



# Horizons

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## THREE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE POISED TO BEGIN THEIR FUTURE MILITARY CAREERS AT SERVICE ACADEMIES

Three of our high school seniors have their eyes on a military career, and they are poised to begin this future military service as follows:



**Melody Zhu**  
**United States Naval Academy,**  
**Annapolis**



**Jack Rzepecki**  
**Full NROTC Scholarship**  
**Penn State University**



**Kevin Holtje**  
**United States Military**  
**Academy, West Point**  
**(Acceptance Pending)**

Melody Zhu was accepted to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis. Students who wish to attend any of the military academies, must first receive either a Congressional or Senatorial nomination. Melody received both! Melody competed against other seniors in our Congressional District and NY State Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and Congressman Lee Zeldin both granted the nomination to her.

Melody went through a series of interviews - with the Congressman's committee, Senator's committee, and the US Naval Academy's admission committee. Melody also had to go through a rigorous physical fitness assessment and medical evaluation as part of the admission process.

Melody will earn a 4 year Bachelors of Science Degree and be commissioned as an Ensign (or 2nd Lieutenant) in the Navy. The Navy pays 100% of the tuition, room & board and all health care associated with the 4 years. Tuition is valued at \$400,000.

Jack Rzepecki received a full NROTC scholarship to Penn State University. Selected applicants for the Navy ROTC Scholarship are awarded scholarships through a highly competitive national selection process. Jack was interviewed by a panel of active and retired Naval personnel and was selected to receive full tuition, books stipend, educational fees and other financial benefits. Upon graduation, Jack will be commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy. This honor is equivalent to a \$200,000 scholarship.

Kevin Holtje has received a Congressional Nomination from Congressman Lee Zeldin to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point. His acceptance is pending at this time.

We congratulate these students on their chosen paths and thank them for their service.



## HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, VARSHA SARAVANAN, IS A "2022 COCA-COLA SCHOLAR"

Congratulations to high school senior, Varsha Saravanan! She has been named a "2022 Coca-Cola Scholar!" Varsha received the following announcement regarding her selection:

*"You are a game changer – a force for positive change in your community and for good in the world. You inspire us, and we are truly honored to welcome you to the Coca-Cola Scholar family. We hope you will feel at home here with more than 6,400 other visionary leaders dedicated to making the world a better place...just like you.*

*As a member of the 2022 class of Coca-Cola Scholars, you will receive a \$20,000 scholarship award for study at an accredited U.S. college or university of your choice."*

Varsha is one of only 150 students selected as a "2022 Coca-Cola Scholar." There were over 68,000 applicants and 1,617 Semifinalists. This is an awesome achievement!

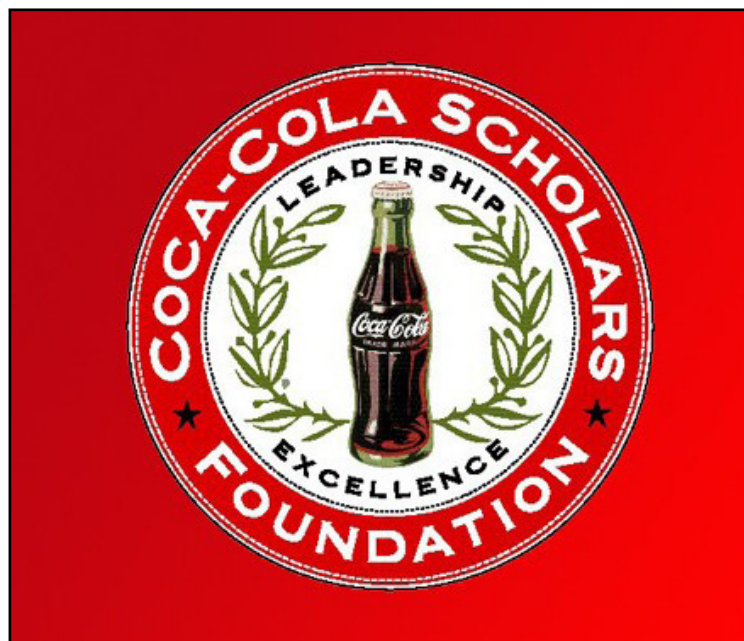
In addition to being a "Coca-Cola Scholar," Varsha is the Class of 2022 Salutatorian! We congratulate Varsha on this outstanding accomplishment and we are very proud to be able to call Varsha one of our own!



