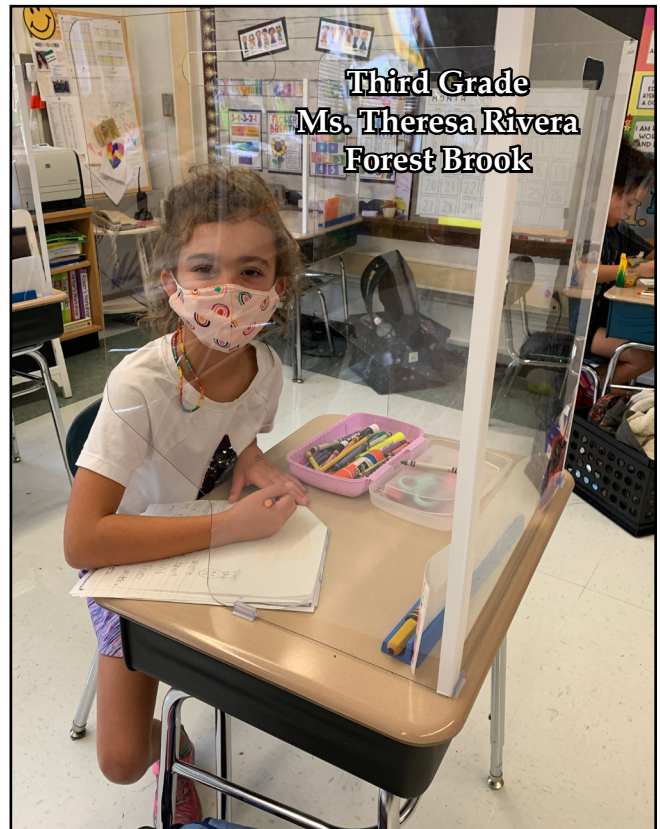


## KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE IS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY AT HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

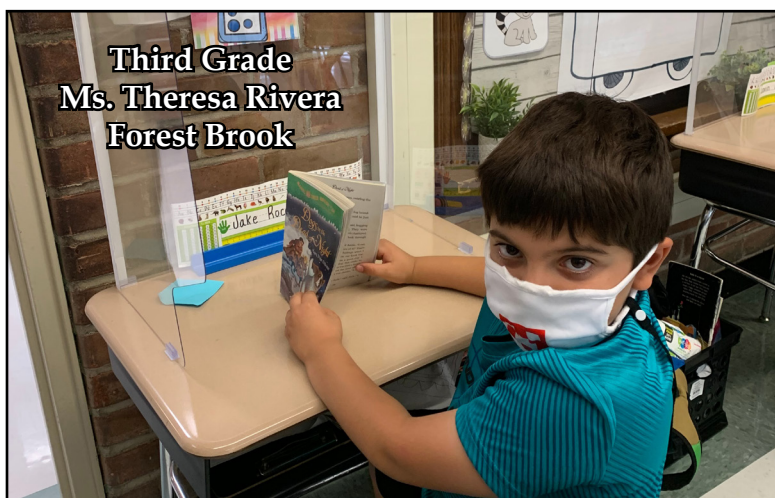
Since the school district's reopening on September 2nd, it has been the number one priority of our Board of Education and District Administration to keep students safe.

Ernesto Rosini is the Director of Facilities for the Hauppauge Public School District. Since COVID-19 changed our daily lives, the reopening of the school buildings and keeping them open, has been a challenge that was met by Mr. Rosini and his Buildings and Grounds, Maintenance and Custodial staff. They work hard to continue meeting this challenge every day.

One of the ways our District is keeping our students and staff safe is through the installation of "sneeze guards" which have been installed on the desks of all elementary and middle school students, grades K-8. These physical barriers are helpful for individuals to remain at least six feet apart and they offer unobstructed views of the classroom. In addition to these sneeze guards, our Buildings and Grounds Department is making partitions for use in all of the buildings. The partitions are customized to be used in areas where there are two or more staff members in order to



**Third Grade  
Ms. Theresa Rivera  
Forest Brook**



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provide extra protection. Also, partitions are being installed in areas such as the library to provide extra coverage for students.

Throughout each of the buildings, signage has become an important function to guide students and staff through hallways. Floor decals tell you to maintain six feet distance. Signs throughout the building designate some walkways as "one-way" in order to avoid crowding the halls. Also, each classroom in K-12 has floor dots to designate the socially distanced placement of desks so that in the event they are moved during the cleaning pro-



cess, the distance does not have to be remeasured and they can be placed in their correctly measured spots. With the added expense of signage, Mr. Rosini is thankful to the school building principals and staff for their help in creating their own signage for their buildings.

