

## HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM EARNS FIRST PLACE

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On Saturday March 20, 2021, the High School Science Olympiad Team competed in the "Division C Eastern Long Island Regional Competition." We had three teams of students compete and they did a fantastic job!

Our Team A came in First Place out of the 42 teams that competed and earned an invitation to the State Competition on Saturday April 10, 2021.

As the coaches, Dennis Petercsak and myself are extremely proud of all the hard work the students continue to put in. The competition being virtual this year made it even more difficult to be successful at and our students rose to the occasion.

We would like to mention High School Science Teachers, Carolyn Heck and Mike Foley, for their assistance in preparing the students and their help on the day of the competition. We would also like to thank Dr. Rob Wankmuller, Director of Science, Technology and Research, for assisting on the day of the competition.

Here is the list of the individual students and the events in which they earned medals:

### Anatomy & Physiology

10th Place - Alex Vasilakopoulos and Shivani Rao

### Astronomy

4th Place - Aaryan Chandra and Sahi Sagiraju

5th Place - Sadiq Shaik

### Chemistry Lab

4th Place - Jalaj Mehta and Melody Cheng

8th Place - Matvey Baranov and Joseph Mathew

### Circuit Lab

4th Place - Jalaj Mehta and Melody Cheng

### Codebusters

3rd Place - Melody Cheng, Sree Karthikeyan and Shivani Rao



Designer Genes

3rd Place - Ale Vasilakopoulos and Danielle Liu

Disease Detectives

1st Place - Alex Vasilakopoulos and Jalaj Mehta

Dynamic Planet

2nd Place - Sree Karthikeyan and Elizabeth Furman

7th Place - Saiful Samad and Dhamik Namineni

9th Place - Griffin Capece and Pranav Lanka

Forensics

3rd Place - Jalaj Mehta and Shivani Rao

7th Place - Sadiq Shaik and Sri Sagiraju

Fossils

2nd Place - Elizabeth Furman and Rachel Ma

GeoLogic Mapping

2nd Place - Sree Karthikeyan and Elizabeth Furman

3rd Place - Melody Zhu and Arav Prabhu

10th Place - Dharmik Namineni and Krithika Vulavala

Ornithology

1st Place - Danielle Liu and Elizabeth Furman

Sounds of Music

10th Place - Sri Sagiraju

Water Quality

3rd Place - Danielle Liu and Sree Karthikeyan

State Qualifying Team

Aaryan Chandra

Alex Vasilakopoulos

Danielle Liu

Jalaj Mehta

Melody Cheng

Shivani Rao

Sree Karthikeyan

Elizabeth Furman

Rachel Ma

Sahi Sagiraju

***GO SCIENCE EAGLES !!!***



# OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY PARTICIPATES IN "KICKS FOR CANCER SPIRIT WEEK"

Students in all of our schools participated this past week in "Kicks for Cancer Spirit Week!" They dressed in different and fun ways throughout the week:

Monday - Crazy Sock Day

Tuesday - Twin Day

Wednesday - Sports Jersey Day

Thursday - "Kicks for Cancer" Apparel

Friday - Pink Out

Here are some pictures from around the schools of our students showing their support for "Kicks for Cancer!"



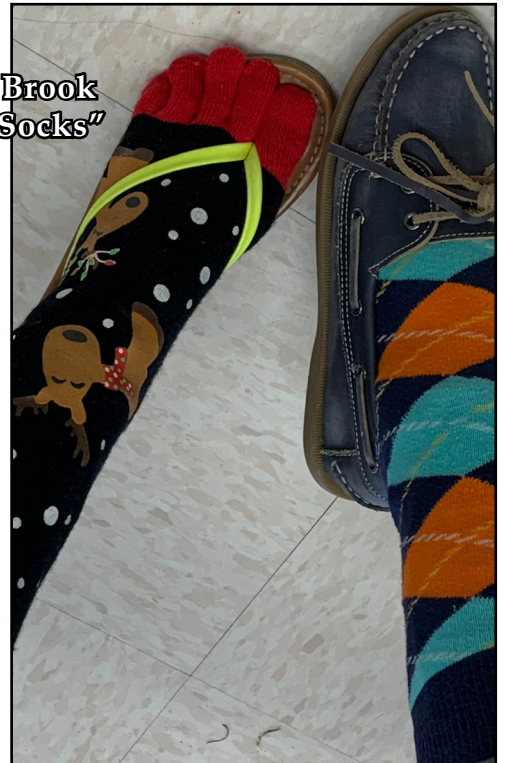
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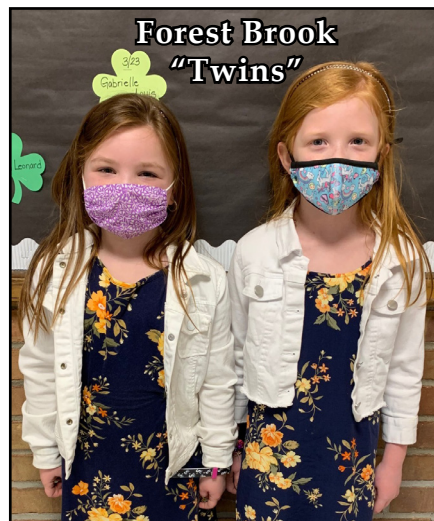
# Kicks for Cancer Spirit Week



