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HAUPPAUGE EAGLES SOAR WITH SPIRIT DURING 2023 HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

The rain couldn't stop the Eagles from filling the stands and supporting their team during the 2023 Hauppauge High School Homecoming Game on October 14th.

To kick off the festivities, students were decked out in blue on October 13th during the school's first Eagle Spirit Rally. The pep rally began with the chamber choir's renditions of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America." The songs were followed by a stellar performance from the high school's marching band, color guard and kickline teams. Then, all fall sports teams were brought onto the field as their varsity members were announced. As the crowd watched in excitement, the sports teams participated in a number of relay games including a potato sack race and egg race. Following the fun, the Homecoming Court was called onto the field where Nicholas Sumwalt and Jennifer Dove were crowned "Mr. and Miss Hauppauge." The pep rally culminated with Principal Joe Wieckhorst and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Donald Murphy receiving a pie in the face from Mr. and Miss Hauppauge.



**Mr. and Miss Hauppauge,
Jennifer Dove and Nicholas Sumwalt**



**Joy Ferrara,
Joseph Wieckhorst,
and our Hauppauge Eagle**

Ahead of Saturday's homecoming game, members of the fire department, military and police joined students in unfurling a 60-foot American Flag dedicated to all past, present and future students planning to enter a service career.

Then, a special presentation was held for Dennis Kaydanov, a Class of 2021 Hauppauge High School alumnus, by the Army National Guard. Dennis' sister, Ilona, a 2018 graduate, was tragically killed by an automobile this past summer and the Hauppauge community held a moment of silence in her honor.

An Army Black Hawk helicopter landed adjacent to the football field as part of a special pre-game kick off. The pilot, Captain Hansen, delivered the game ball and performed the coin toss.

Students, their families, faculty and community members packed the stands, ready to cheer on the Hauppauge Eagles as they faced off against the Eastport-South Manor Sharks. While the Eagles played an impressive game, Eastport-South Manor took the win with a final score of 31-15.

Here are some photos from all of the festivities of Homecoming 2023!

"Homecoming"



***Homecoming Court Members: Nicholas Sumwalt, Colin Buscarino,
Sri Sagiraju, Jennifer Dove, Tara Murphy,
Janiyah Dennis Gedeon, Gina Vaughan***



Frank Bayer Photography

"Homecoming"



Dr. Donald Murphy, Joseph Tasman, Dr. Tim McCarthy, and Dr. Christopher Smalley



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OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS ARE RECOGNIZED DURING SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

This week is "School Board Recognition Week." Our Board of Education was recognized at their Board meeting on Tuesday, October 17th.

Dr. Murphy took a moment to thank our Board members for their leadership and commitment to our students and community and he gifted them with some "Hauppauge Gear." He said, "The dedication of our Board is truly commendable, and we thank them for their service to our District."

Our School Board members are:

David M. Barshay, President

Rob Scarito, Vice President

Michael Buscarino

Colleen Capece

Dr. Lawrence Crafa

James Kiley

Gemma Salvia



"Board of Education Meeting Recognitions"

Also at Tuesday's Board of Education Meeting, we were happy to welcome back Brownie Troop 560 with members from Bretton Woods and Pines, to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Their Troop members are:

Makenzie Cadmus
Gabriella Cea
Julia Coysh
Morgan Gold

Tenley Jensen
Cecilia Kloberdanz
Saoirse Mallon
Mia Miranda

Lucy Reinhardt
Morgan Woltmann
Harper Woolsey
Charlotte Vicchiarelli

Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, Principal of Pines Elementary School, recognized at the meeting the Pines School nurse, Marianne Lieberman, who recently was instrumental in saving the life of a staff member during a medical emergency.

Here are some photos from this wonderful evening.