Forest Brook Principal, Dr. Kristen Reingold, took on the task of creating signage for her school building. She used her "Cricut" machine to create vinyl decals to help students social distance. All decals are six feet apart. She created decals for the gym floor where students are assigned a color and a number. Dr. Reingold also created decals for outside the hallway bathroom so only one student enters at a time and the others wait on their spot. For students on bus lines waiting along hallway walls to be dismissed, there are decals spaced with one student standing on each circle. Dr. Reingold mentioned that she is thankful for all the help of her custodial team, as well as Mark Bloom who was instrumental

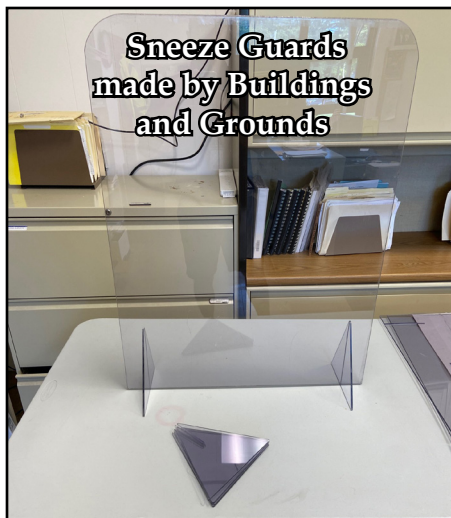


**Forest Brook Elementary School**



in helping her with all the set-up at Forest Brook Elementary.

With regard to PPE (personal protective equipment), as per NYS Education Department guidelines, the District is required to maintain a three-month supply. Each classroom is also equipped with a sanitizing station. There are hand-sanitizer dispensers mounted on the walls of each classroom and there are disinfecting products and wipes available. Mr. Rosini said, "The biggest challenge has not been implementing the changes, but procuring the items. The global supply chain is strained."



Mr. Rosini is very proud of his staff. He said, "My staff has really risen to the occasion. They are making themselves extra-visible throughout each building to staff and students. They are cleaning high traffic areas frequently and are continuing to do their regular cleaning in the evening. They are keeping the momentum going."

Mr. Rosini said with regard to the set-up of the classrooms over the summer, "Setting up rooms over the summer has been a monumental job. All rooms were first cleared out. The amount of furniture in each room was then minimized in order to maximize the amount of desks that could fit due to social distancing."

Mr. Rosini also said, "This was a large group effort and each building's efforts and set-up were handled very well by all of the principals including the SMART Board project which was a challenge in getting them all up and having the rooms oriented to face them."

Each of the school buildings will soon be receiving permanent awnings which will be placed in building entry areas in order to help with back-up of students as they are temperature scanned. Tents will also be placed in different areas outside of the school to allow for free space and space for outdoor learning.

Mr. Rosini's hardworking crew deserves special recognition for all of their efforts being on the front lines of maintaining their buildings and ensuring our



students and staff are entering a safe, socially distant environment every day. We thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to the students and staff of Hauppauge.

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More photos from around our schools



Bretton Woods



Pines



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Mrs. Moran  
Pines Library



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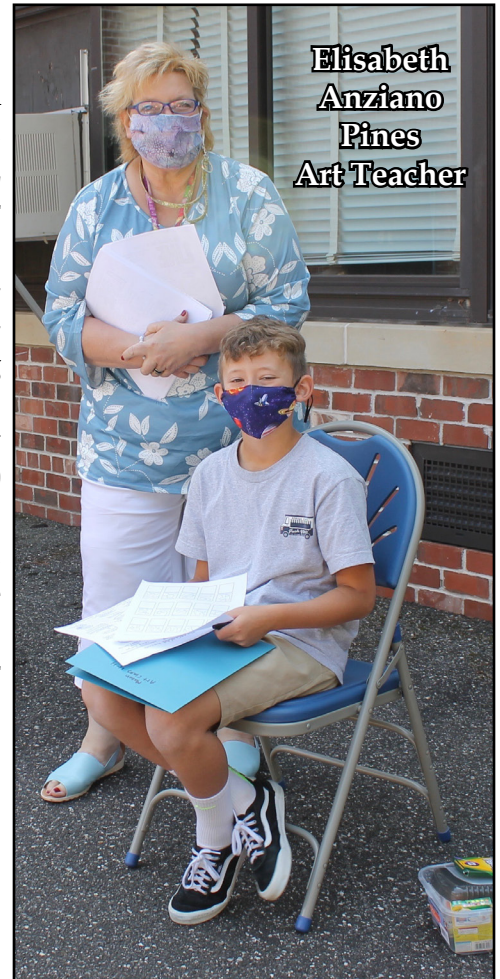
## PINES ART STUDENTS ENJOY OUTDOOR CREATIVE TIME

Elisabeth Anziano is an Art Teacher at Pines Elementary School. She recently took her students outside for a creative art class.

