



Horizons

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SOME SCARY, SOME SPOOKY AND SOME REALLY KOOKY! HAUPPAUGE'S SCHOOLS CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN WITH COSTUMES, PARADES AND CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS!

Hauppauge Public School children went all out this year with their "fa-boo-lous" Halloween celebrations! Students at Bretton Woods, Forest Brook and Pines celebrated with "spook-tacular" costumes and parades. Some of the costumes were "ador-a-boo" and "boo-tiful" and some were frightfully delightful! Not only did the kids dress up, but the Principals, teachers and staff joined in as well! Happy Halloween!



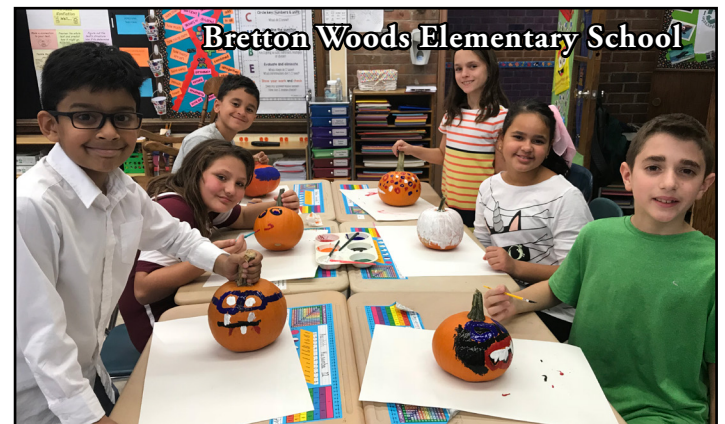
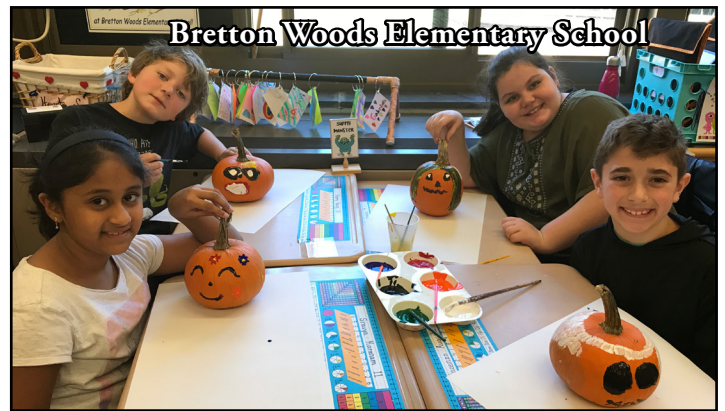
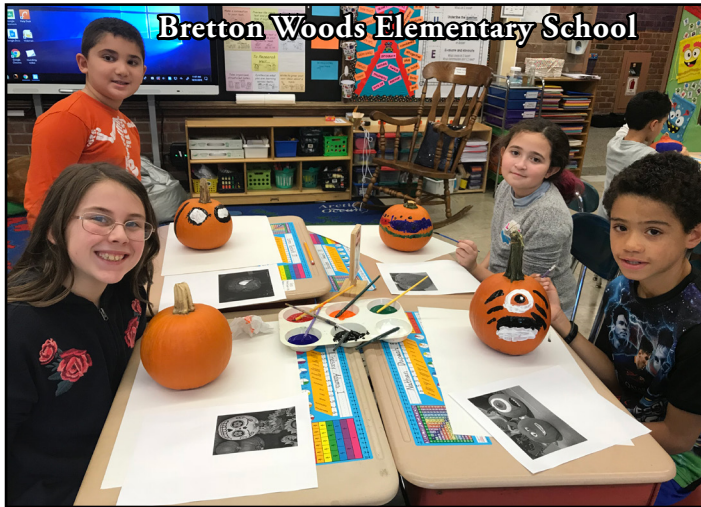
HALLOWEEN PHOTOS, CONTINUED. . .



BRETTON WOODS 4TH GRADERS PAINT PUMPKINS FOR SMILES!

