

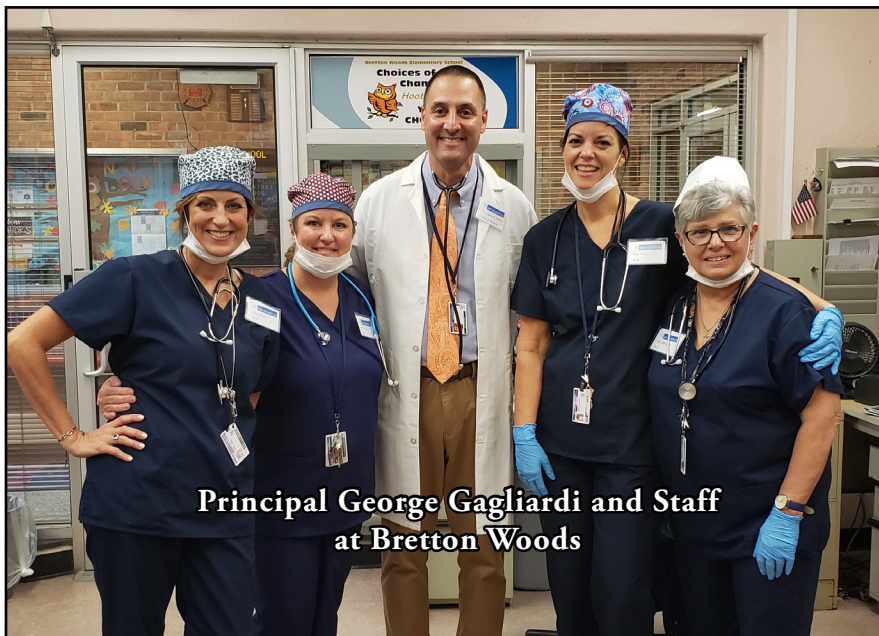
WE LOVE HALLOWEEN!

Our schools around the District went all out, once again this year with “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-ti-ful” and some were frightfully delightful! Not only did the kids dress up, but the Principals, teachers and staff joined in too! Happy Halloween!





101 Pines Dalmations!



Principal George Gagliardi and Staff
at Bretton Woods



Forest Brook



Bretton Woods



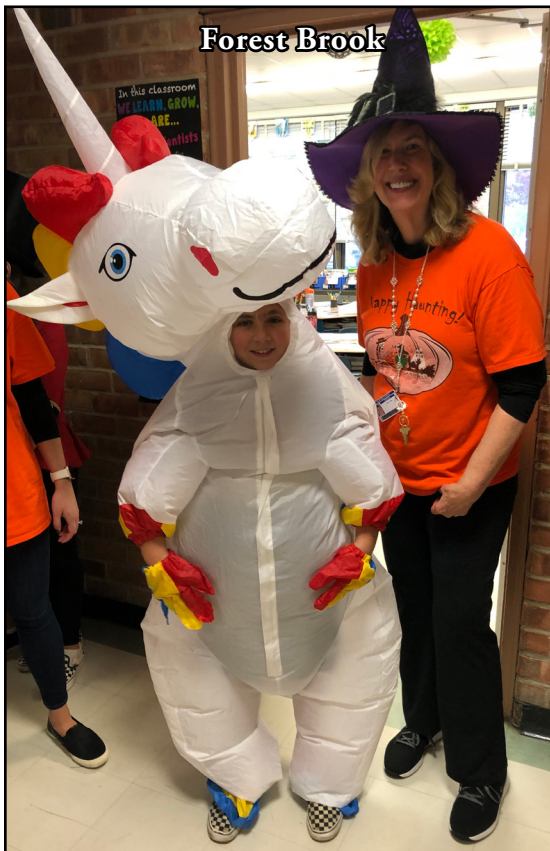
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THE GIANT PUMPKIN AT PINES ELEMENTARY

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 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 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 visits the main lobby to inspect the giant pumpkin and make their best guesses. This year's pumpkin weighed 87 lbs. and the student who gave the closest "guesstimate" was 4th grade student, Devin Massa, who guessed 89 lbs.

Congratulations to the winner and to all of our students for their hard work taking such careful guesses. Special thanks to the Gries family for their pumpkin donation every year!



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 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH.
WHOEVER GUESSES THE CORRECT WEIGHT WILL BE THE WINNER OF OUR
"GIANT PUMPKIN" AND WILL GET TO TAKE THE PUMPKIN HOME WITH THEM!

