

IT'S "RED RIBBON WEEK" AND FOREST BROOK STUDENTS SAY "NO" TO DRUGS!



Forest Brook Elementary School celebrated "Red Ribbon Week" from October 22nd through the 26th. "Red Ribbon Week" was established in 1985 by the National Family Partnership and it serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention programs. Schools across the county celebrate "Red Ribbon Week" by planning meaningful and fun activities that nurture the full potential of healthy, drug-free youth. By wearing red and participating in these various activities, students show their commitment to saying "NO" to drugs.



Red Ribbon Theme Contest

Madelyn
Mileo

Gianna
Kazalski

Jayla
Roxas

Katie
Park

During "Red Ribbon Week," students celebrated positive choices through various daily, school-wide activities. Students were also able to enter the 2019 "Red Ribbon Theme Contest." They designed a brief, catchy slogan for next year's "Red Ribbon Week" and have a chance to win \$500 of Red Ribbon Theme Merchandise in 2019 for their school.

The national theme for this year's campaign is "Life is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free." Students were encouraged to embrace this slogan to promote a healthy future and provide a united effort to maintain a drug-free school and community.

Patricia Gabrielsen, School Counselor at Forest Brook, ran the activities for "Red Ribbon Week." She sat at a table in the cafeteria with the banner and had students sign the pledge to be "drug free." She said it was an opportunity to talk to them about what it means. Ms. Gabrielsen also said that she had some students ask her about taking medicine and asked if these are drugs. She explained the difference and she said it was a great way to open the lines of communication at school and at home.



Signed Pledge to Stay "Drug-Free"

The week's activities were as follows:

Monday - "Red Day" (*Wear Red*)

Tuesday - "Red Ribbon Theme Contest" (*Entry Forms Due*)

Wednesday - "I'm a Jean-ious Because I'm Drug Free" (*Wear a colorful shirt and your best jeans to show how smart you really are at choosing to be drug free.*)

Thursday - "Team Up Against Drugs Day" (*Wear your favorite sports team shirt*)

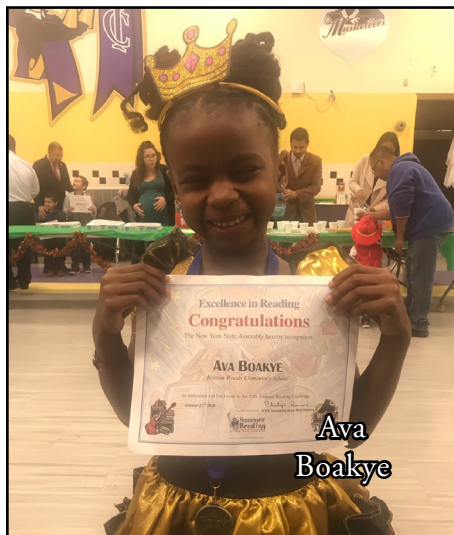
Friday - "Show your True School Spirit" (*Keep your spirit up with a drug free life and wear our school colors of blue and white*)

Forest Brook students enthusiastically participated in the week's very important, but fun, events!



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

Bretton Woods Principal, George Gagliardi, congratulated first grade student, Ava Boakye! Ava was honored by New York State Assemblyman, Philip Ramos, for completing the NYS Assembly "Summer Reading Challenge!" Assemblyman Ramos gathered with families to acknowledge students who completed the challenge. Students and their families needed to read together, every day throughout the summer, and return a marked-off calendar to the Assemblyman's office. Ava was also awarded a medal in addition to her certificate! Way to go, Ava!



BRETTON WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOWED THEIR "SCHOOL SPIRIT" FOR SPIRIT WEEK 2018!

Bretton Woods Elementary School held their "Spirit Week" during the week of October 15th through the 19th to continue the celebration from Homecoming! The schedule was as follows:

Monday - "Neon Day"
Tuesday - "Dress Like a Teacher Day"
Wednesday - "Mismatch Day"
Thursday - "Sports Day"
Friday - "Super Hero Day"

Students and staff all joined in on the fun to make it a great week! Enjoy these highlights!



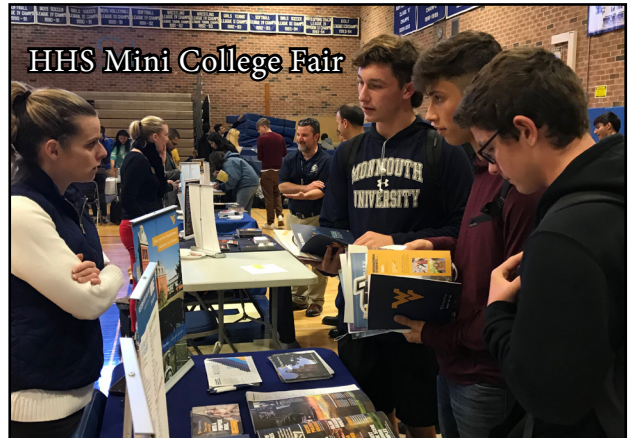
HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND A “MINI” COLLEGE FAIR (BUT, IT WAS ACTUALLY A PRETTY “BIG” DEAL!)