**Varsha Saravanan**  
**"2022 Coca-Cola Scholar"**



**Varsha Saravanan**  
**with High School Principal,**  
**Joseph Wieckhorst**





## HAUPPAUGE WRESTLERS COMPETE IN CHAMPIONSHIPS

High School Freshman, Connor Sheridan; Senior, Mikey Manta; and Junior, Frankie Volpe, all qualified for the "NYS Wrestling Championships" held this past weekend. Connor became only the fourth freshman in the history of Hauppauge Wrestling to qualify for the NYS Tournament.

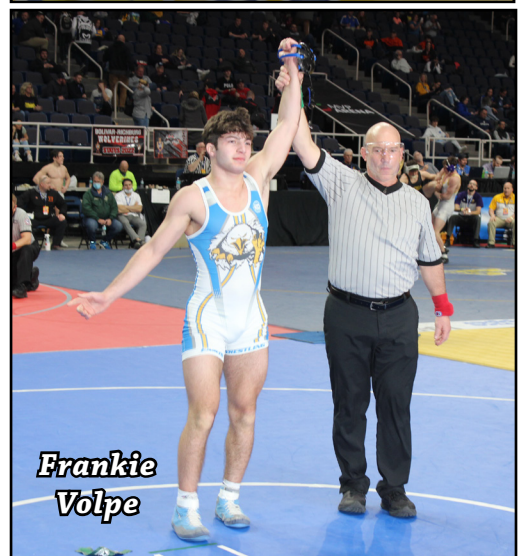
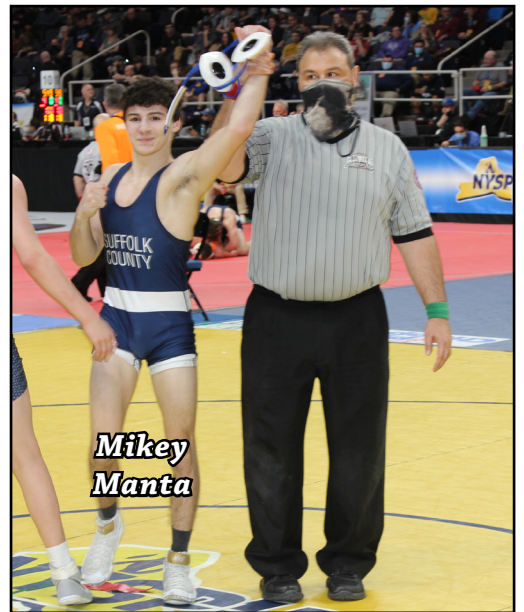
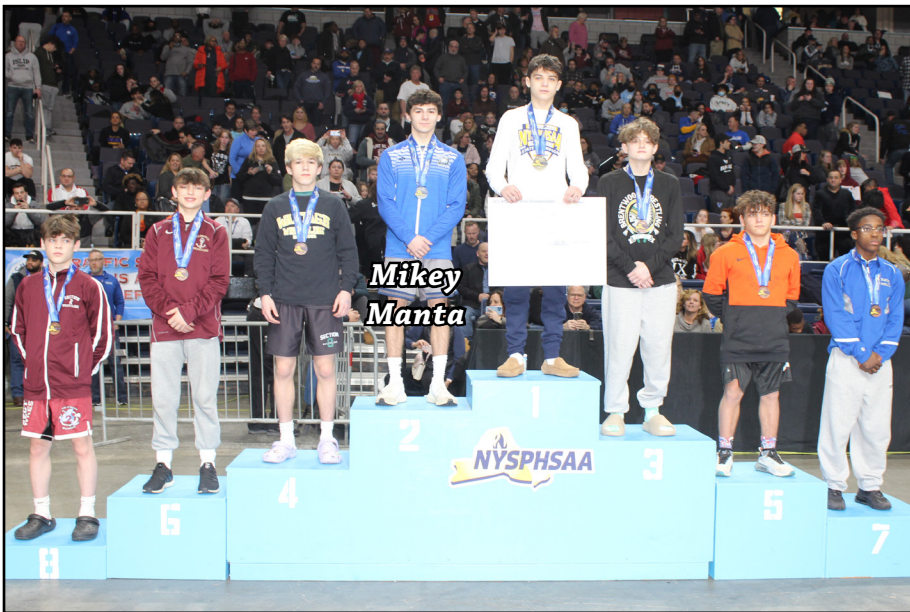
Mikey placed second. He became Hauppauge's 15th finalist in the NYS tournament and finished his career with 116 wins placing him in the "Century Club" for wins in the Suffolk County history books. He was a two-time "NYS Placewinner" and a three-time "All-County" wrestler, and two-time Champion.