MY NAME IS Devin Massa MY CLASS IS 4-4



THE WEIGHT OF THE "GIANT PUMPKIN"

IS 89 LBS.

87 lbs.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2020 AND 2021



On Tuesday, October 29th, the following Hauppauge High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society.

Class of 2020

Giovanna Arancio
Claire Cherkes
Alicia Coppola
Ivona Cracana
Arianna Cunningham
Olivia Eierman
Thomas Festa
Nico Gatien

Alan George
Kimberly Giordano
Maisie Gladle
Angelo Lombardo
Grace Magee
Laityn Maggio
Paige O'Brien
Matthew Oliver

Elyse Ostrove
Dominick Pacileo
Jillian Romito
Abigail Schwack-Trovitch
Matthew Sferlazzo
Nicholas Strickland
Emma Thaler

Class of 2021

Olivia Accardi
Madison Amico
Michael Babi
Samantha Babich
Sean Barry
Joseph Battaglia
Adele Beltrani
Christopher Boudreau
Shannon Boudreau
Caroline Caffrey
Maria Campbell
Emma Castro
Aaryan Chandra
Vivian Chen
Melody Cheng
Abigail Clarke
Elizabeth Combs
Loriann Connolly
Stephanie Costi
Abby Coyne
Teresa Deasy
Zachary DelGiudice
Gianna Dickson
Katelyn DiPasquale
Jake DiVilio

Kathryn Dolce
Austin Faber
Sydney Flynn
Lily Gennari
Vincent Gerardi
Jessica Grootenboer
Erin Gutzeit
Colin Happe
Galya Hecht
Timothy Hug
Luca Iallonardi
Justin Iavaroni
Alicia Inkeles
Valerie Jacobsen
Sreevarshini Karthikeyan
Prithamsh Katla
Layla Keen
Brett Kelly
Emily Kelly
Elliot Klayman
Alex Knopf
Alexander Krilovitch
Ryan Krozer
Aditya Kulkarni
Anne Lamendola

Damian Levin
Isabella Lewin
A'Kai Littlejohn
Danielle Liu
Aidan Lobenstein
Kylie LoPiccolo
Martine MacDonald
Andrew Maiorini
James Martinez
Ravae McCleary
Holly McGullam
Samantha McKechnie
Ignacio Medina
Jalaj Mehta
Jaikar Muppidi
Sean Napolitano
Alex Oh
Melissa Oliver
Nicole Petrocelli
Shivani Rao
Vincent Reino
Luke Richardson
Ella Rivera
Kaitlyn Romito
Tyler Rutley

Alyssa Sahaidachny
Samantha Sattanino
Skylar Sattanino
Taylor Scarito
Michael Schroeder
Caitlin Schuette
Noah Schwartzapfel
Alexis Sciarrone
Sarah Shaik
Kathryn Silk
Kayla Smakal
Ashley Starr
Ayannah Stein-Jones
Madison Stern
Julia Strand
Jordon Thaggard
Alyssa Tkacz
Matteo Torquato
Charles Trantum
Madison Traverzo
Sophia Tsiokos
Alexander Vasilakopoulos
Emma Vasilakopoulos
Alexa Waters

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National Honor Society Inductees



