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HOMECOMING 2018 **HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATE** **HOMECOMING IN A BIG WAY!**

It was a big Homecoming Day for Hauppauge this past Saturday, October 13th, but the festivities began earlier in the week. It was Spirit Week at Hauppauge High School, and from Tuesday, October 9th through Friday, October 12th, our High School students and staff participated in some fun dressing up! The designated days were: Tacky Tourist Day on Tuesday, Tie-Dye Day on Wednesday and Twin Day on Thursday. Friday was Hauppauge Pride Day and it was shared by all of our Elementary and Middle Schools. All wore the school colors, blue and white!



"Tacky Tourist Day"

Sydney Robbins
Cassie Struhs
Christina Bowden
Jessie Grootenboer

Later that evening, Hauppauge spirit was running wild at the "Spirit Night" celebration at Hauppauge HS! There was music and cheering. Seniors, Jack Ford and Danielle Gerardi were crowned "Mr. and Ms. Hauppauge!" There were also some pies thrown, all in good fun!

First event of the day on Saturday, Homecoming Day,

was the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Breakfast which took place at



"Twin Day"
HS Staff "Twins" Principal Cook

Carol Surico
Donna Sparacino
Principal Cook
Stacy Marotta
Denise Malandrucolo
Ruth Maxwell
Anne Marie Wienckowski
Lucy Zappacosta



"Tacky Tourist Day"

Jack Ford

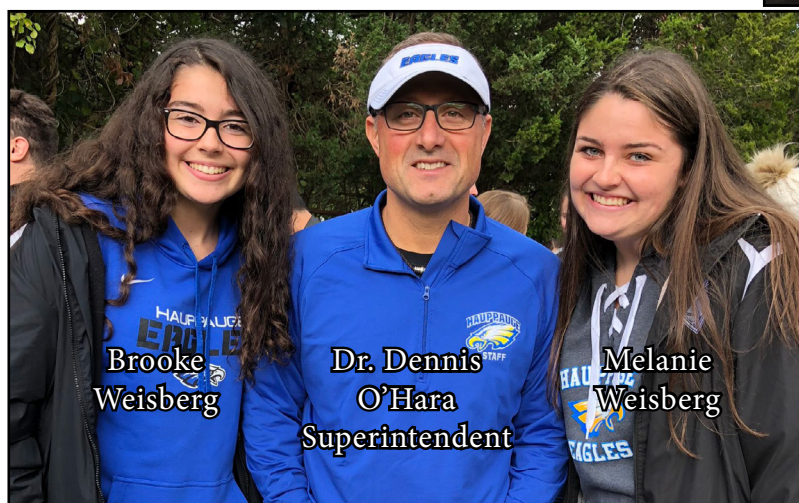
9:00 am at the Wind Watch Golf and Country Club.

Next, at 3:30 pm, the Parade from the Whiporwil District Office to the High School began. Students from each school were represented and accompanied by Board of Education Members, Administrators, Principals, Assistant Principals and parents. Also riding in the parade were the newly-crowned "Mr. and Ms. Hauppauge." The parade wound its way down Hoffman Lane, to Townline Road and then to the High School on Lincoln Boulevard. Once there, the community was able to participate with

our paraders in the Community BBQ and Fall Festival. Thankfully, the weather was beautiful and a wonderful time was able to be had by all!

At 5:30 pm, it was time for our Varsity Boys Football Team to play. Their opponent for this special Homecoming Game was Kings Park HS. Our boys played hard and well, but ultimately fell to their opponent with a final score of 9-7. Fireworks immediately followed the game and were enjoyed by all.

Below are some of the highlights of the week! Congratulations Joy Ferrara, Assistant Principal of HHS, on a well-run and successful Homecoming 2018!



EXPLORATION DAY!

COME AND EXPLORE WITH OUR 7TH GRADERS

"Exploration Day" was held at Hauppauge Middle School today. Seventh grade students were led by members of the Hauppauge High School History Club and their advisor, Mrs. Robbins, through a variety of stations that included: StarLab from the Cradle of Aviation Museum, Reasons for Exploration, Columbian Exchange, Mariners' Quadrants, Exploration in the Virtual World, Scientific Exploration, Oregon Trail, and Artifacts from a Sunken Ship's Hull. Teachers, History Club students and Mrs. Gordon, Director of Social Studies and Business, created the remaining stations. The students were able to explore in the Virtual World through the use of nearpod and their iPads, experience the Oregon Trail with chrome books and see how to navigate with the stars.