Dr. Murphy, Superintendent, with the members of Brownie Troop 560



Brownie Troop 560 Leading the Pledge of Allegiance



Dr. Murphy, with Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, and Pines School Nurse, Marianne Lieberman

"Board of Education Meeting Recognitions"



***Dr. Murphy, with Rob Scarito,
Vice President of the
Board of Education***



***Gemma Salvia,
Board of Education Member***



***Board of Education Members, James Kiley, Dr. Lawrence Crafa,
and Michael Buscarino***

HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS INTO THE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Dan Butler, Athletic Director, held the Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Saturday, October 14th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the High School Auditorium. This was the 19th year hosting this exciting event. This year's inductees are:

1999 and 2000 Baseball Teams

Kenny Collado- Wrestling

Mark West- Wrestling

Taylor Rantfle- Lacrosse

Sandy Hawthorne- Softball

Chanse Menendez- Wrestling

Nick Mauriello- Wrestling

Jen Porretto- Lacrosse

Diana Poulin- Soccer

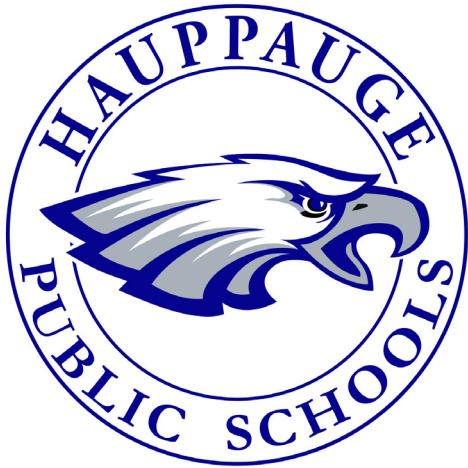
Julie Williams- Basketball

After the Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony, lunch was served in the High School Commons. At 2:00 p.m. the special Plaque Unveiling was held. The Homecoming festivities followed during the rest of the day.

Congratulations to the new inductees! Here are some photos from this event.



"High School Athletic Hall of Fame"



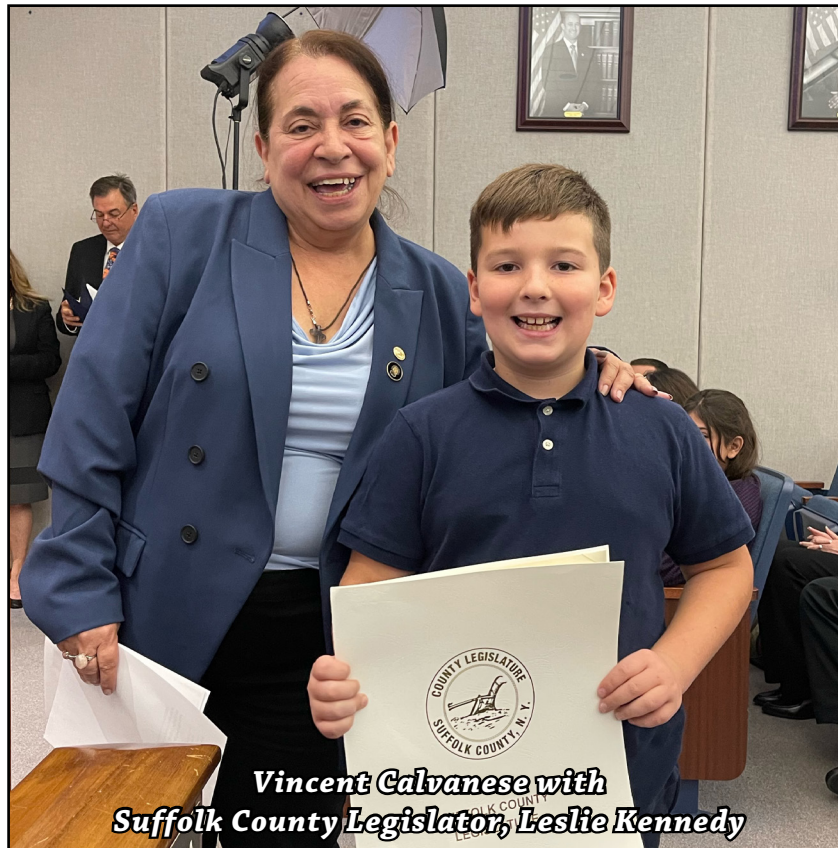
GO EAGLES!