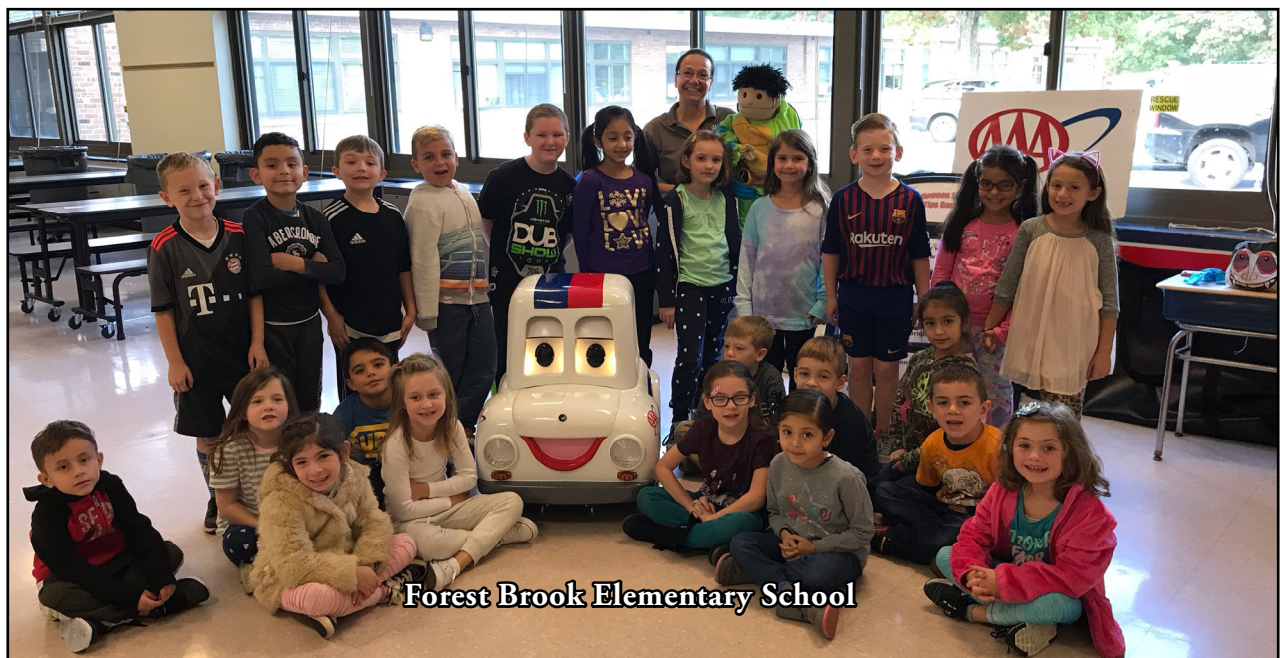
With Thanksgiving approaching and this being the time of year for pumpkin decorating, Mrs. Sukoff's and Mrs. O'Leary's 4th grade class at Bretton Woods painted pumpkins for the Arbors Assisted Living Community in Hauppauge.

These students are learning from a young age the importance of giving to others and the value of volunteering. We know that these pumpkins will bring many smiles!



HALLOWEEN SAFETY LESSON FROM AAA!

Just in time for Halloween, on Tuesday, October 23rd, Kindergarten and First-Grade students at Forest Brook Elementary School learned all about Halloween Safety from Mrs. Blackburn of AAA. The program focused on pedestrian safety to coincide with all the excitement of trick or treating. Our students learned how to be safe!



HAUPPAUGE MUSIC STUDENTS ARE INDUCTED INTO THE “TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY”

The “Tri-M Music Honor Society” is the only national honor society for student musicians in the country. Their motto is “Perform, Lead and Serve.” This honor society offers academically capable and musically gifted students the chance to perform, places them in leadership positions and gives them the opportunity to serve the community. The Tri-M highlights the school’s music program, helps students grow in innumerable ways and brightens their college applications. There are currently over 2,100 Tri-M chapters enriching the lives of over 84,000 students throughout the country and around the globe.