Frankie placed third. He has placed twice in the "Suffolk County Championships." He was 3rd this year but wrestled outstandingly in the "NYS Wrestling Tournament" defeating the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th 7th, and 8th seeded wrestlers.

Our Hauppauge team finished in 11th place out of the 135 teams represented in the "NYS Tournament" and was Suffolk County's highest placed team in the tournament.

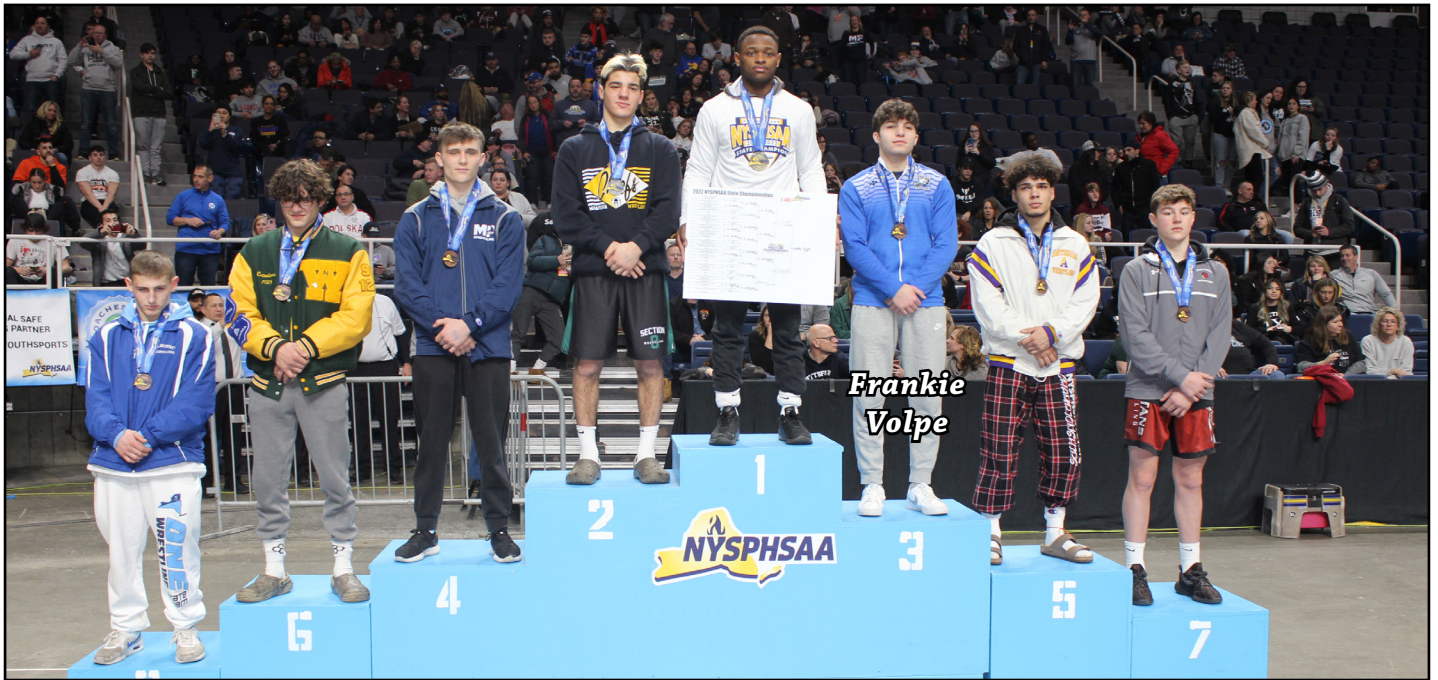
Congratulations also go out to female wrestler, Julia Mullane. Julia competed in the "Female Long Island Wrestling Championships" held at Rocky Point recently, where she placed second!

Here are some photos of these awesome athletes. Thank you to Coach Christopher Messina for providing all of the information and photos. GO WRESTLING EAGLES!!!