Ms. Anziano said, "A beautiful fall day will not stop us from being creative outdoors in art class. This week, our 3rd, 4th, 5th, grade artists are getting a little bit of fresh air Art time with an SEL lesson outside. We practiced our Line Art Element of Art, read our SCHOOLARTS Magazine...then had a new "2020 Free Art Time" together. During "Free Art," It's wonderful to see the children sitting six feet safely apart in a few big circles drawing collaboratively, but with a new 2020 twist. Each child contributes to the drawing with a short idea, and then the story telling goes on to another child. The old Campfire story telling fun. By the end, we had some pretty funny stories drawn all together...but individually... in a new 2020 Art drawing school way.

Ms. Anziano continued, "All students use their own art supplies, and enjoyed being together in fresh air. We always try to make the best of our our time together."

Enjoy these great photos of our students enjoying their outdoor art class!



**Elisabeth  
Anziano  
Pines  
Art Teacher**





## PINES STAFF ARE SURPRISED WITH A WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST

The Pines PTA surprised the Pines staff with a Welcome Back Breakfast this morning. It consisted of coffee and a pre-packaged, grab and go goodies. In addition, they provided various inspirational “flowers” in vases for each staff member to select one. Inside the envelopes were gift cards from various local businesses. There was a beautiful poem written to the staff. Finally, each staff member was given the opportunity to fill out a raffle ticket to win a prize. This kind gesture truly brought a big smile to every Pines staff members face!



*Roses are red  
And ducks say quack  
These cards were made  
To welcome you back*

*Though school days are different  
And the future unclear  
Your strength and bravery  
Alleviates our fear*

*Each day you come in  
With new lessons to teach  
In-person or distance  
It's all within reach*

*Our children are lucky  
Even when six feet apart  
To have teachers like you  
That teach from the heart*



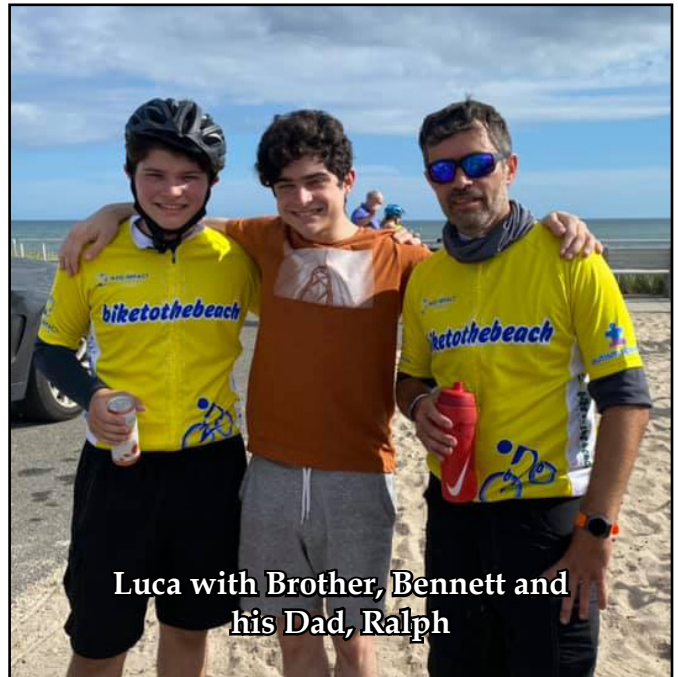


# LUCA IALLONARDI, HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, COMPLETES HIS "BIKE TO THE BEACH"

We recently brought you a great story about high school senior, Luca Iallonardi, who was participating in a special fundraiser for local autism programs called "Bike to the Beach." Luca was doing this ride for his brother, Jackson, who has autism.

On Saturday, September 26th, Luca set out with his team, "NSASA (Nassau/Suffolk Autism Society of America)" to raise money for individuals with autism in our local communities. "NSASA" is a non-profit organization which provides support to local families affected by autism.

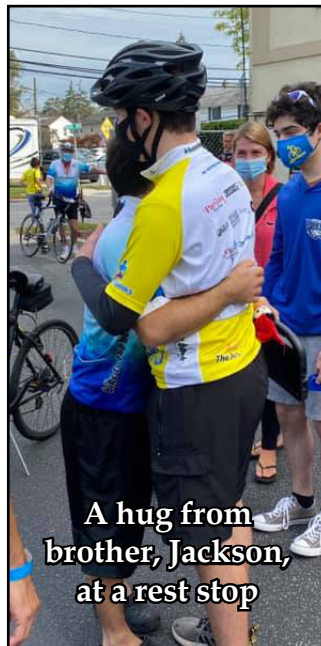
Luca went into the city on Friday night and stayed at a hotel close to the finish line. His father, Ralph,



Luca with Brother, Bennett and his Dad, Ralph



The Finish Line!