Forest Brook  
"Crazy Socks"



High School  
"Crazy Socks"

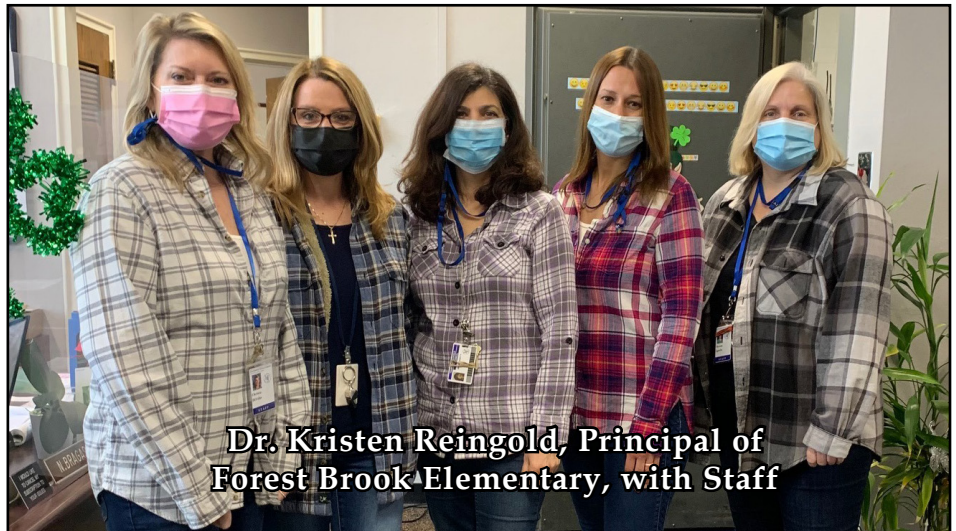
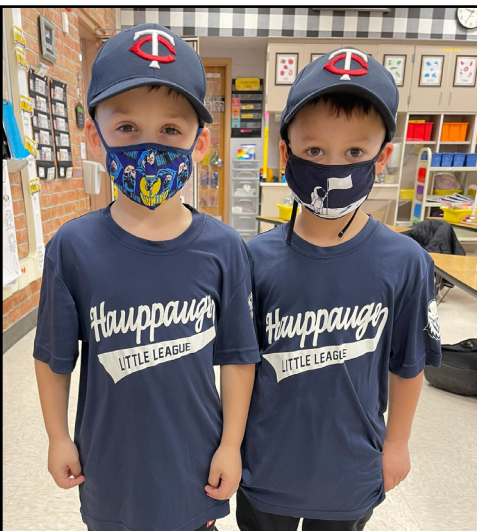
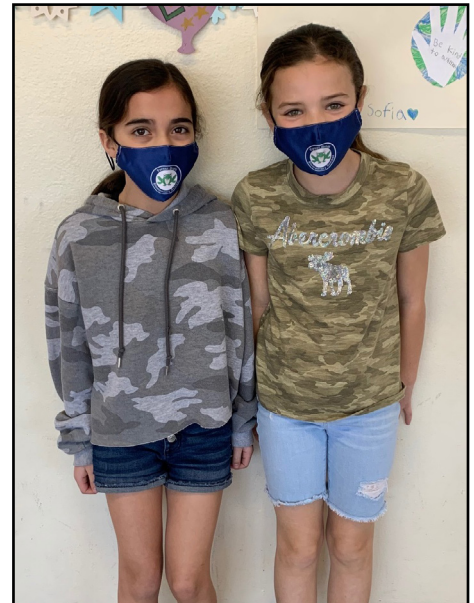
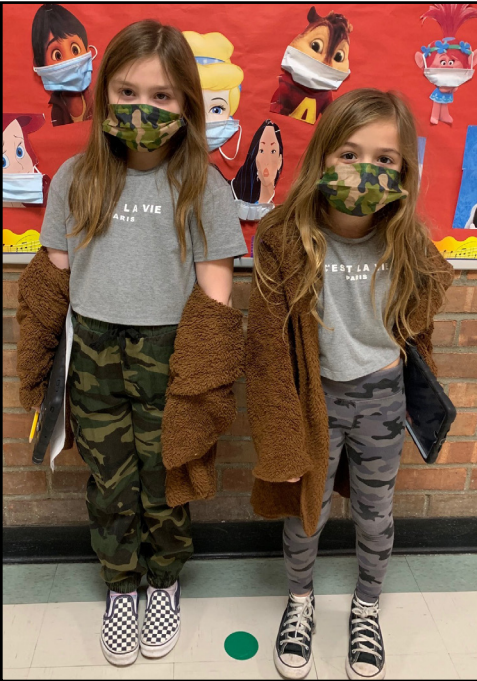
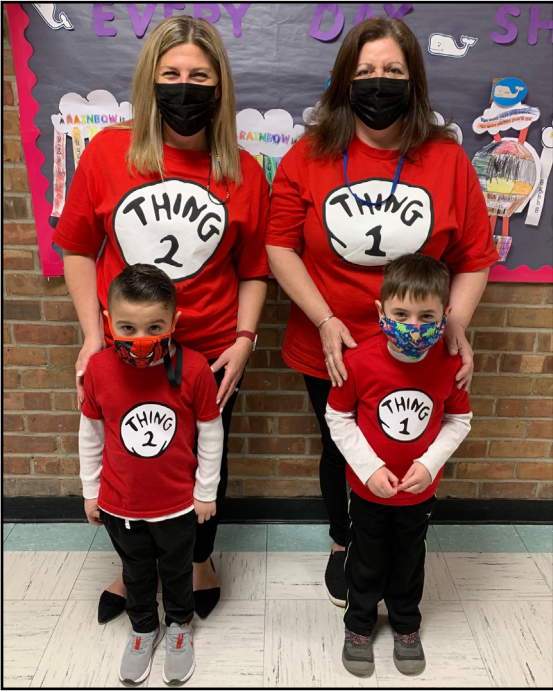


