



Horizons

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN 2022

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!

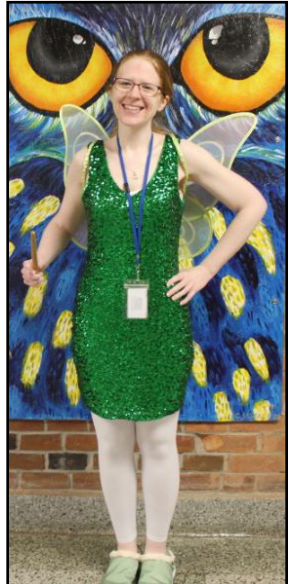
Happy Halloween! Here are some great photos from all of the fun around the schools!



Bretton Woods - Happy Halloween



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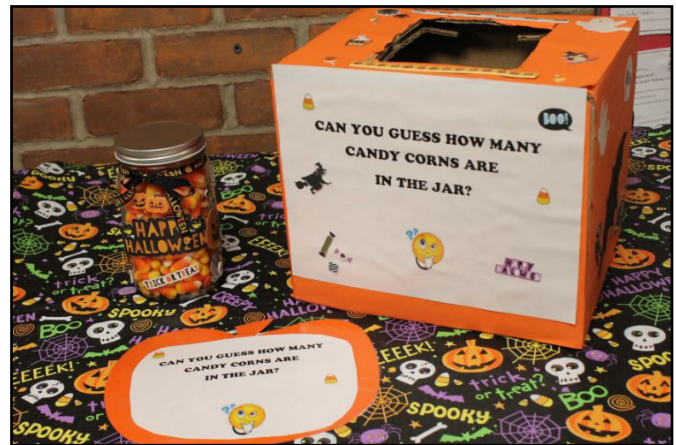


BRETTON WOODS MATH CENTER HOLDS ANNUAL HALLOWEEN MATH CONTEST

During the month of October, the Bretton Woods Math Center hosted its annual Halloween math contest. Students had to estimate the weight of the large pumpkin and guess as to how many candy corns were in the Halloween jar. They were eager to participate and it provided them with an opportunity to sharpen their math skills.

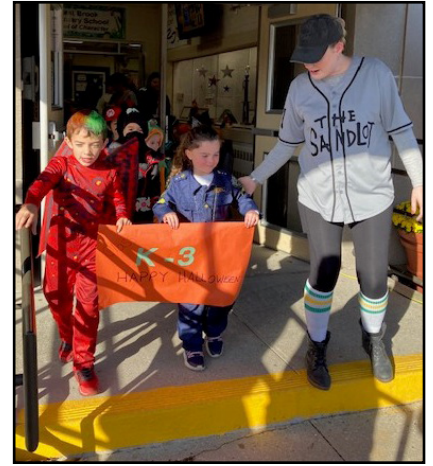
Pictured are Mr. Gagliardi and Miss Capone with the winners of each contest. With the actual weight of the pumpkin being 21 pounds, 6 ounces, Vivienne O'Brien had the closest estimate with her guess of 21 pounds, 7 ounces. Samantha Redmond won the candy corn contest with her guess of 342 candy corns. The actual number of candy corns was 344.

The Bretton Woods Math Center would like to congratulate the winners and wish everyone in the Hauppauge community a safe and happy Halloween!

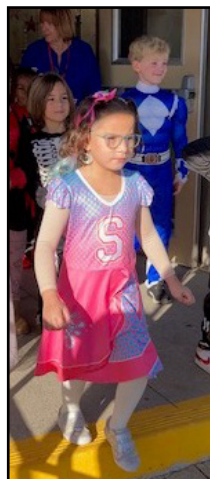


George Gagliardi, Principal, with Ms. Capone, Vivienne O'Brien, and Samantha Redmond

Forest Brook - Happy Halloween



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FOREST BROOK STUDENTS ENJOY A HARVEST FESTIVAL

On October 31st, Forest Brook students enjoyed taking part in a Harvest Festival. There was pumpkin painting, a skeleton ring toss, a cauldron bean bag toss, build a scarecrow, and many more games!

A big thank you to the Forest Brook PTA and all of the volunteers for putting this event on for the students! Here are some photos from this wonderful festival!



Forest Brook Harvest Festival



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FALL COMES TO PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN A BIG WAY

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. It began when the Pines PTA "Booed" the staff with a variety of goodies. Many various types of treats were in the faculty room for all to savor and enjoy!

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 Giant Pumpkin arrived at our school once 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 ES. This year Mr. Gries' sons, Keil and Luke, also accompanied their father to their former elementary school! Every student had the opportunity to guess the weight of the pumpkin and one student guessed the exact weight and got to take the giant pumpkin home to decorate for her home.