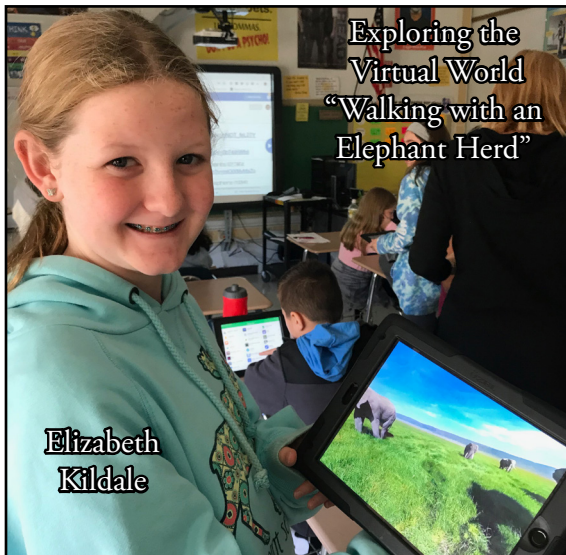
The day ended before lunch with a Google survey that the students' completed on their experiences during "Exploration Day." Mrs. Aversano, Administrative Assistant in the Middle School, worked tirelessly to arrange the schedule for the day. Mrs. O'Connor, Principal of the Middle School, and Assistant Principal, Mr. Caulin, enjoyed seeing the students witness exploration with hands on experiences.

"Exploration Day" was a wonderful program and experience! It was thoroughly enjoyed by our students!



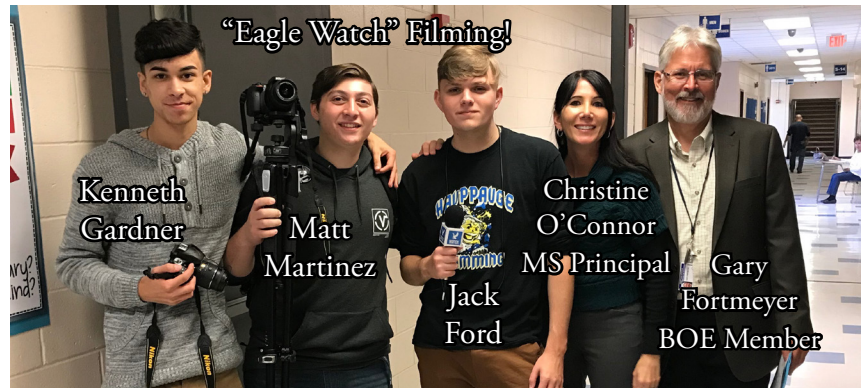
Exploring the "Oregon Trail" in the Middle School Library

Christy Youllar
Reading Teacher
Jennifer Shapiro
Middle School Librarian
Adina Tkachenko
Leslie Alvarez
Melissa O'Connor



Exploring the Virtual World
"Walking with an Elephant Herd"

Elizabeth Kildale



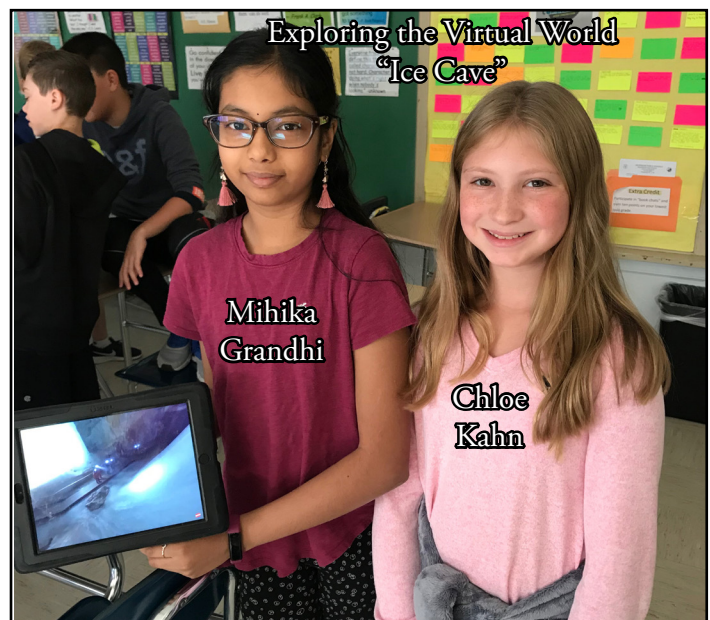
"Eagle Watch" Filming!

