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HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM ATTENDS NYS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SYRACUSE

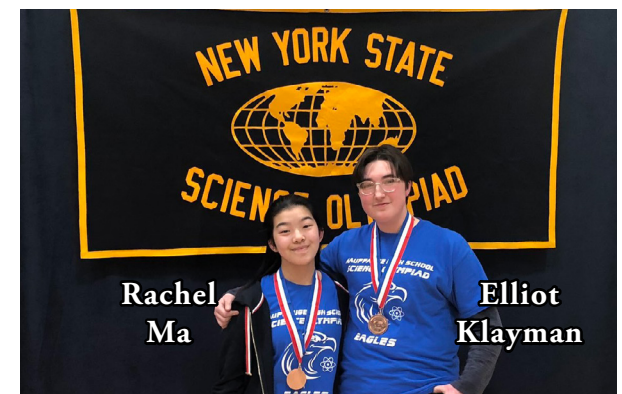
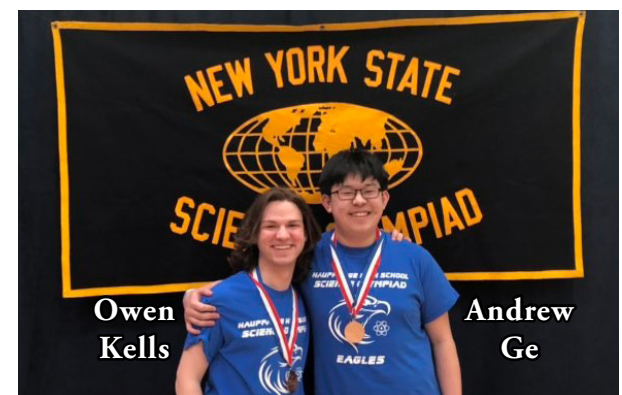
This past weekend, the High School Olympiad Team headed to Syracuse to compete in the New York State Science Olympiad Competition which was held at LeMoyne College. Science Teacher and Advisor, Briana Becker said, "The team worked extremely hard and placed within the top ten in two events. Seniors Owen Kells and Andrew Ge placed 10th in Circuit Lab, while Freshman Rachel Ma and Sophomore Elliot Klayman placed 4th in Mouse-trap Vehicle."

Ms. Becker also said, "The students represented Hauppauge extremely well and we are so proud of their work!"

We are proud of them too! Congratulations to this great team of hardworking students! GO EAGLES !!!

Here is the team roster of the students who competed:

Aaryan Chandra	Prithamsh Katla	Sai Mungavalasa
Melody Cheng	Owen Kells	Shivani Rao
Xavier Cheng	Elliot Klayman	Alex Vasilakopoulos
Andrew Ge	Rachel Ma	Emma Vasilakopoulos
Sree Karthikeyan	Jalaj Mehta	Tyler Xu



"TEACHER SPOTLIGHT"

Rosellen Enrico

Grade 4

Pines Elementary School



Why did you want to become a teacher?

For as long as I can remember I always wanted to be a teacher. There were no teachers in my family, but I always had a desire to work with children and have my own classroom.

Where did you go to college?

I went to Long Island University, LIU Post – Brookville Campus.

What did you like about college?

I loved the beautiful LIU campus in Brookville and spending spring days with friends on the Great Lawn. In addition, the education department was small so I really got to know the professors and the other students. I decided to complete my Masters in Reading at LIU-Post as well.

What is the best part of your job?

The best part of my job is building relationships with my students. I truly enjoy being with them each day and getting to know them. Every year is new and so rewarding. It keeps me young...I look forward to coming to work everyday!

How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for 28 years – 12 years in Kindergarten, 9 years in 1st grade, 5 years in 3rd grade and the last 2 years in 4th.

Fourth grade has been my favorite. The curriculum is interesting and the students are so independent and curious to learn new things.

Do you have any traditions or superstitions regarding the first day of school?

Well, I still get the night before jitters, so I just relax and try to get to bed early.

What makes a good day at school for you?

A good day at school for me means a student had that "ah ha" moment while learning something new and/or I was able to help a colleague with something.

What accomplishment fills you with pride so far this year?

The accomplishment that fills me with pride this year is the start of my crocheting club. I learned how to crochet by going to classes and watching videos. I really love it because it relaxes me. I felt it would be great to teach the 4th and 5th graders how to do it. The club was a hit and the members enjoyed making new friends and chatting. Any way we can teach our students to relax and focus on something other than technology and schoolwork is a good thing!

