



# Horizons

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY AN INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE IN ANCIENT EGYPT

Middle School Librarian, Melissa McParland, created an interactive project for sixth-grade students in the Library this week. Since the students had just finished a section on Ancient Egypt, Ms. McParland put together this project to give the students some interesting facts, models and activities. The library was transformed into a museum setting with fascinating exhibits. The students who are shown visiting the library on this day were from Mr. Lingner's and Mrs. Cappellini's classes.

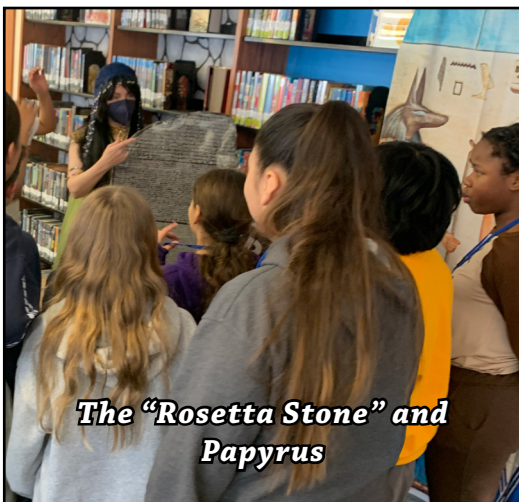
With the students seated and Egyptian music playing in the background to set the tone, Ms. McParland explained that some of the exhibits would introduce students to some facts they didn't know. After, they could participate in some hands-on activities about ancient Egypt. She asked if anyone knew some of the inventions that we use today which were invented by ancient Egyptians. Some of these surprising inventions are pens, toothpaste, keys, locks and paper, also known as papyrus.

The first exhibit was about the Rosetta Stone which was discovered in 1799. It is one of the most important objects as it holds the key to understand Egyptian hieroglyphs; a script made up of small pictures that was used originally in ancient Egypt for religious texts. The students were then able to learn about papyrus.

The next exhibit was about Egyptian jewelry and Ms. McParland showed the students an authentic scarab which is an amulet, or lucky charm, which was placed on the heart of a mummy to protect it on its journey to the afterlife. She also showed them a Shabti doll which were figures made to accompany the deceased to the afterlife to carry out heavy manual tasks on their behalf.



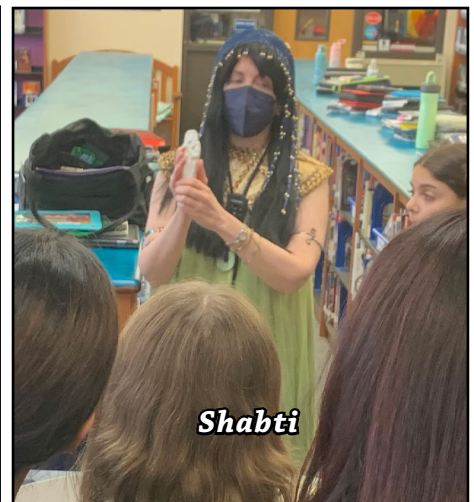
**Melissa McParland**  
**Middle School**  
**Librarian**