Kenneth Gardner
Matt Martinez
Jack Ford
Christine O'Connor
MS Principal
Gary Fortmeyer
BOE Member



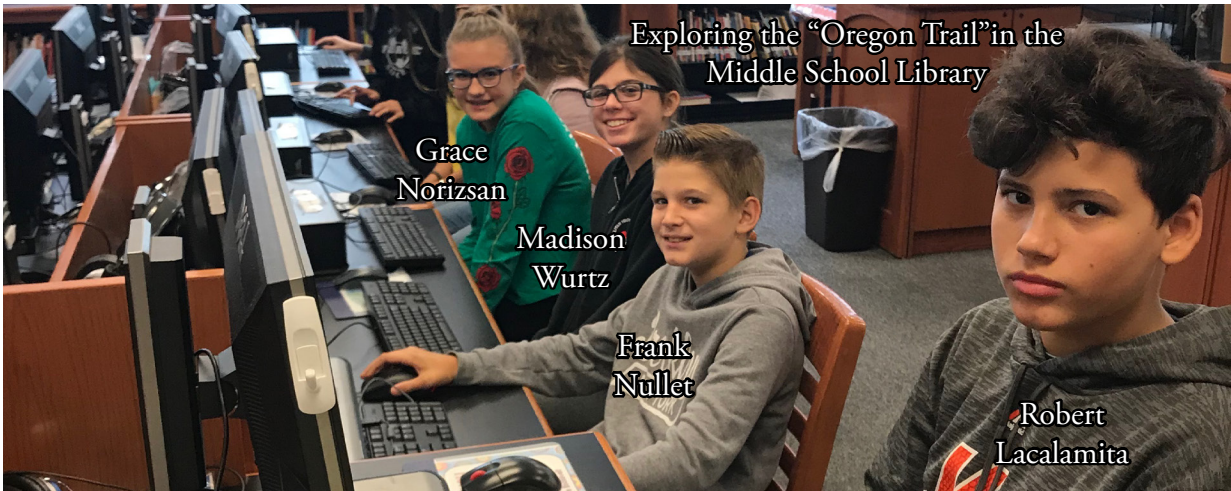
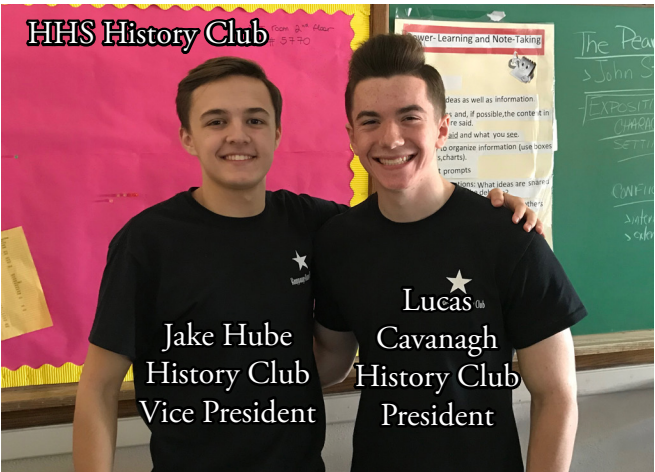
HHS History Club

Victoria Rivera
Jenny Dove
Bellã Salvia
HHS
Gracie Greene
HHS
Sasha Gladle
Hailey Kulesa



Exploring the Virtual World
"Ice Cave"