2019-2020 Executive Officers



National Honor Society Inductees

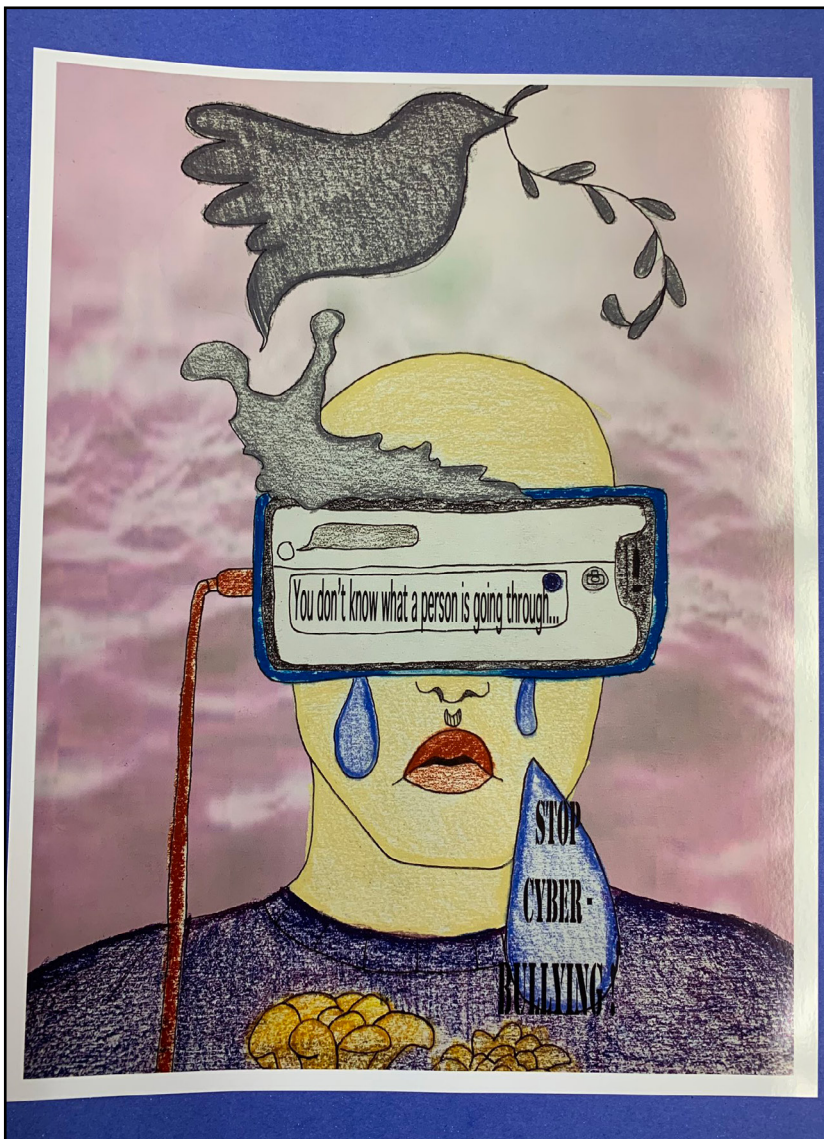
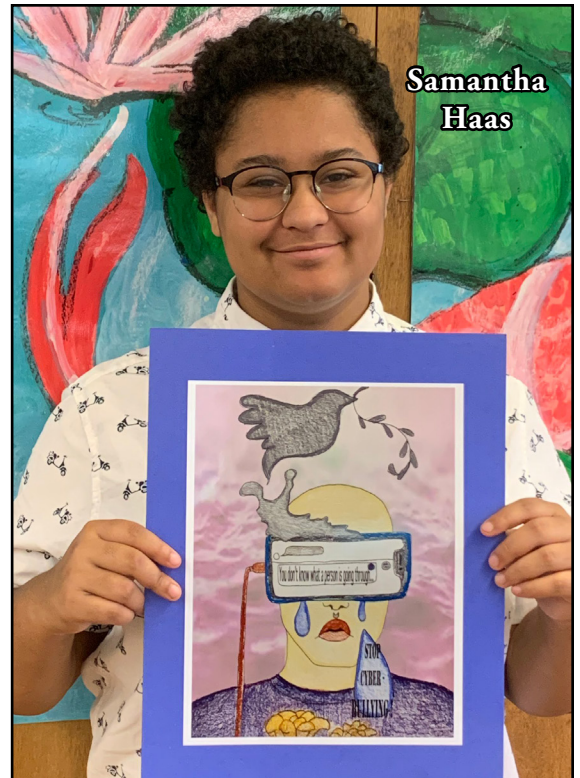


HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IS SELECTED AS A WINNER FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY'S ANTI-CYBERBULLYING CAMPAIGN

It was announced on October 25th that Samantha Haas, a student at the High School, was selected as one of the High School Winners for the Suffolk County Anti-Cyberbullying Campaign. Samantha, along with the other winners, will be honored at an awards ceremony being held on November 14th at the William J. Lindsay County Complex where the County Executive's office will recognize her efforts.

Samantha's winning entry will be on display during Bully Prevention Month in the lobby of the County Executive's office.

Congratulations to Samantha on her winning entry!



THESE DOORS IN OUR SCHOOLS ARE OPEN FOR LEARNING

In last week's "Horizons" I asked teachers to send me some photos of their wonderful classroom doors. Here are some from HS Art teachers, Mrs. Lavelle and Meghan McGrath. Keep those photos coming! We love to see them!

Here is a Peek Inside!