Forest Brook  
"Twins"





# Kicks for Cancer Spirit Week Forest Brook "Twins"

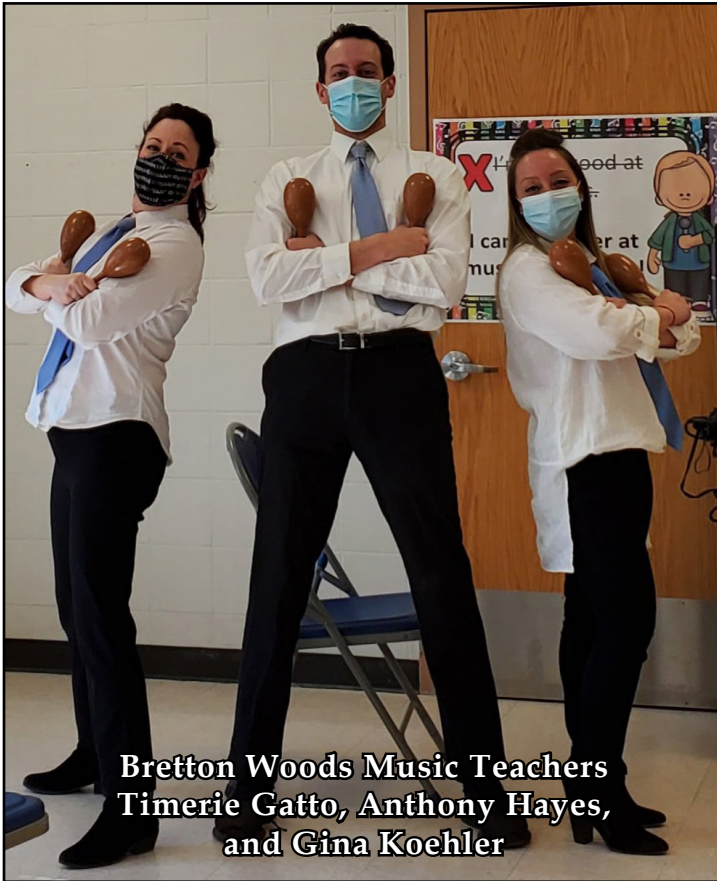


Dr. Kristen Reingold, Principal of  
Forest Brook Elementary, with Staff

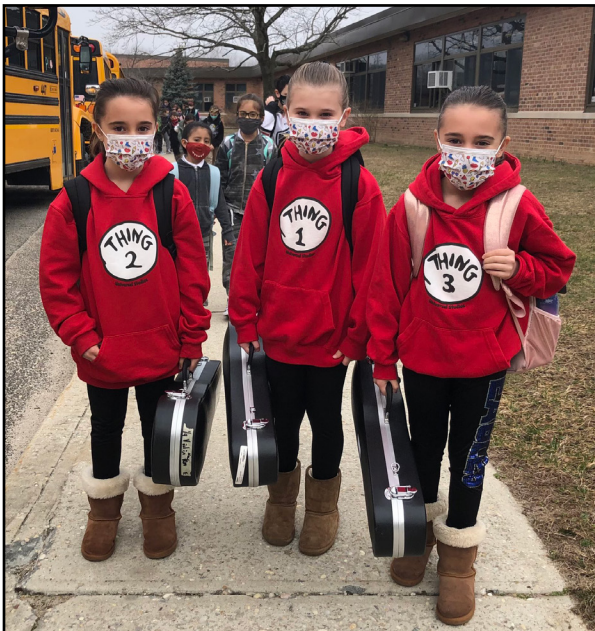
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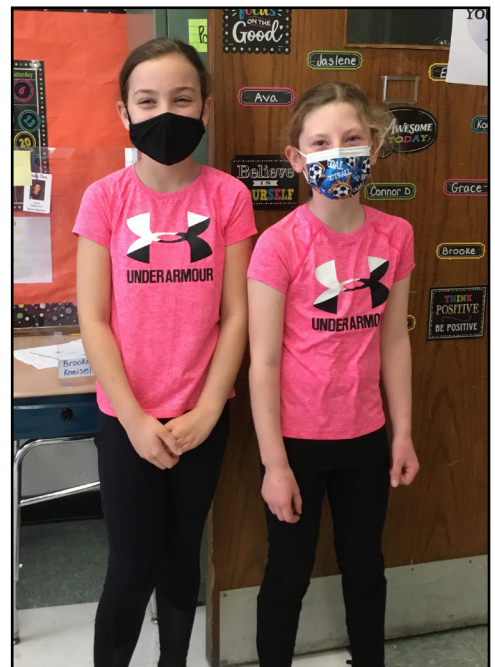