Mihika Grandhi
Chloe Kahn



HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENTS HOST A SPECIAL GUEST

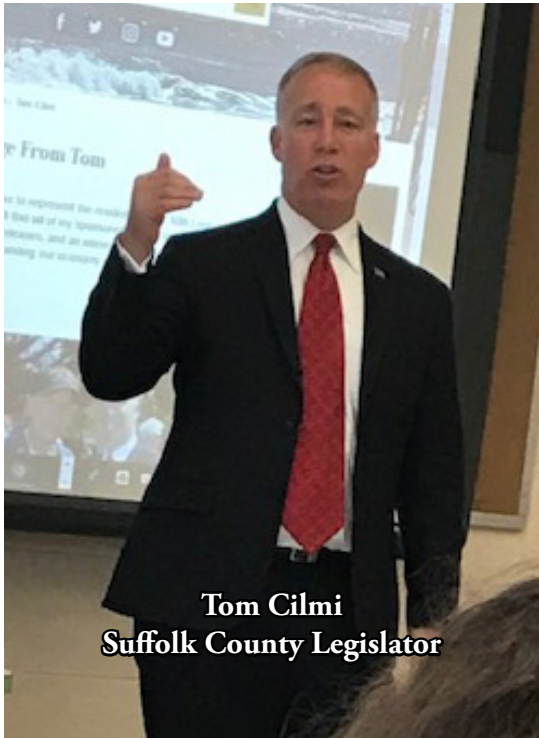
On Thursday, October 18th, students in 12th grade "Participation and Government" classes were treated to a visit from Suffolk County Legislator, Tom Cilmi. Legislator Cilmi serves for the Tenth Legislative District of New York and was first inaugurated in January 2010.

The 10th District in Suffolk County is located primarily in the Town of Islip, with a small section in the Town of Brookhaven. The District encompasses Islip, East Islip, Hauppauge, Islip Terrace, Great River, Bohemia, Ronkonkoma, parts of Bay Shore and Islandia.

Legislator Cilmi spoke to the seniors in Mrs. Stebbins', Mrs. Robbins' and Mr. Druckenmiller's classes about the path that brought him to serve the people. He talked about the responsibilities of the Suffolk County Legislature and the need for active citizens. The visit was arranged by Hauppauge High School Social Studies teacher Mrs. Stebbins.

Mr. Cilmi spoke to three classes of seniors encouraging all to become involved in their community and exercise their civic responsibilities. Students asked questions about his job, laws, and the greatest problems facing Suffolk county.

A very special thank you to Legislator Cilmi for taking the time out of his busy schedule to speak to our students!



BRETTON WOODS TEACHER, VERONICA WEEKS, ACCEPTED INTO SUNY MASTER TEACHER PROGRAM

Bretton Woods Principal, George Gagliardi, announced on Monday, October 15th, that Bretton Woods teacher, Veronica Weeks, has been accepted into the SUNY Master Teacher Program. Mr. Gagliardi said in an email to staff, "Please join me in recognizing and congratulating Veronica Weeks. Veronica was accepted into The SUNY Master Teacher Program. This program is for K-12 teachers of STEM. Governor Cuomo opened the program up to elementary teachers in 2018. Veronica will be with the first cohort of elementary teachers accepted. It is a four year commitment and will constitute a minimum of 50 professional development hours each year. Veronica has an orientation meeting and dinner at Stony Brook University on Thursday, November 1st. We wish her the best of luck!"

As stated on the SUNY website regarding this program, Governor Andrew Cuomo launched the New York State Master Teacher Program (NYSMTP) in partnership with the State University of New York and Math for America. He did this in response to a call to strengthen our nation's K-12 STEM education. The NYSMTP celebrates the work of the highest-performing STEM teachers by establishing an expert community dedicated to developing expertise in the areas of content, pedagogy and students' families and communities. Inspiring our state's best teachers and rewarding their efforts ultimately attracts talented students into careers in STEM fields, including STEM education. Through participation in the NYSMTP, selected STEM teachers receive \$15,000 stipends annually over four years.