**Mr. Gries with his sons,
Keil and Luke**



PTA "Boos" the Staff



**Contest winner, Zoey Carniol, with
Principal, Dr. Claudine DiMuzio**



**Zoey with her giant pumpkin,
decorated by her.**

Pines - Happy Halloween

The Pines PTA held their second Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 15th. 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 the fall spirit to Pines ES in a very memorable way! Here are some photos of the Pines Halloween fun!



Pines - Happy Halloween



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PINES MAGIC PUMPKIN PATCH

On Thursday, October 27th, the Kindergarten students at the Pines sprinkled magic pumpkin seeds on a grassy area next to our playground, with the hopes that pumpkins would magically grow overnight - and they did! The following morning, the Kindergarten students went to the pumpkin patch and were able to browse through the pumpkin patch and select one. They later brought the pumpkins back to their classrooms and participated in pumpkin activities. A big thank you to the Pines PTA volunteers for beautifully decorating the pumpkin patch and organizing this fun filled event!



Pines Pumpkin Patch



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INDUCTED INTO "MU ALPHA THETA - NATIONAL MATHEMATICS HONOR SOCIETY"

On Wednesday, November 2nd, 51 of our high school juniors and seniors were inducted into "Mu Alpha Theta - National Mathematics Honor Society." The students were inducted by Meridyth Hansen, Director of Math, and Kathleen Maiorini, HS Math Teacher and "Mu Alpha Theta Advisor. They are:

Kaylah Adam
Jamie Barshay
Matthew Brosnan
Ryan Budke
Edward Bullard
Julianna Bullaro
Brianna Burton
Colin Buscarino
Eric Chen
Tommaso Clarke
Sofia Corcione
Reese Coughlin
Cassandra Delgado

Sarah Dukofsky
Savvy Dusad
Emily Flynn
Mihika Grandhi
Daniel Holtje
Sean Hores
Haley Hutzler
Sweta Jha
Chloe Kahn
Sofia Kalaitzis
Elizabeth Kildale
Lindy Lam
Grace Link

Marlon Londono
Brian Lopez
Matthew Mangafas
Carlie Maggio
Robert Marietta
Andrew Master
Emily Morris
Vanessa Mosad
Sarah O'Brien
Alex Ofgang
Max Ofgang
Hunter Pipia
Arav Prabhu

Israel Rojas
Stevie Donna Rosenfeld
Sri Sagiraju
Thomas Saglebeni
Sadiq Shaik
Tyler Stopanio
Nicholas Sumwalt
Elliot Tafla
Gina Vaughan
Emily Winiarz
Emerson Yip
Kairan Zhang



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These students have an average of 90% or higher in all their previous math courses and completed an application process where they had to get two teacher recommendations and complete a writing task where one of the questions they had to answer was - "What do you like about math?" Here are a few of the student quotes which were shared at the ceremony:

"I always found math to be very logical and to have a lot of usefulness in the real world."

"Math is a universal language, where people from all over the world can understand each other despite cultural differences."

"It keeps you thinking and really challenges your mind."

"It teaches information that you could apply in real life."

"The challenges math provided me helped me grow as a person when it comes to realizing my full potential."

"Although math can be hard and confusing, the outcome of the difficult process is definitely worth the work."

Congratulations to our 2022 "Mu Alpha Theta" inductees!



"Mu Theta Alpha" Officers are, left to right: Sarah Douglass, Treasurer; Kaitlin Stephens, President; Anthony Economico, Vice President; Roop Takhar, Secretary

HAUPPAUGE'S BOYS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM ARE THE SUFFOLK COUNTY DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to the Boys' Varsity Volleyball Team! They are the SUFFOLK COUNTY DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS after a 3-1 victory on Wednesday, November 2nd, over Eastport-South Manor! What a great season this team has had!

The team will play their Long Island Championship Game on Thursday, November 10th at 8:30 p.m. at Farmingdale College! GO EAGLES !!!



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR REPRESENTS HAUPPAUGE HS AT THE HUNTINGTON ARTS COUNCIL'S ANNUAL EXHIBIT AND IS NAMED "BEST IN SHOW"

