

Horizons

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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! Here are some great photos from all of the fun around the schools!











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MIDDLE SCHOOL 6th GRADE DANCE















MIDDLE SCHOOL 7th/8th GRADE DANCE



Thank you Frank Bayer Photos!

HIGH SCHOOL CLUB MEMBERS COME TOGETHER FOR SAFE HALLOWEEN EVENT

High school club members held a special "Safe Halloween" event for our school community on Saturday, October 30th at the high school. Originally slated to be a "Trunk or Treat" event, a last minute change due to weather brought the fun indoors. It was one of their biggest Safe Halloweens ever!

This event was run by the French Club. Twenty high school clubs and their advisors, as well as two art teachers from the elementary schools, the Hauppauge Rotary Club, and the PTA all participated to make this an unforgettable event for the kids. Each group had a different theme and game or activity for the children to enjoy. For example, the French



Club had an "Eiffel Tower Beret Toss" and the German Club had a "Quidditch" game. All of the tables also handed out candy, of course, which was donated by the club members and the PTA.

All of the proceeds for this event are going to "Share & Care" and the "Michael Seda Scholarship." Everyone who attended was also asked to bring in a non-perishable food item for the Thanksgiving food drive. "Share & Care" distributes the food to our Hauppauge families in need for the Holidays. The Rotary Club will be donating turkeys as well as some gift cards.



SAFE HALLOWEEN

The clubs and the advisors that participated and worked hard to bring this event to our community's children are listed below with their table's themes:

French Club (Rigaud) Theme: Disneyland Paris German Club (Cardi) Theme: Hogwarts

Spanish Club (Tiedemann & Mauro Rayo)Theme: Halloween Movies National Honor Society (Lynch & Shehigian) Theme: Lilo & Stitch/Hawaii

Model UN (Shehigian) Theme: Minions Tri-M (Goldenbaum) Theme: Musical Candy Land Drama Club (Pincus) Theme: Halloween

Social Awareness/SADD (Ruffini) Theme: Circus/Carnival

GSA (Sidwell) Theme: Scooby Doo Best Buddies (Viggiano) Theme: Toy Story DECA (Hufnagel) Theme: Sports Chess Club (Reiff)Theme: Ghostbusters

English Honor Society/Ethics Bowl (Darbee) Theme: Justice League

HHS Dance Company (Cavuto)Theme: Monster's Inc
Natural Helpers (Griffin) Theme: Tropical/Hotel Transylvania 3

Scratchboard / Young artists and Writers (Lang) Theme: Bats & Spooky Graveyard

Interact (Shapiro) Theme: Marvel

Student council (Lasurdo) Theme: It's the Great Pumpkin

Elisabeth Anziano & Tracey DeRose (Elementary School Art Teacher) Theme: Cats & Dogs

Hauppauge Rotary (Annette Savino)
Sophomore Class (Shehigian) Theme: Pirates
Environmental Club
PTA

Thank you to everyone involved in "Safe Halloween!" This was a tremendous effort and very much appreciated by all those who attended!





SAFE HALLOWEEN













HIGH SCHOOL DANCERS PERFORM AT "SAFE HALLOWEEN"

On Saturday, October 30th, the Hauppauge high school dance classes performed as part of the Safe Halloween/Trick or Trunk event at the HS. The dancers, directed by teacher Carolyn Cavuoto, performed their Thriller dance for the kids and then invited the little ones onto the dance floor for some Freeze Dance fun!!

Lots of fun, and candy, were had by all!! Here are some great photos of the fun! Thank you to Frank Bayer Photography for providing some of the photos!









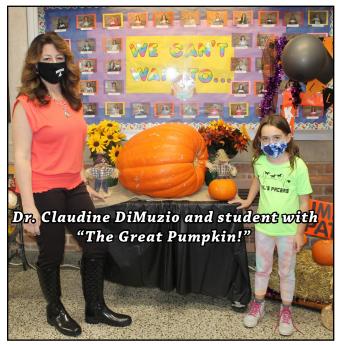
FALL COMES TO PINES ELEMENTARY WITH FUN EVENTS FOR THE STUDENTS

By Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, Principal

Fall came to Pines Elementary School in a very big way this year! Throughout the month of October, we had several events that allowed us to celebrate the arrival of fall as a school community. Our front entrance received a makeover as Mrs. Rubino, from Seasonal 'Scapes, decorated our entrance with a fall-themed display. It was a joy to watch as students and staff were greeted by this beautiful display each day this month.

The Big Pumpkin visited our school again this year. In keeping up with our traditional "Guess the Weight" pumpkin contest, Mr. Gries, a former Pines parent and owner of Michael's Nursery in Commack, delivered a giant pumpkin to Pines. Every student had the opportunity to guess the weight of the pumpkin and there were five students who guessed the correct number! The winner of the raffle among these 5 students took the giant pumpkin home.







