free School District in Florida, New York.

Mr. Leaven brings global experience to the role as well, having overseen the establishment of the Dalton School in Hong Kong and serving as the founding director of the early childhood, dual-language school. He also served as an elementary school principal at the Beijing International Bilingual Academy in Beijing, China. Mr. Leaven is currently an educational consultant for Metamorphosis Teaching Learning Communities.

In addition to serving as Nassau BOCES' chief executive officer, Mr. Leaven will act as the regional representative for the New York State Commissioner of Education.



### FREEPORT

#### Superintendent of Schools

Fia Davis was appointed superintendent of Freeport Public Schools. She has extensive experience in school district administration, including as superintendent of Bronx High School Districts 8, 10 and 11 in New York City Public Schools since July 2022, where she had overseen more than 20,000 students. Prior to her role as superintendent, she held positions as deputy superintendent of Bronx District 10 for two years and as a principal for 15 years before then.

Ms. Davis holds a bachelor's degree in English and Africana studies from University at Albany, a master's degree in secondary education from New York University and a master's degree in educational administration from Pace University. She is also pursuing her doctorate at Fordham University.



### VALLEY STREAM 13

#### Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 appointed Dr. Lorraine Radice as the district's new assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. Prior to joining Valley Stream UFSD 13, she served as the pre-K-12 director of literacy and director of elementary curriculum, instruction and assessment for Long Beach Public Schools.



A noted author, Dr. Radice penned the award-winning "Leading A Culture of Reading: How to Ignite & Sustain a Love of Literacy in Your School Community." She holds a bachelor's degree in childhood education and psychology and a master's degree in literacy studies from Hofstra University. She also earned an advanced certificate in teaching English to speakers of other languages from St. John's University and both an advanced certificate in educational leadership and a doctorate in philosophy in literacy studies from Hofstra University.

### HERRICKS

#### Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Dominick Tolipano was appointed assistant superintendent of human resources on Aug. 12. He previously served as the principal of the Denton Avenue School from 2021 through 2024. His prior experience includes 22 years with the Mineola School District where he joined as a middle school teacher before assuming roles as assistant principal and principal. Mr. Tolipano has a master's degree in elementary education from Hofstra University and a professional diploma with honors in school administration and supervision from Queens College.



### ELMONT

#### Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration

The Elmont Union Free School District welcomed Johane Ligondé as the assistant superintendent for human resources and administration. Ms. Ligondé brings over two decades of educational experience, having begun her career as a secondary English teacher.

She was a founding member of FDNY High School in Brooklyn, and went on to lead a pre-K-6 international school in Anguilla as principal. She later served as curriculum director of ELA, reading and social studies in the Lawrence School District. Under her leadership, Shaw Avenue School in Valley Stream received the National Blue Ribbon Award. Most recently, she spent 11 years as principal of John W. Dodd Middle School in Freeport.





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## APPOINTMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



### LEVITTOWN

#### Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

The Levittown School District welcomed Jaclyn Guidice as the new assistant superintendent for human resources. Guidice returns to Levittown after serving as the assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and personnel in the North Merrick School District since 2022.

She previously worked in Levittown as assistant principal of academics and instruction at Division Avenue High School. Ms. Guidice holds a bachelor's degree in history and secondary education from St. Joseph's University and a master's degree in social studies and adolescent education from Brooklyn College. She received her school district and school building administration certification from Long Island University and is pursuing a Doctor of Education in Transformational Leadership at Long Island University.



### SACHEM

#### Superintendent of Schools

The Sachem Central School District announces the appointment of Patricia Trombetta as its new superintendent of schools. Ms. Trombetta has been a member of the Sachem family as a staff member since 2006 and, most recently, helped lead the district as deputy superintendent. Ms. Trombetta is a Sachem alumna and is the district's first female superintendent.

Ms. Trombetta 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 CW Post University.

