



Horizons

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BRETTON WOODS, FOREST BROOK, AND PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TEAM UP TO SUPPORT CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

September is "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month." Bretton Woods, Forest Brook, and Pines Elementary Schools all went "Gold" on Friday, September 24th in support of their students who have been touched by pediatric cancer.

Since 2017, Bretton Woods has been participating in the "Whip Pediatric Cancer Hearts of Gold" program in support of "Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month" to raise money for the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. One of our Bretton Woods families, the Lorusso's, championed



Gianna Lorusso, with her parents, Nicola and Diana, Principal, George Gagliardi, and Ellen Festa, school secretary

this cause as they fought valiantly with their son, Nicolas, who sadly lost his battle against pediatric cancer this past February, at just five years old. Nicolas' big sister, Gianna, is a fifth-grader now at Bretton Woods and has been their "Hearts of Gold" ambassador since she was in first-grade.

Gianna sent a letter out announcing this year's program. Here is an excerpt:

"As some of you may know my story, I was inspired to bring this program to Bretton Woods because my baby brother Nicolas was diagnosed with cancer when he was 16 months old and I was just a kindergartener. Through the years I have seen him suffer so much, treatment after treatment, relapse after relapse. I have accompanied him to several hospital visits and I saw firsthand what he and so many other kids go through. This made me very sad as it breaks my heart to see these young children who are supposed to be in school learning just like you and I, and playing sports with friends, but instead they are hooked up to a machine that pumps toxic medicine in their bodies with no guarantee that any of this treatment will save them. After four long years of my brother battling cancer, he unfortunately gained his angel wings on February 4th 2021. Nicolas was only 5 years old when he passed away and, he was supposed to start kindergarten this year. Words cannot express how much I miss my baby brother and his beautiful smile."

This year, Pines Elementary School partnered with Bretton Woods to participate in this program. The students were sent home with a heart and were asked to send it back to the school with a donation of \$1 or more. Students were also asked to wear gold or yellow on Friday, September 24th. The beautifully decorated hearts were displayed in each school to show that the students and staff at each of the schools have "Hearts of Gold." Together, Bretton Woods and Pines donations totaled just over \$4,000! All proceeds are being sent directly to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center to fund and research a cure for pediatric cancer.

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At Forest Brook, the staff and students went “Gold” to support two of their very own students; Anthony DeCillis and Ryan Starace. They are thriving after winning their own battles with pediatric cancer. Dr. Kristen Reingold, Principal of Forest Brook said, “Their courage, strength and perseverance are inspiring. We are so thankful that both Anthony and Ryan have each won their battle and continue to thrive. These boys are truly an inspiration to all!”

To learn more about the “Hearts of Gold” program, or if you wish to make an online donation, please [click here](#) to be directed to the website “Whip Pediatric Cancer.”

Here are some photos from each of the schools on Friday of the staff and students as they brought awareness to this very worthwhile cause.



**Dr. Kristen Reingold, Principal,
with Ryan Starace and
Anthony DeCillis**



Pines



Forest Brook



Bretton Woods

Bretton Woods



Gianna and her teachers



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Forest Brook



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Pines



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Our students were invited to participate in "Summer Reading 2021." Dr. Christopher J. Michael, Director of English Language Arts, invited students to spend some time reading this summer. Teachers had put together assignments to prepare students for the challenges of a new year in English Language Arts in the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Michael created a website which helped students to achieve these goals.

For their incoming students, each grade posted a letter, teacher recommended reading list, reading projects, and reading log on the website.

Congratulations to these students who participated in this worthwhile program!

Bretton Woods

Grade 1

Skyler Bargellini
McKenzie Campbell
Salvatore Campo
Joseph Heany
Luke Jacobs
Savannah Meyer
Isabelle Redmond
Natalie Ryan
Isabella Schupak
Celeste Shin

Grade 2

Penny Bisogno
Patricia Heaton
Daksh Manu
Anotida Marufu
Charlie Migliore
Leah Paino
Aubrey Pirnat
Taran Sathish
Gina Sullivan

Grade 3

Suryansh Chidara
Lucas Coffey
Tylie Fernandez
Aviana Innace
Samantha LaMarr
Brody Meyer
Riona Mittal
Grace Oriano
Ella Oury
Samantha Redmond
Khushi Shah

Grade 4

Griffin Anspach
Aditri Arun
Avery Bohuslaw
Kelly Bruno
Matthew Cane
Dean Catania
Juliette Conte
Joseph Innace
Matilda Marek
Natalia Meneses
Sophia Nehr
Alex Raposa
Anna Strazzeri

Grade 5

Nicholas Avlonitis
Christian Battista
Lucas Bragg
Crosby Cadmus
Gianna Cambardella
Paolo Clemente
Alexa Grandstaff
Mia Inzirillo
Julia Mannarino
Olivia Romano
Saujas Swar
Morgan Thomson
Tyler Thomson



