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BRETTON WOODS CELEBRATED PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH WITH “HEARTS OF GOLD”

Bretton Woods celebrated “Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month” in September. One of their students, Gianna Lorusso was chosen as an ambassador to represent the “Hearts of Gold” program. In a letter to Bretton Woods families, Gianna said, “I have again been chosen as an ambassador to represent the “Hearts of Gold” program. I was inspired to bring this program to Bretton Woods because, unfortunately, pediatric cancer has hit home with my little brother, Nicolas. I have seen what Nicolas and other kids go through on my visits to the hospital. It makes me feel so sad that there is no cure for cancer. I wish children did not have to suffer this way.”

Gianna asked for help from the Bretton Woods school community by sending home a heart with her letter. Families were asked to decorate the heart, write their name on it and return it with \$1.00 (or more if possible). Happily, \$1,200 was collected to go towards this great cause!

The collected hearts were hung near the main office to show that at Bretton Woods, they have “Hearts of Gold!” All donations are going to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center to fund and research a cure.

As part of the celebration, students and staff were asked to wear gold on Friday, September 27th to help raise awareness for Pediatric Cancer. As you can see from all of the photos, there was fantastic participation and support!

We send Gianna’s brother, Nicolas, our best wishes as he fights pediatric cancer, as well as Gianna and her family.



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PINES STUDENTS DONATE THEIR COINS, NOT JUST TO MAKE A DONATION, BUT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Four years ago a wonderful tradition began at the Pines Elementary School called “Coins for a Cause.” Inspired by coins generously donated by Pines students at the Fall Book Fair to buy books for the school library, Pines Book Fair Chairperson and current Vice President, Lisa Catanzaro, thought it would be interesting to see what coins could be collected on a larger scale. With a motto borrowed from Ghandi “Be the Change you wish to see in the world,” Mrs. Catanzaro challenged each class to donate a different coin each day for one week: Monday - pennies, Tuesday - nickels, Wednesday - dimes, Thursday - quarters, Friday - any coin. All students in the winning class in each grade received a \$1 coupon to be used at the Fall Book Fair. Also, each student in the winning class was given 10 raffle tickets for a chance to win a special mystery box filled with books and other fun items.

The first year of the “Coins for a Cause” challenge, students and staff donated over \$3500 with which the Pines PTA purchased gift certificates, toys, books, blankets, diapers and other items needed by the children at Stony Brook Hospital. The second and third annual “Coins for a Cause” challenge raised approximately \$3800 and \$2700. Due to many recent natural disasters occurring in places such as Puerto Rico and Texas, the Pines PTA chose to donate all of the money collected to the National PTA Disaster Relief Fund. The Disaster Relief Fund was established to respond to tragedies that disrupt school and education systems and to provide support to schools and communities to ensure they have the resources needed to restore normalcy in times of hardship.

The donations collected from this year’s “Coins for a Cause” challenge will also be donated to the National PTA Disaster Relief Fund. In just one week, Monday September 23rd - Friday, September 27th, over \$4100 was collected by Pines students and staff! Each day, coins were taken to a coin counting machine and tallied by the PTA for each class. These totals were later reported to the main office to be announced during the afternoon announcements. The daily anticipation and excitement

was felt by all awaiting the news of who the leading classes were in each grade! Cheers were heard throughout the halls as the daily leaders were announced.

The Pines PTA couldn’t be more proud of the generosity and compassion shown to those less fortunate. Many children and schools will benefit from the kindness shown by the students at Pines Elementary!





HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RECEIVES NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION ON PSAT PERFORMANCE

High School student, Lucia Vilchez, has been recognized by College Board for her performance on the PSAT as part of the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

The College Board Recognition Programs are academic honors that can be included on college applications. Colleges use them to identify academically exceptional students.

Congratulations to Lucia on receiving this recognition!



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**VOTE ON WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 4TH !**



**HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOND VOTE**

Wednesday, December 4th, 2019

2019 Capital Bond Projects - \$13.5M

High School - \$6,574,600

- *Roof Replacement*
- *Construction of New STEM Lab*

Middle School - \$3,477,000

- *Roof Replacement*

Elementary Schools - \$ 698,560

- *Replacement Playgrounds*
- *Interior Door Replacements and Hardware*

District-Wide - \$2,749,840

- *Bathroom Reconstruction*

*Please stay tuned for
presentations and more
timely information!*

**VOTE on
Wednesday, December 4th
6:00 am to 10:00 pm
at Whiporwil**

**495 Hoffman Lane
Hauppauge**



Dr. O'Hara, Superintendent of Schools, is hosting
Open Office Hours

Come meet with Dr. O'Hara to ask questions, share ideas
and tell him about your experiences in the District.

Open Office Hours

Thursday, October 17th, 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Thursday, November 14th, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

****Please RSVP with Mrs. Lyons at (631) 761-8200****

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