The Pines PTA Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch was another huge success this year. All kindergarten stu-

dents planted magic pumpkin seeds on Thursday, October 21st. The following morning, there were pumpkins waiting for each kindergarten student along with fall-themed activities. The Pines PTA also held their first Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 23rd. Pines students were invited to trick or treat through a display of beautifully decorated cars in the front parking lot. Seasonal activities were also included to add to the festive spirit. It was great fun to see students, parents, and several staff members participate in this event. Thank you to the Pines PTA for starting this new tradition!

Thank you to everyone who helped bring fall spirit to Pines ES!

PINES FALL EVENTS - TRUNK OR TREAT

The Pines PTA would like to thank Dr. DiMuzio and all the teachers, staff and students who participated in our first Trunk or Treat! 15 cars were beautifully decorated and over 150 students attended! In addition, Pines families graciously donated a total of 171 pairs of socks! The socks will be donated to The Phoenix House of Hauppauge. The "Guess the Number of Candy Corns" contest was a huge hit. There was a total of 660 candies in the jar and the winner of the contest was Ryan Napolitano in Mrs. Lemonacos Pre K class. Ryan's guess was 643 candies.









PINES FALL EVENTS - PUMPKIN PATCH





















NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

The New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) recently sponsored "School Board Recognition Week" to recognize school board members for their commitment to New York public school-children. It is an opportunity to raise community awareness and understanding about the crucial role school board members have within a school district. They are individuals within the community who dedicate their time to improving public education.

With schoolchildren their primary focus, school board members:

- Create a shared vision for the future of education
- Set the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance
- Provide accountability for student achievement results
- Develop a budget and present it to the community
- Align district resources to improve achievement
- Support a healthy school district culture in which to work and to learn
- And much more!

The Hauppauge School Community would like to recognize and thank our Hauppauge Board of Education Members for their hard work and commitment to the students of the Hauppauge Public School District. Pictured below are the members of the 2021/2022 Hauppauge Board of Education.



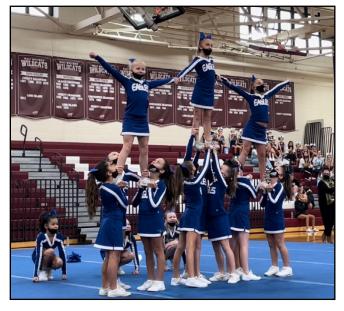
You Make a Difference Thank You for all you do!

GO TEAM GO! HAUPPAUGE YOUTH CHEER COMPETITION TEAM IS GOING STRONG!

The Hauppauge Youth Cheer Competition Team officially kicked off their season recently. They took 2nd place at the "PAC Fest," a competition/expo inlcusive of teams from Suffolk and Nassau counties. On October 24th, the team competed at the Suffolk County Youth Cheer Competition hosted at Walt Whitman High School and they took first place!

The team is comprised of 4th and 5th graders from Forest Brook, The Pines and Bretton Woods. Their members are:

Ashlyn Bagley
Julia Cerrato
Juliette Conte
Marina D'Allessandro
Lea Eaton
Caroline Fusco
Mia Green
Mia Gallarello
Layla Kennedy
Taylor Lombardi
Sophia Nehr
Adelise O'Brien
Vivienne O'Brien
Victoria Reyes
Eva Stein



These girls are off to a great start! We look forward to hearing about more of their accomplishments!



DON'T CALL HIM "MR. BUS DRIVER." JUST CALL HIM "KARL." THIS SCHOOL BUS DRIVER IS A SPECIAL FRIEND TO HIS STUDENT PASSENGERS

Karl Sundquist is a bus driver with Suffolk Transportation. He has driven for them for the past eight years of his twelve years as a bus driver. Mr. Sundquist began driving a bus after retiring from his job at LILCO, now known as PSEG.

To say that Karl is a special bus driver is an understatement. He is more than that to his student passengers and their parents. He has become a special, trusted friend. With his easygoing personality and comfortable way, the children he drives know that he respects them and they show him that same respect in return.

This past Friday was Karl's birthday, and students and parents once again showed their love and apreciation for him by giving him cards and recognizing his special day. They also remember him on all of the holidays. In turn, he likes to show the kids his appreciation for them. He loves to dress as Santa at Christmas and on St. Patrick's day, he gives the kids leprechauan hats to wear and they love it!

Karl loves doing his job. He is working through his retirement, but it doesn't feel like work to him. He said he will really retire "when driving a bus turns into a job."

Karl Sundquist being honored at a Veterans Day Assembly at Forest Brook

One of the highlights of this job for him is how inquisitive the little ones are. He said they are full of so many questions and he likes when he has time while they are waiting to enter the building or pull



out from the building to answer their questions. When students asked about his clock, he took it as an opportunity to teach them about telling time and showing them when it is time to go in or leave. He also loves to give them riddles. One recent one was "What building has the most stories?" A library of course! He also showed them a recent riddle with numbers and is sure the kids took that one home to stump their parents after he showed them how to do it! He also likes the bus drills as it is an opportunity for him to teach the students bus safety and what to do in an emergency.