Ms. Weeks is a 5th grade teacher at Bretton Woods and co-teaches with Ms. Tara Dungate. She said, "I am absolutely thrilled to be a part of this cohort. I have my orientation and dinner on November 1st at Stony Brook University. I was so excited that I already started signing up for professional development through the program and will be presenting with other Master Teachers on October 16th at the Islip Middle School about the horseshoe crab project through Molloy College. I look forward to working with other teachers that share my passion for STEM."

Congratulations to Veronica Weeks on this outstanding achievement!



HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HELP TO KEEP ISLIP CLEAN!

The Town of Islip has appointed four Hauppauge High School students as Junior Commissioners for their "Keep Islip Clean" Program. They are pictured below.



A FORGOTTEN LIBRARY BOOK FINDS IT'S WAY HOME TO FOREST BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Forest Brook Elementary School received a big surprise in the mail this week! A library book checked out in 1956 found it's way home. If you do the math, that's 62 years later!

The book, "Flags of All Nations" was returned by mail in pretty good condition. It was accompanied by a \$100 check to cover the "late fees!" With the check was a note that said "Sorry it took so long to bring this book back." It was addressed to the attention of Mrs. Vaules, a former librarian saying "May she rest in peace."

Mrs. Reingold said after receiving this mysterious package, "We are working on figuring it out where it came from. I'll keep you posted. It's very interesting!"

Happily, the mystery was quickly solved due to Mrs. Reingold's sharp detective skills. She and her staff were able to track down the person who returned this overdue book! It was a man named Gary Henriksen!

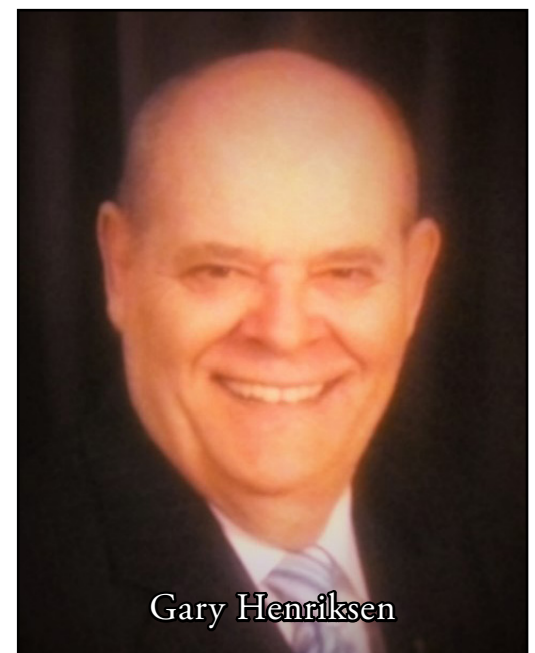
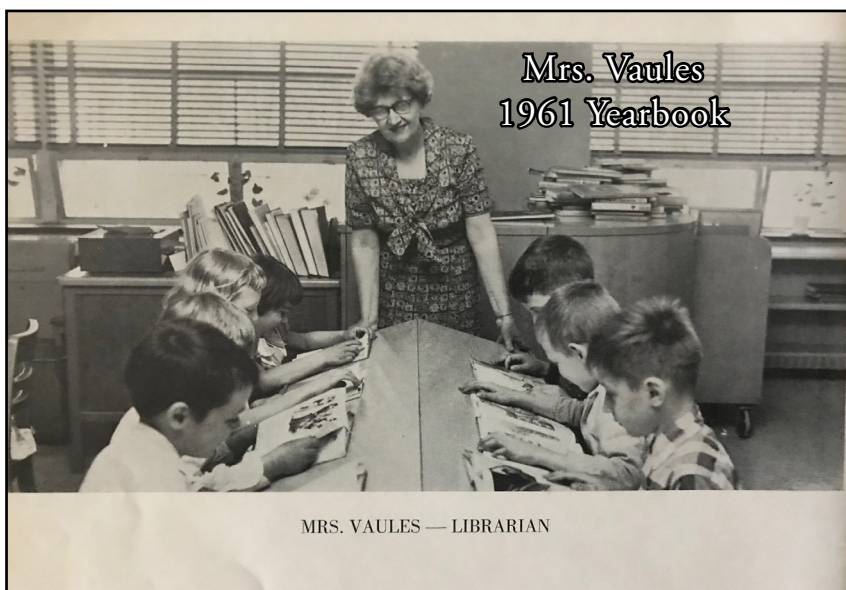
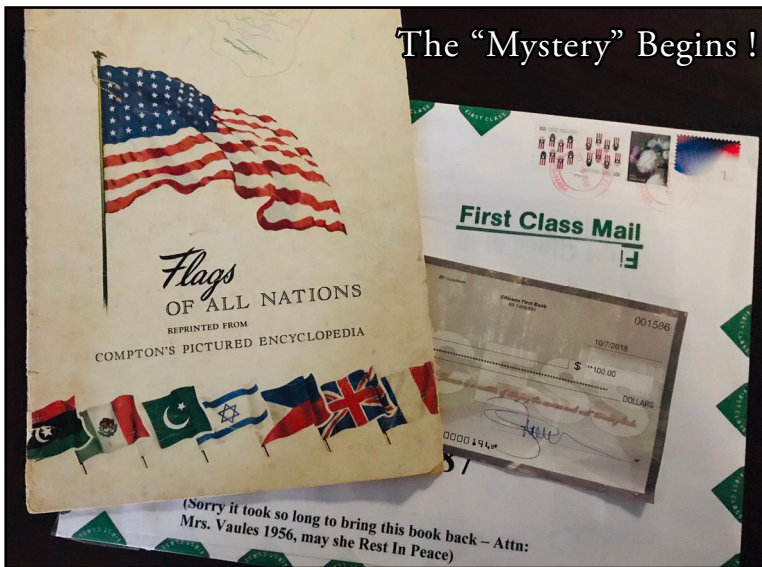
It turns out that Mr. Henriksen graduated from Hauppauge High School in 1966. His children went through