Forest Brook

Grade 1

Jack Begina
Annabelle Bollag
Caitlin Buscarino
Janet Carbone
Olivia Cavanagh
Luke Cullen
Ryan Daly
Jordyn Drucker
Anthony Fasanello
Frank Hodge
Sophia Ingson
Skylar Jarski
Aiden Lock
Hannah McCann
Ryan McDermott
Emma Pinelli
Priyanka Piyatissa
Miles Rojas
Lorenzo Saladino
Lucianna Saladino
Azalea Sookoo
Logan Wagner
Aubrey Weiner

Grade 2

Gianna Barone
Ivory Catanzaro
Mollie Hartnett
Jake Finn
Jayden Pope
Vasvee Singh
Liam Wagner

Grade 3

Nicholas Baldinucci
Kayla Ballance
Christopher Begina
Elsie Bollag
Giavanna Carbone
Ryan Cartafalsa
Michael D'Allessandro
Daniel DiLorenzo
Brady Finn
Joseph Importuna
Caroline Katchen
Benjamin Keil
Abby Krisman
Gavin Leonard

Lyla Mahmood
Nikolas Martinovich
Andrew Michels
Emma Nacewicz
Patrick Narciso
Mila Roxas
Joseph Rucinski
Joshua Tholl
Joshua Veritzan
Alexa Weiner
Andrew Weiner

Grade 4

Regan Ashby
Nicholas Barbera
Lennox Catanzaro
Jesse Collins
Caleb Cullen
Marina D'Allessandro
Kara Daly
Liam Daly
Alex Filipe
Matthew Mileti
Angelina Moccia
Shelby Orehosky
Jianna Zuckerman

Grade 5

Joey Barbera
Aiden Collins
Ryan Crafa
Evan Feinblum
Leah Giattino
Dylan Hanson
Nicholas Herbst
Isabella Iaboni
Sophia Iacono
Michael Messana
Frankie Misiti
Madison Modica
April Pearsall
Jemma Piantieri
Eva Stein
Ryan Tjersland



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Pines

Grade 1

John Muilenburg

Grade 2

Abigail Bonn
Jaxon Brown
Zoey Carniol
Dylan Colavito
Erin Gleason
Alexandria Klos
Tyler Kostopoulos
Gavin Maggio
Lilly Muilenburg
Raigan Pettit

Grade 3

Dylan Beuchert
Ryan Beuchert
Nikki Braumann
Sophia Martinelli
Matthew McHugh
Aiden Napolitano

Grade 4

Amanda Barshay
Blissy Darcy
Christian DiClemente
Jayce Kostopoulos
Landon Kram
Morgan Kraus
Andrew Kump
Alex Mariani
Ella Muilenburg
Pranav Ramkumar
Eamon White

Grade 5

Zachary Berg
Lilianna Faraguna
Rebecca Millman
Dominick Mroczkowski
Vincent Sellitto



OUR GIRL SCOUTS MAKE US PROUD BY EARNING “THE BRONZE AWARD”

A special group of Hauppauge girls in the Hauppauge School District recently earned the “Girl Scout Bronze Award!” The “Bronze Award” is the highest award that can be earned by a Girl Scout at the elementary school level, and it is the third highest award in “Girl Scouts of the USA.”

Hauppauge Troop 1606 is a group of recent graduates from Pines Elementary and Bretton Woods, who are now all together at Hauppauge Middle School! They are:

Sophia Brown
Autumn Foster
Milena Kunkel
Grace Lasauskas
Isabella Manteiga
Ava Takesky
Mia Tencic

The girls created a film called “Let’s Ride” to share bicycle safety information with other kids to help keep them safe, but also help everyone feel empowered to take care of themselves. Working over the course of 2020-2021, they filmed, produced, and directed this project. If you would like to view their project [click here](#).

We are happy to recognize this awesome group of girls on their receiving of this prestigious award. The Girl Scout mission is to encourage and support girls’ desires to better their local communities. The work that they have done, and continue to do, help to make not only our community, but the world a better place.

We also would like to recognize their Troop Leader, Carolina Takesky, for her support of the girls as they continue on their path of doing good things.



HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM RUNS IN THE "SUFFOLK COACHES MEET" AT SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

The High School Girls Varsity Cross Country Team ran on Saturday, September 25th in the "Suffolk Coaches Meet" at Sunken Meadow State Park.

The team took 9th place out of 15 teams in the "A" Varsity 5k race. The "B" Varsity Race also featured 19 additional teams for a total of 34 teams out there at this beautiful park. Reese Coughlin led Haupauge with a 22nd place out of 90 runners finishing with a time of 23.02.60, with Alexa Dobbs in 30th timed at 23:25.20, both earning medals. Eighth-grader, Emma Tjersland, finished in 38th place with a time of 24.09.22.