Hauppauge High School students were treated to a “Mini College Fair” on Tuesday, October 23rd. This event took place in the gym during 8th and 9th periods and was attended by students from grades 9th - 12th.

Fifty-two colleges were set up in the gym to speak to students about their college choices. Some of the colleges that were in attendance were Adelphi University, Hofstra University, College of St. Rose and SUNY’s Canton, Geneseo, Maritime and Oswego, to name a few.

On their way in, guidance counselors handed students a sheet of suggested questions they could ask the college representatives in order to help focus their discussion. Some of these questions included:

- What is the average GPA, SAT and ACT score for an incoming Freshman?*
- What are the classes like? Are small discussion groups common? Large lectures?*
- What majors are offered? When do I need to declare a major?*
- What percentage of students get a job in their major within the first six months of graduation?*



Other questions included information on meal plans, library hours, tutors, dorms and parking. This was a very helpful tool from their counselors for students to have when speaking to college representatives in order to get the most they could out of this event!

I spoke to Kira Dove, who is a Senior this year. Kira said that she is interested at this time in Providence College in Rhode Island, James Madison University in Virginia and SUNY Binghamton. Kira is wants to major in Actuarial Science or Engineering.

I also spoke to Patrick Caffrey. Patrick is a Senior this year as well. He is interested in attending James

Madison University in Virginia and Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania. Patrick wants to major in Vocal Performance. He has appeared in several musical productions at Hauppauge HS.



Thank you Dr. Probst and the High School Guidance Staff for a wonderful and informative event!

PINES FOURTH-GRADERS “JOURNEY INTO AMERICA” TO EXPLORE NATIVE AMERICAN LIFE

The 4th graders at the Pines had a wonderful experience with an all-day assembly called “Journey Into America.” Kelly Picard-Smith, grade 4 teacher said, “The students watched an informative movie about Native Americans which covered life in the past to the present. They were able to play games outside to get a feel for what it was like to hunt for food. The children made a pot out of clay and they were able to look and touch artifacts that were brought in. It was a wonderful way to introduce the next Social Studies topic in the 4th grade curriculum.”



HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WINS AWESOME PRIZE !

Hauppauge High School Senior, Julia Rimoli, has something special to smile about! Julia won a random drawing by “Jostens” and was the recipient of an “Apple MacBook!”
Congratulations, Julia!



IT'S THE GREAT PUMPKIN AT PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

By: Dr. Claudine DiMuzio
Principal, Pines Elementary




The annual Giant Pumpkin arrived at Pines Elementary School on Friday, October 5th, when Mr. Gries, a past Pines parent and the owner of Michael's Nursery in Commack, delivered the tremendous pumpkin to our school. Mr. Gries began donating a giant pumpkin each year when his sons were students at the Pines, a tradition he proudly continues, even though both of his sons have long graduated from Pines ES.

Each student is given a chance to guess the weight of the giant pumpkin, and the winner is named as the student who comes closest to guessing the actual weight of the pumpkin. As the grand prize, the winning student gets to take the pumpkin home!

Each class comes to the main lobby to inspect the giant pumpkin and make their best guesses. One kindergarten teacher informed her class that their backpacks weigh approximately 5 pounds in order to give them a point of reference. Another reference weight was given by informing her students that the pumpkin was not as heavy as a car.

This year's pumpkin weighed 141 lbs. and the student who gave the closest "guestimate" was kindergarten student, Gianna Gaines, who guessed 140 lbs. Congratulations to the winner, to all of our students for their hard work taking such careful guesses and to the the Greis family for their donations every year at Pines ES!



GUESSTIMATE BALLOT FOR THE GREAT PUMPKIN	
LET'S GUESS HOW MANY POUNDS THE PUMPKIN IN THE MAIN LOBBY WEIGHS	
RETURN THE BALLOT TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24 TH . WHOEVER GUESSES THE CORRECT WEIGHT WILL BE THE WINNER OF OUR "PRIZE PUMPKIN" AND WILL GET TO TAKE THE PUMPKIN HOME WITH THEM!	
MY NAME IS _____	MY CLASS IS _____
	THE WEIGHT OF THE "PRIZE PUMPKIN" IS _____ LBS.



PINES KINDERGARTNERS SPRINKLED THEIR “MAGIC” PUMPKIN SEEDS AND WERE TREATED TO A SPECIAL SURPRISE!

Our Pines Kindergartners really worked their magic yesterday and brought to life a field of pumpkins which arose the following day! The students sprinkled their “magic” pumpkin seeds while doing a special dance saying:

Magic Pumpkin Song

To get these magic seeds to grow
Here's a dance that you should know...
Pumpkin seed, pumpkin seed, turn around.
Pumpkin seed, pumpkin seed, touch the ground.
Swing your arms so nice and slow...
Now real fast to scare the crows.
Touch your knees then touch your nose...
Toss them high and let them go!



The next morning, these anxious little ones couldn't contain their excitement to get to the field to see if it worked! It did! A magical field of pumpkins awaited for their choosing. Everyone was able to choose a pumpkin to bring home!

The students had a very exciting hayride to the field which they embarked on after passing through the balloon arch. Once there, they found not only their pumpkins, but scarecrows and ghosts!

Parents were able to join in on the fun and be a part of this wonderful, and very sweet, event!



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