

HAUPPAUGE SCHOOL STUDENTS CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING IN MANY WAYS!

There were many ways to celebrate, and to teach about, Thanksgiving. Students throughout the District participated in some thoughtful and fun ways to celebrate and learn about the day!

Class 4-4 at Pines and their reading buddies, class 2-2, celebrated with a presentation about the First Thanksgiving. The second graders dressed up as pilgrims and shared the story of the First Thanksgiving. The 4th graders dressed up as Native Americans and shared facts about the way of life of the Algonquian and the Iroquois Indians. Families were invited to watch the presentation on stage and everyone enjoyed all the delicious desserts brought in.

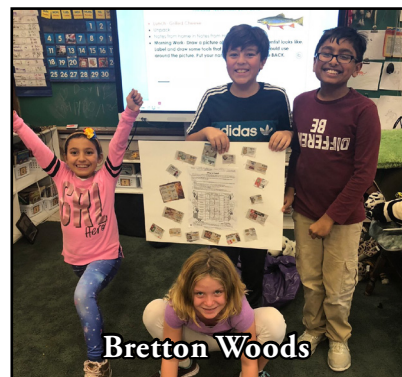
Forest Brook Elementary held their own Thanksgiving parade! Their second graders marched with their STEM balloon animals.



Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Dungate's 5th grade class at Bretton Woods Elementary worked on learning some life lessons about how to plan Thanksgiving dinner on a budget.

Ms. Wind's 4th grade class read the book "Balloons Over Broadway" by Melissa Sweet. After reading this story about the origin of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, they had their own parade featuring their handmade balloons.

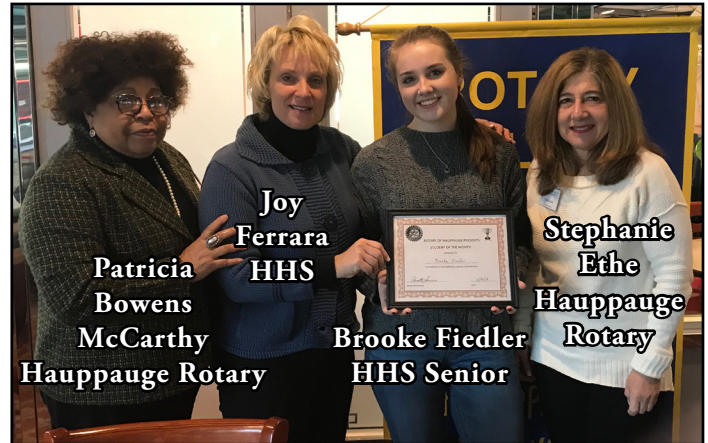
Enjoy these photos of our students!



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IS HAUPPAUGE ROTARY “STUDENT OF THE MONTH”

Hauppauge High School Senior, Brooke Fiedler, was recognized on Wednesday, November 28th, as the Hauppauge Rotary “Student of the Month.” Brooke was the guest of honor, along with her mom, Sherri, and her dad, Lawrence, at a special breakfast celebrating her achievement at the Paradise Diner in Hauppauge. She was also joined by her High School Assistant Principal, Joy Ferrara.

Brooke is the President of the “Best Buddies” program at Hauppauge High School and has attended their Leadership Conference. The “Best Buddies” program is an international organization. Their motto is “Best Buddies-Friendship, Jobs and Leadership Development.” They are the world’s largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The HHS “Best Buddies” club pairs students with a “best buddy.” At the present time they have 16 buddy pairs. There are approximately 50-60 students in their club. Brooke is passionate about assisting those with learning or developmental disabilities.