Congratulations to these runners on a great showing at this meet! Also congratulations to their coach, Mary Nowotarski! Special thanks to Charles Clackett for the wonderful photos!



Left to right: Coach Mary Nowotarski, Katherine Marietta, Reese Coughlin, Chiara Henselder, Lily O'Brien, Alexa Dobbs, Emma Tjersland, Jayden Smith

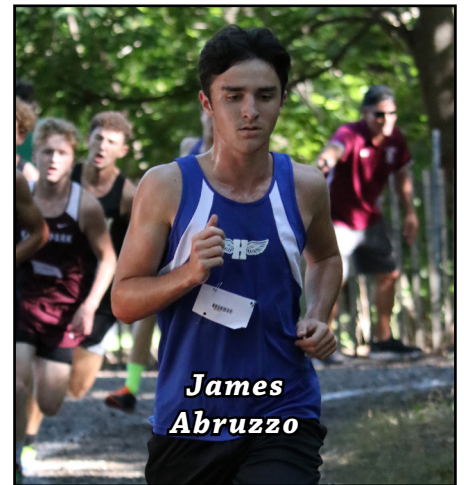
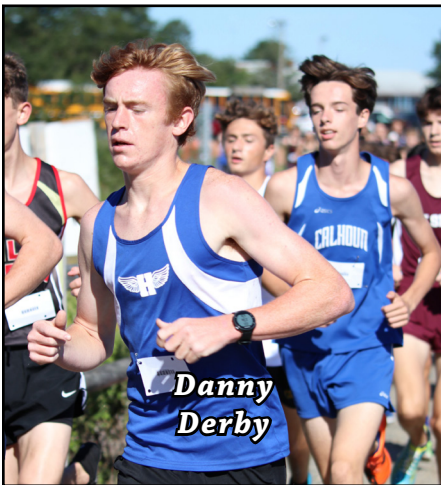
HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM RUNS IN THE "SUFFOLK COACHES MEET" AT SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

The High School Boys Varsity Cross Country Team ran on Saturday, September 25th in the "Suffolk Coaches Meet" at Sunken Meadow State Park.

Danny Derby paced the Hauppauge Boys Cross Country team and finished in 6th place of 122 runners with a time of 17:52.51, and received a shirt, medal, and personal record for this difficult 5k course which includes the renowned "Cardiac Hill." Next was Luke Clackett also setting a personal record in 35th place with a time of 19:18.94. They were followed by James Abruzzo in 39th place with a time of 19:26.47, also a personal record. The 4th Hauppauge runner across the line was Ethan Humin in 51st place with a time of 19:42.99, followed by Tommaso Clarke in 54th place timed at 19:46.92 to finish out the top 5 scoring runners for the team.

Hauppauge Boys Cross Country took 5th place out of 21 teams in the "A" Varsity 5k race. The "B" Varsity Race also featured 22 additional teams for a total of 43 teams out there at this beautiful park.

Congratulations to the runners on these great results! Congratulations to Coach Maida! Thank you to Charles Clackett for the great photos!



"HAUPPAUGE HOUNDS" DOG BISCUITS WILL MAKE A SPECIAL APPEARANCE AT HOMECOMING

"Hauppauge Hounds" dog biscuits, made by our very own students in the PAES Lab, will make a special appearance at Homecoming! Be sure to stop by their table after the Homecoming Parade to pick up some great treats for your dog!

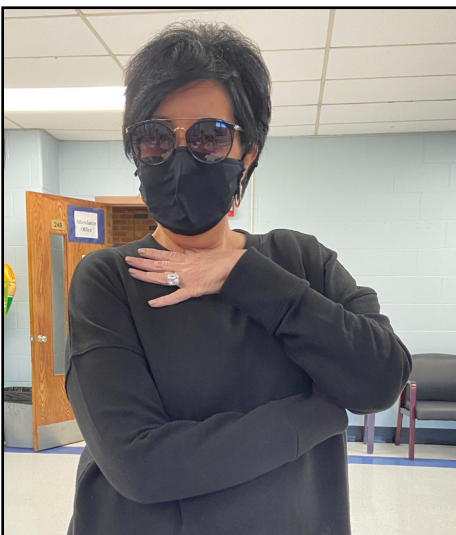
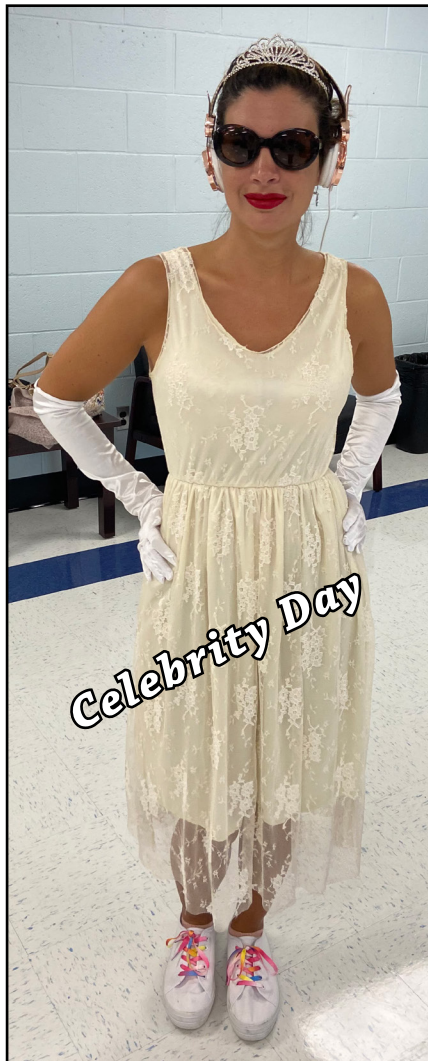
All profits go to the Best Buddies and Life Skills program at the high school.