Meghan McGrath
HS Art Teacher

OUR HAUPPAUGE EAGLES HAVE FLOWN FROM THEIR NEST AND ARE SOARING IN THE REAL WORLD

Our Class of 2019 graduates, Jenna Beuchert and Danielle Gerardi, were recently both on the field for a football game in the “Big House” at Michigan.

When asked about how their first semesters were going, Jenna said, “My first semester is going quite well. The transition was a bit tough but I adjusted rather quickly. It was definitely scary going to school far away and not knowing many people.”

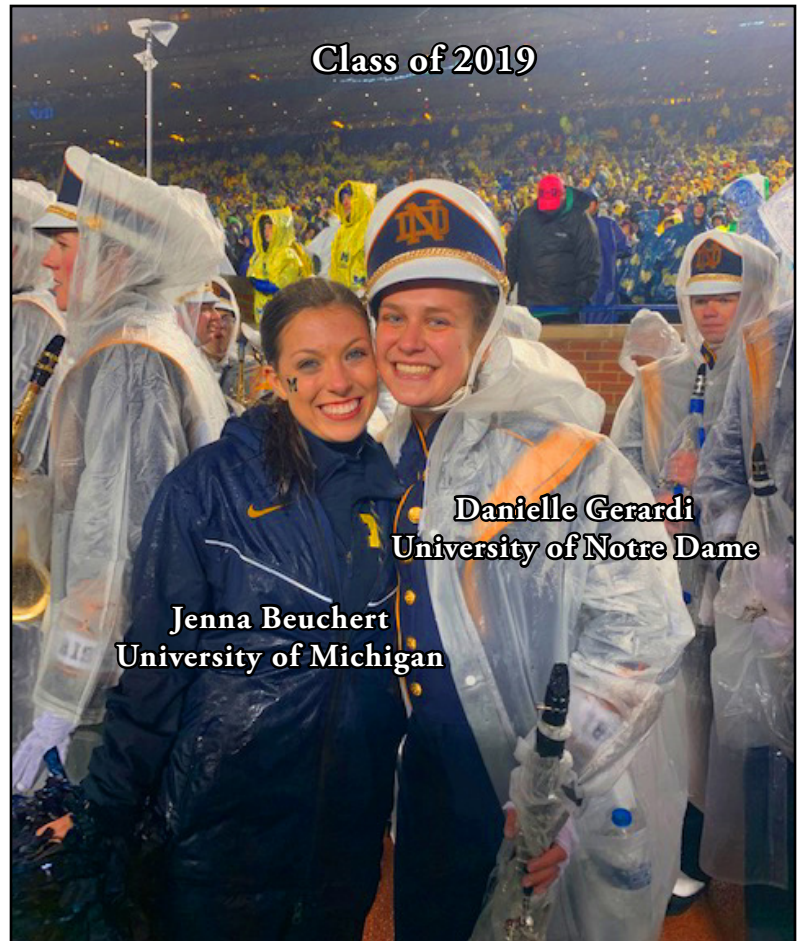
Danielle said, “My first semester of college has been a whirlwind. I start some days discussing contemporary education issues with one of the country’s top education researchers and then make progress on a wind turbine prototype before noon. While the workload is challenging, I am learning so much and I know I have only scratched the surface of the academic opportunities available to me. Aside from academics, the highlight of this semester has been joining the Notre Dame Marching Band. What started as a way to merely keep the Arts in my life has launched me into the center of 174 years of tradition and community in its strongest sense.”

When asked what they found most surprising at college that they weren’t expecting, Jenna said, “I think one of the most surprising things I’ve found at Michigan is how you can make a large university with 30,000 undergrads feel smaller and much more like home through joining clubs and sports. It was definitely a fear of mine coming to a school of this size, but I wanted to go out of my comfort zone at school and challenge myself. I was able to make connections with other students quickly through shared interests. The cheerleading team was especially welcoming and made me feel right at home.”

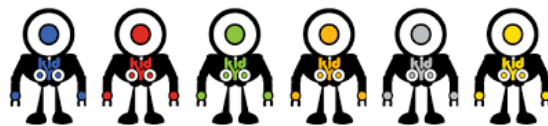
Danielle said, “Though moving to the midwest was quite an adjustment, if anything has surprised me at college it is the real value of living with people from every part of the world. I am Irish forever now but I’m so proud to say I was an Eagle first.”