the Hauppauge Schools and his grandchildren currently attend Forest Brook Elementary. They are Taela and Alex Carros.

We found out that Mr. Henriksen has quite a sense of humor! An excerpt from his email, after being revealed, read "Thank you for your call, but I didn't expect to become a celebrity! LOL! My apologies for taking 60 years to get the book back to you, but it was in storage for many years. If you need further information, contact me as soon as possible before I get dementia down here in Florida!"

Mr. Henriksen was kind enough to send a photo along with his email. He really will be a Hauppauge celebrity now!

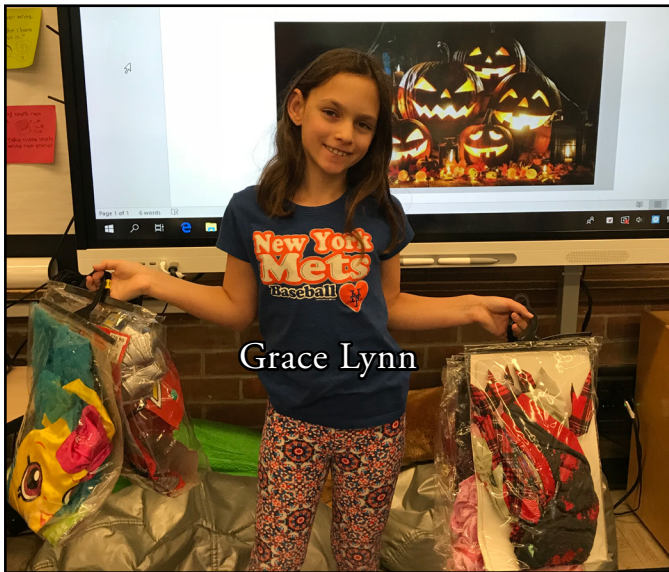
Thank you, Mr. Henriksen for letting us share this story with our Hauppauge community!



BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS HOLD HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE AND LEARN ABOUT GIVING

This month, Mrs. Sukoff & Mrs. O'Leary's class conducted a costume drive for the Brentwood Family Shelter. This shelter services 95 families comprised of parents and over 300 children. The shelter hosts on-site safe Halloween events including a parade and a Halloween party. Those in need will have a "shopping day" where they can pick out their costumes from those collected. Mrs. Sukoff said, "We feel that it is important for our students to learn about the gift of giving. They all beamed with pride when knowing they were helping someone else out."

Thank you to these students for helping to make a difference to others!



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