# HAUPPAUGE WRESTLERS



**Frankie Volpe**



**Jessica Mullane**



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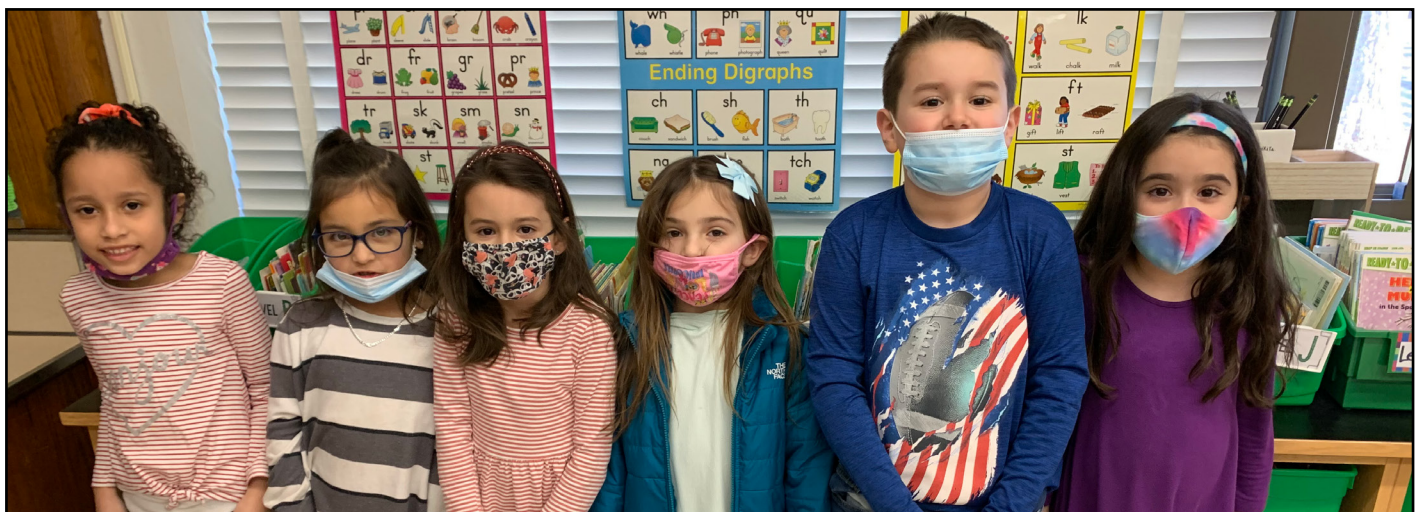
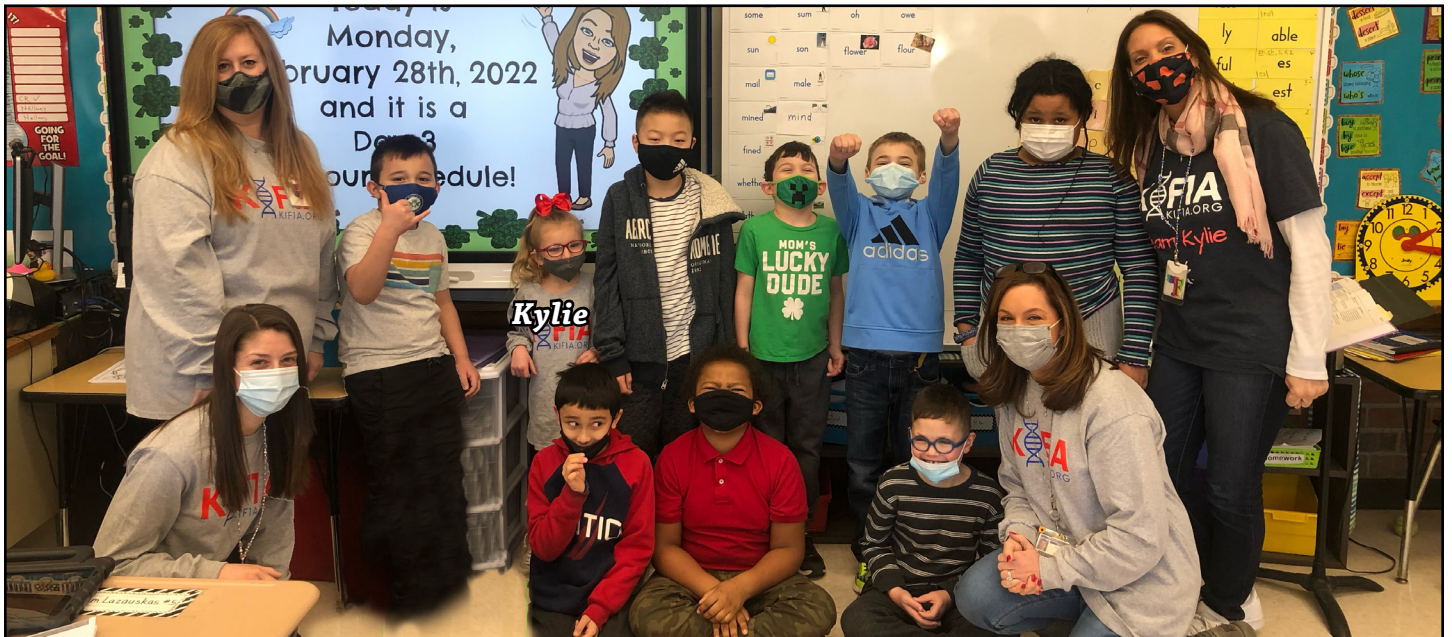
## FOREST BROOK STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN “RARE DISEASE DAY”