**The "Rosetta Stone" and**  
**Papyrus**



**Mummified Cat**  
**(Not real)**



**Shabti**

## ***Middle School Library Interactive Egyptian Project***

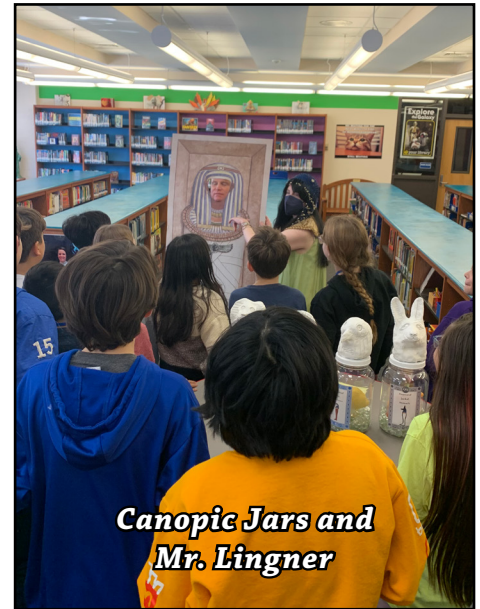
At the next exhibit, Ms. McParland explained that when a body was mummified, the heart was the only organ left in the body. This was because it was believed that the heart stored the thoughts and memories of an individual that would be needed in the afterlife. Canopic jars are containers that were used by the ancient Egyptians during the mummification process, to store and preserve the viscera (internal organs) of their owner for the afterlife. They were commonly carved from limestone, or were made of pottery. Each jar was reserved for specific organs.

The next exhibit was a mummy! Ms. McParland talked about how mummies were made and what items were placed in a tomb with a mummy, such as useful items one might need in the afterlife, and a scroll to help with questions one might be asked on their journey. A mile of linen was used when wrapping a mummy.

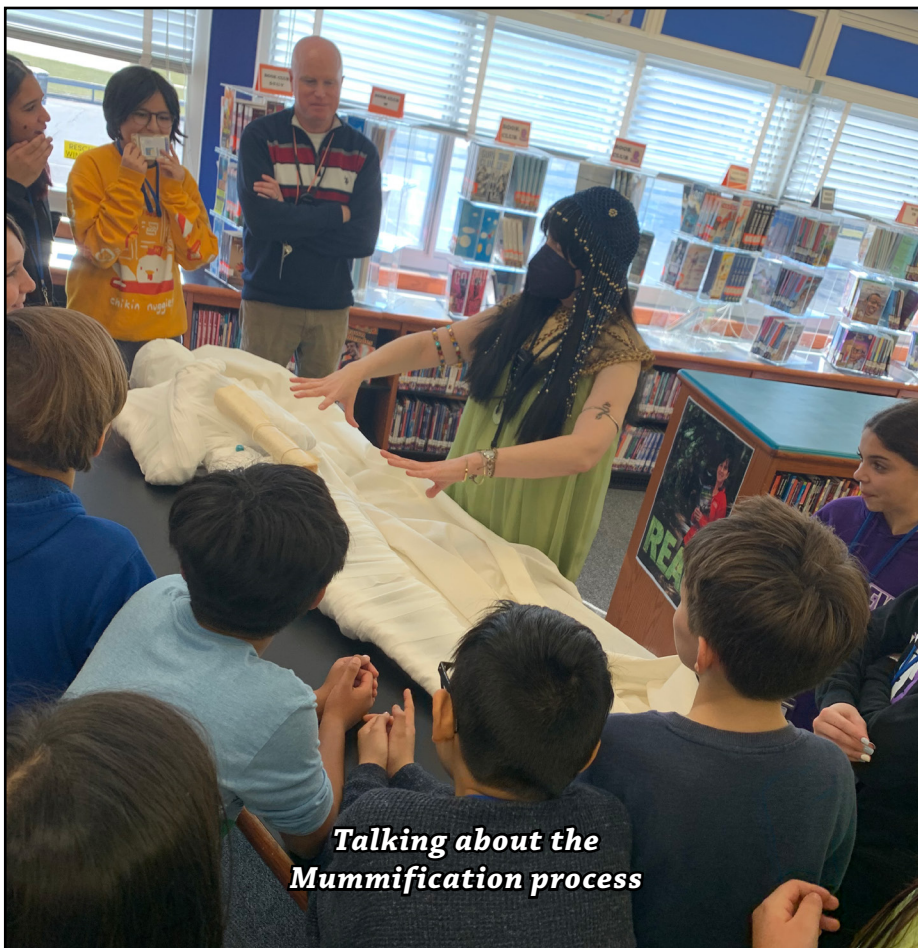
Ms. McParland then spoke about the pyramids which held tombs and those chambers were made in a confusing way with secret passages to protect the mummies and the items in their tombs.