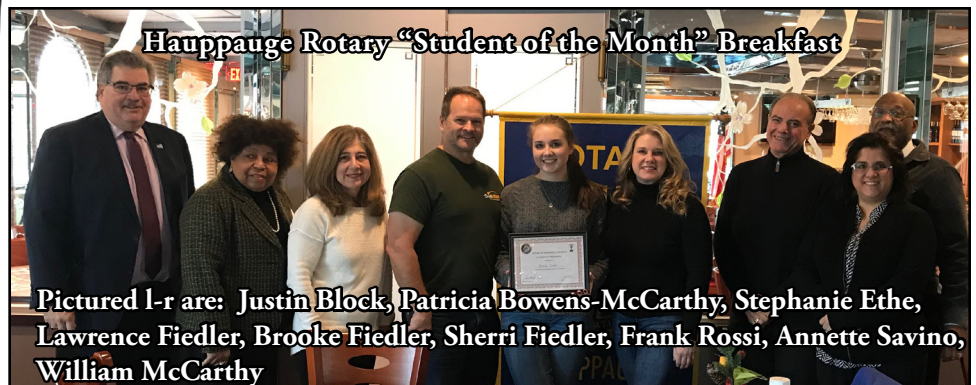
Brooke is a member of the National Honor Society, Anti-Bias Task Force, Natural Helpers as well as Youth and Community Club. She is an active member of the St. Thomas Church Youth Group and has helped with food drives and faith-based service trips.

Brooke is older sister to Shane. Shane is an autistic young man who is in 10th grade. Her brother has taught her how family has to work together and how it means more to pitch in to help someone else. Brooke has also learned that life is not about her, but about helping others. She has a greater respect for people with disabilities.

Brooke is looking forward to attending college for orthodontics and would like to minor in special education so she can assist children with sensory issues who need braces. She is hoping to be accepted to Wakeforest College in North Carolina and is waiting to find out about her acceptance.

Congratulations Brooke on this well-deserved honor!

If you would like to learn more about the “Best Buddies” program, [click here](#).



Pictured l-r are: Justin Block, Patricia Bowens-McCarthy, Stephanie Ethe, Lawrence Fiedler, Brooke Fiedler, Sherri Fiedler, Frank Rossi, Annette Savino, William McCarthy

PTA "REFLECTIONS" CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR BRETTON WOODS

The National PTA "Reflections" contest winners have been announced! This year's "Reflections" contest theme was "Heroes Around Me." Students were able to create works of art around this theme in: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts.

Congratulations to our Bretton Woods students who achieved first, second or third place:

Int. Visual Arts - James Loverde,
Ethan Wukich, Julianna Postilio

Int. Literature: Emma Oury,
Pranav Vijayababu, James Loverde

Int. Music: Nainika Ronanki,
Akhil Grandhi

Int. Photography: Julianna Postilio,
James Loverde, Lauren Ryan

Int. Dance: Pranav Vijayababu

Int. Film: Martin Koppelman

Primary Literature: Saujas Swar,
Layla Kennedy, Ashwin Ronanki

Primary Dance: Ava Postilio

Primary Music: Saujas Swar

Primary Visual Arts: Matthew Argyros,
Ava Positilio, Shrika Pedda



**Bretton Woods
"PTA Reflections" Winners**

PINES STUDENTS CELEBRATE "HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD"

On Monday, November 19th, Pines 3rd grade classes celebrated Holidays Around the World. They traveled to America, Brazil, China and Israel. The day was filled with fun activities and cultural foods. The students learned about the customs and history that makes the holiday in that country special.



Traveling to China!

**Mrs.
Giachetti**

**Richie
Pastore**

**Michael
Bento**



Traveling to Brazil!

**Mrs.
Cahill**

**Brooke
McGay**

**Joseph
Kaydanov**

“PINES CAN HELP” - AND THEY DO!

Once again the Pines community has demonstrated their unbelievable support by giving to those who are less fortunate. Through the “Pines CAN Help” event, Pines families have donated over 900 food and household items to Long Island Cares Harry Chapin Food Bank. Students were encouraged to bring in one can of healthy food, a personal care item or a baby necessity for every lap they completed on the Pines track during this event.

Physical Education teachers Mrs. Barbieri and Mrs. Kunzig and the Pines Student Council would like to thank all of the students for their contributions and participation in the walking/jogging event during Physical Education class.