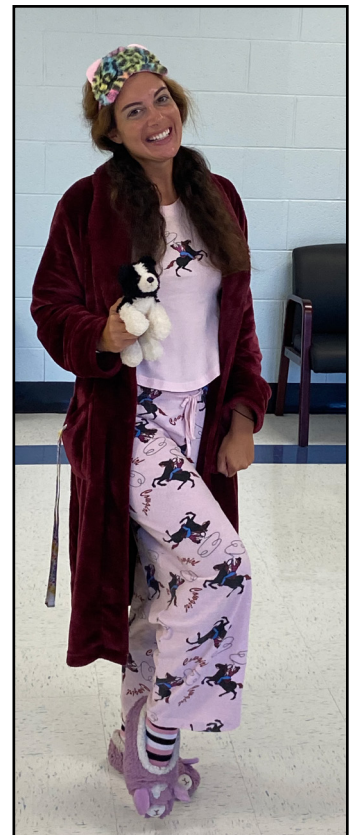
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY “SPIRIT WEEK”

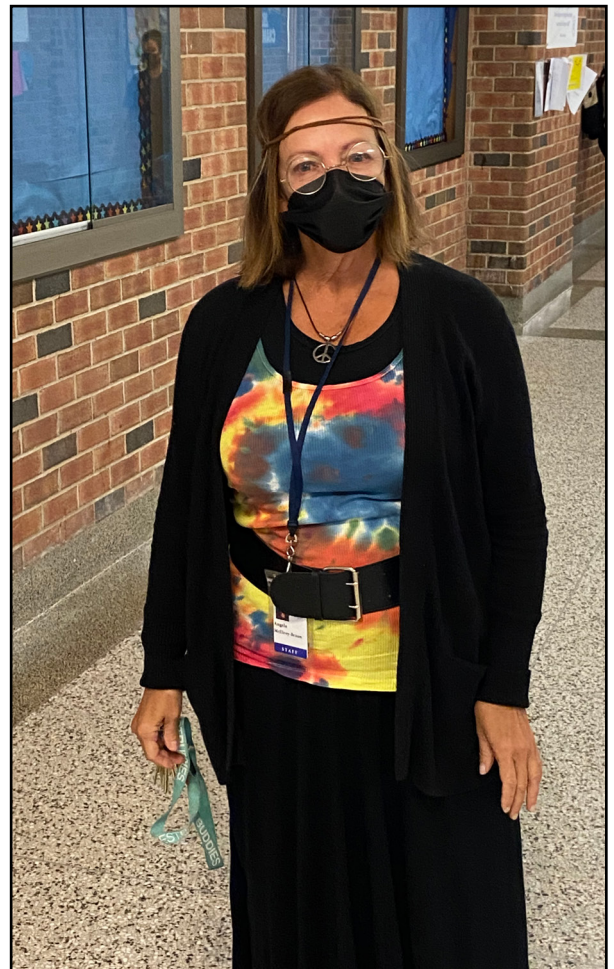
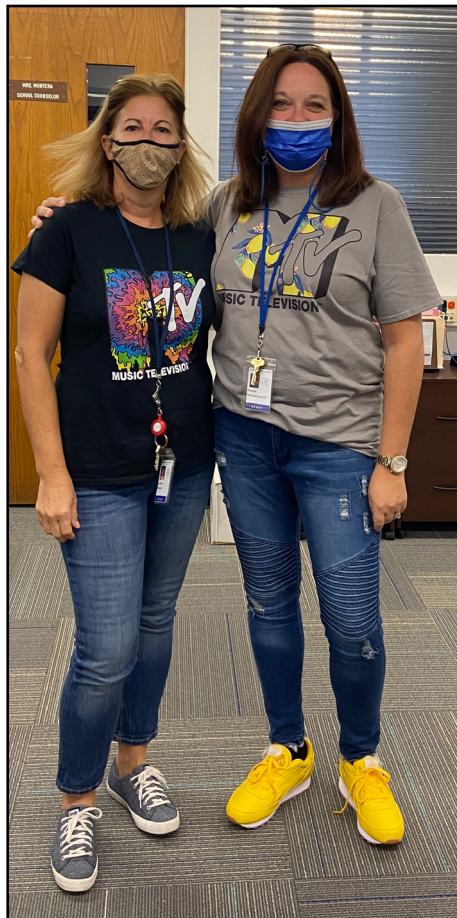
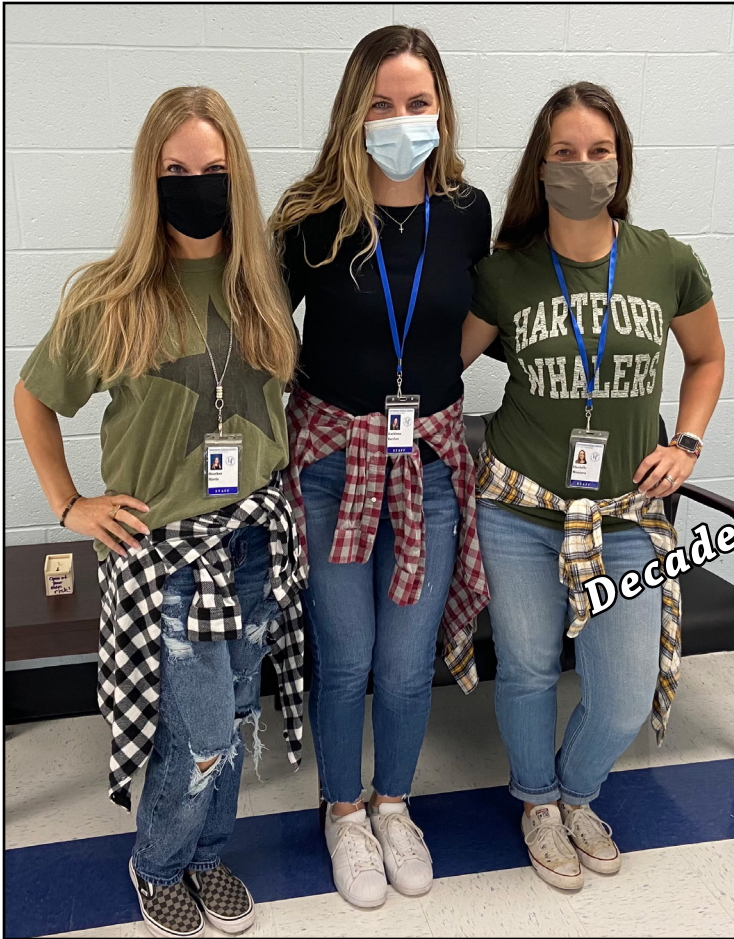
Each year when “Homecoming” is held, our high school students enjoy “Spirit Week.” Each day, students and staff are asked to dress in the selected theme. This year, the themes were Cozy Day, Superheroes, Decades, Celebrity, and Tye Dye.