After the museum tour was completed, and it was time for some activities, students were able to color Egyptian scenes; create a Scarab or Shabti out of clay; or learn how to draw their name in heiroglyphics. They also had the opportunity to wrap a mummy! After a volunteer was chosen, they went to work in teams to see who could do the best job!

Here are some photos from this memorable experience for the students. Thank you to Melissa McParland, Middle School Librarian, and her assistants, Lisa Abrams and Darlene Martello for their hard work in creating this interactive experience!



***Canopic Jars and  
Mr. Lingner***



***Talking about the  
Mummification process***

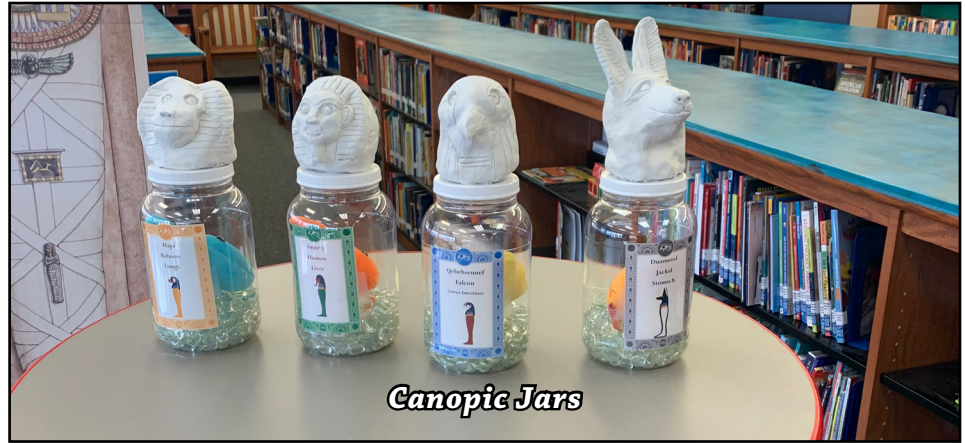


***Talking about  
Pyramids and Chambers  
inside of them***

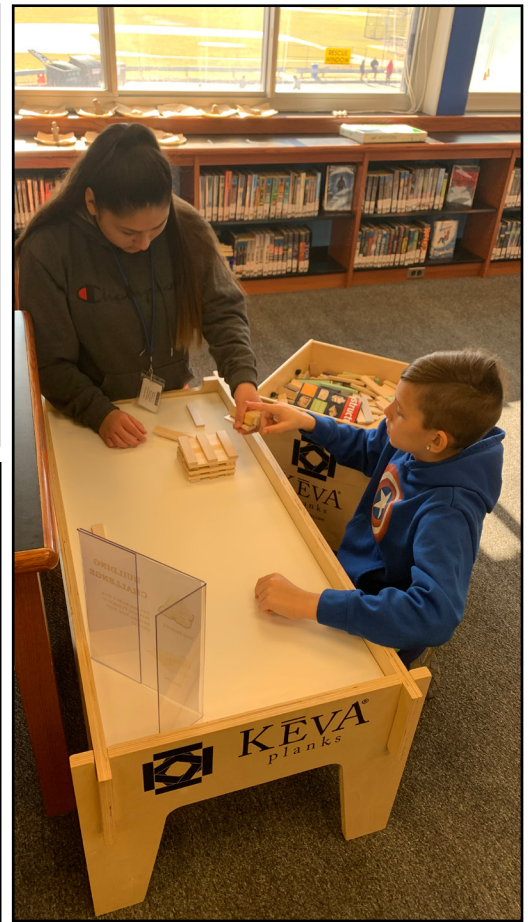
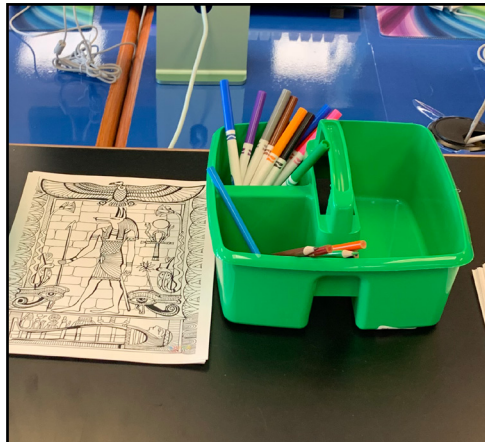
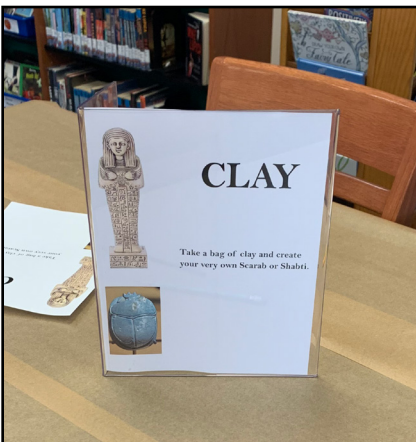
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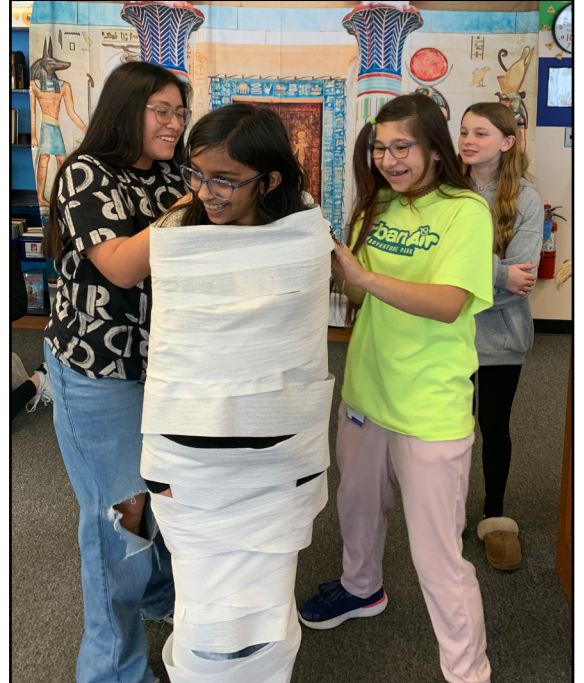
**Egyptian Jewelry and  
Egyptian Items**



**Canopic Jars**



# Middle School Library Interactive Egyptian Project



# ALL ABOARD "THE EAGLE EXPRESS"

By: Michael Caulin, Assistant Principal

This week "The Eagle Express" departed on its maiden voyage through the middle school hallways. "The Eagle Express" made stops at all teachers' classrooms to surprise each of them with snacks and drinks and a big "thank you" for all of their hard work during each day. With the "train" loaded with granola bars, chips, candy, water and sodas, "The Eagle Express" chugged along playing train-related music such as "The Loco-Motion" by Kylie Minogue, "Last Train to Clarksville" by The Monkees, and naturally, "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Osbourne. The excitement was certainly felt by students and staff as the train pulled up to classroom doors and as Mr. Caulin blew his train whistle while donning his engineer's cap and kerchief. Teachers came into the hallway and students crowded the doorways to experience "The Eagle Express." After each brief stop, the teachers were thanked and given hi-fives by our very own Eagle before departing to its next stop.

Several students were asked about what they witnessed, and "The Eagle Express" experience. Seventh grade student, Jaime Donato said, "It was really funny because it made the day more interesting watching the train pass. We also heard the whistle." Samantha McDonough, another seventh grade student said, "It was very loud...in a good way. Class was really boring and then we heard the music." The teachers were like..."We got free stuff!" Brooke McGay, also in seventh grade said, "It was very funny seeing the teachers dressed up in costumes, and we got to see the Eagle!" In addition, English Teacher, Mrs. Autino, stated: "In the middle of winter, it was the perfect time for my spirits to be lifted. I loved the music, the whistle and the energy was infectious. The unexpected surprise and show of appreciation really lifted my spirits."