Forest Brook students were honored to participate on Monday, February 28th, in “Rare Disease Day.” This day helps to raise awareness for the millions of people around the world with rare diseases by wearing stripes.

Forest Brook has their own “Superhero” battling a rare disease. Kylie was diagnosed with a rare genetic mutation, KIF1A, several years ago. To read more about her story, [click here](#).



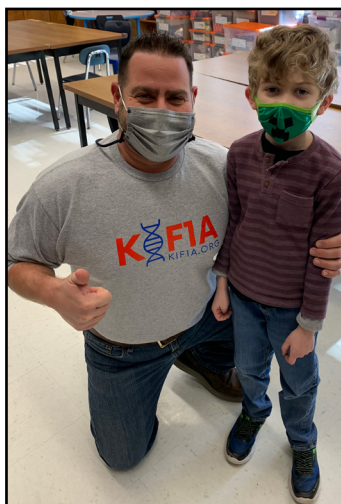
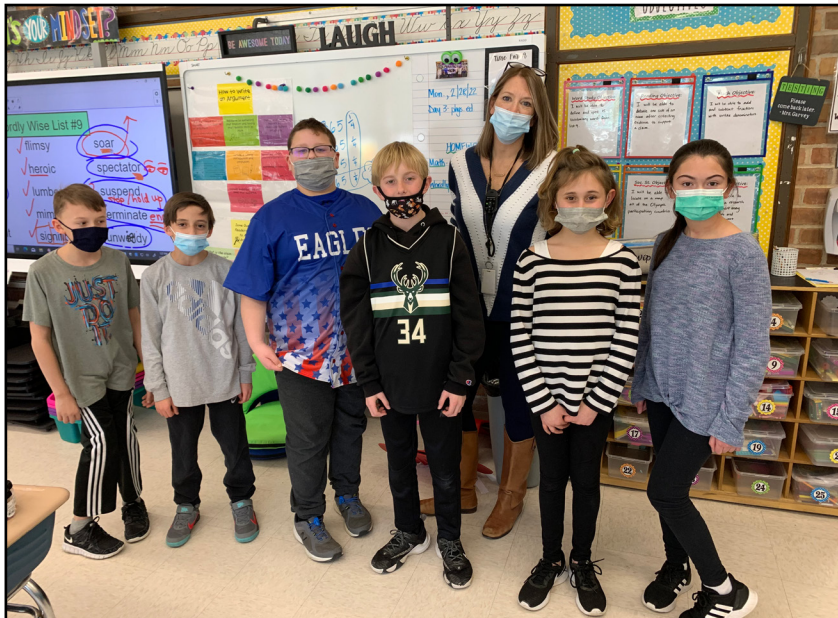
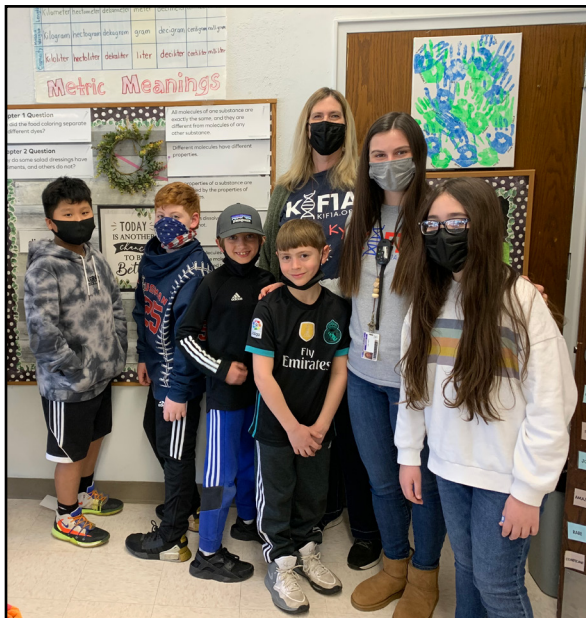
Here are some great photos of our students showing their support for Kylie, and others who suffer from rare diseases.