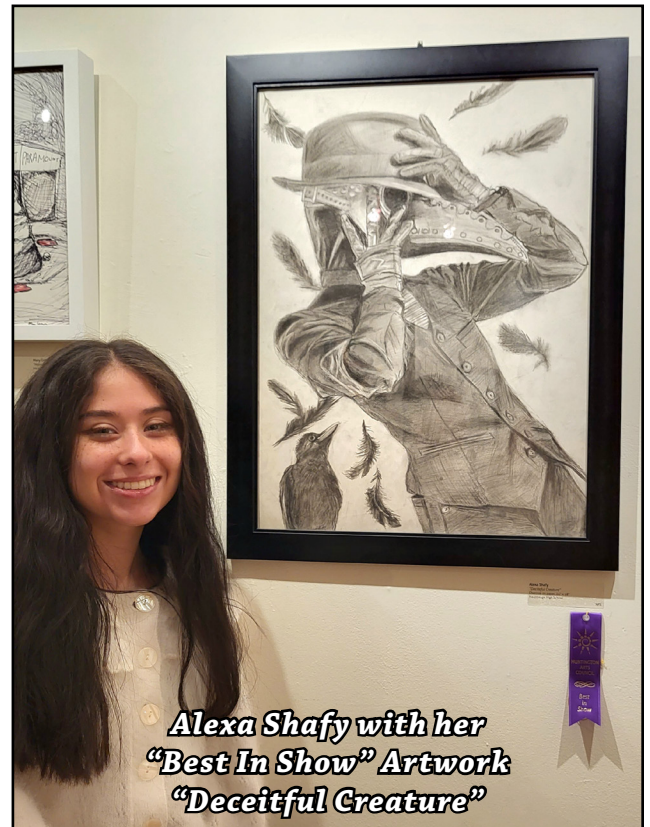
Congratulations to high school senior, Alexa Shafy! On Friday, October 28th, Alexa proudly represented Hauppauge High School at the Huntington Arts Council's annual exhibit for student artists in grades six through twelve. This annual event invites students to submit their different interpretations based on a Halloween theme called "Nightmare on Main Street."

Almost two hundred works of art were submitted by 140 students from all over Long Island. Only 41 made it into the Main gallery exhibition and Alexa's piece was selected "Best in Show." She was the only student representing Hauppauge High School. Her Artist Statement on her piece read as follows: "The Plague Doctor's disguise can certainly instill fear at first sight and, as stated by one of the juror's, his face 'was usually the last thing a person would see before meeting their death.' Death is certainly, for most people, a dark topic, something they rather not to acknowledge or think about, except during Halloween time, when everyone displays scary figures like monsters, skeletons, witches, and ghosts. Thinking about the real victims of the bubonic plague, I can't help to wonder if looking into the plague doctor's mask, the sick felt fear or relief to know the end was near. The feathers falling from the one raven in my drawing, symbolize life slipping away."

Ms. Coppola is Alexa's teacher in her IB Art class which has had a major positive impact on Alexa's future in the world of the fine arts.

Alexa's parents have stated that they are very pleased with Alexa's achievements and growth as an artist in the class, but most importantly, the excellent opportunities Hauppauge High School provides to guide students that will choose to major in the fine arts.

[Click here](#) to view Huntington Arts Council "Nightmare on Main Street" Artists Bios and Statements.



**Alexa Shafy with her
"Best In Show" Artwork
"Deceitful Creature"**

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY HOSTS ITS FIRST-EVER “COMIC-CON”

On Halloween this past Monday, the High School Library Media Center hosted its first ever “COMIC-CON.” The library was transformed and it was broken up into Marvel, DC and Star-Wars themed sections.

English classes were invited to the library to participate in a celebration of comic books and graphic novels. Students were able to use the green screen, create their own comic strips, participate in making a variety of Marvel, DC and Star-Wars crafts, and much more.

YA comic themed books were raffled off as well as mini light sabers made on the library’s 3D printer.

Not only did students enjoy this day, but the HS staff enjoyed some time using the Green Screen with their colleagues as well. Here are some photos of the fun!



