



# Horizons

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## CLASS OF 2022 VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, AND 100.0+ GPA STUDENTS ARE ANNOUNCED BY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, JOSEPH WIECKHORST

High School Principal, Joseph Wieckhorst, is proud to announce the Class of 2022 Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and those students who maintained a 100.0+ GPA through Quarter 2 of this year.

Valedictorian  
*Joseph Mathew*



Salutatorian  
*Varsha Saravanan*



Students with a 100.0+ GPA

*James Abruzzo*  
*Griffin Capece*

*Elizabeth Furman*  
*Chiara Henselder*

*Matthew Partridge*  
*Sahishnu Sagiraju*

*Gabriella Salvia*  
*Melody Zhu*

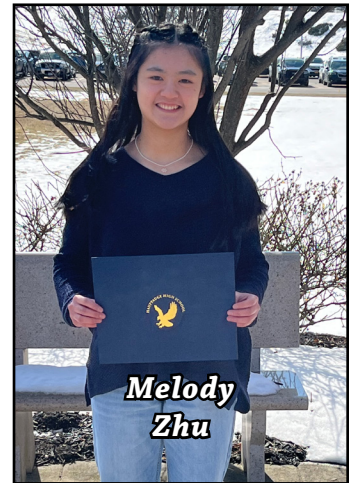
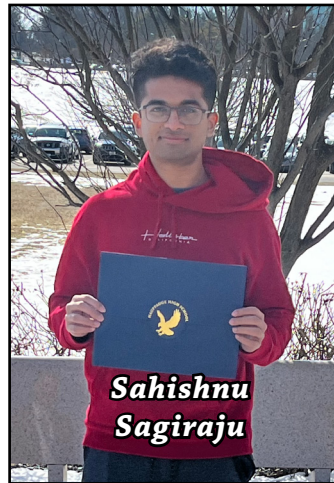


*Left to right are: Chiara Henselder, Sahishnu Sagiraju, Griffin Capece, Joseph Mathew, James Abruzzo, Elizabeth Furman, Gabriella Salvia, Varsha Saravanan, Melody Zhu*  
*Missing from the photo is Matthew Partridge.*

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## *Class of 2022 - Top Students*





# HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM IS GOING TO THE STATES!

On Saturday February 12th, Hauppauge High School hosted the 2022 Eastern Long Island Division C Science Olympiad Regional Competition. We had two teams compete and they did a fantastic job! The teams earned 16 medals and our Team A earned 6th place overall, earning themselves an invitation to compete at the State Competition held in Syracuse in March.

Below are the results of the individual students who earned medals, as well as a list of the students who are on the state qualifying team.

## 2022 Eastern Long Island - Regional Results Hauppauge High School

### Astronomy

10th Place - Sadiq Shaik & Sajal Varshney

### Bridge

6th Place - Pranav Lanka & Rithika Katla

7th Place - Srihan Adabala & Svanik Shahu

### Cell Biology

4th Place - Liz Furman & Navya Gautam

7th Place - Mihika Grandhi & Israel Rojas

### Detector Building

9th Place - Sri Sagiraju & Keertana Madhira

### Environmental Chemistry

8th Place - Mihika Grandhi & Keertana Madhira

9th Place - Snehal Adabala & Navya Gautam

### Gravity Vehicle

7th Place - Rachel Ma & Kashi Benkal

### Green Generation

6th Place - Navya Gautam & Dharmik Namineni

### Ornithology

2nd Place - Liz Furman & Rithika Katla

### Ping Pong Parachute

4th Place - Sri Sagiraju & Svanik Shahu

7th Place - Pranav Lanka & Viraaj Hedge

### Rocks & Minerals

9th Place - Liz Furman & Kashi Benkal

### Trajectory

4th Place - Rachel Ma & Sreenand Mallisetty

### Wright Stuff

9th Place - Sreenand Malisetty & Viraaj Hegde



# Science Olympiad

## State Qualifying Team (6th Place Overall)

Snehal Adabala  
Matvey Baranov  
Kashi Benkal  
Liz Furman  
Navya Gautam

Viraaj Hedge  
Rithika Katla  
Pranav Lanka  
Rachel Ma  
Sreenand Mallisetty

Dharmik Namineni  
Jared Palahnuk  
Sharvani Rao  
Sahi Sagiraju

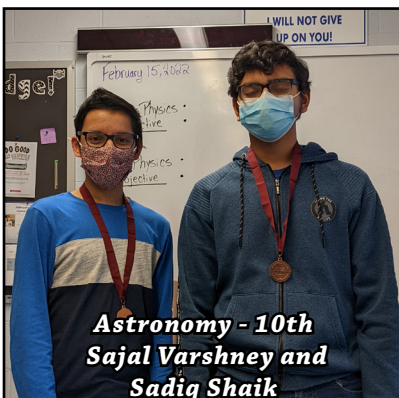


**Science Olympiad State Qualifying Team  
with Coaches Dennis Petercsak and Briana Becker**

Coaches Dennis Petercsak and Briana Becker are extremely proud of all the hard work the students continue to put in. They also would like to thank everyone who assisted in making the day a huge success!