Bretton Woods Music Teachers  
Timerie Gatto, Anthony Hayes,  
and Gina Koehler





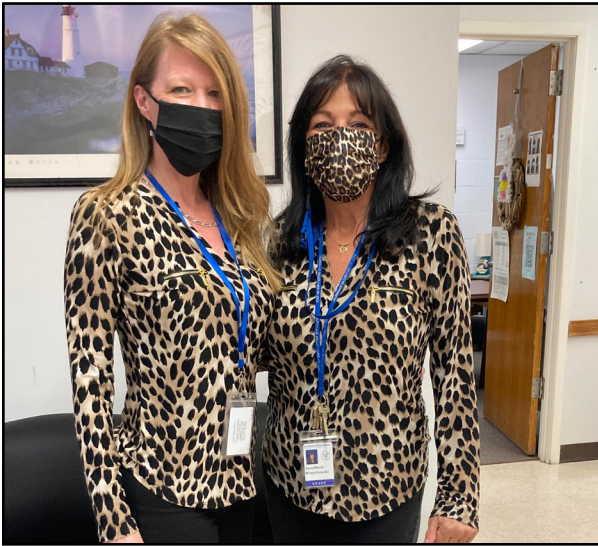
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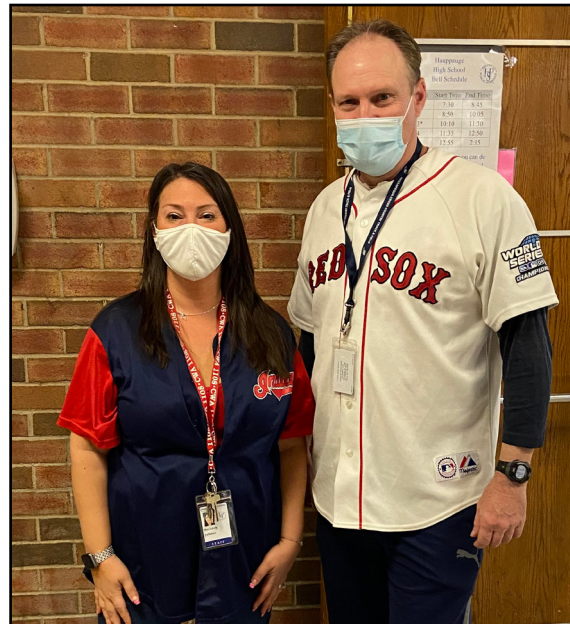
# Kicks for Cancer Spirit Week High School "Twins"



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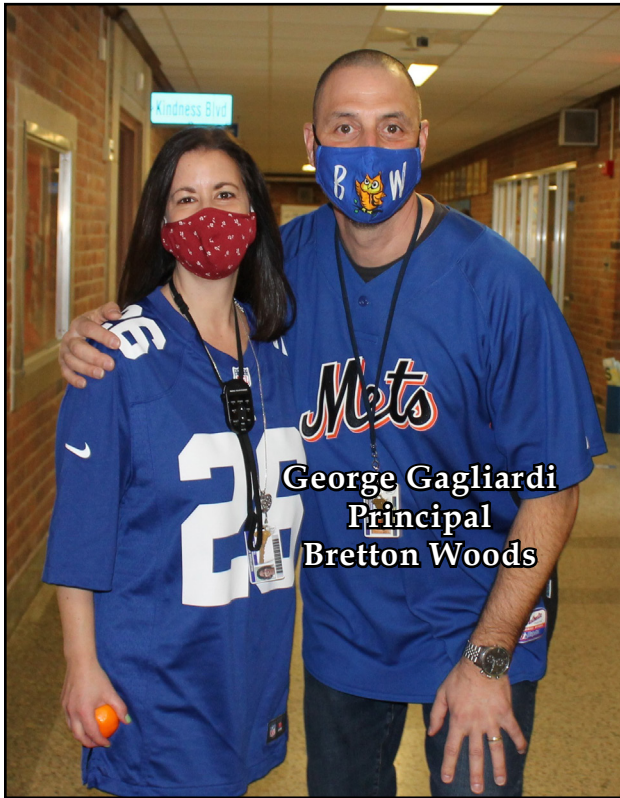
# Kicks for Cancer Spirit Week High School "Jersey Day"