Dr. Carolyn Probst, Assistant to the Superintendent for Educational Services and Student Outcomes, said “These former students are a great example of Hauppauge graduates on “The Road to Awesome!”

Thank you Jenna and Danielle! We look forward to hearing more from you in the future!



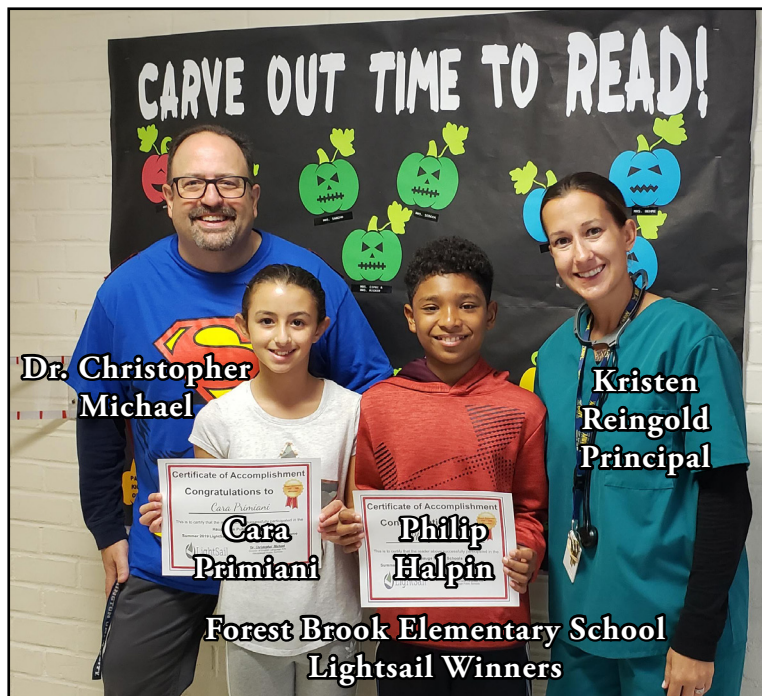
THE “FIGHT THE SUMMER SLIDE CHALLENGE” IS A BIG SUCCESS FOR OUR STUDENTS



MATHSPACE

We are excited to report a successful summer for our 3rd annual “Fight the Summer Slide” challenge. The program ran for nine weeks from Monday, July 1st through Monday, September 2nd. Students brought home their district-issued iPads this summer, and had the opportunity to read various digital books, practice their math skills and engage in programming and coding games and challenges. This program was supported by the academic directors, Dr. Christopher Michael, Director of English Language Arts and Libraries, Mrs. Meredyth Hansen, Director of Mathematics, Mrs. Doreen Gordon, Director of Social Studies and Business, Dr. Robert Wankmuller, Director of Science, Technology and Research and Dr. Timothy McCarthy, Director of World Languages, ENL and Technology.

Students had the opportunity to use the reading program LightSail, the math program Mathspace



Dr. Christopher Michael

Kristen Reingold Principal

**Forest Brook Elementary School
Lightsail Winners**



Middle School Mathspace Winners

Left to right: Christine O'Connor, Principal; Carissa Postilio; Akshar Gopa; Tommaso Clarke; Jake Parrett; Noah DeCristofaro; Meridyth Hansen, Director of Math; Michael Caulin, Assistant Principal

and the coding platform kidOYO to enhance their reading, math and coding skills during the summer. These programs are utilized by students during the school year, and students had the opportunity to use them at home during the summer months.

We are proud of all of our students who worked extra hard this summer and took advantage of this wonderful learning opportunity. Those students who went above and beyond and were the top performers in Light-

Sail, MathSpace and kidOYO received a certificate and a special prize to honor their accomplishment. We are thrilled to share the names of our top performers in LightSail, Mathspace and kidOYO.

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SUMMER SLIDE CHALLENGE WINNERS

LightSail - Readers

Brendan Accardi, Philip Halpin, Connor Stewart, Katherine Marietta, Holly Gomer, Lily Mortimer, Juliana Krause, Oscar Jakubowski, Konstantinos Sourlis, Nishad Joshi, Addison Drake, Ryan Genovese, Luke Pipia, Nicolette Conte, Abiha Sadiq, Nicholas Poulos, Daniel Quattrucci, Austin Mahoney, Taylor Mileti, Mia Isernio, Gavin O'Brien, Harry Gang, Aashish Kusumba, Cara Primiani, Brandon Reidy, Gennady Borisov, Griffin Segal, Jason Francisci, Juan Catalan Castro, Aaron Delgado, Maddalena Niola