Hauppauge School District recently inducted a talented group of students into their own chapter on Tuesday, October 30th. The newest members are:

Adele Beltrani	Vincent Gerardi
Keerthi Banothu	Luca Iallonardi
Caroline Caffrey	Valerie Jacobsen
Emily Caminiti	Kimberly Juliano
Devin Capece	Sreevarshini Karthikeyan
Emma Claps	Owen Kells
Kathryn Dolce	Emily Kelly
Thomas Festa	Justin Kong

Matthew Krozer
Danielle Liu
Aidan Lobenstein
Shivani Rao
Patrick Silk
Kate Tacca
Alex Vasilakopoulos
Emma Vasilakopoulos
Lucia Vilchez



There was also a recognition of continuing members. They are:

Second Year
Chris Arcoleo
Patrick Caffrey
Veronica Corpuz
Timothy Cullen
Sopie Epstein
Diana Girandola
Ryan Maietta
Christine Master
Angelina Mercurio
Emily Michels
Sai Munagavalasa
Rose Recce
Tyler Xu
Angelica Zara

Third Year
Alexander Amirhamzeh
Emma Casey
Danielle Gerardi
Rene Kozlowski
Emily Pandal



Congratulations to our newest members of the “Tri-Music Honor Society!” Special thanks to our District Music Faculty for this wonderful event.

“The Preamble of the Tri-M Constitution”

We, members of the Hauppauge High School Music Department,

- Pledge to foster a greater and continued interest in solo and ensemble, band, orchestral and choral performance;
- to encourage better and more discriminating in listening to, and in the performance of musical literature;
- to provide wider and more frequent opportunities for personal music expression in school and community;
- to increase and advance the spirit of good music and musical knowledge;
- and to further the reputation of our school as a music center.

DR. TIMOTHY HORAN, HAUPPAUGE HS LIBRARIAN, PUBLISHES ARTICLE ABOUT HAUPPAUGE GRADUATE, JADE CARVALHO

Dr. Timothy Horan (high school librarian) has published an article about his experience teaching Hauppauge graduate Jade Carvalho (class of 2018). This article is titled “The Secret Language: One Student’s Journey to Academic Eminence,” and it’s published in the current issue of VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates): The Library Magazine Serving Those Who Serve Young Adults.

Dr. Horan began working with Jade when she was a freshman in Hauppauge High School. This began a productive, four-year collaboration in which Jade consistently came to the high school library to receive one-on-one instruction. Because her schedule was full, Dr. Horan often met Jade in the library before school, and occasionally (when her schedule permitted) during and after school as well.



Dr. Horan began this collaboration by assisting Jade with her freshman project for National History Day. For this, Jade created a website on noted architect Stanford White, who designed (and lived in) the “Box Hill” estate in nearby St. James. Jade’s website, titled “Stanford White: A Visionary Leader Who Left a Legacy of Stone,” earned first place in the National History Day regional competition.

In subsequent tutorials, Dr. Horan taught Jade the complex art of writing. In these sessions, he taught her how to compose different types of writing projects, such as personal essays, research projects, creative pieces, and (eventually) the college essay. Jade worked very diligently, and developed into a highly skilled writer. When asked about his teaching methods, Dr. Horan stated “I’ve been tutoring for lots of years, and I have developed my own set of tutoring techniques. I describe these in my first book *Create Your School Library Writing Center, Grades 7 – 12*. They work!” As time passed, Dr. Horan also taught Jade the complex skills of close reading, with a focus on analysis, interpretation, and inference. He began this process by showing Jade visual texts such as photos and artwork. Here, he began by asking Jade to explain the “surface” meaning of these images. When Jade demonstrated a firm grasp of the literal story taking place, Dr. Horan challenged Jade with the more difficult task of interpretation and analysis. In this segment of instruction, he focused on the skills of isolating themes and deciphering hidden meanings. As Jade grasped the process of interpretation, Dr. Horan began to give Jade written texts on a variety of subjects (many of these were taken from an excellent website called ReadWorks.org). Once again, they proceeded from surface meaning to hidden messages, focusing also on pre-reading strategies and annotating. After a time, Jade became quite adept at analysis and interpretation.

In her senior year, Dr. Horan tutored Jade in the ACT exam. Jade continued to work diligently, and received a rare (and astonishing) perfect score on the ACT. When asked about this, Dr. Horan stated “I’m very proud of Jade, but not really surprised. Jade is very bright, but she’s also one of the hardest working people I’ve ever met. She’s a true testament to the value of hard work and dedication. I know she’ll be a brilliant success in life.”

Jade’s success has indeed continued. In the spring of 2018, she received a “Presidential Scholars” award, which is given to one female and one male student from each state. She was also accepted into several top colleges (including two Ivy League universities), eventually choosing to attend Duke University.