Joseph Wieckhorst, HS Assistant Principal and Staff

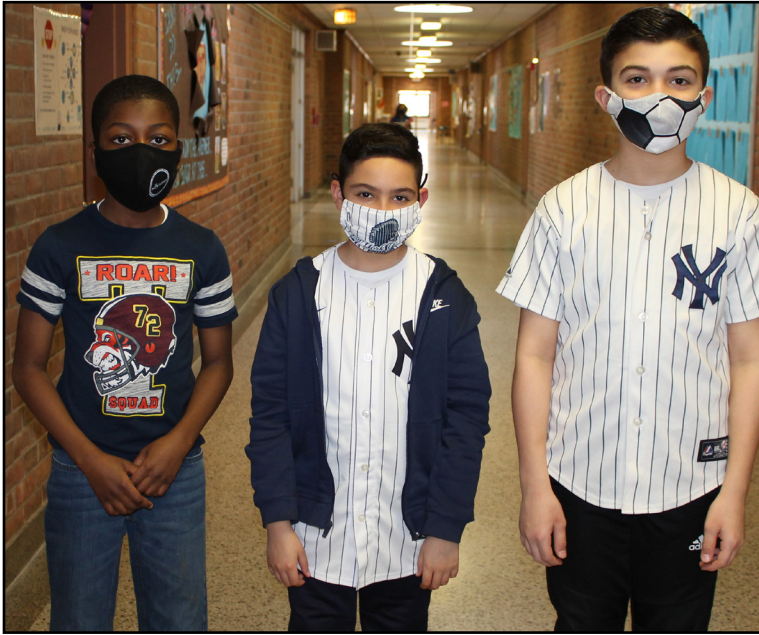


# Kicks for Cancer Spirit Week Bretton Woods "Jersey Day"





# Kicks for Cancer Spirit Week Pines "Jersey Day"



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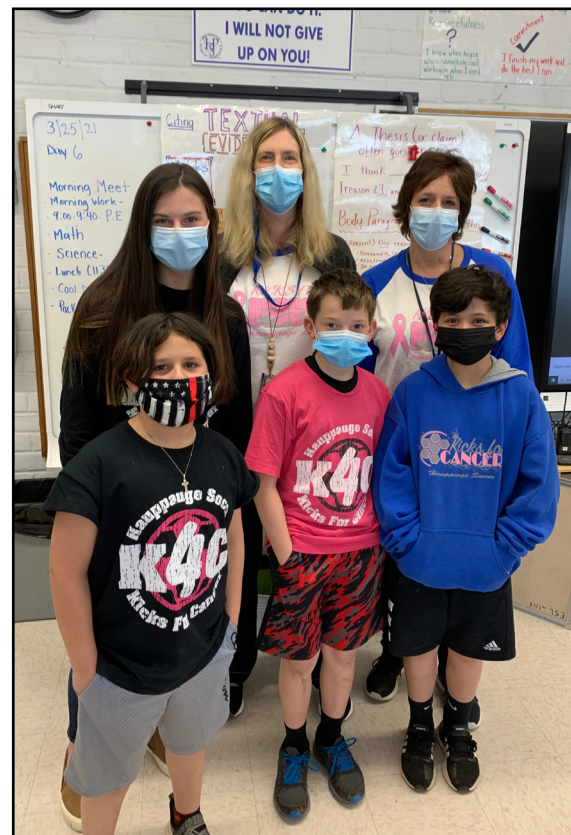
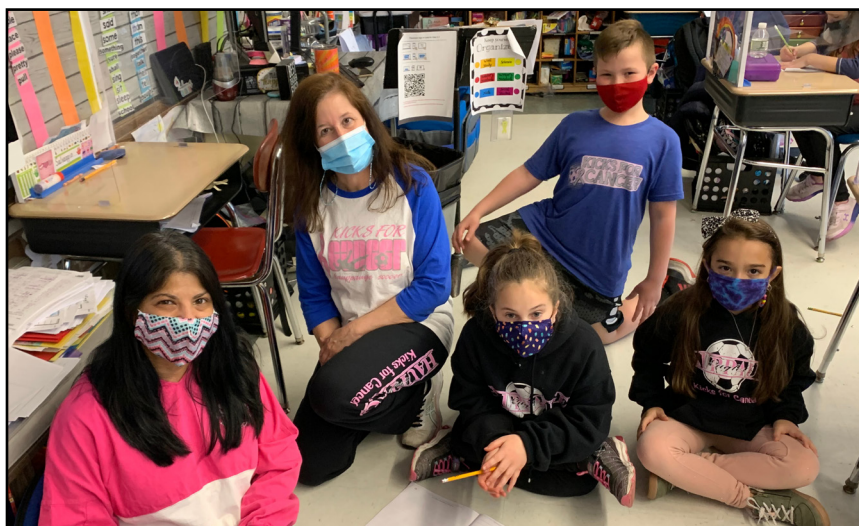