Forest Brook, Dr. Kristen Reingold, said the following about Karl, "Karl is one of our beloved bus drivers at Forest Brook Elementary School. What makes him stand out is the connections he makes with the students. Every year Karl dresses up on Halloween, and when you see Santa driving during the holidays, you know that bus X has arrived. Karl is a Navy veteran and we are honored to recognize him every year at our Veterans Day assembly. We are thankful to Karl for his service to our country and the Hauppauge School District!

Karl receives many cards with notes from the parents of his kids throughout the year. One special note from a parent sticks with him. It said in part, "I never knew a bus driver could make such a difference, until one did."

Thank you, Karl, for being a special member of our school district family!



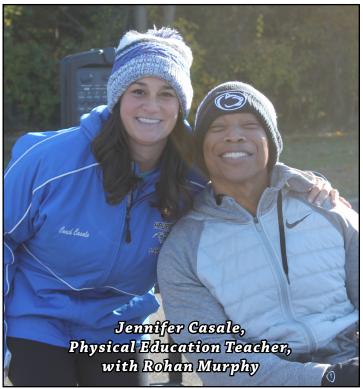
BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS ENJOY AN INSPIRATIONAL VISIT WITH ROHAN MURPHY

Rohan Murphy is a nationally recognized youth speaker that has spoken in over 40 states. Rohan, who lost his legs at birth, started to wrestle during his freshman year of high school. After a successful high school wrestling career, he went on to wrestle at Penn State University. In addition to wrestling, Rohan Murphy is also an accomplished powerlifter, competing in international competitions all over the world representing the USA.

He has an inspirational message that describes how any life circumstances can be overcome with motivation and perseverance. It is Rohan Murphy's hard work, dedication and perseverance that allowed him to reach his life goals. He is a role model and source of inspiration to us all. He has lived a whole life motivating people by his actions, and he is now motivating the youth of America with his words.

All of the students and staff enjoyed his visit.









BRETTON WOODS VISIT WITH ROHAN MURPHY







BAND, CHORUS, AND ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS RESUME

Bretton Woods, Forest Brook, and The Pines resumed their elementary band, chorus, and orchestra rehearsals for the first time since March of 2019!

Here are some photos of the different groups rehearsing. We are happy to have the "band" back together!

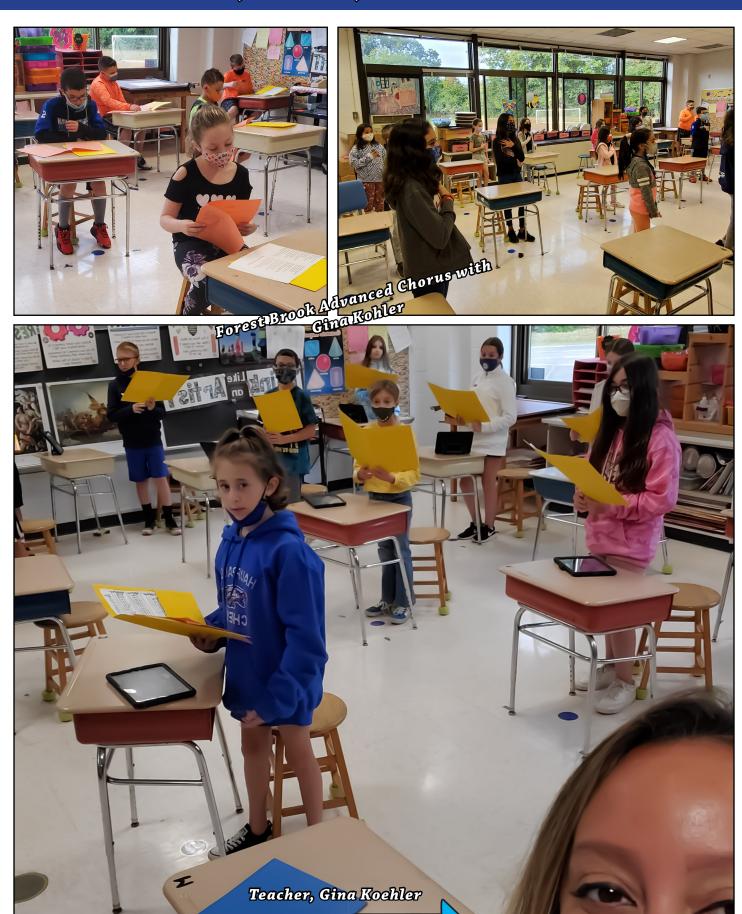




























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