### SEAFORD

#### Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Assessment

Dr. Alison Offerman-Celentano has joined the Seaford District as the new assistant superintendent for curriculum and assessment. She previously worked in the Island Park School District, where she was the assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and human resources from 2020 to 2024. Before that, she was the district director of science in Commack for eight years. Her first job in education was in 1994 as a New York City urban park ranger.



She holds a bachelor's degree in major natural resources from Cornell University, a master's degree in secondary science education from Brooklyn College, a school district leadership certificate from Stony Brook University and a doctorate in education from St. John's University.

### AMITYVILLE

#### Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Mary Stephens has been named the Amityville Union Free School District's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. Ms. Stephens began working at the White Plains Public School District in 1998 as an ESL teacher. She later worked as the supervisor of language programs at Nassau BOCES from 2005-2016. She arrived at the Amityville School District in September 2016 where she worked as the district's director of ENL and world languages, and she served as Amityville Memorial High School's principal from 2022-2024.



Ms. Stephens earned her bachelor's degree in English language at Binghamton University. She also received her Master of Science in Education degree at Hofstra University, and she earned her certificate of advanced study in educational administration from SUNY New Paltz.

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### PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD

#### Canaan Named Amazon Give Back Program Recipient

Canaan Elementary School in the Patchogue-Medford School District was recently selected by Amazon for the company's give back program. Each year, 1,000 schools are chosen from schools that apply from all over the country to receive an Amazon-sponsored donation. Canaan Elementary School was given 60 backpacks filled with school supplies to support students' academic success. The district continues to enhance partnerships between its schools and community organizations.

### LONGWOOD

#### Junior High School Designated as a 'School to Watch'

Longwood Junior High School has once again earned recognition in the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform's program, National Essential Elements: Schools-to-Watch, marking the fourth consecutive recognition since 2012. This recognition, which has been adapted to New York State by the State Education Department, follows a rigorous assessment process, including a detailed review and on-site evaluations.

The National Essential Elements: Schools-to-Watch program identifies exemplary middle-level institutions nationwide distinguished by their academic proficiency, developmental responsiveness, social equity, and organizational frameworks that promote high-quality educational experiences for all



students. A team of teachers and administrators from the school was officially recognized at a formal ceremony at the National Forum's National Schools to Watch Conference in Washington, D.C.



# NEWS INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS



## EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR Annual Jackson's Jubilee

As a reward for all their hard work over the summer, special education students were treated to a carnival called Jackson's Jubilee, named in memory of student Jackson Giusto. Located in Dayton Avenue School's gymnasium, students participated in engaging games and activities provided by the National Junior Honor Society, and Best Buddies members were on hand to assist their special needs buddies. A snow cone machine and ice cream truck were provided by SEPTO. The carnival was also a way to bring greater awareness of the district's special education program.



## BETHPAGE ESY Olympics: A Day of Fun, Spirit and Triumph

Bethpage Union Free School District students from all grade levels gathered for the highly anticipated Extended School Year Olympics on Aug. 15. Students competed in everything from archery to rhythmic gymnastics. The ingenuity of the organizers was on full display, with events like table tennis played with beach balls and various equestrian challenges using hobby horses fashioned from pool noodles.

The highlight of the day came when Bethpage's mascot, the Golden Eagle, made a special appearance. In true Olympic spirit, all students were awarded gold medals, a symbol of their hard work and sportsmanship.

## DEER PARK Students Showcase Talents at Summer Theater Camp

John Quincy Adams Primary School and May Moore Primary School music teachers Diana Cotrone and Kristen Lombardo ran two summer theater camps during July for Deer Park's incoming second and third graders. Students met at John F. Kennedy Intermediate School daily, learning songs, dancing and practicing speaking lines before finishing the week with a performance for parents.



## ROCKY POINT

### Superb Summer of Enrichment

Dozens of Rocky Point School District students participated in the 2024 SCOPE Summer Safari Elementary Enrichment Program. The weeklong, elementary summer workshops focused on a variety of fun and exciting events.