Carolyn Heck, HS Science Teacher  
Mike Foley, HS Science Teacher  
Rob Wankmuller, Science Department Director  
Christine Sammon, HS Science TA  
Grace Kunzig, HS TA  
Linda Feld, HS TA  
Sue Morrissey, HS TA  
Maria Kettell, HS TA

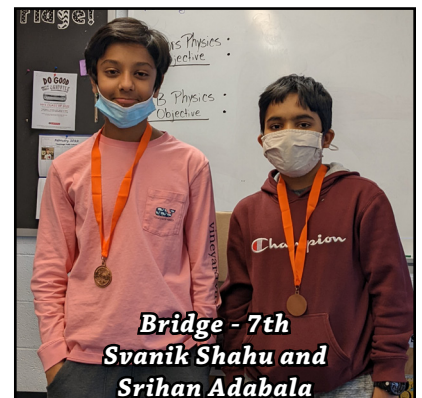
Jocelyn Hanley-Pendleton, Student Council Advisor  
Stacey Lasurdo, Student Council Advisor  
High School Administration Team  
District Administration Team  
High School Custodial Team  
High School Security Team  
Student Council Student Volunteers  
National Honor Society Student Volunteers



**Astronomy - 10th  
Sajal Varshney and  
Sadiq Shaik**



**Bridge - 6th  
Rithika Katla and  
Pranav Lanka**

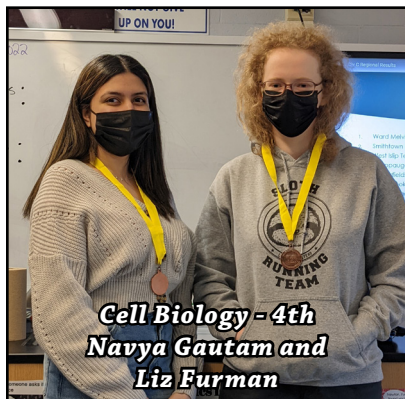


**Bridge - 7th  
Svanik Shahu and  
Srihan Adabala**

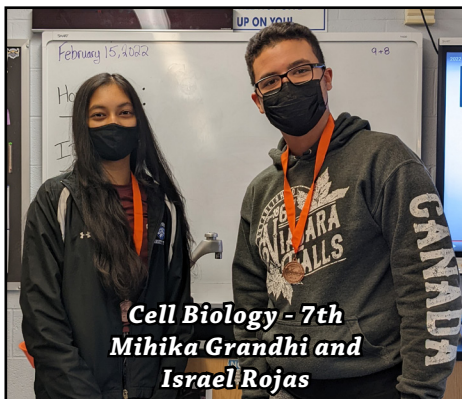
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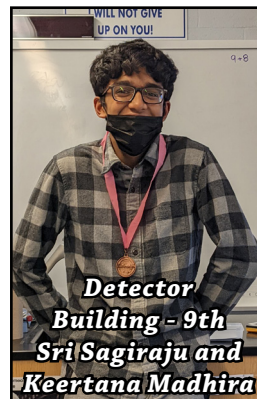
# Science Olympiad



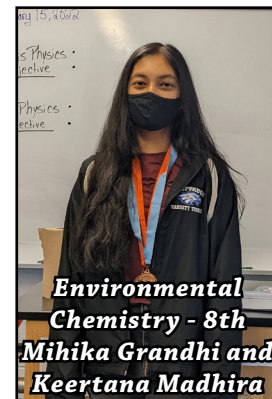
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**Liz Furman**



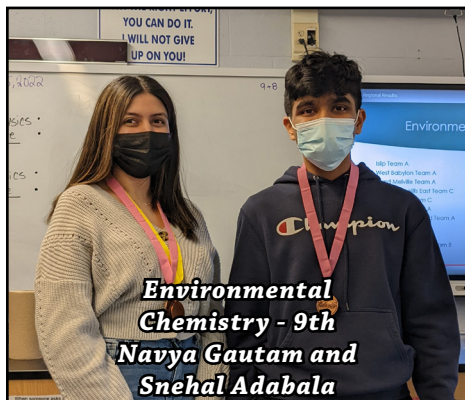
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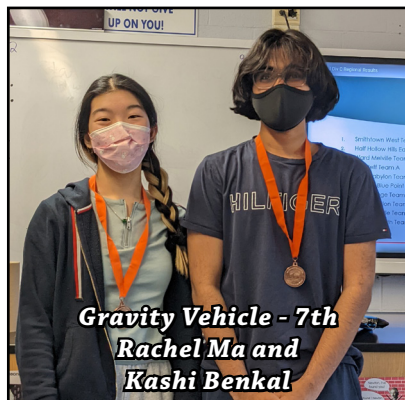
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**Keertana Madhira**