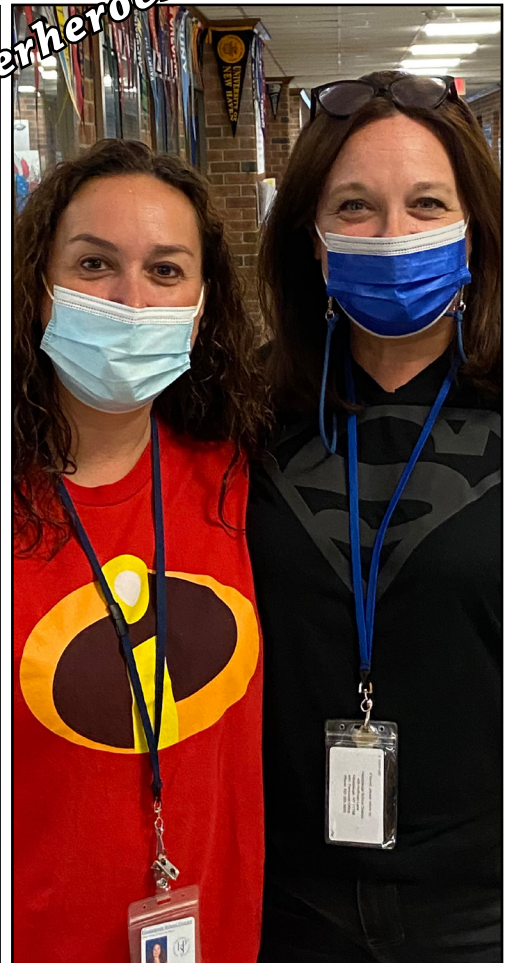
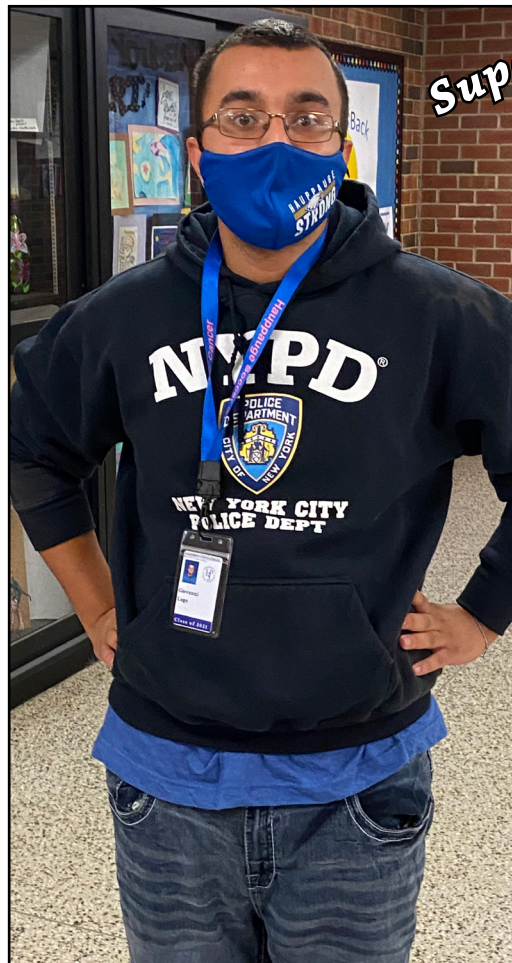
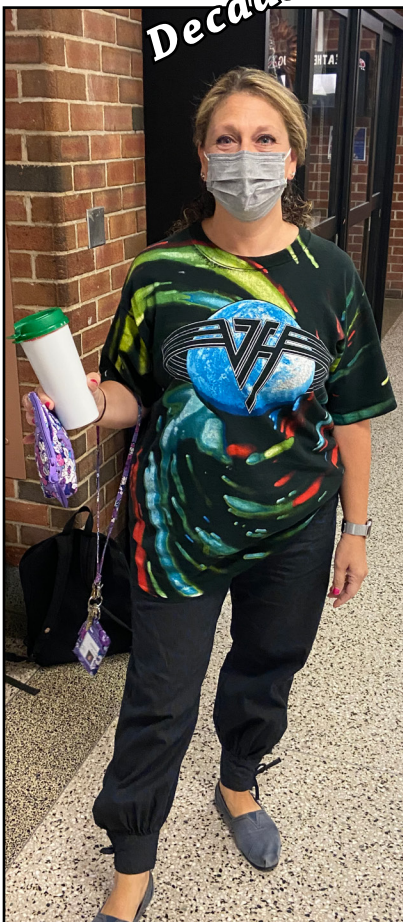
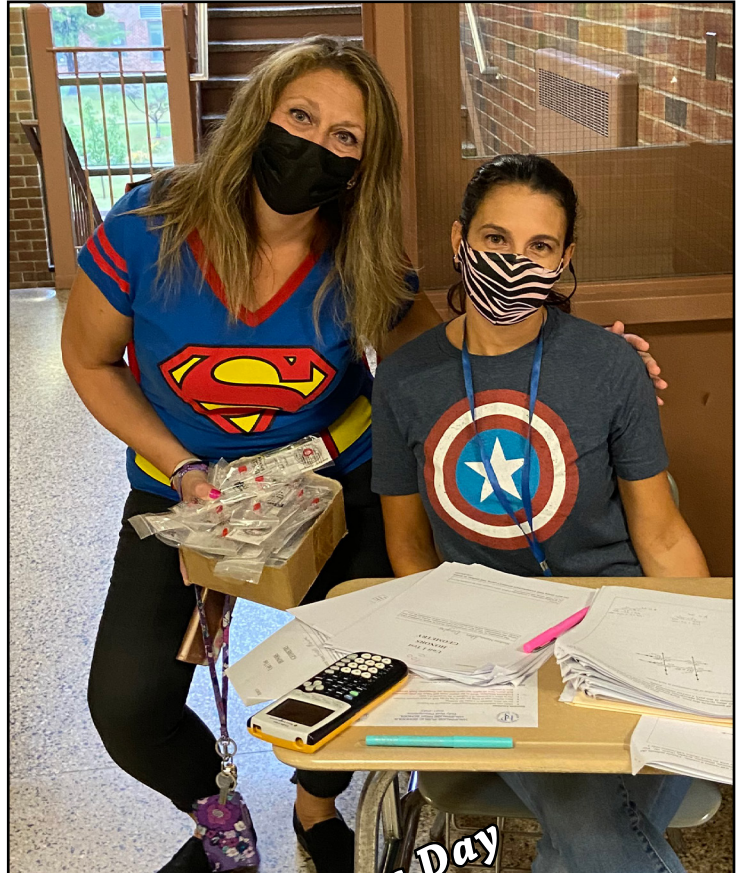
Thank you to high school secretary, Denise Malandrucolo, for the great photos!