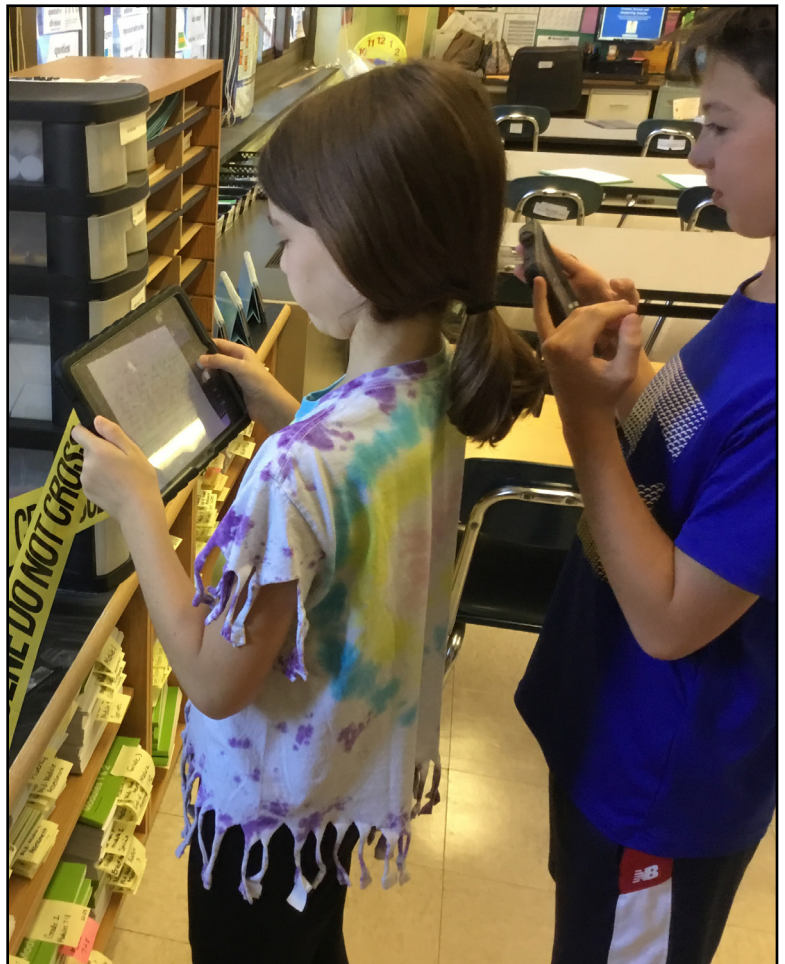
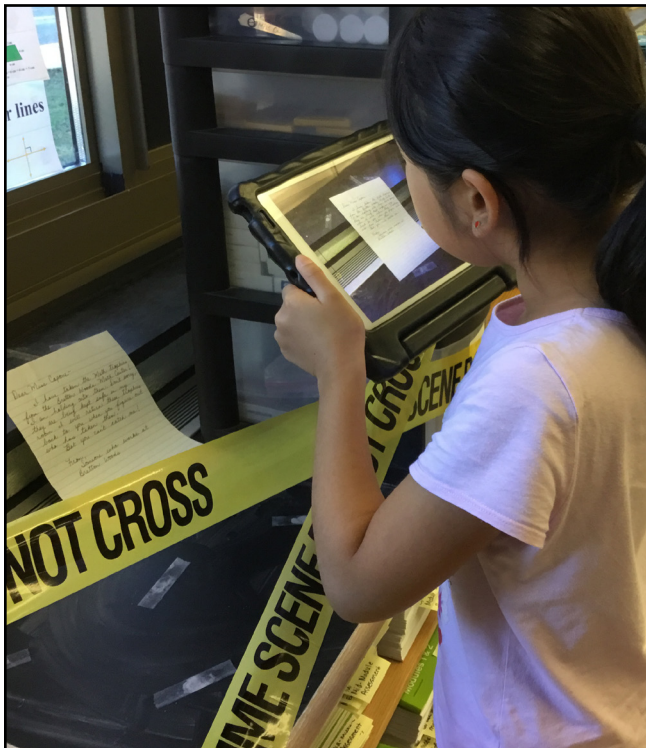
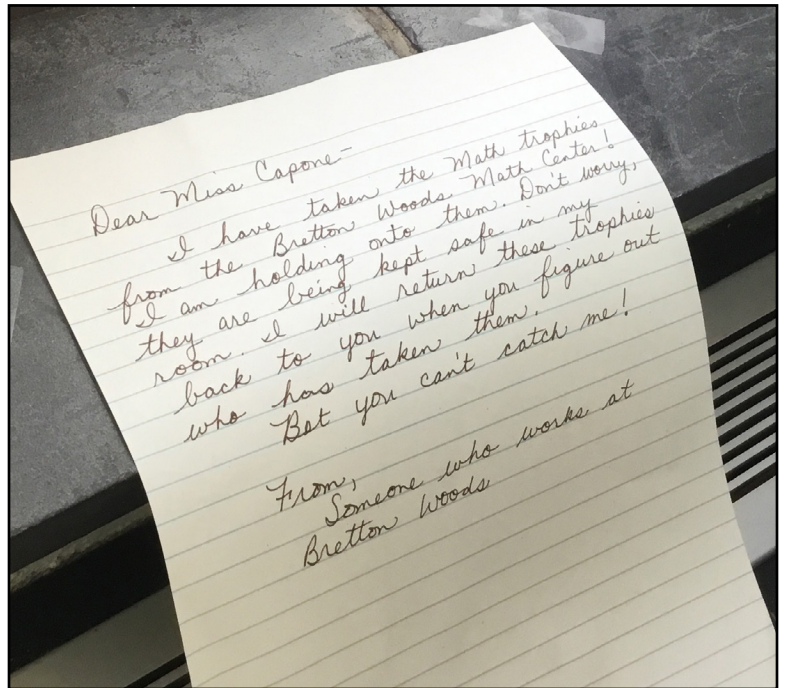
High School "Comic-Con"