When asked about Dr. Horan’s contribution to her success, Jade stated “Dr. Horan was always willing to help me, and he always explained things in very clear terms. I appreciate all the time and effort he invested in me.”

To read Dr. Horan’s original article in VOYA (included with permission), [click here](#).

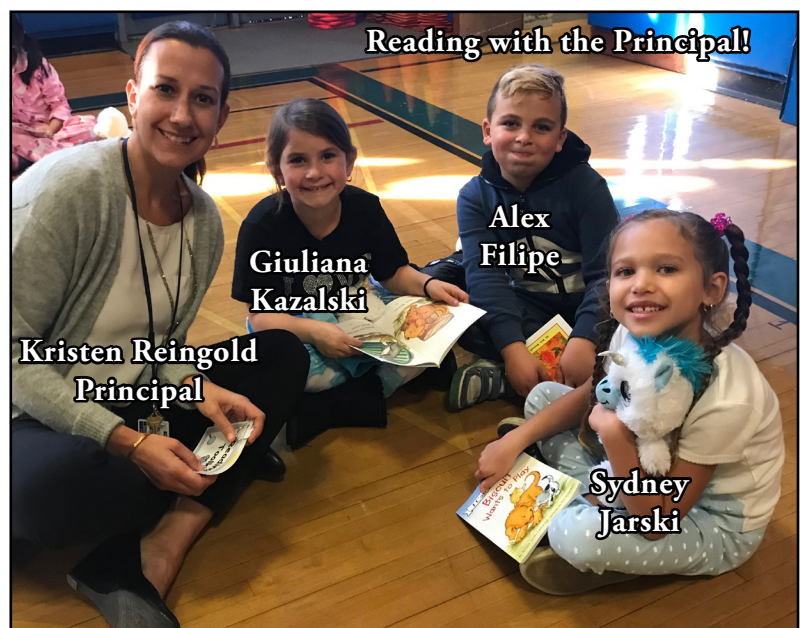
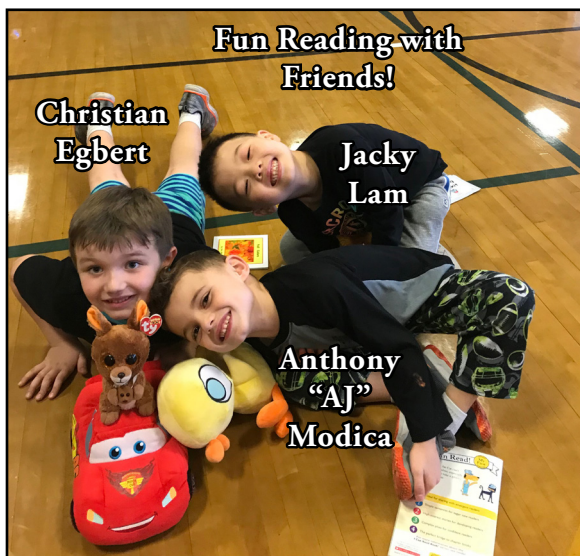
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FOREST BROOK ELEMENTARY FIRST-GRADERS HAVE A READING CELEBRATION!

First-graders at Forest Brook Elementary School enjoyed a “Reading Celebration” on Tuesday! They had just finished a reading section and were celebrating all of the good habits they have learned. Wearing pajamas and accompanied by their favorite stuffed animals, the students sat in groups of two and three throughout the gym and read with a partner. They had prompt cards to practice strategies and echo reading. Their teachers, Ms. Govits, Ms. Classey, Ms. Clarkin and teacher aide, Ms. Delaney, made the rounds amongst the groups to see how they were doing.

These teachers work with the “Teachers College” in providing reading instruction to their students. The mission of Teachers College is to help young people become avid and skilled readers, writers and inquirers. The “Teachers College,” *Columbia University*, is in New York City and teachers are given the opportunity to take classes. Ms. Govits and Ms. Classey recently attended a conference by Lucy Calkins and Valerie Geschwind to learn about writer’s workshop strategies. This conference helped them to reconsider upcoming units on information writing, thinking through ways, both small and large, in which those units can be adapted so that the message to kids is clear: writers set to work before they totally know what they are making; writers use scissors and tape to try things one way and then another; writers sometimes come up with new ideas right smack in the middle of writing. Revision is one of the greatest parts of writing.