Students in grades K-2 enjoyed some physical activity during the Summer Olympics with indoor games, outdoor sports and challenges to promote friendly competition, teamwork and camaraderie. Other students had an out-of-this-world experience



in space camp where they learned how to follow the scientific method and used their new skills to create magic milk, Martian soil, telescopes and more. Students in grades 3-6 enhanced their creative talents with some fun projects in the Fine Arts camp, such as making tie-dye T-shirts and animal prints.

## FRANKLIN SQUARE

### Summer Recreation Program Is Delightful

The Franklin Square Union Free School District's annual summer recreation programs were hosted at all three school buildings: John Street, Polk Street and Washington Street. Students participated in outside activities, gym activities, arts and crafts, field trips and special



events. Twice a week, students were also able to play outside in the sprinklers.

## GARDEN CITY

### Summer Enrichment Program a Resounding Success

Garden City School District students embarked on a thrilling journey filled with exploration and learning in the district's summer enrichment program. Offered in partnership with SCOPE, the program is one of the largest on Long Island. From the captivating Space Camp to the engaging robotics, coding and rocketry classes, students were immersed in hands-on projects and interactive activities that sparked their curiosity and creativity. For older students, the district offered a variety of courses tailored to grades 7-12.



These courses included podcasting and movie making; Dungeons, Dragons and Chess; canvas painting and sculpting; and web coding and design.

## RIVERHEAD

### Students' Soccer Skills Soar in Kickin' It With Cops

The Riverhead School District's extended school year team partnered with the Riverhead Police Department for the Kickin' It With Cops program, which served as a healthy outlet for students to learn new skills, practice teamwork and boost their self-confidence. Each ESY class played in three one-hour sessions coached by Riverhead police officers, fostering positive interactions and relationships. At the conclusion of the sessions, each student was given a soccer ball and goody bag to continue improving their own physical and mental health as well as cooperation with peers.



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## MALVERNE

### Summer Theatre Presents 'Shrek the Musical'

Malverne Summer Theatre is a biennial community collaboration that brings together students and alumni for a unique, free theater performance outdoors at Malverne High School. This year's performance of "Shrek the Musical" attracted a record-setting audience who witnessed an exceptional show that put the immense talent being fostered in the district on full display.

## SAYVILLE

### Students, Staff Remember the Fallen on 9/11

To honor and remember the lives that were lost on Sept. 11, 2001, a brief ceremony was held outside the Sayville Public Schools Administration Building.

Sayville High School music

student Christian Buono played taps for those gathered, after which a moment of silence was observed. Following the silence, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marc Ferris spoke briefly to those gathered about never forgetting those who perished as well as the heroes who helped in the days after.



## CENTRAL ISLIP

### LJ Harriott Focused on Giving Back to Central Islip Community

Student-athletes recently benefited from expert coaching at the Central Islip Alumni Football Camp, led by former Musketeer football star LJ Harriott. The eight-day camp at Central Islip High School focused on football techniques, foundational skills and the importance of hard work. Harriott, a Brown University football alum and current St. John's law student, was excited to give back to his community, sharing his experiences both on and off the field. The camp ran in two four-day increments, starting on Aug. 8.

## EAST ROCKAWAY

### Students Ride the Waves With Surfer's Way

On July 16, students from East Rockaway School District's Extended School Year program experienced the thrill of surfing at a special clinic hosted by the nonprofit organization Surfer's Way in Long Beach. The young surfers, from kindergarten through second grade, braved the waves in tandem with



experienced adult surfers, showcasing remarkable courage. Their triumphant smiles as they emerged from the water radiated with confidence and pride in their accomplishment.

## HALF HOLLOW HILLS

### District Focused on Developing Elementary Literacy Skills

As students in grades 3-5 return to their classrooms in Half Hollow Hills, they worked with a new English language arts curricular resource. Teachers received specialized literacy training last spring, as more than 100 educators in the district completed the Science of Reading micro-credential program offered by SUNY New Paltz. Those teaching grades 3-5 will be utilizing the new



myView comprehensive literacy instruction program with their students. This continued focus will help to cultivate the critical reading, writing, speaking and listening skills that students will need to be successful 21st-century thinkers and leaders.