How does technology make teaching more simple or difficult?

I teach 4th grade where the iPads are in the classroom to enhance learning. I believe the technology allows me to diversify my teaching and give opportunities for my students that I would not have without technology. It's great to be able to screen share a child's work up on the board and have others comment on it or push out a cool virtual field trip about a topic on Nearpod. I also love

that there is a wealth of resources for me to use and share with my students and I can do it from anywhere. I don't know how I taught for years without it!

If you could sit in on another teachers class for a day, who would it be and why?

I would love to sit in on Mrs. Wray-Dolgin's chorus rehearsals. I always said I would love to come back as a music teacher. To be honest, I have forever wanted to be on Broadway, so singing and teaching would be the next best thing for me!

Is there a piece of wisdom you would pass on to your students?

I would tell my students to follow your passion and never give up on your dreams.

If you could take your students on a field trip anywhere in the world, where would it be?

I would love to take my students to the Statue of Liberty. I hadn't been there until I brought my own children 2 years ago and I think everyone should see it.

What is one of your best memories of being a student?

When I think back to my education, the memories that pop into my head are the incredible teachers I had and the special relationships, activities and events that I participated in. For example, the 3rd grade play, my 6th grade graduation where I read a speech, the Gong Show, being in the plays in elementary and middle school, homecomings, competition nights, cheerleading competitions, being on student government, etc. I think with that being said, as a student, students should get involved in school events. These people and events created friendships and memories that last forever.

Do you have a favorite thing about your classroom?

My favorite thing about my classroom is the view!!! I am currently on the second floor at the Pines and enjoy looking over the tops of the "Pine" trees! I call it the tower. I also like that my class represents my students. I love having their work and projects up so they can see their accomplishments.

What advice would you give to new teachers?

I think the best advice I would give to new teachers is, show compassion for your students. Be flexible and try to understand where they are coming from. It's important to realize that you will not be everyone's favorite teacher, but if you show them that you "get" them, they are more apt to cooperate and show you respect. Not every child can sit flat in a chair or sit still for 40 minutes. Be reasonable and offer choices.

What would students be surprised to find out about you?

I think they would be surprised to know that I have students that I taught kindergarten who are now 33 years old and have children of their own!

What word would describe you best when you were a student?

I was definitely a perfectionist.

Do you have any favorite books you would recommend to students to read?

The Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson is my all time favorite book. I actually read it in a graduate course.

Why did you choose Hauppauge Schools?

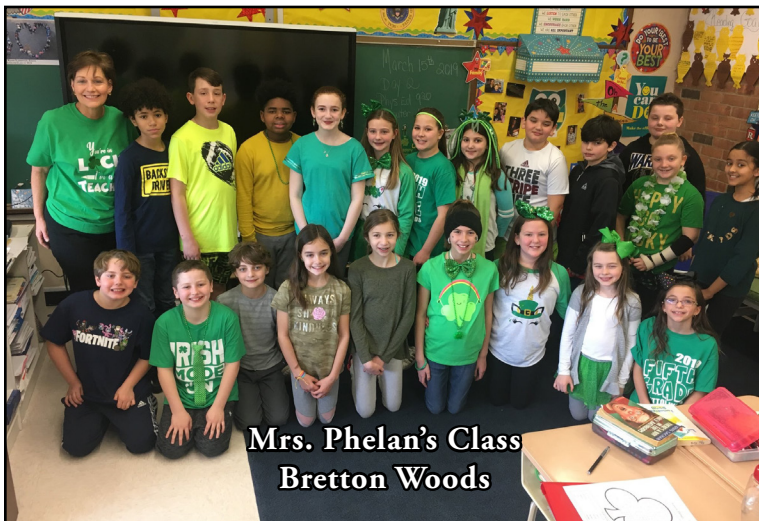
Gratefully, Hauppauge chose me! In January, 1991 I was working as a teaching assistant in the reading department in Cold Spring Harbor when I found out about a part time teaching position at Hauppauge. When they heard I was already working with Title 1 students, they hired me as a part-time teacher at the Middle School. I felt like I won the lottery! That was the start of my career in Hauppauge.

Thank you Ms. Enrico for a wonderful interview!