BRETTON WOODS' FORENSICS CLUB TAKES ON "THE CASE OF THE MISSING MATH TROPHIES"

On Tuesday, November 1, 2022, Miss Capone's math trophies went missing from the Bretton Woods Math Center. A ransom note was left behind. Miss Capone used the assistance of the students of the Bretton Woods Forensics Club to help solve the mystery of the missing math trophies. The students used the skills they've been learning about forensics to take pictures and analyze the crime scene and ransom note. They looked at handwriting samples from various teachers at Bretton Woods. By closely inspecting the evidence and making comparisons between the ransom note and the teachers' handwriting samples, the students were able to piece the clues together.

In the end the students found their culprit. It was none other than Mrs. Trapanotto! Thankfully the trophies were returned safely to the Math Center. The students enjoyed working together as a team to solve this mystery and are looking forward to solving their next case!



FOREST BROOK, BRETTON WOODS, AND PINES STUDENTS CELEBRATE “RED RIBBON WEEK”

Forest Brook, Bretton Woods, and Pines Elementary Schools celebrated “Red Ribbon Week” from Monday, October 24th to Friday, October 28th. “Red Ribbon Week” is a nationwide drug prevention campaign implemented within school districts in order to raise awareness about living a drug-free lifestyle. It aims to advocate positive decision making and promotes participation in healthy activities.

This year’s national campaign theme is “Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free.” Through participation in Red Ribbon Week’s meaningful messages and educational activities, students will show their support in saying “NO” to drugs.

At Forest Brook, they recognized the week through a variety of themed days and age appropriate activities throughout the week. Students attended an assembly presented by the Horizons Counseling and Education Center on Tuesday, October 25th. This presentation was designed to initiate conversations regarding positive behaviors and making good decisions. Their days were as follows:

Monday, 10/24 - Forest Brook Chooses To Be Happy - Students wore Forest Brook or Hauppauge apparel/school colors (blue and white)

Tuesday, 10/25 - Team Up To Make Healthy Habits - Students wore their favorite team/sports gear

Wednesday, 10/26 - Follow Your Dreams - Students wore pajamas

Thursday, 10/27 - Rally in Red - Students wore red

Friday, 10/28 - We’re Making SPOOK-tacular Decisions - Students wore orange, black and/or purple

Here are some photos of our Forest Brook students:



Forest Brook "Red Ribbon Week"



At Bretton Woods, they celebrated in the following way:

Monday, October 24th - A Red Ribbon Pledge was sent home with students and parents were asked to review the pledge with their child and have them sign the pledge and return it to their teacher. Completed pledges are displayed in the main hallway

Tuesday, October 25th - "Too BRIGHT to use drugs" - Students and staff wore their brightest colors to school!

Wednesday, October 26th - Students participated in an assembly presented by the Horizons Counseling and Education Center.

Thursday, October 27th - "Team up against drugs" - Students and staff will wore their favorite team shirt or jersey to school.

Friday, October 28th - Students and staff will wore RED to show our support for the importance of living a drug-free healthy lifestyle.

Here are some photos of our Bretton Wood students "Celebrating Life and Living Drug-Free."

Bretton Woods "Red Ribbon Week"



Bretton Woods "Red Ribbon Week"



Pines "Red Ribbon Week"

Pines Elementary School also held it's annual Red Ribbon Week celebration week Monday, October 24th through Friday, October 28th. This week followed the Red Ribbon Campaign's 2022 theme of Celebrate Life, Live Drug Free! Their week kicked off on Monday with everyone wearing red and welcoming Smithtown Horizons Counseling and Education Center, who provided two assemblies for students. On Tuesday, everyone wore their favorite neon colors to show that we're too bright for drugs, and on Wednesday, everyone wore clothes to represent their favorite team as Pines Elementary School teamed up against drugs. On this day, all students also had a chance to sign our Red Ribbon Week pledge banner during their lunch time. On Thursday, everyone wore their favorite Pines or Hauppauge gear to show that Pines Elementary School is drug free. The week wrapped up on Friday with everyone wearing something to represent their favorite superhero or a hero in their life to show that they all have the courage to say no to drugs and yes to healthy choices!