## ISLIP

### Boosterthon Brings Marvelous Outdoor Classroom

Islip's Maud S. Sherwood Elementary School recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new outdoor classroom. It was the result of a three-year Boosterthon project spearheaded by the school's PTA that raised more than \$50,000. The space features collaborative chalkboard work stations, a shed, sitting stumps, garden beds, root viewers, magnifying stations, tubular chimes, samba drums, a musical fence, a Little Free Library and a weather station. Integrating science, technology, art and math, the outdoor classroom fosters true learning experiences.



## NEW HYDE PARK-GARDEN CITY PARK

### Reading and Recreation at Library Program

The New Hyde Park-Garden City Park Union Free School District launched its first Summer Library Program. Students participated in daily centers with Legos, Jenga and other building blocks, board games, drawing, paper airplane creation and more. They could also relax with a book and were encouraged to check out books to take home.



## NORTH BELLMORE

### A Warm Welcome for Kindergartners

Park Avenue Elementary School held its first kindergarten welcome parade on Sept. 6. Students from grades 1-6 lined the hallways with signs, while applauding and cheering to give their younger peers a warm welcome to the learning community. After the parade, Principal Dr. Lynn Coyle read "The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!" to the kindergartners.



# NEWS INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS



## COMMACK

### Summer STEAM Lab

Commack Schools debuted a new Summer STEAM Lab program at its Discovery Camp sessions in August. STEAM Labs are innovative spaces where students can create, discover and use technology in an inquiry-based, hands-on learning model. One summer activity involved campers constructing miniature boats, then adding “cargo” to see how much weight the ships could support while staying afloat. The program will continue in the district’s primary buildings this fall with the launch of a Lunch and Learn Program.



## EAST ISLIP

### Elementary Students Treated To Summer Enrichment Program

The East Islip School District ran its annual Summer Innovation and Enrichment Academy for 260 students in kindergarten through eighth grade for two one-week sessions in July and August at the middle school. Students were treated to a three-hour block each day of exciting lesson plans created and designed by elementary, music, art and Spanish teachers, and supported by a dedicated staff of teaching assistants, paraprofessionals and youth assistants. The program was led by instructional coordinator Melissa Henderson. Students participated in theme weeks designed around the Summer Olympics and Ocean Adventures.

## SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER

### ‘High School Musical(Ish)’ on Stage

Students in Shoreham-Wading River’s Unified Productions Summer Theater Program have done it again, putting on a standout stage performance of “High School Musical(Ish)” on the Shoreham-Wading River High School stage on Aug. 2.

Andrew Brennan and Hailey Petruzzi played the leads of star Wildcat athlete Troy and bookish beauty Gabriella. Together they audition for the upcoming school



musical, while envious Sharpay (played by Bella Nobre) conspires to crush their chances.

The show was introduced by Andrew’s special Lego animation video.

## CARLE PLACE

### Schools Host Camp Invention

Carle Place School District successfully hosted the Camp Invention program at the Middle School/High School from Aug. 5-9. This year’s theme, “Illuminate,” inspired students to explore their creativity and innovative potential through a series of hands-on activities and challenges. Campers participated in a variety of exciting modules, including Let’s Glow, in which they explored the science of



light by creating unique glow boxes, and Prototyping Studio, which transformed them into inventors as they tackled challenges inspired by the National Inventors Hall of Fame inductees.

## FLORAL PARK-BELLEROSE

### Summer Exploration and Creativity

Students in the Floral Park-Bellerose Union Free School District explored their interests during



the 2024 Summer Enrichment Program from July 8-Aug. 2 at the Floral Park-Bellerose School. There were five workshops offered through SCOPE, including edible science, STEAM, coding, robotics and rocketry; sports, athletics, fitness and games; canvas painting, fashion design, sculpting and arts and crafts; world language and culture, Spanish and Italian culture, language and art; and acting, theater and performance arts.