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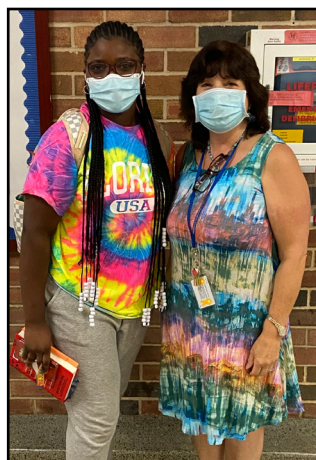
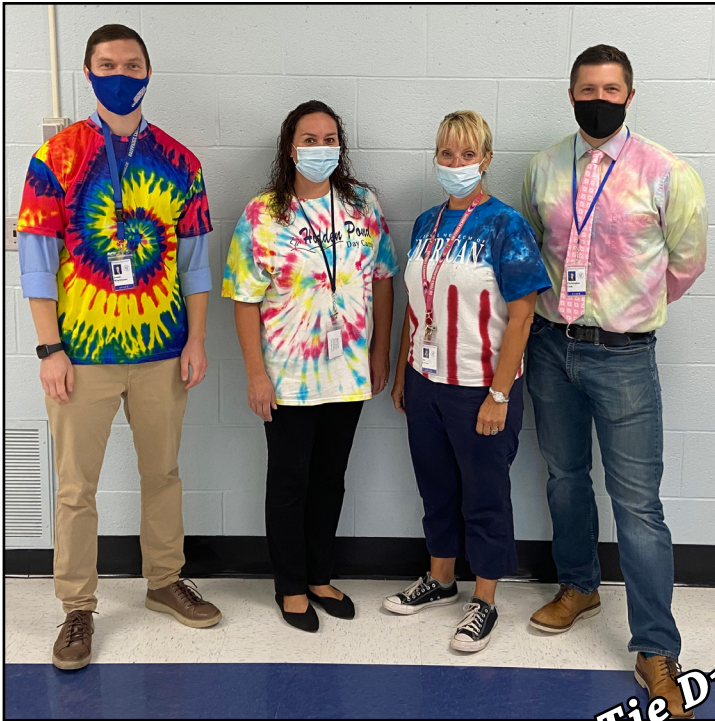
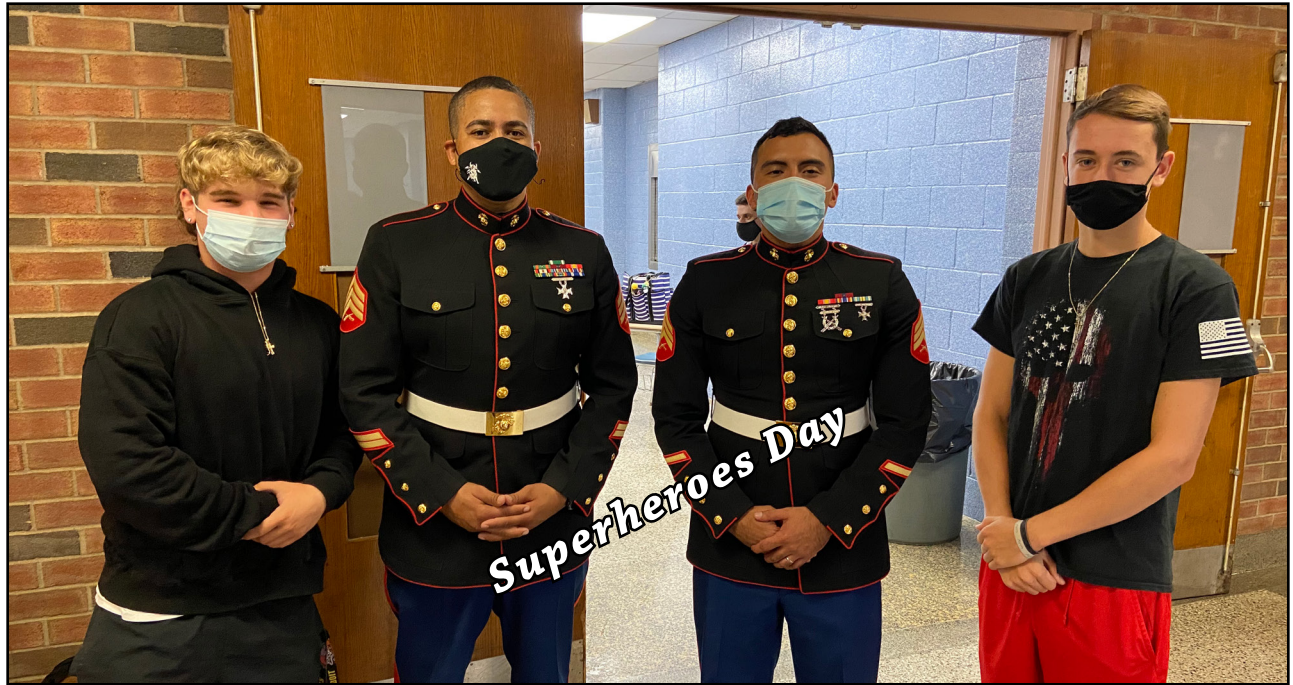