LightSail Top Readers

Kritin Mittal, Joseph Bayer, Kristen Zangre, Daniel Porricelli, Jaden Satriano, Davis Beck, Jenna Williamson, Matthew Cira, Tiana Yip, Ethan Kyle, Gavin Kiselewsky, Ryan Sapugay, Justin Pearsall, Jace Cardamone, Joseph Monda

Mathspace

Irina Bellassai, Akshar Gopa, Carissa Postilio, Jake Parrett, Noah DeCristofaro, Tommaso Clarke, Julianna Postilio

kidOYO

Johnathan Persaud, Srihan Adabuala, Brandon Cardamone, Ayaan Shah, Kritin Mittal, Prnav Vijayababu, Nasseh Younszada



Left to right: Dr. Robert Wankmuller, Director of Science, Technology and Research; Nasseh Younszada; Ayaan Shah; Srihan Adabuala; Johnathan Persaud; Brandon Cardamone; Doreen Gordon, Director of Social Studies and Business



Left to right: Michael Caulin, Assistant Principal; Davis Beck; Ethan Kyla; Justin Pearsall; Ryan Sapugay; Daniel Poricelli
Back Row: Tiana Yip, Matthew Cera; Joseph Bayer; Dr. Christopher Michael, Director of English/Language Arts; Christine O'Connor, Principal

INSTITUTE OF CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS ACCEPTS HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

The Institute of Creative Problem Solving for Gifted and Talented Students at SUNY College at Old Westbury is proud to announce that our Freshman High School student, ViraaJ Hegde, was accepted by them. ViraaJ is among 85 students who will pursue the study of mathematics and its applications.

They said, "To qualify for this honor, the 85 students we selected for the Institute's three divisions competed against approximately 550 of the top-ranking students recommended by educators from public and private schools on Long Island. Selection by the Institute implies that a student is among the top one-tenth of one percent in math of all students on Long Island in his or her grade. Acceptances were based on four criteria: school transcript, teacher recommendation, a brief statement written by the student and a rigorous entrance exam."

Each student will now spend 50 hours in class over the course of 20 Saturday mornings. The curriculum covers mathematical topics from algebra, geometry, discrete math and number theory, in addition to topics not included in the standard courses of study. These topics include problem solving applied to probability, theory of finite differences, science applications and mass point geometry.

Congratulations to ViraaJ on this great academic achievement!



ViraaJ
Hegde

Christopher
Cook
HS Principal

"To enhance the problem solving skills of exceptionally talented students"



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INDUCTED INTO THE SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On Tuesday, October 29th, the following high school students were inducted into the Science National Honor Society. We congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

Special thanks to co-advisors, Ms. Carolyn Heck and Ms. Briana Becker.

Alexandra Ahmed
Joan Cheng
Emma Claps
Eric Covino
Devin Lopez
Olivia Aguilar
Samantha Babich
Aaryan Chandra
Vivian Chen
Melody Cheng
Abigail Clarke
Loriann Connoly
Elizabeth Combs
Jake DiVilio

Emma Drum
Matthew Ebert
Austin Faber
Luca Iallonardi
Sreevarshini Karthikayan
Pritham Katla
Layla Keen
Isabella Lewin
Danielle Liu
Christopher Litsas
Andrew Maiorini
Ignacio Medina
Jalaj Mehta
Alex Oh

Melissa Oliver
Nicole Petrocelli
Shivani Rao
Vincent Reino
Kaitlyn Romito
Tyler Rutley
Jaikar Sai Muppidi
Noah Schwartzapfel
Sarah Shaik
Kathryn Silk
Kayla Smakal
Ayannah Stein-Jones
Madison Traverzo
Alexander Vasilakopoulos
Emma Vasilakopoulos



PINES 4th GRADE STUDENTS JOURNEY INTO AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURE

Pines 4th grade students spent a day recently learning about American Indian culture. They attended a museum presentation which displayed items such as tools, weapons, clothing and a longhouse. The 4th graders also participated in traditional games and stories, music and dancing, and made a clay pot during a workshop.



Papoose



Indian Games



Grinding Corn



Exploring a Longhouse

BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS ARE HALLOWEEN CONTEST WINNERS

At Bretton Woods Elementary School, the Math Center held a Halloween contest. Students were asked to guess the weight of a pumpkin and also guess how many candy corns were in a jar.