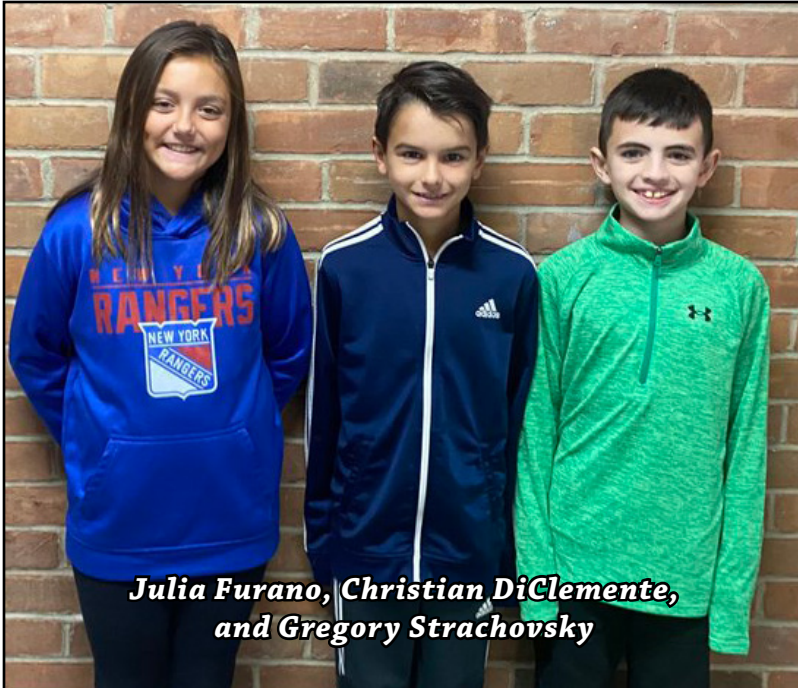
Here are some photos from their "Red Ribbon Week!"



***Kerry Dwyer,
Guidance Counselor,
speaking to the students***



PINES STUDENTS ARE "MATH ROCKSTARS"



*Julia Furano, Christian DiClemente,
and Gregory Strachovsky*

Elementary Math Specialist at Pines, Christine Racioppi, said the following about three of her students, "So proud of these math rockstars!! They have completed 100% fact fluency on Reflex and completed all the missions in Frax! Way to go! We are so proud of you!"

We are proud of you too! GO MATH EAGLES !!!



"BE SMART, BE SAFE, BE SEEN" FOR HALLOWEEN!

First Grade students at Forest Brook Elementary learned how to stay safe while trick or treating. Mrs. Karen Blackburn from AAA spoke to the students and gave them Halloween safety tips, like wearing a costume with reflective material, avoiding masks, crossing the street safely, staying in familiar neighborhoods while trick or treating, and many more tips.

Students loved meeting Bob, the Halloween puppet, and Otto, the Auto.



*Forest Brook First-Graders
Learning Halloween Safety*

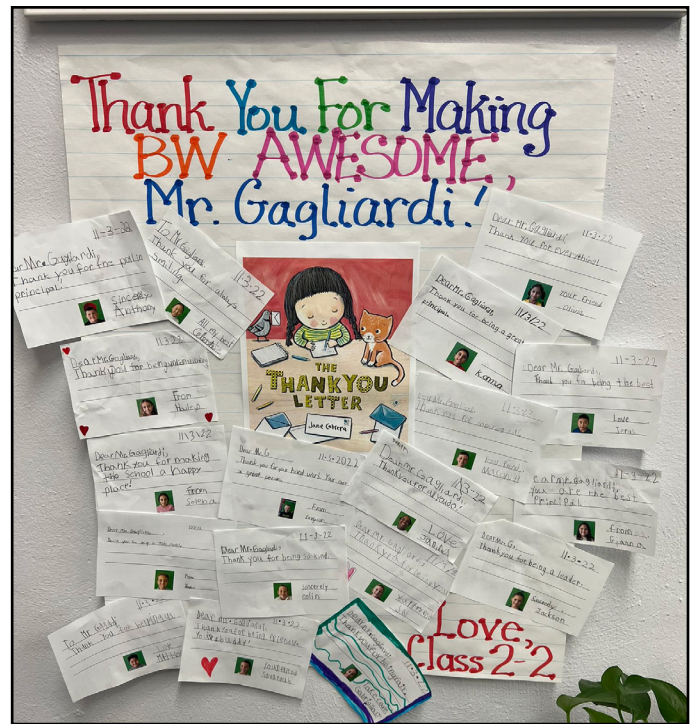
BRETTON WOODS SECOND-GRADE CLASS SURPRISES PRINCIPAL WITH A SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

Bretton Woods Principal, George Gagliardi, was recently surprised by Mrs. Lukowski's second-grade class with a "Thank You Note" poster.