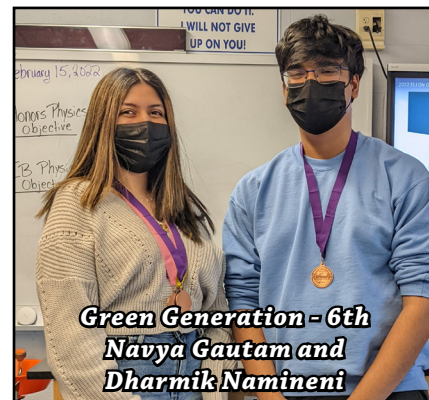
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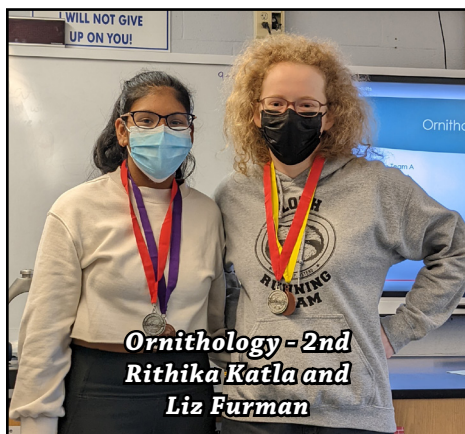
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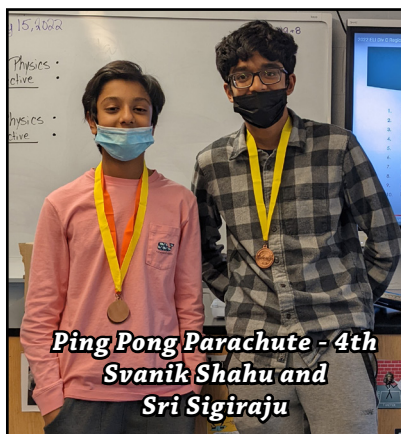
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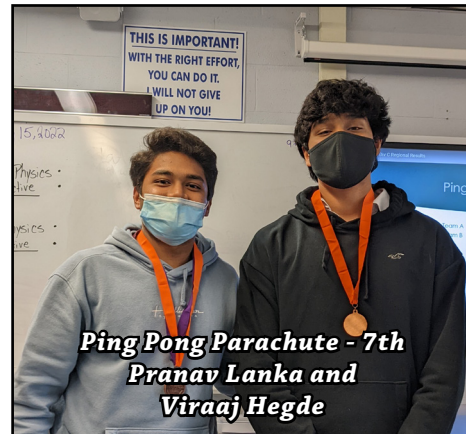
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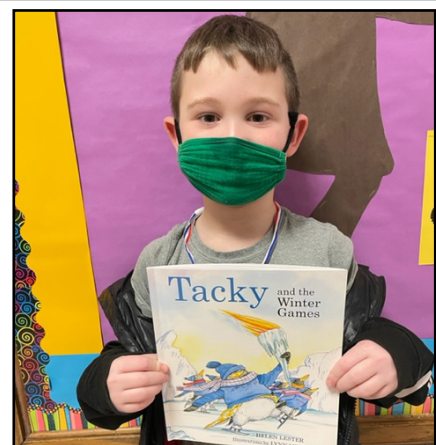
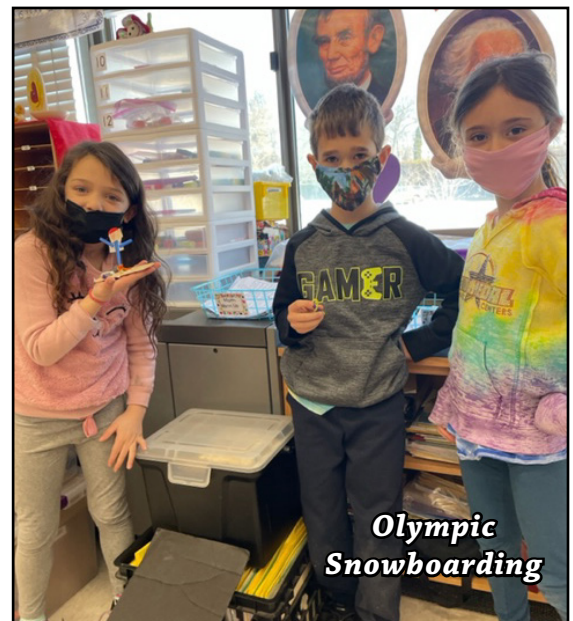
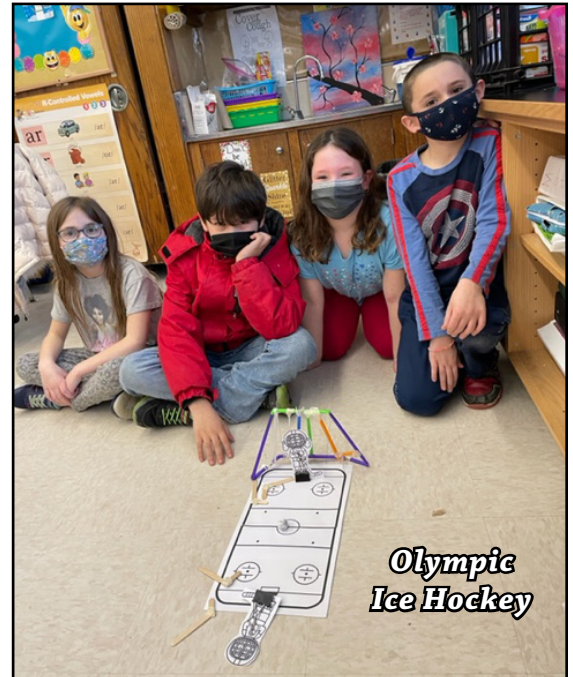


# THE WINTER OLYMPICS HAVE COME TO FOREST BROOK

The Winter Olympics came to Room 103 at Forest Brook on 2/16/22. Second grade students in Mrs. Cipri and Mrs. Ricker's class worked in teams to complete STEM challenges for a snowboarding and hockey event. For our first Olympic event, students were challenged to create a snowboarder that was attached on top. The teams then took turns having their snowboarders travel down a halfpipe. A final race between all the snowboarders ended in a tie, securing gold medals for all participants in this event!

For our second Olympic event, students worked together to create a hockey net that was used during a popsicle stick hockey game. After some successful shots on net and a few slapshots, all teams tied, securing another gold medal win for all!

Class 2-1 enjoyed a silly story in the afternoon, called "Tacky and the Winter Games" about a unique penguin who likes to do things his own way. The class laughed together at all the silly ways that Tacky participated with his team, and cheered him on as he won the Gold Medal at the end! To finish off the day, second graders participated in closing ceremonies and proudly wore their gold medals to celebrate their effort and hard work.





# HAUPPAUGE SCHOOLS CELEBRATE "PS I LOVE YOU DAY"

All of our District schools celebrated "PS I Love You Day" on Friday, February 11th. This year's theme was "One Step at a Time." It is held every second Friday of February and everyone is asked to wear purple to stand up against bullying, help end depression, and ultimately prevent suicide. The hope is to spread positive messages that make you feel special, loved, and remind you that you are never alone.

"PS I Love You Day" began twelve years ago in nearby West Islip. It was started by student, Brook DiPalma. Here is her story:

*On April 23rd, 2010, just one week after her fourteenth birthday, the DiPalma family experienced a tragedy. On that beautiful Friday morning, Brooke was dropped off at middle school by her father, Joseph DiPalma. Joey was a man who was always smiling, laughing, and was very involved in the community. On her way out of the car, her father said, "I Love You" and she said, "I Love You" back. Little did she know, only hours later, she would be taken out of school and told that her father died by suicide. Brought home to a scene nobody should ever see, she felt let down, lost, and unsure of where to turn.*

*Just one month and a day before the DiPalma family lost the glue that bonded their family, West Islip lost a high school senior to suicide also. Both these suicides brought the town together and made each person realize just how truly precious life is. However, "Tragedy should not be the force for togetherness; Togetherness should be the force that ends tragedies."*

*Seven months later, as Brooke was thinking about what she had faced, she remembered the last three words her father said to her, "I Love You." Brooke took those three words and with the help of her high school's class club and family, she created "P.S. I Love You Day."*

Here are some photos from the schools in our District as they participated in this special day. As the theme said: "One Step at a Time ... Every day is not perfect, but we can get through anything, One Step at a Time."