Katheryn Choi, grade 2 and Elassandra Garcia, grade 3 were the winners! Congratulations!



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

Our Pines Kindergartners really worked their magic 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!

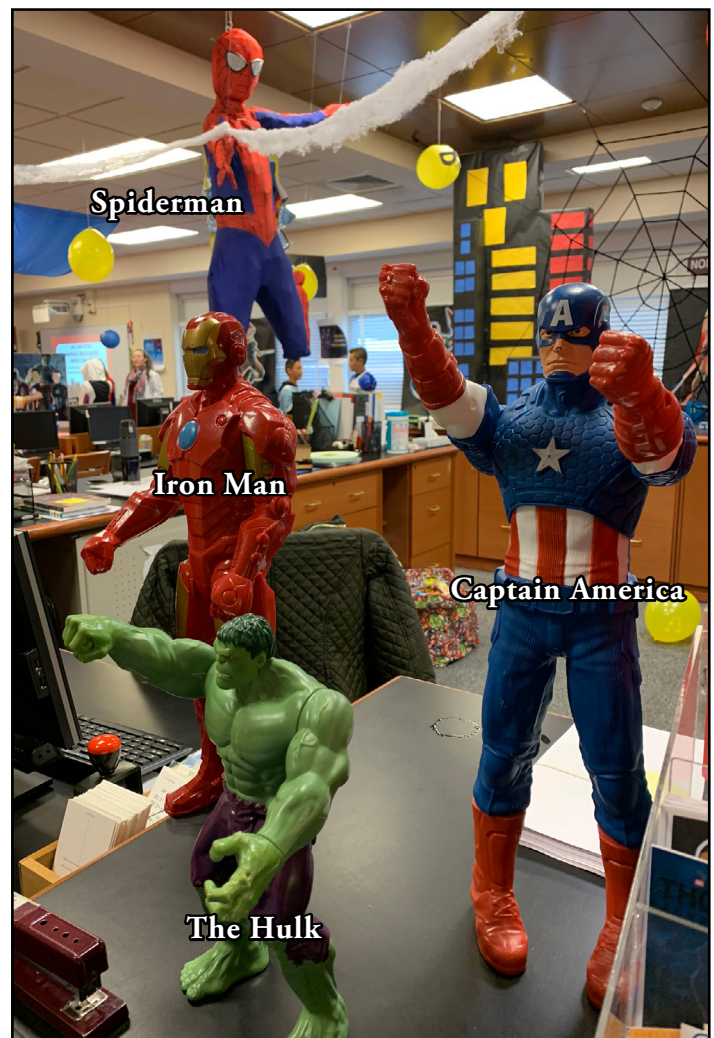


MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY CELEBRATES “COMIC-CON”

The Middle School Library was the place to be on Thursday! The Library celebrated “Comic-Con” which was a day for acknowledging comics, DC and Marvel, as well as graphic novels. Staff throughout the building dressed up as comic book characters and superheroes!

Throughout the library, there were tables featuring crafts, writing, making and creating with the “comic book hero” theme. There was also a comic book artist on hand to demonstrate how to draw comics.

Jen Shapiro and Alexandria Hiam, school librarians, planned this event as a way to bring everyone together. Special thanks to Jen’s staff Susan Annunziata and Darlene Martello for all of their hard work in bringing this to life. This was an awesome event enjoyed by all!





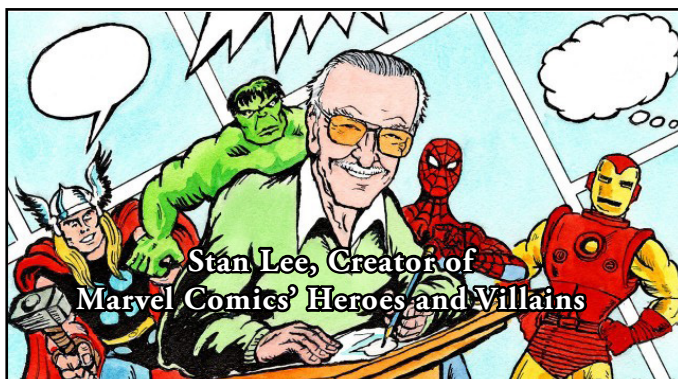
Superhero Games



Fun Photos



Making a Groot



Stan Lee, Creator of
Marvel Comics' Heroes and Villains



Comic Book Art Demonstration

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