Thank you to our teachers for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful event that makes learning fun for our young students! It was clear that they were excited to read!



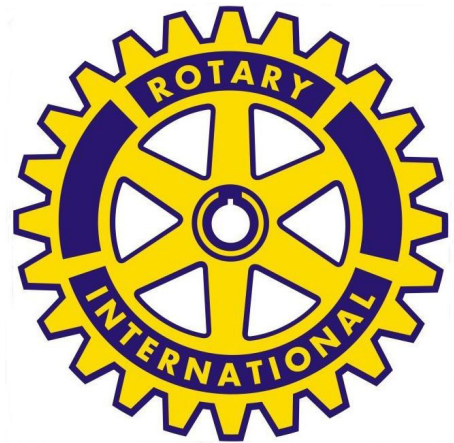
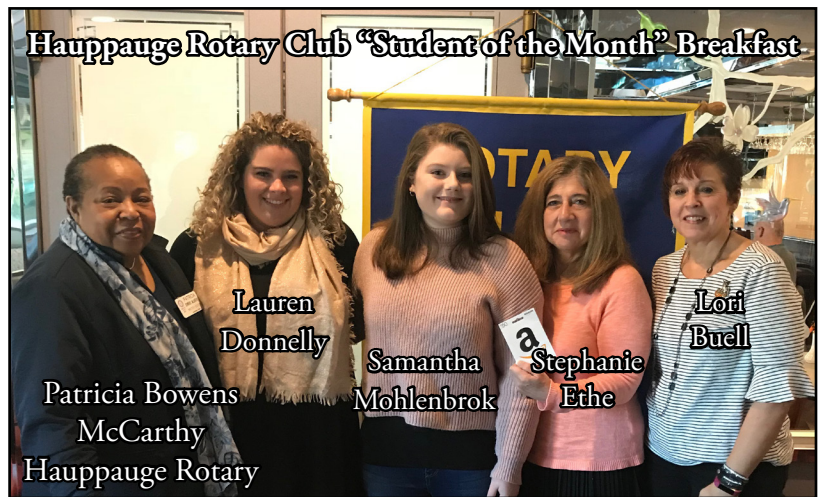
HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IS HAUPPAUGE ROTARY "STUDENT OF THE MONTH"

Hauppauge High School Senior, Samantha Mohlenbrok, was recognized on Wednesday, October 31st, as the Hauppauge Rotary "Student of the Month." She was the guest of honor at a special breakfast at the Paradise Diner in Hauppauge and was joined by her High School Principal, Christopher Cook, her High School Assistant Principal, Joy Ferrara and Interact Club co-advisors, Lori Buell and Lauren Donnelly. Also at the breakfast were members of the Rotary Club of Hauppauge.

Samantha is the president of the Interact Club at the high school. The Interact Club is the high school version of the International Club known as Rotary. Basically, both of these clubs were started with the intentions of people getting together to help those people who are less fortunate. Members of the club get involved in many projects that take place throughout the school year. They host blood drives and participate in a variety of charity fundraisers. Samantha said, "Being involved in something like Interact and the Rotary is something that we all should do in order to give back to the community. It is great when you are helping people and you see all the smiles.

Samantha is also involved in Chamber Choir and takes college level and AP courses.

Congratulations Samantha on this wonderful and well-deserved honor!



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE THE "HOGWARTS EXPRESS" AND EXPERIENCE THE WORLD OF "HARRY POTTER!"

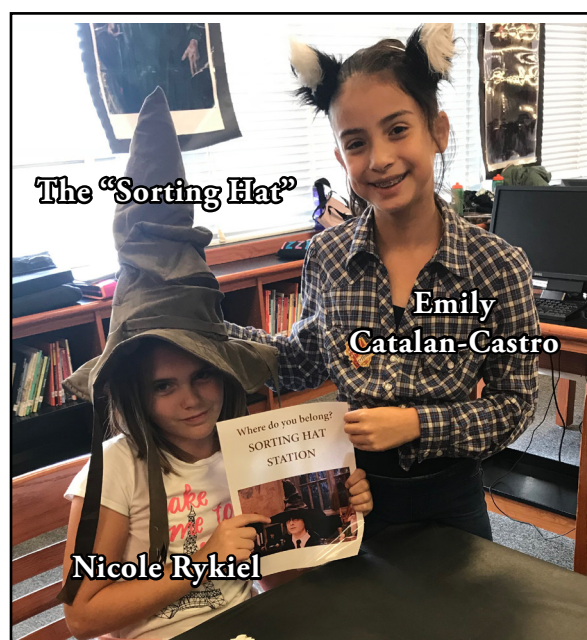


On Wednesday, October 31st, the Hauppauge Middle School Library was transformed into the world of "Harry Potter!" Library Media Specialists, Jen Shapiro and Alex Hiam, hosted a day of "Harry Potter." They had a sorting hat, photo booth and many other literary inspired games.