Girls Varsity Soccer Team



Forest Brook  
"Kicks for Cancer" Apparel





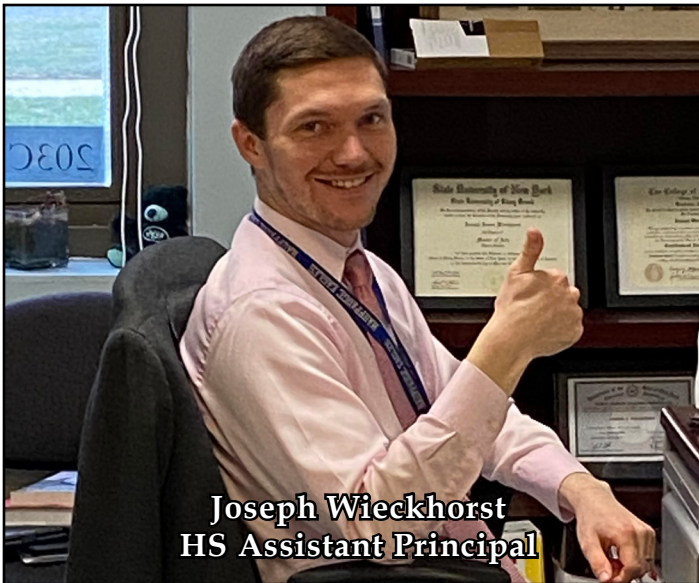
Kicks for Cancer Spirit Week  
Bretton Woods "Kicks for Cancer" Apparel



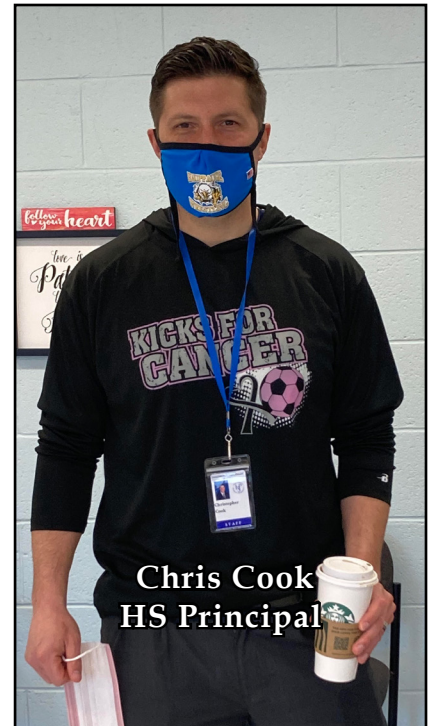
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# Kicks for Cancer Spirit Week High School "Kicks for Cancer" Pink Out



Joseph Wieckhorst  
HS Assistant Principal



Chris Cook  
HS Principal



Boys Varsity Soccer Team



Kicks for Cancer Spirit Week  
Pines "Kicks for Cancer" Pink Out



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Kicks for Cancer Spirit Week  
Pines "Kicks for Cancer" Pink Out





## PINES & BRETTON WOODS FAMILIES ENJOY A “FAMILY CONNECT NIGHT”

On behalf of our Social-Emotional Learning Committee, Pines and Bretton Woods Elementary Schools introduced “Family Connect Night” to our school community. On this night, homework wasn’t assigned and tests weren’t scheduled for the following day. Families were encouraged to use this time as a family to engage in fun and enjoyable activities.

The children were provided with a menu of ideas for various activities that families could try together. Some of these included:

- Family Game Night - Play a board game together
- Look through pictures and photo albums as a family
- Sensory Play - Choose a recipe to make slime, play dough, “Snow” (Super silky play dough), or silly putty
- Channel the inner author in you and create a digital storyboard with your family
- Play a game of charades
- Let the kids plan and execute a meal as they are able
- Assemble a Puzzle
- Write and design thank you cards for people in your family or community
- Turn off the lights and tell stories to each other. Whoever is holding the flashlight tells the next story
- Have a Dance Party
- Create a blanket fort
- Traditional Letter Writing - Write a letter and put it in the mail using an envelope and stamp
- Have a Family Movie Night
- Make an affirmation web

Here are some photos that were shared by our families so that we could share them with our Hauppauge Community. Three more Family Connect dates will be scheduled for this school year.



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# Pines "Family Connect Night"





## Bretton Woods "Family Connect Night"





# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN LIFE SKILLS CLASSES HOLD SUCCESSFUL SALE OF THEIR “HAUPPAUGE HOUNDS DOG BISCUITS”

We recently told you about an awesome venture that our high school students in the Life Skills Program had embarked on. The extended day class taught by Kristin Abbate had developed a peanut-free recipe for homemade dog biscuits to sell to the Hauppauge school community.

The name of their product is “Hauppauge Hounds Dog Biscuits.” They collaborated with the “Best Buddies” program with all proceeds going to the Life Skills Program and “Best Buddies.”

The dog biscuits started out being sold to Hauppauge staff, but when word got out to the public, many wanted the opportunity to buy them!

A public “Pup-Up Drive By Sale” was held on the afternoon of Monday, March 22nd. Members of the public were able to stop by the tent in the front circle at the high school to buy a bag of these great dog treats. Needless to say, the sale went extremely well and the students sold over 90 bags! They made almost \$330 in profit for their programs!