PINES STUDENT RECEIVES PROCLAMATION FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Pines third-grade student, Vincent Calvanese, recently was the recipient of a Proclamation from Suffolk County Legislator, Leslie Kennedy, for his first-place win in the New York State Science Fair!

Vincent placed first last year in the Pines Science Fair, and the Brookhaven National Lab Science Fair with his project "5 Second Rule-Breaker." He continued on to the New York State Science Fair where he also won first place!

Congratulations, Vincent!



*Vincent Calvanese with
Suffolk County Legislator, Leslie Kennedy*

HAUPPAUGE STUDENT RINGS NASDAQ'S CLOSING BELL

Through his own fruition, Hauppauge Middle School student Andrew Weir seized the incredible opportunity of ringing the closing bell at the Nasdaq Stock Exchange, signifying the end of a trading session. The open and closing ceremonies take place daily at the Nasdaq MarketSite Studio in Time Square and around the globe.

Andrew watches the closing bell during the school year and likes to follow the market. In between class periods, he even runs into teacher Amy Thompson's classroom to check his stocks.

Typically, ringing the bell is reserved for public companies listed on the stock exchange, but because of cancellations, they will sometimes choose private companies or nonprofit organizations to do it. When Andrew found this out, he took it upon himself to email someone at Nasdaq, getting an email off their website. During the course of three months, Andrew corresponded with the Nasdaq employee with such professionalism, they didn't realize he was only 13 years old until they met in person. Finally, on October 5th, Andrew was given the opportunity to ring the closing bell himself.

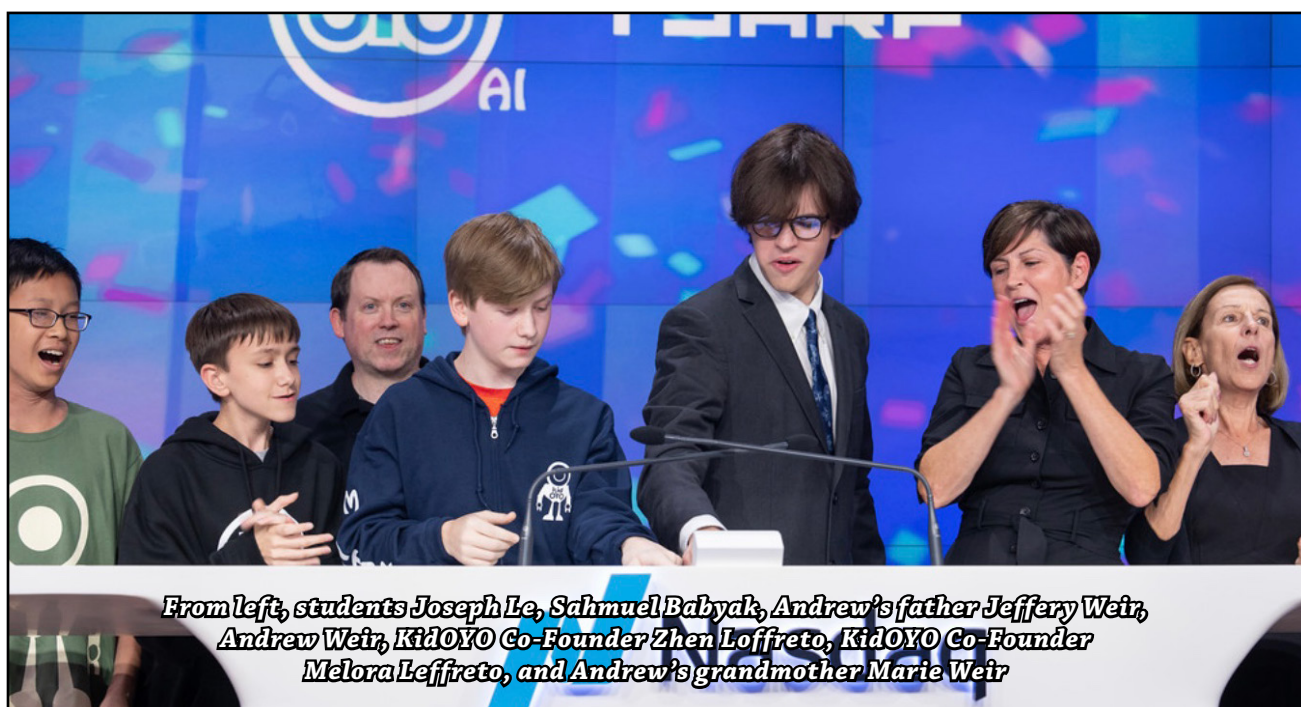
Andrew hosts a podcast with his friends called TSARP in which they share their knowledge and insights on coding and technology news. Hauppauge Middle School eighth graders, fellow podcasters and close friends of Andrew, Sahmuel Babyak and Joseph Le, joined him to ring the bell. Andrew's father, grandmother, grandfather and sister were also in attendance for the unique occasion.