## ***"Respect for All Week" & "PS I Love You Day" - Bretton Woods***

Bretton Woods celebrated "Respect For All Week" in conjunction with "PS I Love You Day." They participated in the following activities during the week:

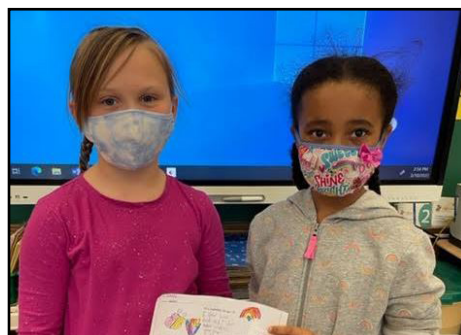
On Monday, the students wrote messages of kindness on purple slips of paper and created a "chain of kindness" for display in the main hallway.

On Tuesday, teachers shared the book "The Story of Ruby Bridges" with their students.

On Wednesday, it was "I can. You can. Be a good friend!" Students and staff were asked to bring in canned food donations to assist a local food pantry.

On Thursday, students were asked to wear red or pink for "Kindness is a Work of Heart." Students sent kind messages to one another.

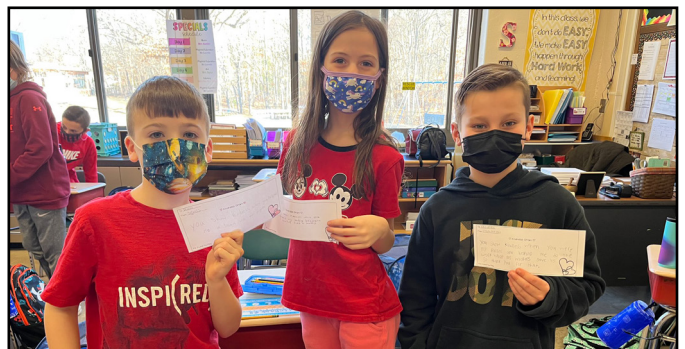
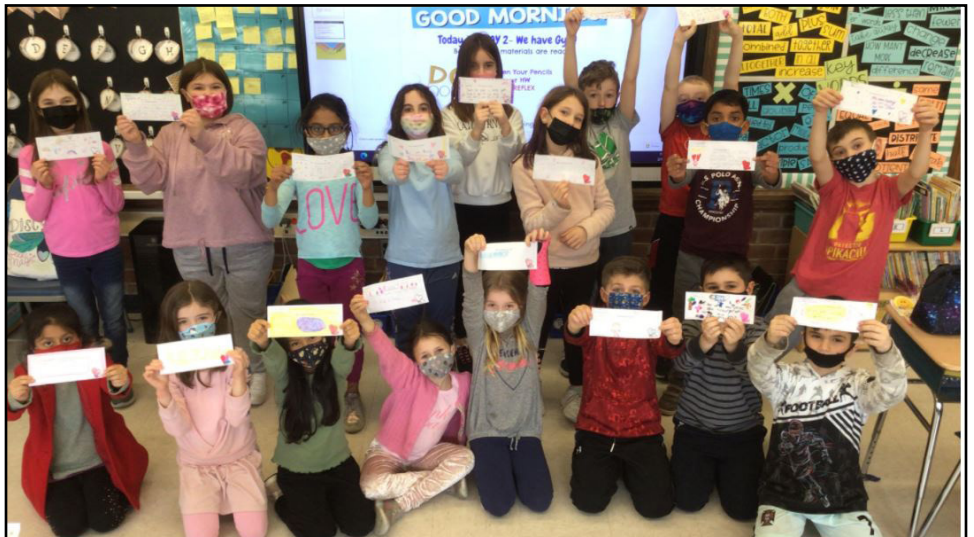
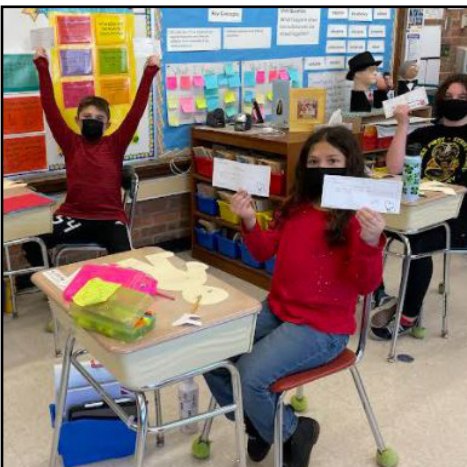
Friday was "PS I Love You Day."