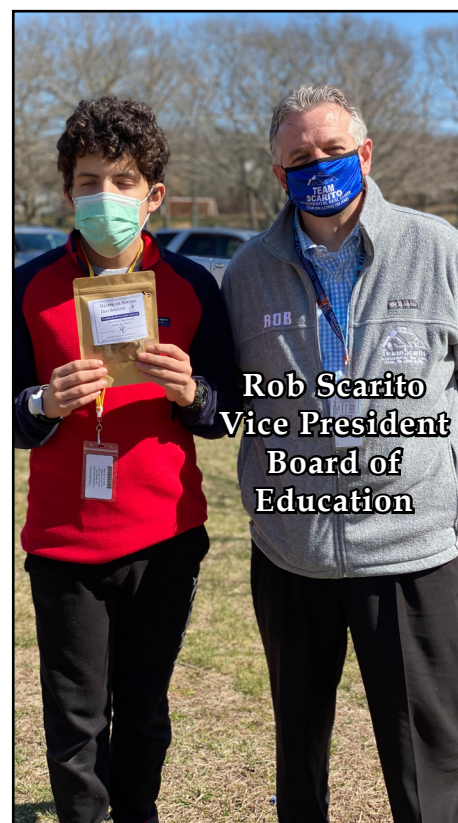
Congratulations to the students on this successful sale! Their hard work and determination has paid off! Here are some photos from their afternoon sale!



**Kristin  
Abbate  
Life Skills  
Teacher**



**Rebecca  
Bilski  
Director  
of PPS  
and  
Support  
Services**



**Rob Scarito  
Vice President  
Board of  
Education**



# Hauppauge Hounds

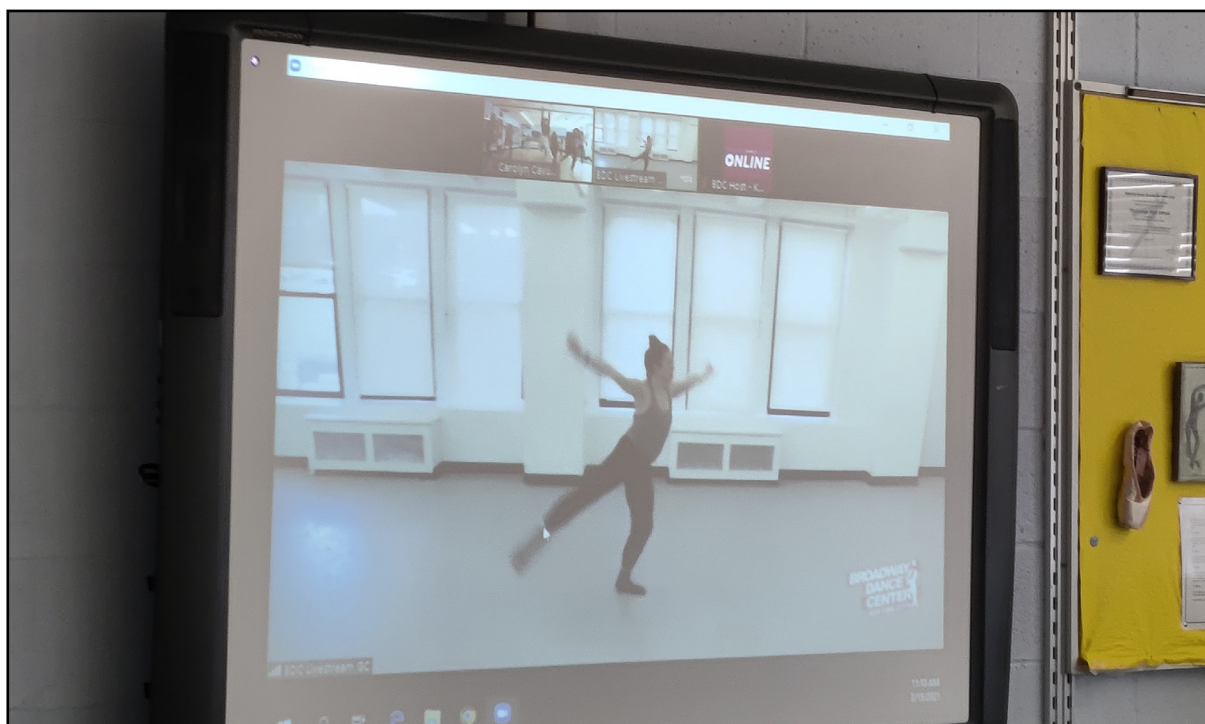




# HIGH SCHOOL DANCERS GO “VIRTUAL” WITH THE BROADWAY DANCE CENTER

Last Monday the High School dancers did a virtual workshop with a master teacher from the Broadway Dance Center. Each year the dance students go to Broadway Dance Center to take a class, but this year we brought the Broadway Dance Center to us!

Dance Teacher, Carolyn Cavuoto, said, “It was a great experience- hard work but lots of fun!!” Here are some photos from their workshop.





# BRETTON WOODS TURNS BLUE AND YELLOW FOR "WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY"

Sunday, March 21, 2021 was World Down Syndrome Day; a day dedicated to raising awareness about Down syndrome and celebrating individuals around the world living with the genetic condition.

In honor of this day and to continue to bring awareness, Bretton Woods asked all students and staff to wear blue and yellow on Monday, March 22nd. Here are some pictures of Bretton Woods students and staff in their blue and yellow!





# HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021 GETS BOOST FROM THEIR SENIOR CLASS PARENTS

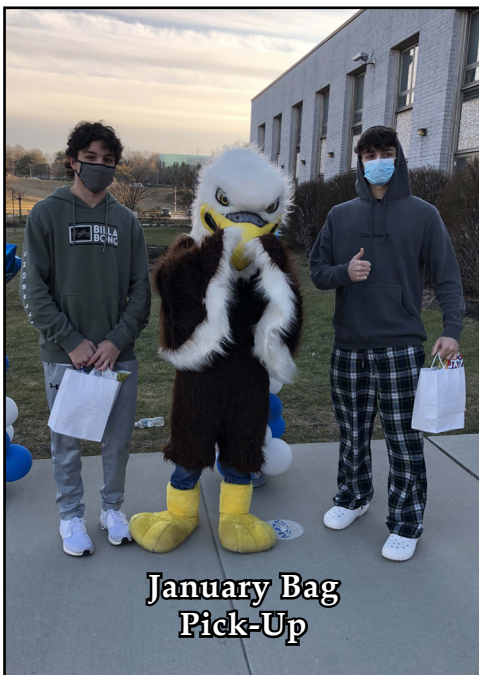
While the past year of the pandemic has impacted all classes in Hauppauge, the Hauppauge High School Class of '21 has been especially hard hit, having lost the "normal" end of junior year and the senior year they expected; some of the most enjoyable times for high school students.

The Class of '21 parents, concerned with the students' social-emotional well-being, have organized surprise give-aways on the 21st of each month for every member of the Class of '21. Senior parents, as well as some district staff and local businesses, have contributed to ensure the give-aways are fun and useful for the seniors. Leanne Boller, Claudine Gennari, Laura LoPiccolo, Maureen Napolitano, Gail Scarito, Debbie Steinman and Maria Torquato, all parents of Hauppauge seniors, continue to coordinate the 21st-day-giveaways with assistance from senior parents. These began in January and are scheduled to continue through June 21st. Seniors are provided more information about the monthly giveaway time and location via the Class of '21 Google Classroom and the class Instagram page.

The goal of the giveaways is to encourage the seniors through the rest of their high school career, while they continue to face the uncertainty of future rites of passage. The parents' hope is to show the students that even during these times, it's possible to look forward to little things that bring smiles to faces!



January Bag



January Bag  
Pick-Up



February  
Bag



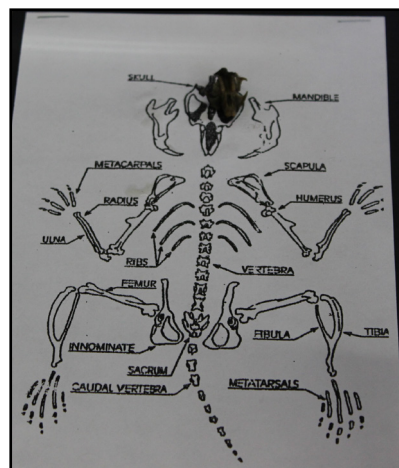
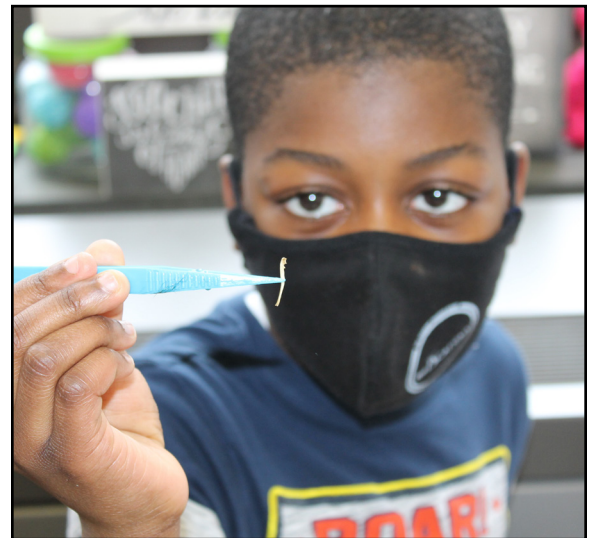
March  
Bag



# FIFTH-GRADE STUDENTS ENJOY INTERESTING SCIENCE CLASS ASSIGNMENT

Mrs. Lewkovich and Mrs. Gumbus' 5th grade classes dissected owl pellets during science class. Owl Pellets are regurgitated remains from an animal (fur and bones) in the form of a pellet. It is what the owl cannot digest.

The children were very excited to find out what kind of prey an owl has eaten and couldn't digest. Some children retrieved limbs, skulls, ribs, vertebrae, jaws, and other various bones that they glued to a diagram of small prey.





## NEW "EAGLE WATCH" EPISODE

Our High School students have put together a new episode of "Eagle Watch!" In this episode, "Spirit Week" and "PS I Love You Day" at the High school. Also, a look at the Tech Program, Life Skills, Journalism, Question of the Month, a spelling bee, "Maddi on the Street" (with a special guest host), and more.

Check it out by [clicking here](#).





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