OUR SCHOOLS HAD THEIR "IRISH" ON FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Friday, March 15th, our schools and students took part in various celebrations around the District for St. Patrick's Day. At Forest Brook Elementary their former Principal, Mr. Meehan, paraded through the halls treating the students to bagpipe music! Other dressed in their "Irish" best to commemorate the day!

See the photos below to enjoy some of the fun they have shared!



BRETTON WOODS “HARD HAT FOR KIDS STAFF RECOGNITION” ACKNOWLEDGES GREAT TEAMWORK AND COLLABORATION

Bretton Woods Principal, George Gagliardi recently sent the the following email to his staff.

Dear Bretton Woods Staff,

At this morning's Faculty Meeting I introduced the Bretton Woods Hard Hat for Kids Staff Recognition to our teachers. As a way of acknowledging the great teamwork and collaboration that exists at Bretton Woods, the staff member who has the BW Hard Hat will pay it forward to any staff member of their choice who has supported, helped, assisted, or collaborated with them in any way. In other words, any staff member who exemplified the WE BEFORE ME traits that author Dr. Lauren Gallagher brought to Bretton Woods over the past few weeks.

This morning the Hard Hat was presented to Diane Phelan for all of her contributions and support to Bretton Woods and the Hauppauge Community at large. Whenever Diane is ready, she will acknowledge any staff member of her choice who has been a great teammate to her. When she does, she will pass on the actual hard hat and send us all an e-mail about who she gave it to and why. It will then continue forward in that manner.

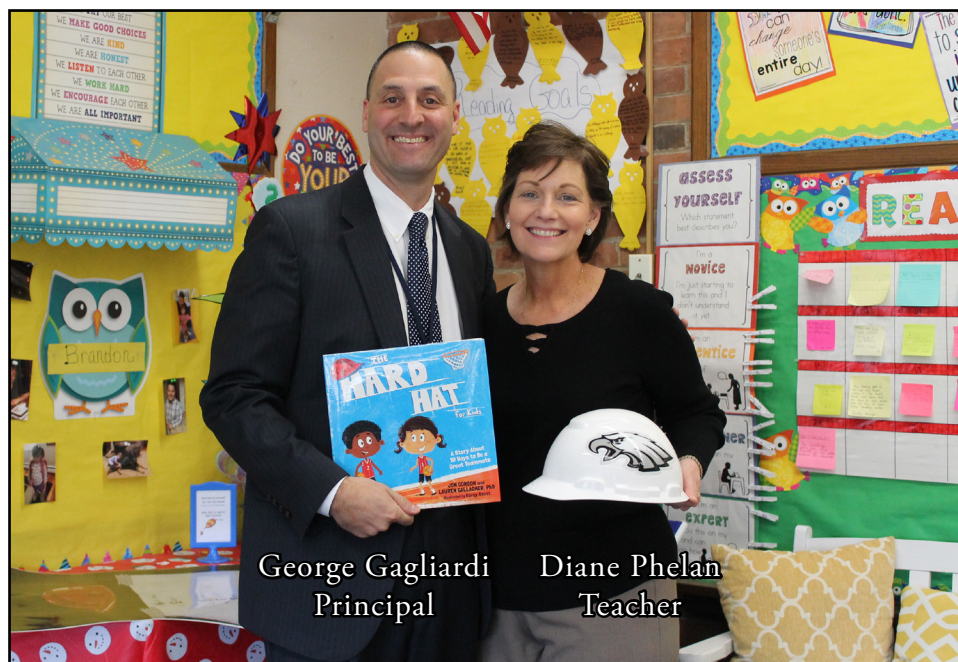
As our teachers now know, the helmet has stickers of eagles on it. Feel free to add an appropriate small sticker or two as it goes from staff member to staff member. Maybe quotes, words, or pictures connected to the characteristics of being a great teammate.

I hope this becomes a long lasting tradition at Bretton Woods. Thank you to all of you for your commitment, dedication and care of the students at Bretton Woods. I can't wait to hear of all the support you lend each other in the days, weeks, months and years to come!!

Proudly, George

“WE BEFORE ME”

Congratulations to teacher, Diane Phelan on this wonder acknowledgement of her contributions and support at Bretton Woods!



MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY OFFERS SECTION “BOOKS IN OTHER LANGUAGES” FOR ENL READERS

Middle School Librarian, Jen Shapiro, has taken steps to make the library more inclusive at the middle school. She has created a section called “Books in Other Languages.” The ENL population truly appreciates this effort. Popular titles in Spanish, Chinese and Korean are now on shelves. When Mrs. Katsiotas brought her ENL / ELA class to choose books for an independent reading project, a curious onlooker asked her why ENL students should be allowed to read in their native language.

Mrs. Katsiotas explained to that person, “Literacy is something that can be transferred to another language so it is important for students to continue reading in their first language in order to become competent readers in their second language. Besides that, bilingualism is a valuable trait in today’s world.”

Mrs. Katsiotas encouraged the non-ENL students to take a look at the new section. She said, “It’s kind of cool to hold a book



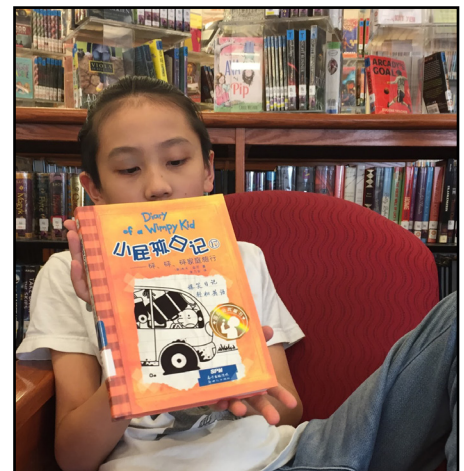
Middle School Library
“Books in Other Languages”



Jen Shapiro
Library Media
Specialist

that you’re familiar with, like Roald Dahl’s *James and the Giant Peach* and see what it looks like in Chinese. Not only that, some of the books have English on one page and an exact translation of another language on the next! Wouldn’t that be fun to read?”

Thank you, Ms. Shapiro for your efforts in assisting our ENL students!



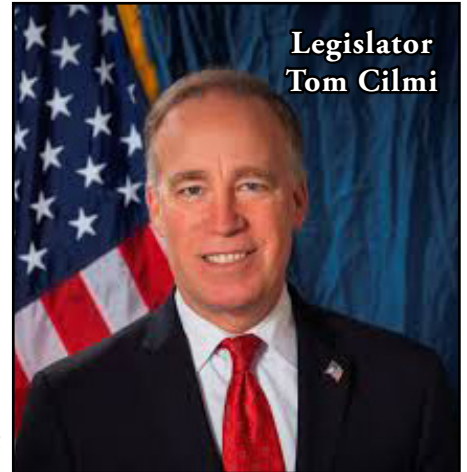
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN “PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT” CLASS MEET WITH LEGISLATOR TOM CILMI

Students in Mrs. Stebbins and Mrs. Robbins, 12th grade Participation in Government classes had a unique opportunity today when they met with Suffolk County Legislator Tom Cilmi. Legislator Cilmi is a Republican who serves constituents in the Tenth Legislative District of New York.

Legislator Cilmi spoke with students about his role in the county legislature and how local government impacts the lives of Hauppauge residents. He also discussed the county budget, past and proposed legislation and shared his philosophy of policy making. He gave students the opportunity to ask questions about his job as well as any concerns they have as Suffolk County residents and future voters.

Doreen Gordon, Director of Social Studies and Business said, “Opportunities like this allow our students to see how they can have a voice in local government and how they can become active citizens in the future.”

Thank you to Legislator Cilmi for taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with our students!



**Legislator
Tom Cilmi**

HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PERFORMS IN ALBANY AT EMPIRE STATE PLAZA CONCERT SERIES

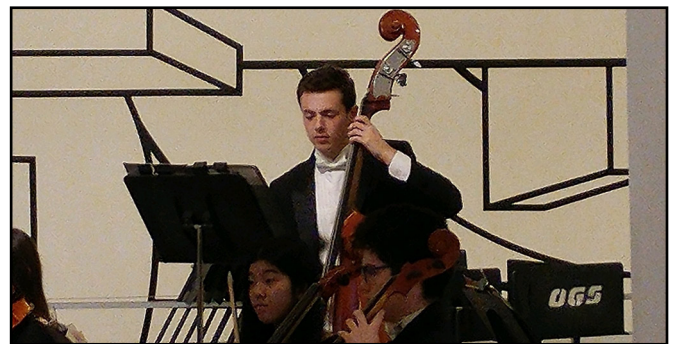
On Wednesday, March 20th the High School Chamber Orchestra performed in Albany at the Empire State Plaza Concert Series. The orchestra was under the director of High School Orchestra Teacher, Leah Pease.