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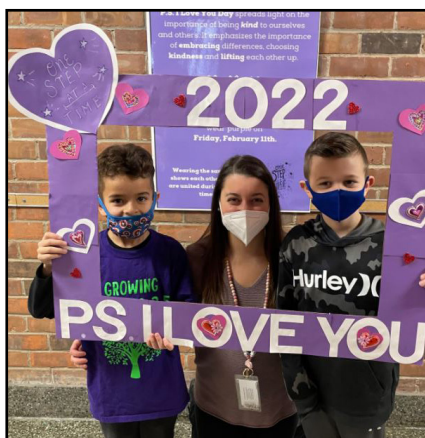
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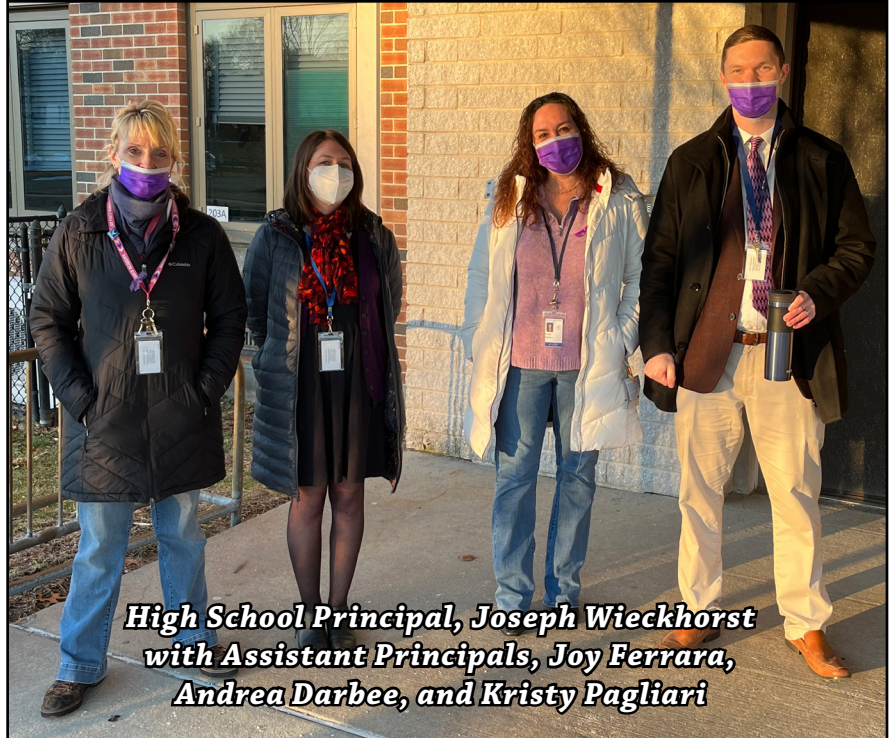
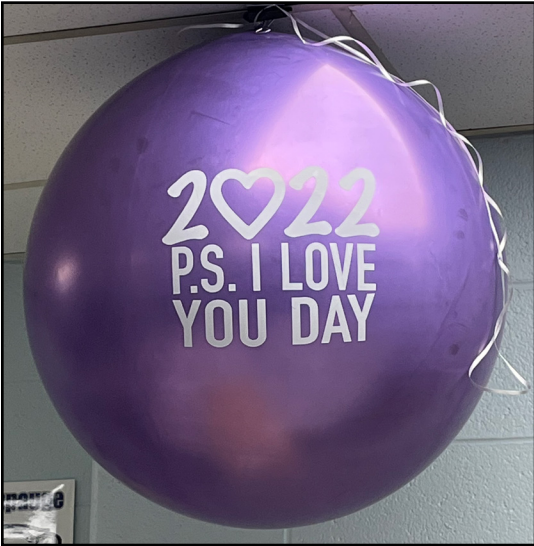
## ***"PS I Love You Day" - Forest Brook***



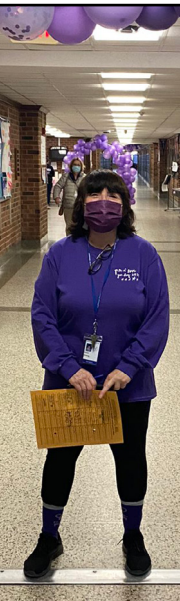
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## ***"PS I Love You Day" - High School***



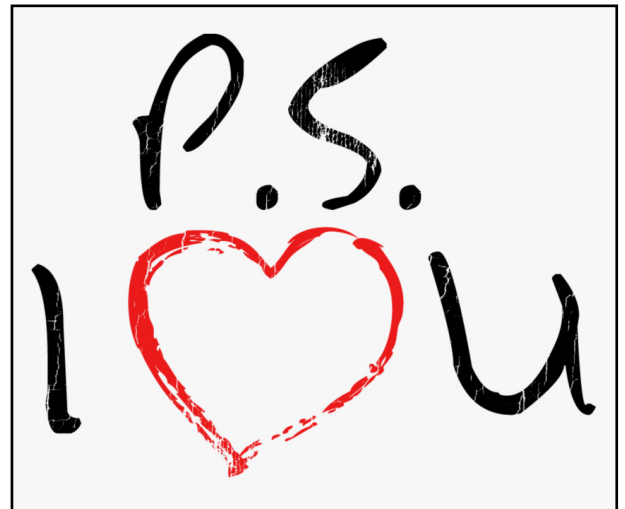
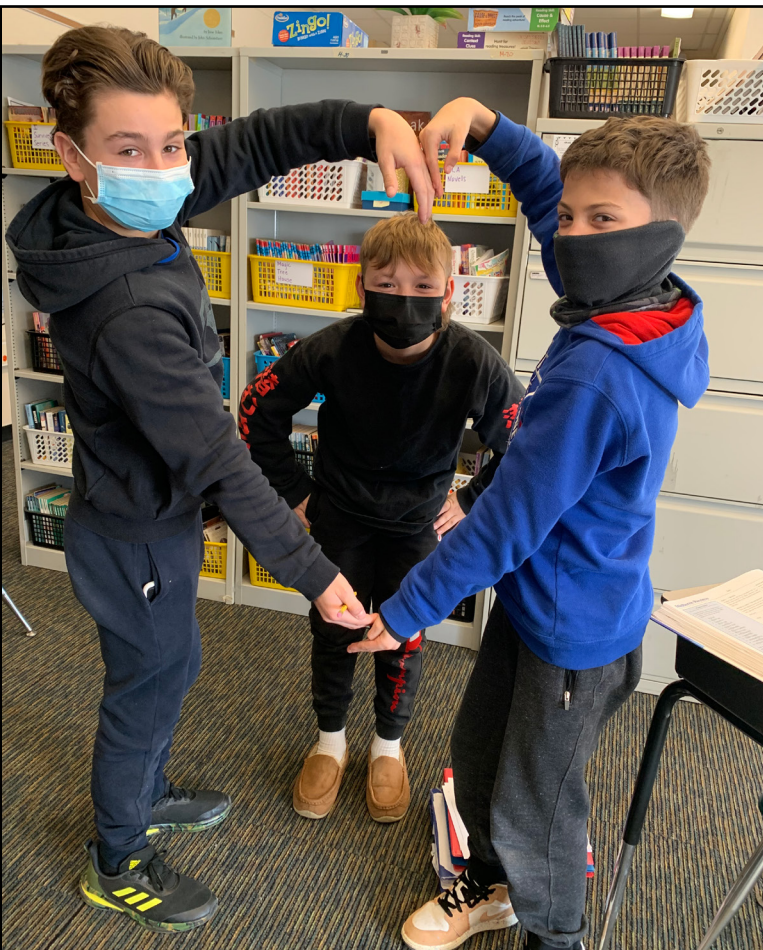
***High School Principal, Joseph Wieckhorst  
with Assistant Principals, Joy Ferrara,  
Andrea Darbee, and Kristy Pagliari***