Not only did many of the students dress for their visit, but teachers, administrators and staff joined them and became characters of the "Harry Potter" books.

In addition to the games, there were photo booth back-grounds, as well as a green screen to place a background for the students.

This was a very large and involved event and was run beautifully by the library staff and immensely enjoyed by the students!



IT'S "RED RIBBON WEEK" AT PINES ELEMENTARY AND STUDENTS SAY "NO" TO DRUGS!

This week was "Red Ribbon Week" at Pines Elementary. Students celebrated with various themes and activities throughout the week.

On Monday, the theme was "Smart and Healthy Choices Start with YOU!" and students wore red to support "Red Ribbon Week."

On Tuesday, the theme was "We're Too Bright to Use Drugs!" and students wore neon clothes and sunglasses to show how BRIGHT they are! They also spent some time signing their pledge banner during the lunch periods.

On Wednesday, the theme was "Happy Halloween - Say BOO to Drugs!" and students wore their Halloween costumes.

On Thursday, the theme was "Team Up Against Drugs!" and students wore something to represent their favorite teams.

Finally, on Friday, the theme was "Pines ES is Drug Free!" and the students wore Pines shirts to show their school spirit!

Students and staff all joined in to make this a successful week of saying "NO" to drugs!

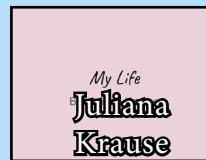
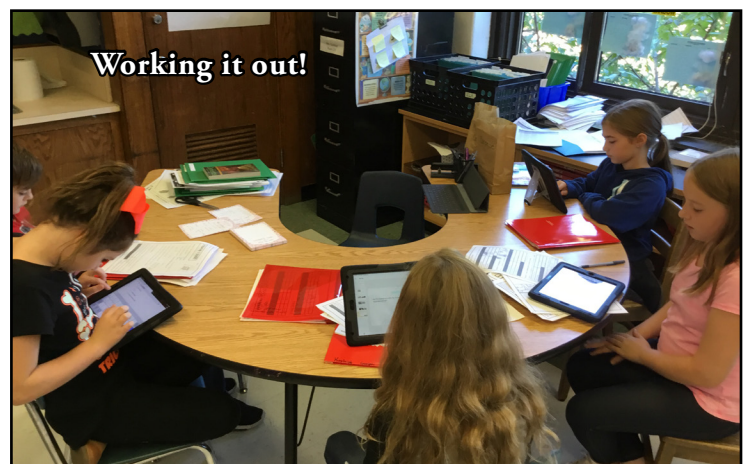
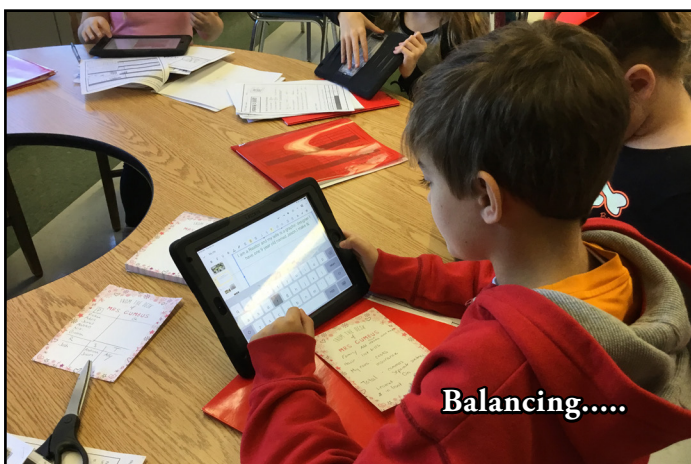
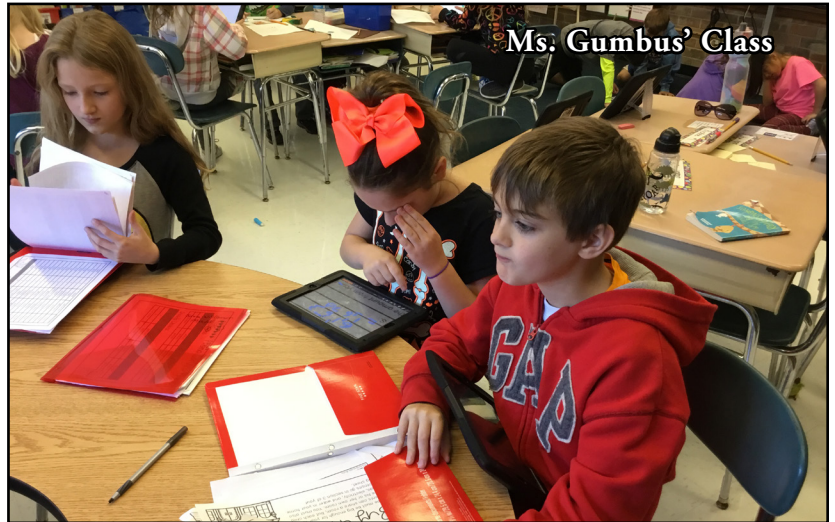