## VALLEY STREAM 13

### A Spirited Summer of Recreation

Students had a fun-filled summer at the Valley Stream UFSD 13’s summer recreation program. There were about 275 students enrolled in the program, from kindergarten through seventh grade. Staff members worked diligently to provide a summer of exciting activities and enrichment for the children who attended the program, which was hosted at James A. Dever Elementary School. Some of the exciting activities that were available for the students included Marino Ices on Wednesdays, Summer Olympics



Tournament and Summer Spirit Week. The students were invited to attend field trips to a bowling alley and a movie theater.



## UNIONDALE

### My Brother’s Keeper Celebrates Summer Reading at Museum

Uniondale School District’s My Brother’s Keeper Community celebrated its summer reading initiative with a free museum night at the Long Island Children’s Museum. Uniondale scholars who tracked their summer reading were able to join the district for a free evening of exploration, music and community building in one of Long Island’s most beloved museums. By encouraging steady reading habits throughout the year, the district aims to foster students’ passions and curiosity while boosting literacy and academic performances.



## OYSTER BAY-EAST NORWICH

### OBHS Achieves Milestone Graduation Rate and College Acceptance Success

In June 2024, Oyster Bay High School reached an unprecedented milestone with a 100% graduation rate, highlighting the effectiveness of their comprehensive support system for students. Additionally, 74% of students applied to at least one college by the Early Action deadline, which contributed to an overall 2% increase in applications to four-year colleges and universities compared to the previous year. This success was largely attributed to the tailored guidance provided by the counseling team, who encouraged students to take calculated risks rooted in reality, aiming for institutions that matched their profiles and aspirations.



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\*APY = Annual Percentage Yield. Qualified APY of 3.00% is for balances up to \$15,000.00 only. Balances \$15,000.01 or above will receive an APY of 0.10%. APY accurate as of September 6, 2023. We will use the daily balance method to calculate the interest on your account. We may change the interest rate paid for products and services used and the annual percentage yield at the Credit Union's discretion at any time without notice. Fees may reduce earnings. You will earn the qualified APY and ATM rebate benefits when you do at least one of the following each monthly statement cycle: Option #1: Maintain an average monthly balance of at least \$5,000.00 in the Smart Checking account OR Option #2: Have \$20,000.00 in combined end of month deposit balances OR Option #3: Maintain direct deposits of at least \$500.00 per month AND complete 10 debit card purchases. The average monthly balance is calculated by adding the closing balance at the end of each day and dividing it by the number of calendar days in a given statement cycle. Combined month-end deposit balances represent the total amount of balances in all applicable deposit accounts at the end of a statement cycle. Qualifying direct deposits include payroll or government benefits. Transactions that will not count towards direct deposits include external transfers, point of sale credits, and in-person check or cash deposits. Direct deposits and debit card purchases must post and clear the account during the statement cycle. Limited to one product per primary owner. Members must enroll in Online Banking and eStatements in order to remain eligible. If you do not meet the requirements for a qualification period, you will earn interest and receive the ATM fee rebates for the current statement cycle but you will not earn interest or receive ATM fee rebates for the next statement cycle. You must requalify to earn interest and receive benefits. You will begin earning interest and receiving ATM fee rebates the statement cycle after you requalify. Non-Teachers FCU and out-of-network fees charged at U.S. ATMs will be refunded up to \$15 per month. Eligible ATM fees will be credited at the end of the statement cycle to the Smart Checking account that incurred the fee(s). Members cannot be enrolled in the Educated Choice program and have a Smart Checking account. We reserve the right to modify or change this agreement at any time. Dividends earned will be reported as interest on IRS Form 1099-INT (or Form 1042-S, if applicable).

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Teachers  
Teacher Assistants  
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## CHILD CARE SERVICES

Directors  
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