**Michael Caulin, Engineer of  
"The Eagle Express"**



**Christine O'Connor,  
Principal, takes over the controls!**



## *All Aboard "The Eagle Express"*

Thanks to the hard work, persistence, and talent of two first-year teachers, an abandoned cart was beautifully transformed into "The Eagle Express" to be used for a variety of reasons throughout the school. Mr. Ditzel and Miss. LoMonaco, two technology teachers, took up the challenge and worked tirelessly to create a vessel that would add additional school spirit and have many practical uses within the halls of Hauppauge Middle School. The wooden sides painted a "Hauppauge Blue" are the backdrop for an impressive eagle that is jigsawed and emblazoned on each side of the cart with distinctive lettering indicating the cart as "The Eagle Express!" Mr. Ditzel and Miss LoMonaco are commended for their vision and their execution of creating our very own locomotive.

"The Eagle Express" will depart throughout the school year for more teacher appreciation, student giveaways, as well as many other school-spirit related activities that arise. Be on the lookout, and if you hear some commotion, don't be alarmed, it's probably "The Eagle Express" and its high-energy locomotion. Chugga, Chugga...Go Eagles!



## FOREST BROOK HOLDS “COLLEGE AND CAREER WEEK”

Forest Brook held its annual College & Career Week which introduces students to ideas about college and career opportunities that lie ahead of them. Throughout the week students participated in various spirit days, classroom activities and Career Day which took place on January 24th. Special thanks to our Career Day presenters:

Mr. Dave Smith - Teacher, Coach & Athletic Trainer  
Lieutenant Detective Michael Carey - Police Crime Scene Unit  
Dr. Jeff Reingold & Ms. Jena Gatto - Chief Operating Officer & Chemist  
Ms. Nicole Schroeder - Admissions Counselor at St. Joseph's University  
Mr. Steve Mileti - Teacher & Coach  
Lieutenant Conor Cardillo - US Navy Supply Corps Officer  
Ms. Victoria Falco - Registered Nurse

Here are some pictures of the special events.