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## FOREST BROOK WEARS STRIPES





## PINES STUDENTS ENJOY THE FIRST “HARRY POTTER AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB”

Have you noticed owls flying through the schools this year? Acceptance letters were delivered to 16 fifth-graders at Pines Elementary School to kickoff the first “Harry Potter After School Club.”

Students met weekly, in wizarding attire, to participate in various Harry Potter themed activities. They began their journey as Harry did, with a letter inviting them to attend the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Enclosed they received their golden ticket to the Hogwarts Express. Using green screen technology, students boarded the train onto platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$ . They entered Diagon Alley where they made parchment, quills and wands to use in their classes. GJ Meenan shared, “I thought I was actually at Hogwarts!”

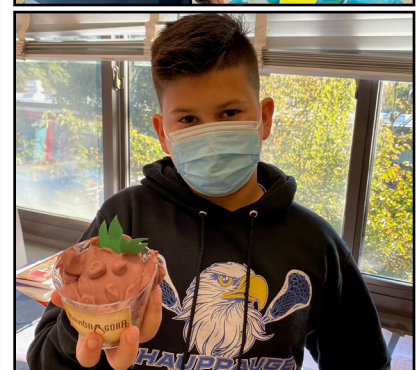
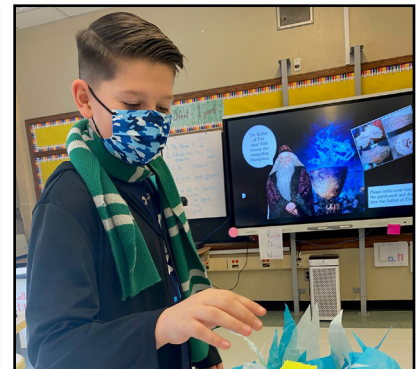


Upon entering Hogwarts, students were sorted into their houses. Houses competed for points each week by completing challenges, following directions, working well together and performing remarkable wizarding achievements. A house cup was awarded to the winners at the end of the program. “We got to move around a lot and it was competitive with the house tournament”, expressed Dominick Mroczkowski.

Each week that followed, students attended various classes at Hogwarts. They planted Mandrakes in Herbology, caught Cornish Pixies in Care of Magical Creatures and brewed Amortentia in Potions Class. They practiced defensive spells and changed tea pots into frogs in Transfiguration class. James DeSantis remarks, “There was always something new to do.”

Students competed in a Quidditch Pong tournament and even participated in a Triwizard Tournament where they had to work together to solve a difficult escape room puzzle.

Overall, the club was a great success and we look forward to seeing it run again next year. Mia Scarfo affirms, “It was a great experience.”





## BRETTON WOODS SEL COMMITTEE KICKS OFF "MOOD BOOSTER CAMPAIGN"

Brettons Woods SEL committee (Social and Emotional Learning) kicked off a "mood booster" campaign by setting up a delicious hot cocoa bar back in January. Then they put everyone in the building up to the challenge by sending out a sign up sheet and asking people to be creative and do their own mood boosters.

So far, the third-grade teachers created a coffee bar with cookies and a guessing jar. There was coffee, cookies, treats, and a jar filled with candies. Everyone had to guess to see how many candies were in the jar. If you guessed correctly you won a \$25 Starbucks gift card. The second runner-up won the jar of candy.

This week the Main Office and the Nurse's office got together and did a popcorn bar with lots of fixing, including caramel, chocolate sauce, peanuts, candies, ranch dressing, taco seasoning, and more. The theme was "Dr. Seuss," since it was his birthday. The building really enjoyed it!

We are continuing this throughout the year with the hopes of "boosting" morale. It seems to be working. Everyone is really rising to the occasion and having a lot of fun.