The Orchestra was joined by New York State Senator Monica R. Martinez at the concert.

Congratulations to our students on this honor of playing at this impressive concert series!



Empire State Plaza Concert Series



High School Orchestra



**Leah Pease
HS Orchestra
Teacher**

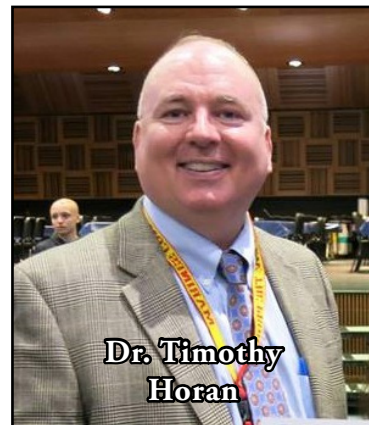
**NYS Senator
Monica R.
Martinez**

DR. HORAN HAS ARTICLE PUBLISHED

Dr. Timothy Horan, High School Librarian, had his twentieth article published in the publication, *Teacher Librarian*. In this article, Dr. Horan discusses a teaching resource he developed for the school library. The article is titled, "The Dynamic Display: Creating Interactive Museum-Style Exhibits in the School Library." *Teacher Librarian* is the journal for School Library Professionals.

If you would like to read Dr. Horan's article, [click here](#).

Congratulations to Dr. Horan on another outstanding article and achievement in publication!



Dr. Timothy
Horan

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDS YOUTH FILM DAY WITH AWESOME RESULTS

High School student, Lucas Cavanagh recently attended "Youth Film Day" sponsored by Gold Coast International Film Festival at Hofstra University! The film Lucas submitted took 2nd place!

Congratulations to Lucas on this terrific achievement!



BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS CELEBRATE “WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY” TO BRING AWARENESS



March 21st was “World Down Syndrome Day.” Bretton Woods participated in celebrating this day to bring awareness to the students and staff. All students and staff were asked to wear blue and yellow to support this day.

During the week, Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade classrooms had a special guest read a book to them. A cut-out of a ribbon for students to color in blue and yellow was sent home to keep as a reminder of “World Down Syndrome Day.”

Please enjoy these lovely photos of some of the students who participated!



BRETTON WOODS FIFTH GRADE DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS "THE LITTLE MERMAID"

The Bretton Woods 5th Grade Drama Club presented "The Little Mermaid" to a very well behaved audience on Thursday morning. The play is about a little mermaid who wants to be in a world with humans. She falls in love with a prince who she saves from drowning. A witch wants her beautiful voice and offers the mermaid legs in exchange for her voice. Her trickery is discovered and the show has a happy ending.

Several members of the cast sang the famous songs from the production and they all showed off their acting abilities. The cast spent many hours coming in extra time to practice, record music, and draw scenery. These students were very dedicated and Mrs. Weeks is very proud of them!

Here are some great photos from their performance!



ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN SPAGHETTI DINNER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2019



"An Evening of Fine Food and Music"

Annual Senior Citizen Recognition Dinner *Wednesday, April 10th, 2019*

Dear Hauppauge Senior Citizen,

The Hauppauge School District, PTA, business community, and district residents would like to thank you and pay tribute to you for your contributions to the Hauppauge School District and Hauppauge community.

You are cordially invited to attend the District's annual *Senior Citizen Recognition Dinner*, which will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 starting at 6:00 p.m. Last year's dinner was a great success. We look forward to your attendance at this free dinner being held in your honor. In addition, as our esteemed guest, you will also enjoy an evening of musical entertainment performed by Hauppauge students at the All-District Jazz Night following the dinner.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this very special event. In order to plan our food preparation for this special evening, please R.S.V.P. using the form below and return it by Wednesday, April 3rd. Thank you for your contributions to our District. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

David M. Barshay, Esq.
President, Hauppauge Board of Education

Dennis P. O'Hara, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

What: Senior Citizen Recognition
Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner
When: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Hauppauge High School Commons
Followed by: Jazz Night at 7:30 p.m.
Where: High School Auditorium

Please respond by Wednesday, April 3, 2019 so that we may properly plan for all those attending:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ # of people attending: _____

Return this form to:
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