PINES STUDENTS WORK ON “REAL WORLD” LESSONS AND LEARN ABOUT “BALANCING A MONTHLY BUDGET”

Mrs. Gumbus and her students at Pines ES have taken their math to the real world. The students were able to take what they learned about adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers and checking for reasonableness in Module 1 and applying these skills to balancing a budget. The students were given life cards, which included their occupation and income for their spouse and him or herself, along with the number of kids in his or her family. After totaling their monthly income they then needed to pay their monthly bills. Their monthly bills included housing cost (rent/mortgage, electric, gas and water), car cost (payment, insurance and gasoline) and additional costs (internet/TV, phone and groceries). The students had to take their total expenses and subtract it from their monthly income. At the very end of the project the students picked a “surprise” out of a bag, which could have been a positive such as a bonus or a gift to add to your bank account or it could have been a deduction such as paying for repairs or medical expenses.

Throughout this project, students discussed the importance of checking their work and how errors could impact their financial situations. In addition to what they learned mathematically, students also talked about how to spend wisely and the importance of saving.

The students were very proud of their work and they presented it to the class through Google Slides. *Click on each name below to see some of their great work!*



HAUPPAUGE HS STUDENTS SKYPE WITH DR. REBECCA LENT, SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

It all began when Mr. Robert Nyvall's Environmental Studies Class watched the movie "The Cove" in class. This movie is a 2009 documentary which analyzes and questions dolphin hunting practices in Japan. The film is described in *Wikipedia* as a "call to action to halt mass dolphin kills, change Japanese fishing practices and inform and educate the public about the risks, and increasing hazard, of mercury poisoning from dolphin meat." The film highlights the "Taiji dolphin drive hunting" in which migrating dolphins are herded into a cove where they are netted and killed by means of spears and knives over the side of small fishing boats. "The film argues that dolphin hunting as practiced in Japan is unnecessary and cruel."

Mr. Nyvall shows this movie to his class every year and asks the students to draft action letters about this practice. This year two of his students, Amanda Birley and Gianna Trocchio, wrote to Dr. Rebecca Lent, Secretariat of the International Whaling Commission because they were noted as the agency with oversight regarding the dolphins in Taiji. Not long after, Dr. Lent reached out to Hauppauge High School in order to facilitate a Skype call with Amanda and Gianna, as well as the class. Dr. Lent did say that she wanted to clear up misconceptions regarding the film "The Cove" as the "Taiji dolphin drive" is managed by the Japanese Government.

Dr. Lent started off the Skype call with warm greetings from Cambridge in England, where she is living and working, although she is an American citizen. Dr. Cambridge gave a presentation to the students on the history of the International Whaling Commission and what they do regarding commercial whaling, aboriginal whaling and special permit whaling. Dr. Lent said that she has always had a love of the ocean. In high school, she took an Economics class and got hooked on Economics. From there she majored in Economics, received an MA and Ph.D. She married and had a family. Her advice to students, "In going forward into your future, master a foreign language and take the path with the most possible options. Don't shun Government jobs!"