Decades Day

Superheroes Day





Hauppauge School District

REFERENDUM VOTE

Sale of Whiporwil School Building
495 Hoffman Lane

Thursday, October 21, 2021

The Hauppauge School District will be holding a "Referendum Vote" on Thursday, October 21, 2021 regarding the sale of the Whiporwil School Building. Below are some important dates of informational sessions that will be held for the Hauppauge Community to learn more about the sale and upcoming vote.

October 6, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. at Hauppauge High School Auditorium

October 19, 2021 - 8:00 p.m. at Board of Education Meeting

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Referendum Vote

Thursday, October 21, 2021 - 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Please join us to learn more about this important matter and how it will impact the Hauppauge School District.

HAUPPAUGE HOMECOMING

2021

October 2nd



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH FROM 1-3

WHERE: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PARKING LOT

ENTRY FEE: \$5

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SHARE & CARE AND THE
MICHAEL SEDA SCHOLARSHIP**



**PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE ITEM FOR OUR
THANKSGIVING BASKETS.**

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, 10/31 1-3 PM



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS FOR OUR STUDENTS

The call was put out recently for donations for the "4th Annual School Supply Drive" which benefited the Smithtown Children's Foundation - Hauppauge Chapter. A "ton" of donations were received from the community to provide our students with backpacks and school supplies this year.

We have an active and generous community who are always there to help. We thank you!



BASIC NEEDS

Studies have shown that starting the school year with the necessary school supplies promotes learning, boosts self-esteem, and helps keep kids in school. Unfortunately as states have cut school spending, school are providing less and parents are being asked to purchase even more school supplies for their children. Amid the COVID-19 uncertainty, school supply drives are greatly needed. Even if students are learning virtually, they still require the basic pen, pencil and notebook to learn.

2021 GOALS

Each year we reach out to the School to see how many students were considered in need. In previous years, the numbers were in the 40s, however this year that number jumped to over 160 students- in ONE school district! Our ultimate goal is to give students with the basic needs to attend classes and be able to learn.



4TH ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

To benefit the
Smithtown Children's
Foundation,
Hauppauge Chapter

OUR WHY

The Smithtown Children's Foundation is a NY State not for profit, 501(c)(3), providing financial and emotional support to families residing within the local towns. The founders are all Smithtown residents with children in the School districts, and are from various backgrounds.

Originally formed in 2008 to help a local kindergartener diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma, but grew to something bigger that would help the entire community. In an effort to assist even more families, the Foundation enlisted the help of Jennifer Hauppauge wife, mother and former small business owner, and a pediatrician. When she needed to step down as the Executive Director, Jennifer O'Brien graciously offered to take on the role as our new Executive Director. Jennifer's business background, marketing expertise and love for giving back to her community made her the perfect fit.

DONATIONS POURED IN

Holly Glick, local Hauppauge Resident and Volunteer for the Smithtown Children's Foundation, saw a need to create a larger platform for their annual School Supply Drive. As a Girl Scout Troop Leader, and Corporate Worker- she leveraged her connections with the community and these organizations to create a broader outreach to reach more to help contribute to this worthy cause. Her first collection in 2018 was successful, and has increased every year- making this year her most successful collection ever. From July 1- August 31st, over 4,000 school items were collected and donated to the Hauppauge School District.



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

An [Amazon wishlist](#) was created this year, so that donations can be made throughout the year. Want to be a Sponsor and become a Friend of the Foundation? Contact Jennifer O'Brien by calling (631)371-9178, email jenn@insurewithjenn.com, or fill out the Contact Us form [click here](#). To make a one time donation, click on the donate button above or [click here](#).

To learn more on how to start a chapter in your town, contact Christine Fitzgerald (516) 835-1219 or fitzybcbcf@optonline.net.



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