Mrs. Lukowski's class is reading for their book of the month for November, "The Thank You Letter," by Jane Cabrera. Each month the teachers at Bretton Woods are blessed to receive a book. It is a wonderful story about a girl named Grace who writes thank you notes to her family and friends for gifts she receives for her birthday. It is a heartwarming book that reminds us to have gratitude for the many things in our lives.

Mrs. Lukowski said the following regarding their surprise for Mr. Gagliardi, "We are so fortunate to have a principal like Mr. Gagliardi. He is always there for the staff and children. We are thankful to him for being a leader and spreading kindness throughout the building. Class 2-2 wanted him to know that we are grateful for him! As one student wrote, 'Thank you for putting the PAL in principal!' Thank you Mr. Gagliardi!"

Here is a wonderful photo of the class with Mr. Gagliardi and the "Thank You Note" poster.



PINES FIRST-GRADERS ARE “WORD DETECTIVES”

First graders at Pines Elementary School were recently chosen as potential “Word Detectives” by the “Super Secret Detective Agency” because of their hard work as both readers and word solvers.

First graders were given five word solving missions to complete in order to be chosen as Word Detectives. Each day, students were given a word solving tool to help them with completing their missions. This week, it became official. After successfully completing their five missions, our first graders were chosen as official “Word Detectives” by the “Super Secret Detective Agency.” They were awarded with certificates as well as official detective badges. They were also invited to a very special reading celebration to celebrate their hard work.

Congratulations to our Pines First Grade Word Detectives!



Pines "Word Detectives"



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY HALLOWEEN DANCES

Middle School students were treated to Halloween Dances on Friday, October 28th. The sixth grade dance took place after school from 3:00-5:00 p.m., while the seventh and eighth graders took to the dance floor from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

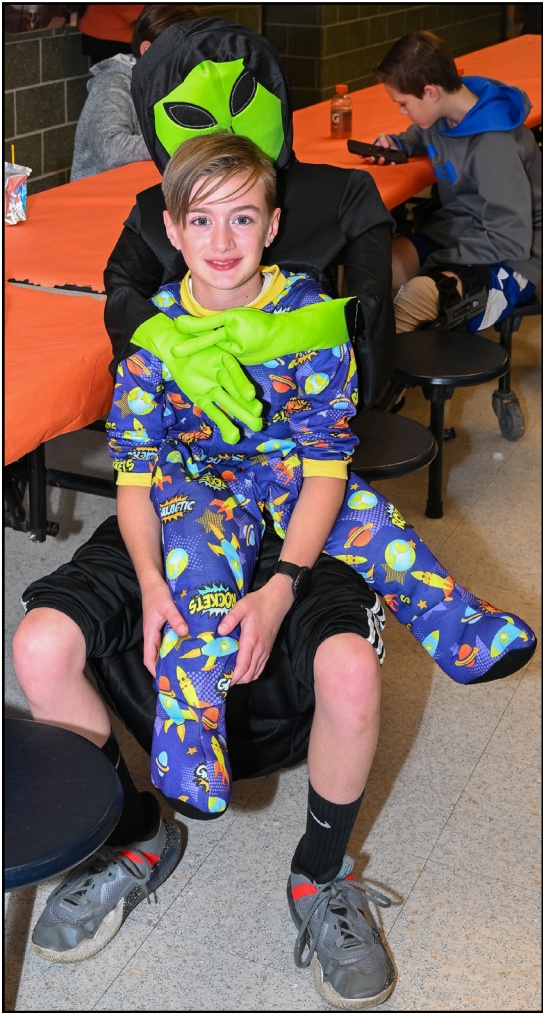
Here are some fun photos of the dances. Special thanks to Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photos, and his daughter, Madelyn!



Middle School Halloween Dance



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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF GET INTO THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT



High School Language Department



High School Social Studies Department

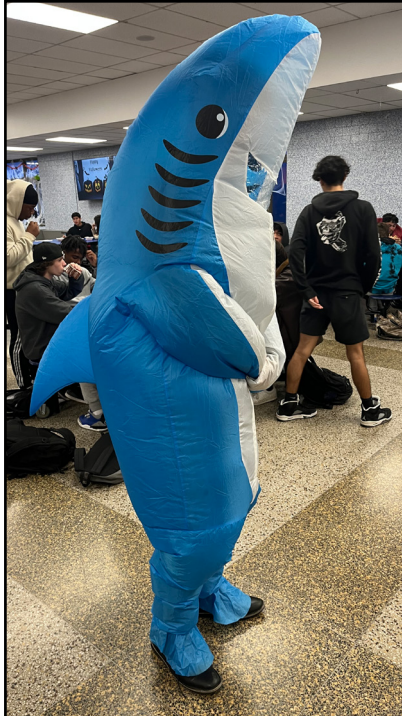


High School Math Department

High School Halloween



High School Halloween

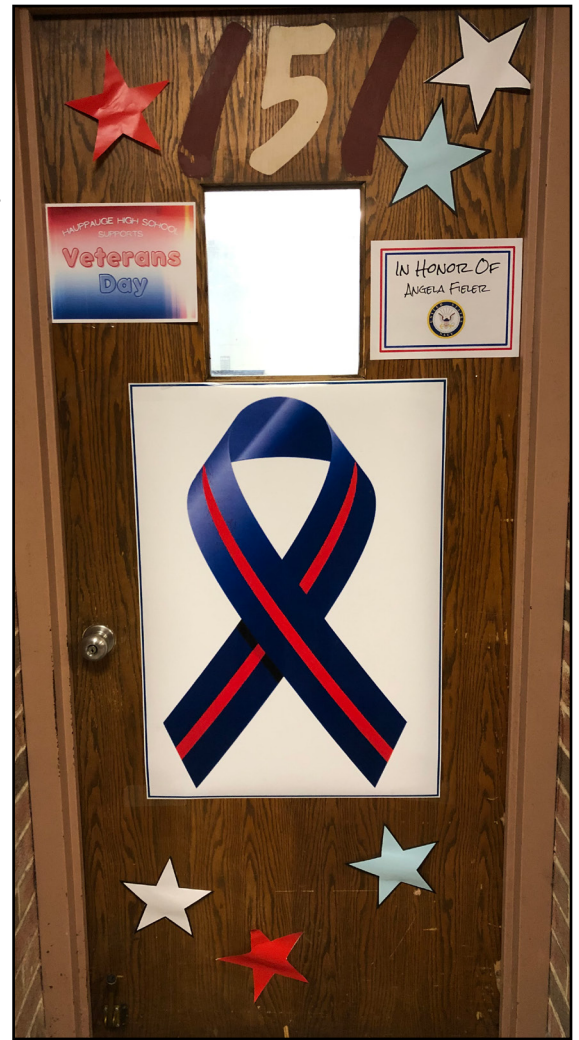
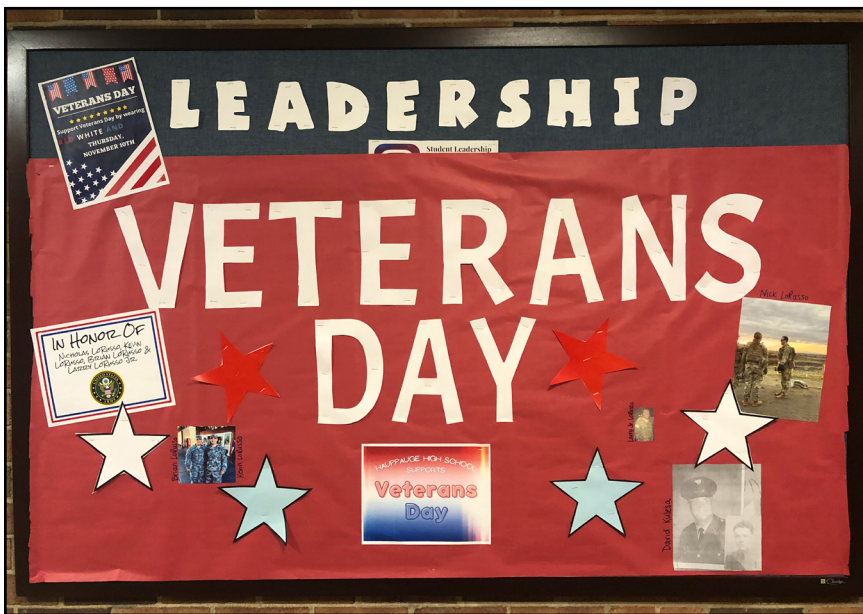


HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CLASSES COORDINATE VETERANS DAY PROJECT

Leadership classes at the high school have coordinated a Veterans Day project after hearing a speaker from the United Veterans Beacon House which is located in Bay Shore, NY.

At the high school, the students offered door decorating and invited staff and students to share pictures of Veterans from their families to be displayed all through the month of November.

All donations from door decorating will go directly to the United Veterans Beacon House. Here is a look at some of their work!





VETERANS DAY



Support Veterans Day by wearing

RED WHITE AND BLUE

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 10TH**



[Click here to support our Veterans at "The United Veterans Beacon House."](#)



*Interact Club & the World
Language Department present
the*

Señora Aigen Memorial Food Drive

When? Oct. 31 - Nov. 18

Where? World Language Classes & the
Counseling Center

What? Canned goods, stuffing, pasta,
other non-perishable items!



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