After Dr. Lent's presentation, Amanda and Gianna had the opportunity to ask Dr. Lent some questions directly. They discussed how Dr. Lent became interested in whaling. Dr. Lent said it began when she was living in San Diego and she went out on a swordfishing boat. She, of course, applied this to Economics and became interested. Amanda and Gianna also asked Dr. Lent about how many whales are killed each year and she responded that there are a small percent of whales killed by Norway and Iceland, who still participate in whaling, as well as Japan. They also questioned Dr. Lent about mercury in fish and how much of it is getting to humans. Dr. Lent said that if you eat a fish that is higher on the food chain, you will get some smaller amount of mercury. Dr. Lent also mentioned that Bowhead and Humpback whales are moving further north as climate changes and they are definitely monitoring that.

A very big thank you to Dr. Lent for taking the time out to speak to our students! If you would like to view Dr. Lent's Presentation [click here](#).



Dr. Rebecca Lent
Secretariat
International Whaling
Commission

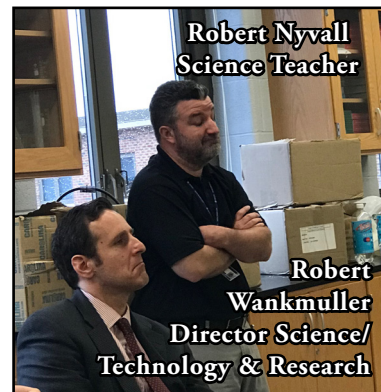


Skyping with Dr. Lent



Amanda
Birley

Gianna
Trocchio



Robert Nyvall
Science Teacher

Robert
Wankmuller
Director Science/
Technology & Research

**LAST, BUT NOT LEAST,
A WORD FROM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL,
CHRISTOPHER COOK
ABOUT AN IMPORTANT EVENT!**

CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES

Thursday, November 8th, 2018

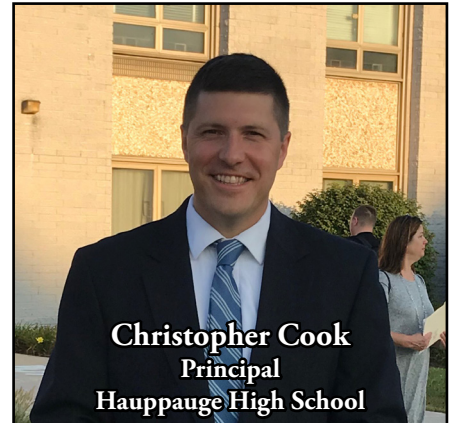
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Hauppauge High School

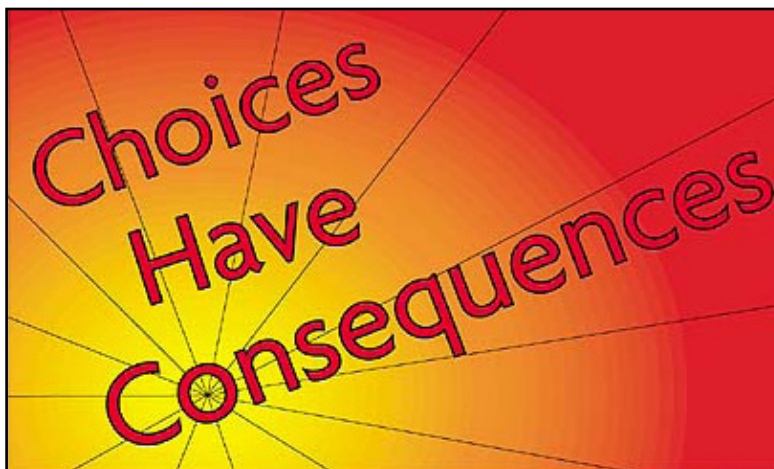
Through a one-of-a-kind partnership between the Suffolk County District Attorney and Smithtown Horizons, Hauppauge High School will host a Choices and Consequences Event open to all Hauppauge Residents on Thursday, November 8th at 6:30pm.

This presentation will include information about vaping, along with information about driving under the influence.

We encourage MS and HS students and parents to attend. Further, there will be 20 tables set up outside of the auditorium with local vendors who aim to curtail substance use, each providing important information to students and families.



Please join us for this very timely and important event!



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