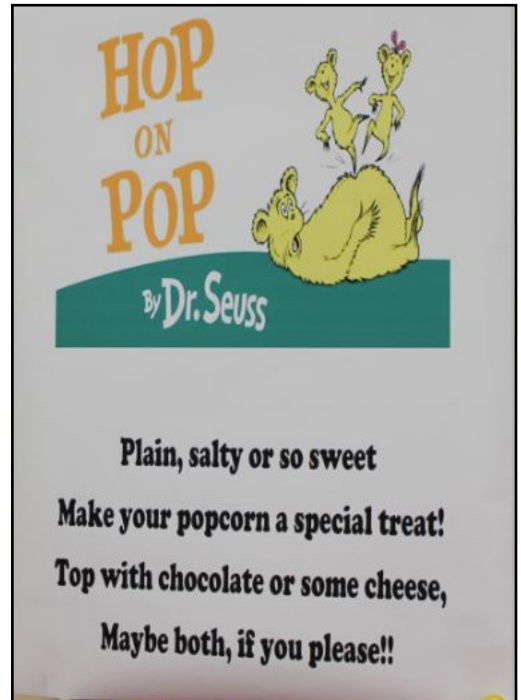
Please take a heart and make a guess. | How many candies are in the jar? The winner will be announced on Friday. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to Starbucks. The runner up receives the jar of candy. Good Luck! Love, 3rd Grade



***Hot Cocoa Bar***



## BRETTON WOODS "MOOD BOOSTERS"





## FEBRUARY BREAK DIDN'T STOP FOREST BROOK 2ND GRADERS FROM CELEBRATING "TWOSDAY - 2/22/22"

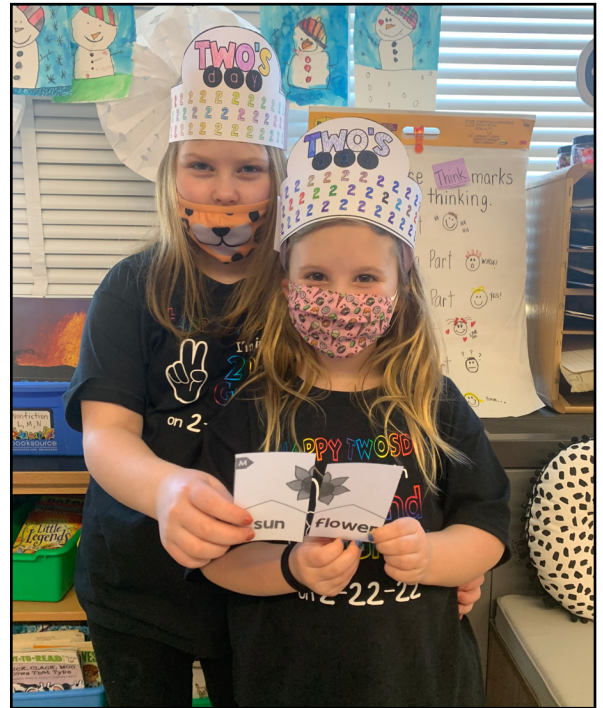
Forest Brook 2nd graders didn't let the February break interfere with their double-exciting celebration of "Twosday - 2/22/22."

Class 2-1 participated in many activities throughout the day. They worked in partnerships to complete math challenges and created art out of the number 2. Students also wore matching shirts and completed a writing prompt about what life would be like at 22. Finally, they created a time capsule that won't be opened until 3-3-33.

Class 2-2 addressed envelopes and sent cards through the Hauppauge Post Office to their home addresses. They marked the envelopes . . . "Do Not Open Until Tuesday, 2/22/22!" The students enjoyed receiving their own personal "snail mail" with the help of the postal service and American Flag Forever Stamps!

Class 2-3 students were engaged in many activities involving pairs, doubles and duos. Learning partners searched for well known character/food pairs, matched compound words, added double decker - double digit numbers, solved a "Twosday" mystery picture and created a 2-2-22 time capsule to be opened on 3-3-33. It was a fun-filled, "Twosday!"

The day concluded with a 2nd grade dance party at 2:22 in the afternoon in Forest Brook's 2nd grade wing! Here are some photos! Thank you to teachers Barbara Sancho, Meaghan Ricker, Suzanne Cipri and Theresa Rivera for making this a special day for their students!