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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE “SUFFOLK ZONE PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDENTS OF THE YEAR”

Each year the Suffolk Zone Chapter of NYSAHPERD (New York State Association for Health Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) honors one male and one female student from each school district as the Suffolk Zone PE Students of the Year. The recipients of the award are chosen based upon Physical Education Achievement, Scholastic Soundness, Outstanding Character, Leadership and as being a Role Model for their peers.

The winners were honored recently at a dinner at Villa Lombardi's. This year's recipients are Colleen Buckley and Michael Knopf.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!



FOREST BROOK FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS TRANSPORT INTO THE “SPIDER-VERSE”

On Thursday, Forest Brook fourth and fifth graders took a virtual field trip into the “Spider-Verse.” Presented by “Discovery Education,” and “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse,” this was a unique STEAM and literacy-packed sneak peek of the new movie.

Students went on a wild ride to learn all about the Collaboration, Communication, Creativity and Critical-Thinking behind making the film. They were able to discover the important lessons the “Spider-Verse” can teach us.

Tory Belleci of “Mythbusters” guided the students through the multiverse to meet the producers of the film, Chris Miller and Phil Lord, as well as the movie’s

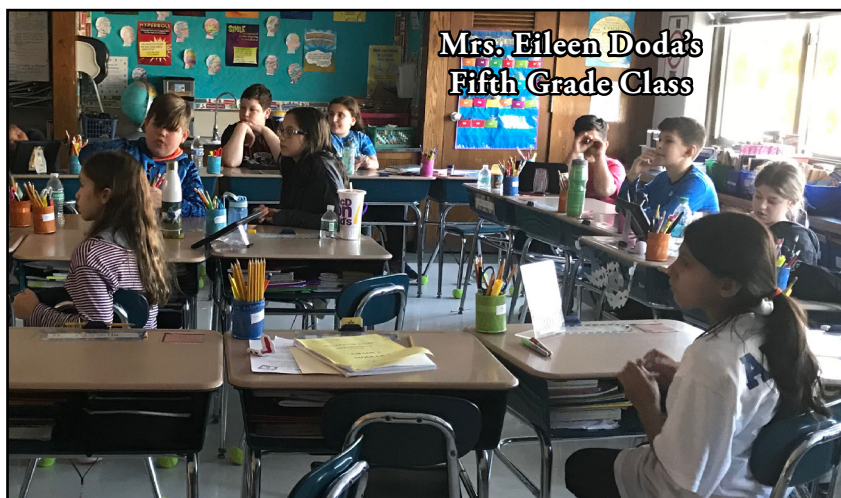
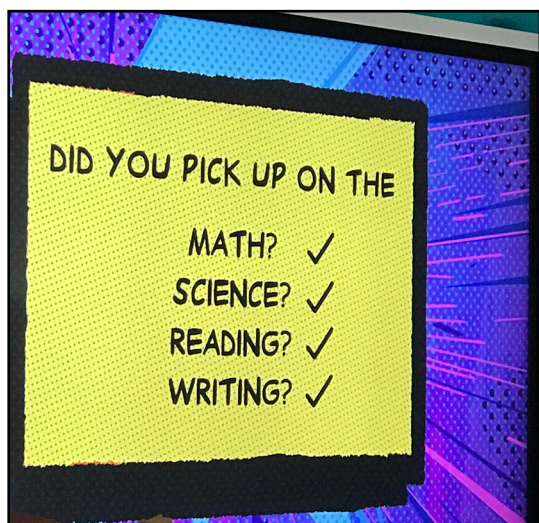


creative directors, animators and designers in order to explore the art, science and real-world inspiration used to develop the film.

Justin Thompson, Production Designer and Josh Beveridge, Head of Animation for the film, spoke about how they were able to craft the animation from script to screen. They stressed the importance of math in the process of creating custom software for the animation. They said that “Animation is a hybrid of art and science.” They both said that they wish they knew when they were students how much geometry and algebra applied to animation.

Students were able to embrace the superhero within as various stars of the film, including Shameik Moore as Miles Morales and Jake Johnson as Peter Parker, reminded them that “anyone can wear the mask!”

The presentation presented students with many messages to “believe in themselves” and to “push themselves to do their very best.” Also, they were reminded to believe in real superheroes as they are all around us!



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