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## ***"PS I Love You Day" - Middle School***





# PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATED “PS I LOVE YOU DAY” WITH A WEEK FULL OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

By: Dr. Claudine DiMuzio  
Principal of Pines Elementary

Pines Elementary School launched its second annual celebration of P.S. I Love You Week with special messages waiting on our school property for all staff and students to view on February 7, 2022.

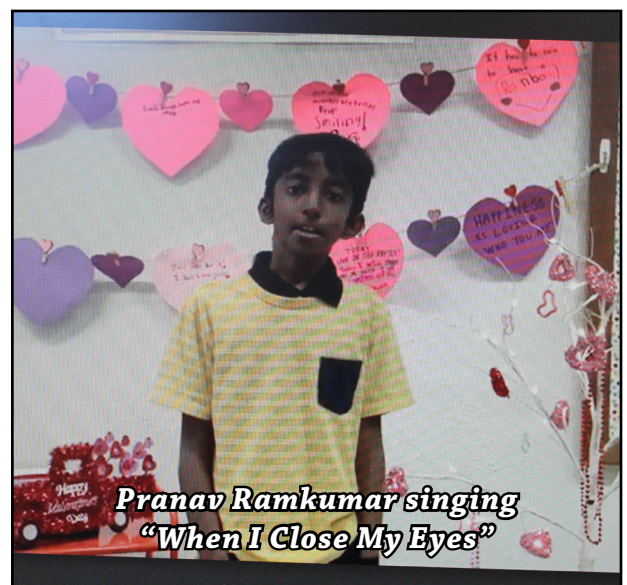
On Monday, every classroom participated in a class read aloud of the February Book of the Month, *How to Apologize*, by David LaRochelle. This was also in preparation of a virtual visit that was planned for February 15th with Mr. LaRochelle. Classroom teachers discussed the book with our students, which included a spotlight on our third component of Choose Love, Forgiveness. The book offered opportunities for students to learn what makes a good apology and what does not make for a good apology. This was a perfect way to launch P.S. I Love You Week!

On Tuesday, students made Valentine's Day cards to thank local healthcare heroes. On Wednesday, students enjoyed a musical video presentation from one of our very own fourth-grade students, Pranav Ramkumar, who sang the song “When I Close My Eyes,” by Jim Papoulis, in an effort to encourage kindness and compassion towards ourselves and others.

On Thursday, every Pines student and staff member received a small token of love, which included a Choose Love bracelet, to serve as a reminder about the importance of choosing love in our lives and to remind us all that we are never alone in our lives.

On Friday, all students received a kindness gram from a classmate and participated in a building-wide parade wearing their purple clothing to remind us to share love and kindness with the world.

When asked about this week at Pines Elementary School, Dr. DiMuzio stated, “I’m extremely proud and honored that the entire school community has embraced this day so warmly. Shedding a light on the importance of our mental health is a cause that I will always be committed to each and every day. I am so grateful for the support of our Pines staff and PTA, who not only provided us with the opportunity to share these special gifts with our staff and students, but they also helped us tremendously with decorating our school on the outside and on the inside. This helped us keep these messages alive throughout the walls of each and every part of Pines Elementary School. I am thrilled at the evolution of this week-long celebration at our school.”





# "PS I Love You Day" - Pines



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## "PS I Love You Day" - Pines



*Special thanks to Pines parent, Aimee Barshay, who made all of the fantastic balloon displays!*





## FOREST BROOK FIFTH-GRADERS CELEBRATE THEIR 1,000th DAY OF SCHOOL

On Friday, February 11th, our Forest Brook fifth-graders celebrated their 1,000th day of school since kindergarten by participating in "Laps For Love." Collectively, they completed 1,000 laps around the school blacktop. This activity also served as a special way to honor "P.S. I Love You Day" as exercise has been proven to be beneficial for mental health.

All in all, it was a fun and healthy way to commemorate these two important events. Here are some great photos from their special day.



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## FOREST BROOK - 1,000 LAPS FOR 1,000 DAYS





## PINES PTA MEMBERS GIVE FACULTY AND STAFF A SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY TREAT

As the Pines staff entered the faculty room on the Monday morning of Valentines Day, they were surprised with a wide variety of Wellness goodies! Edible items such as healthy breakfast bars, fresh fruit, cup-of-soups, Vitamin Water, Emergen C, and a variety of teas were provided. In addition, mini hand sanitizers, hand creams, lip moisturizer, and packets of tissues were available for the taking!

A big thank you to the wonderful Pines PTA for thinking of us and providing us with many items to keep us healthy throughout the cold winter days!





## PINES PRINCIPAL PREPARES SPECIAL SURPRISE FOR HER STAFF

As Pines staff arrived on Friday, February 11th, they smelled a delicious scent wafting from the faculty room. Pines principal, Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, surprised her staff by cooking her special homemade waffles along with “compliment-ary” coffee - personalized coffee cups with a unique message for each and every Pines staff member.

This surprise treat was a gift from Dr. DiMuzio to show her staff how much she loves and appreciates them. PS We Love You too!



*Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, Principal  
Pines Elementary School*





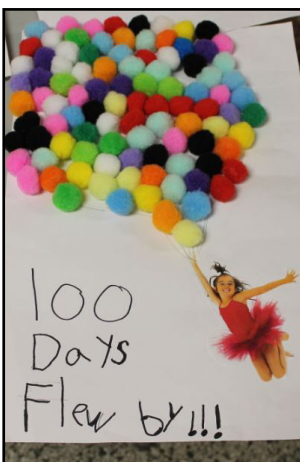
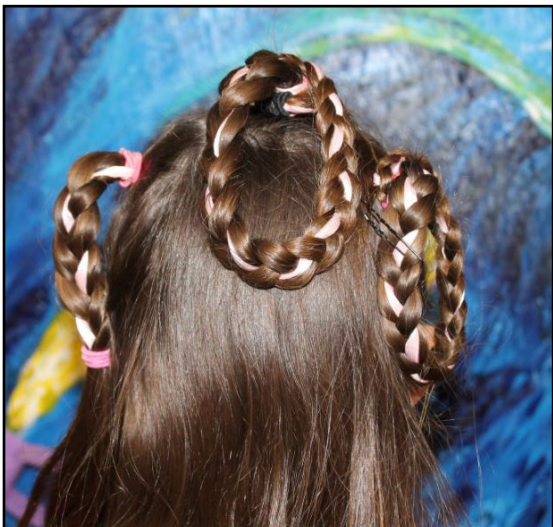
## BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS MARK THEIR 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

On Monday, February 14th the students and staff celebrated the 100th Day of School. As a way of celebrating this momentous occasion, they engaged in a variety of different activities.

Kindergarten students started their celebration by dancing their way to 100. Then they drew 100 gumballs and wrote down 100 words that we found all over their classrooms. They wrapped up their 100th Day of School celebration by making 100th Day crowns and drawing what they would look like at 100 years old!

The Bretton Woods Math Center created a bulletin board in recognition of the 100th Day of School, "Hundreds of Reasons Why We Love Math!" Students and staff received a heart and wrote a reason why they love mathematics.

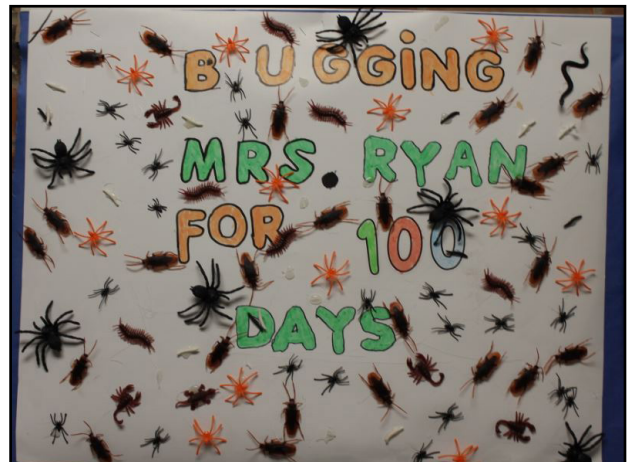
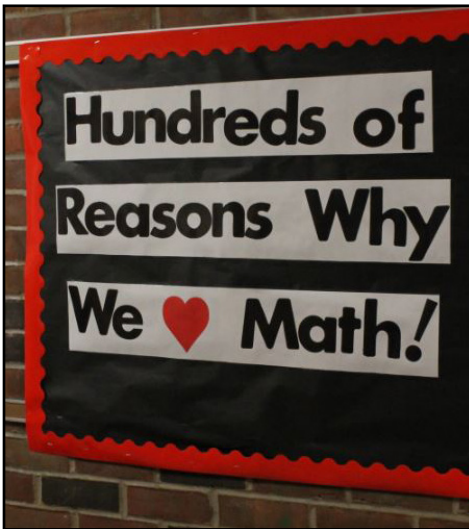
Overall, the day was a great success and now the students are counting down to the end of the school year!



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# BRETTON WOODS - 100 DAYS





## BRETTON WOODS CLASS HELPS TO "SAVE-A-PET"

In conjunction with “Random Acts of Kindness and Respect For All Week,” Class 3-1 read about Betty White. Betty White is a beautiful example of someone who led with kindness and compassion.

Mrs. Kennedy and Class 3-1 organized and collected donations for various supplies for "Save- A- Pet" in Port Jefferson Station. The staff at Bretton Woods and the families of Class 3-1 all contributed. This organization does so much for animals in need and greatly appreciates any and all donations.

A job well done by Mrs. Kennedy's "Clever Cats" in Class 3-1.



**Thank You!!!**





## PINES KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS GO “OLD SCHOOL” TO CELEBRATE THEIR 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

On Tuesday, February 15th, many centenarians were seen in the kindergarten classrooms at Pines Elementary School. Pines kindergarten students celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up as 100-year-old people and partaking in activities such as stringing 100 beads, and making 100 gumballs in a gumball machine using Dot Markers. Students also counted by 1's, 5's and 10's to 100 and filled in “I am 100 days smarter because I can.....” Books were read such as “Jake’s 100th Day of School” and “100th Day Worries.” In 100 seconds students counted how many times they could hop on one foot, clap their hands and write their name.

Here are some photos from their celebration.



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# Pines - 100 DAYS





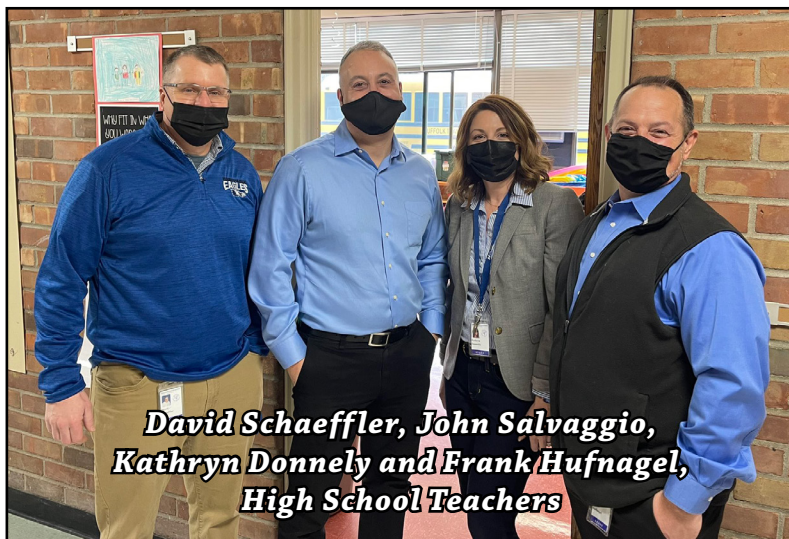
## HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS STUDENTS BRING THE JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM TO FOREST BROOK ELEMENTARY

On Thursday, February 17th, 88 high school business students under the direction of Frank Hufnagel, John Salvaggio, and Kathryn Donnelly, took over Forest Brook Elementary School.