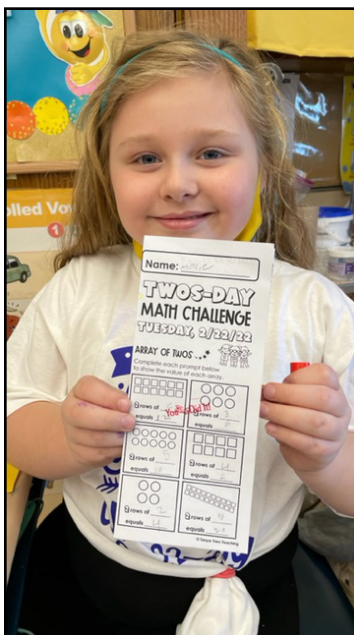
*Meaghan Ricker and Suzanne Cipri  
with their class*



# FOREST BROOK'S "TWOSDAY - 2/22/22



*Theresa Rivera with her class*



*Barbara Sancho with her class*





## PINES "FUTURE CORPS CLUB" VISITS WITH ARBORS RESIDENTS

The Pines Future Corps Club, facilitated by teachers, Mrs. Rand and Miss Sandy at the Pines Elementary School, is made up of 4th and 5th graders who enjoy helping in their community.

The club has been communicating with the residents at the Arbors Assisted Living Home in Haupauge via Google Meet. On Wednesday, March 2nd (which was also Dr. Seuss' birthday) the students were able to go visit them in person and interact with them by playing the piano, reading Dr. Seuss books, playing games like Jenga, and making Thing 1 and Thing 2 crafts.

It was very exciting to finally meet them in person and it brought so much joy and happiness to both the residents and the students. Everyone is looking forward to continued visits with their friends at the Arbors.





# COME SEE "GREASE" PERFORMED BY THE HS DRAMA CLUB ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH AND 5TH

Come join us for a musical performance of "Grease" by the High School Drama Club students on Friday and Saturday, March 4th and 5th.

Below is a photo of some of our high school staff who will be appearing in the production.



***Left to right are: Shannon Griffin, Kayla Pettit, Alexa Grant  
and Denise Malandrucolo***



# POWER OF ONE 5K FAMILY FUN RUN AND 1 MILE RUN

On Saturday April 9th the Hauppauge Youth and Community Alliance and Wellness Committee presents our annual Power of One Family Fun Run. All members of the Hauppauge School District community are invited to participate. Whether you wish to walk or run, the 5K course is open to residents of all ages who would like to participate. All proceeds will benefit P.O.W.E.R. Scholarships for our HS seniors. The run begins at 8:30 a.m. in front of Hauppauge Middle School and will proceed through the streets of Hauppauge. Official times will be recorded for all participants. Awards will be presented to the top three male and female runners in each of the following age groups: 12 and under, 13-15, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60+.

We will also have a one mile fun run on the grounds of the Middle School at 8:00 a.m. Each participant will receive a fun run certificate to celebrate their accomplishment.

Entrants may pre-register by completing the form below, which must be postmarked no later than April 6th. The cost of pre-registration is \$15.00 per adult and \$10.00 per student.

Hurry! The first 50 entrants to pre-register will receive a specially designed T-shirt that may be picked up in the Middle School main lobby prior to the start of the race.

Registration will also take place on the day of the race at the sign-in tables set up in the Middle School main lobby from 7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. No entries will be accepted after 8:20 a.m. THE COST OF REGISTRATION ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT WILL BE \$20.00 PER ADULT AND \$15.00 PER STUDENT.

For more information, contact Carol Pacileo at 761-8243

## PLEASE PRINT AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY

THIS FORM MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED FOR ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS

### REGISTRATION FORM

I, intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, do waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the County of Suffolk, Town of Islip, and Hauppauge School District, or all participating sponsors for any and all injuries suffered to me in the 3.1 mile race and 1 mile run on April 9, 2022. I am physically fit and well prepared to compete, this having been certified by a medical doctor.

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SIGNATURE

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(parental signature required for children under 18)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age Category \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One 5K 1 Mile

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt size S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_

MAIL COMPLETED FORM WITH SIGNATURE TO:

CAROL PACILEO  
HAUPPAUGE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
600 Townline Road  
Hauppauge, NY 11788

All advanced registration forms must be postmarked no later than April 6

\*CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### PRE-REGISTRATION FEES:

**\$15.00 PER ADULT**

**\$10.00 PER STUDENT**

#### REGISTRATION FEES ON April 9

**\$20.00 PER ADULT**

**\$15.00 PER STUDENT**



# HAUPPAUGE STRONG AND THE WHISK BAKERY COOKIES FOR A CAUSE

1 COOKIE DECORATING KIT  
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