**Lt. Detective Michael Carey  
with his son, Ryan**



**Dr. Jeff Reingold and  
Ms. Jena Gatto,  
Chief Operating Officer & Chemist**

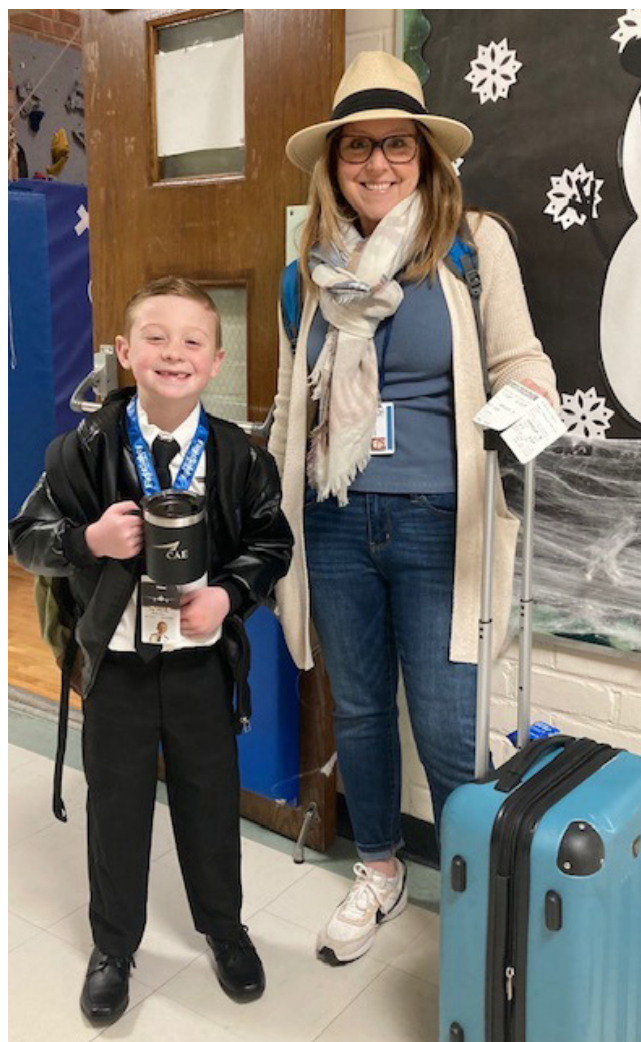


**Lieutenant Conor Cardillo,  
United States Navy**

## Forest Brook "College and Career Week"



**Forest Brook "College and Career Week"**



**Forest Brook "College and Career Week"**



**Victoria Falco,  
Registered Nurse**



## PINES "BE THE SUNSHINE CLUB" HOSTS "LUCKY TRAY DAY"

On Wednesday January 25th, Pines Elementary School had its first "Lucky Tray Day" during lunch hours. Three lucky students per grade level received their hot lunch on a random tray with a star on it. Later they received a prize!

The "Be The Sunshine Club" was very excited to introduce this to their fellow students. It will be held once a month and students who are buying lunch will check their trays for a star. There will be three winners per grade level on each "Lucky Tray Day." All other students receive sunshine stickers on this day.

Thank you to the club for spreading some sunshine to their fellow students! Here are photos of a few of the winners.



**Leana Schmidt**



**Thomas Savastano**

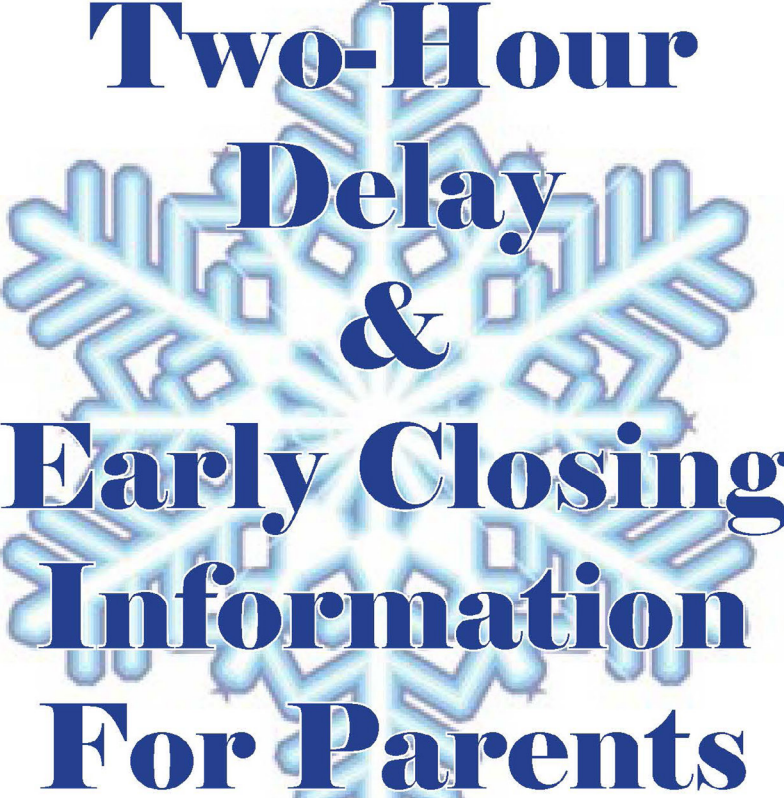


**Abigail Hazin**

IF YOU CAN'T FIND THE  
*sunshine*  
BE THE SUNSHINE

## TWO-HOUR DELAY & EARLY CLOSING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Winter is here! In order to be prepared for those days when we may have a two-hour delay or early release, please [click here](#) to see a "School Delay and Early Release FAQ for Parents." You can also view High School and Middle School Delay Schedules.



**Two-Hour  
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&  
Early Closing  
Information  
For Parents**

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