Hauppauge High School has partnered with Junior Achievement to offer a day of learning for all Forest Brook elementary students, grades K-5, in the areas of entrepreneurship, career development, economics, and financial literacy. High School students, in teams of 3-4 students become the teacher for the day throughout the school. All material is age appropriate with fun games, exercises, and discussions.

High School students gain a better understanding of what they have learned in their business classes as they experience what it is like to be a teacher. Elementary students enjoy the day as they are introduced to concepts that will be continued to be developed as we prepare all students for life beyond school.

Last month, the group visited Bretton Woods, and next month they will be visiting the Pines. Here are some wonderful photos from their visit. Some of the students enjoyed being able to teach in the classrooms they once shared with their former teachers!



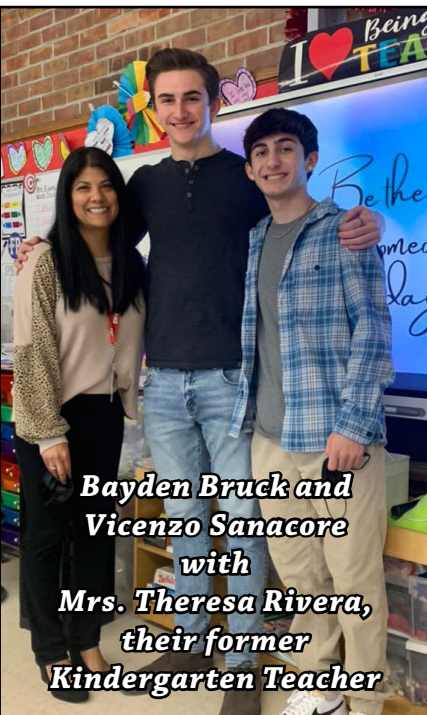
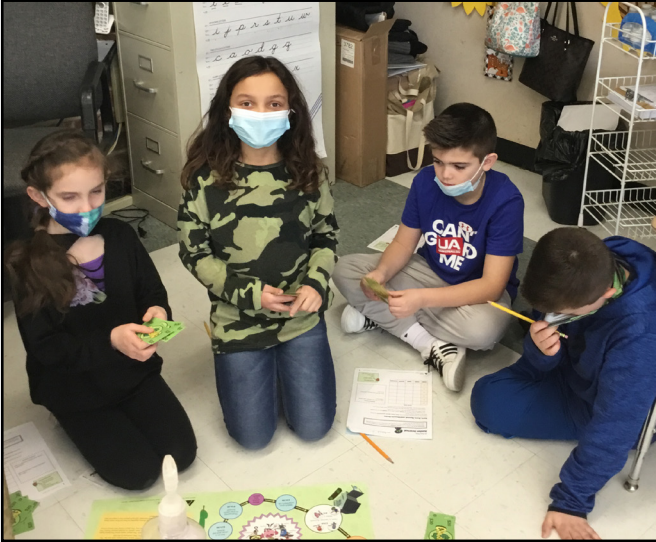
***David Schaeffler, John Salvaggio,  
Kathryn Donnelly and Frank Hufnagel,  
High School Teachers***



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# Junior Achievement at Forest Brook



**Bayden Bruck and  
Vicenzo Sanacore  
with  
Mrs. Theresa Rivera,  
their former  
Kindergarten Teacher**



**Jessica Sconzo with  
former teacher  
Mrs. Margaret Govits,**



**Matvey Baranov**



# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AT EASTERN LONG ISLAND ACADEMY OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

The Eastern Long Island Academy of Applied Technology, Gary D. Bixhorn Technical Center Principal, Nicole Zergebel, and Assistant Principal, Chris D'Ambrosio, are pleased to announce the following Hauppauge High School students have attained second-quarter Honor Roll by showing responsibility in the classroom, commitment to their work ethic, and maintaining a quarterly average of ninety or above with fewer than five absences:

*Sean Goodman - Computer Tech and Repair 2*

*Marco Panepinto - Plumbing and Heating*

*Giovanna Salvaggio - Professional Photo/Digital Imaging*

*Joanna Swienc - Animal Science*

Principal Zergebel said the following about achieving Honor Roll, "The Honor Roll is one of the most significant awards a student can receive. It defines a student who pays attention in class, takes relevant notes, reviews assignments before submission, and engages in improvement, communicates with teachers, has disciplined work habits, creates time for studying and maintains a positive attitude putting forth solid effort each day."

We join Principal Zergebel in congratulating these hard-working students!





## VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM TAKES FIRST STEP IN PLAYOFFS, AND ADVANCES TO NEXT ROUND

The boys Varsity Basketball Team scored big in their playoff game last night. They defeated West Babylon 53-33. They now move on to the next round! Good luck! GO EAGLES!!!

Here are some fantastic photos from the game courtesy of Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photography.



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# Varsity Boys Basketball Team





## DISTRICT OFFICE BULLETIN BOARDS COME TO LIFE WITH ELEMENTARY STUDENT ARTWORK

Our District Office hallways have come to life with some new student artwork! We are so happy that our elementary students have shared their beautiful art with us. Here are photos of the bulletin boards we are all enjoying so much!



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## Bulletin Boards





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