A hug from brother, Jackson, at a rest stop



Luca and brother, Bennett



Team NSASA



Luca and his Hauppauge HS Friends



and 6 others were riding with Luca, so they had their own “Jackson” team of 8 that rode the 100 miles together. The day started at 4:30am. The riders left from Pier 17 at the South Street Seaport at 5am. They rode past the Freedom Tower and then over the Brooklyn Bridge. There were 6 stops along the way”

1. The Rockaways
2. Woodmere
3. Wantagh
4. Bay Shore
5. Blue Point
6. Shirley

and then to the finish line at Smith Point Beach.

Brothers, Jackson and Bennett, and Lucas’ mom, Michele, met them at the Wantagh stop, which was the midway point (50 miles). At the Bay Shore stop, Bennett and Michele were there, along with Luca’s grandparents, and some of his Hauppauge friends. Hauppauge HS students Alexis Fetzer, Sophie Tsiokos, Nicole Petrocelli, Jalaj Mehta, and Katie Dolce all were there to greet Luca in Bay Shore, which was around 66 miles in. His mom also went to the Blue Point and Shirley stops.

At the finish line, Luca was greeted again by both of his brothers, Jackson and Bennett, as well as his mom and grandparents.

The ride totaled just over 100 miles. Luca arrived at the finish line at around 3:00 p.m. The ride was relatively smooth except when one of the team members Luca was riding with had a flat, which caused them to have around a 20 minute delay.

After the ride, Luca said, “I have to thank Jackson for motivating me to do the ride of a lifetime. This is just one step in changing the lives of individuals with autism, like Jackson, for the better. I also want to thank all who donated and supported our team for our ride for NSASA.”

Luca has currently raised \$8,000 for the cause, and is hoping to reach \$10,000 to help improve the quality of life for individuals with autism. Anyone wishing to support the cause can still donate at <https://my.biketothebeach.org/luca1024>.

Congratulations, Luca, on a wonderful journey and thank you to all who supported him!



The Iallonardi Family



## HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IS CROWNED AS “INTERNATIONAL UNITED MISS NEW YORK TEEN”

High School Senior, Alexeus Ruland, has been crowned the International United Miss New York Teen for 2020/2021! Alexeus was crowned on Monday, September 28th and will represent our State at the International pageant in July at the Seaview Resort in Galloway, New Jersey.

Alexeus' future goal is to become a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner to help adolescents who struggle with Mental Health issues. In addition to maintaining an A average in school, she is involved with Girl Scouts and is currently working on her Gold Award to promote her platform of Mental Health Awareness.

So far this year she has volunteered over 150 hours and hopes to reach 200 hours by the end of this year. She is an Ambassador in Girl Scouts and has helped run events with her troop, as well as attending and guiding younger scouts on camping trips, various collection drives, caroling at the Arbors, and just having fun with her other scout sisters! She also helped with the Smithtown "Children's Foundation-Hauppauge Chapter," "Celebrate a Senior" campaign; and collected Food and Toiletry items, both during COVID.

This is also the second year she has been on the committee for the Association for Mental Health and Wellness' Chili Smackdown that is being held October 16-19 this year. Alexeus also enjoys cooking and helping her Mom deliver food to local Veterans with "Cooking for Long Island Veterans Group."

When not at school or helping her community, Alexeus rides competitively for the Interscholastic Equestrian Team for Farmstead Equestrian Center; and last February made it to the Regional Show. She also owns and competes with her horse, Prophet, AKA Foretell My Future, and has won numerous ribbons with him. She hopes that next year the Long Island Classic will be held, so they can make their debut at this event!

Alexeus said, "I am hoping with this title I am able to serve my community more and help other children. I am reaching out to all members of my community to see if I can be of assistance in upcoming fundraisers or charitable functions."

International United Miss is a scholarship-style pageant system dedicated to the girls and women who represent it. They pride themselves in recognizing the incredible accomplishments of their Queens and competitors, achieved both on and off the pageant stage. The experienced directors (who together have over 35 years of dedication to the pageant community) along with their staff have worked diligently to create a pageant organization focused on the competition aspects that really work the best and that delegates enjoy the most. Beauty is not only on the outside, but the inside as well which is why they have based their system around the aspects of personal judges' interview, community service and involvement, as well as poise and personality during on stage competitions.

We congratulate and wish Alexeus the best as she competes at the International competition from July 11-16, 2021.



Alexeus Ruland



## STUDENTS ENJOY SOME OUTDOOR LEARNING

During the school day, students enjoy some outdoor learning time. Here are some photos of them taking advantage of a beautiful day!



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## Outdoor Learning



Hauppauge High School



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# SOCIAL DISTANCING GREETINGS

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