Andrew uses the KidOYO coding program in school and promotes the coding platform on TSARP. Before ringing the bell, he reached out to KidOYO's co-founder Melora Loffreto, asking if she too would like to be included in the ceremony. She jumped at the opportunity, bringing along her son and KidOYO co-founder, Zhen Loffreto.

Everyone reported to Nasdaq at 3 p.m. on October 5th, and took part in the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Afterward, Andrew even received a follow-up email, inviting him back in the future.



Andrew Weir, center, with Joseph Le, KidOYO Co-founder Melora Loffreto, and Sahmuel Babyak



From left, students Joseph Le, Sahmuel Babyak, Andrew's father Jeffery Weir, Andrew Weir, KidOYO Co-Founder Zhen Loffreto, KidOYO Co-Founder Melora Loffreto, and Andrew's grandmother Marie Weir

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TRAIN AS ADVOCATES AT COHEN STRONG YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

An enthusiastic group of our high school students recently trained at Cohen Strong Mental Health Program to be Youth Advocates for Mental Health.

Cohen Strong Mental Health (CSMH) is an educational and youth development program for high school students in grades 10-12.

The goals of CSMH are to:

- Build capacity to support adolescent mental health
- Provide skills-based training in peer support
- Offer opportunities to develop leadership, advocacy and research skills

During the program, students:

- Receive training and certification in teen Mental Health First Aid (TMHFA), participate in educational workshops collaborate with faculty advisors and Northwell mentors
- Create and implement a mental health- focused project in their school communities

Here are some photos during their training. They were accompanied by Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services, Rebecca Bilski.



HAUPPAUGE EAGLES MEET OWLS FOR A LIVE DRAWING CLASS

A group of Hauppauge High School Eagles met some real birds during a special live drawing class. Sweetbriar Nature Center of Smithtown, which provides natural science education services and rehabilitates native wildlife, brought in various bird species for the advanced art students to learn gestural and figural drawing on the school's first ever "Bird Day."

Using charcoal, the 11th and 12th grade advanced art students in Ms. Patti DiMasi-Coppola's class captured the birds' essence and movement. This was the first time Hauppauge High School has hosted animals for a live drawing class.

Taking them out one by one, student-teacher Jessica Mann and the nature center's James MacDougall explained each bird's habits and traits as students studied the birds before picking up their drawing tools. They were given several minutes each to complete their sketches, starting with the smaller birds and working up to the larger ones.

Students met and drew Nugget, the screech owl, Nebula, the barn owl, Aria, the Eurasian eagle owl, and a baby spectacled owl amongst others.



High School Eagles Meet Owls for Drawing Class



BRETTON WOODS ELEMENTARY IS GIFTED WITH TREE BY BELOVED FAMILY IN HONOR OF THEIR SON

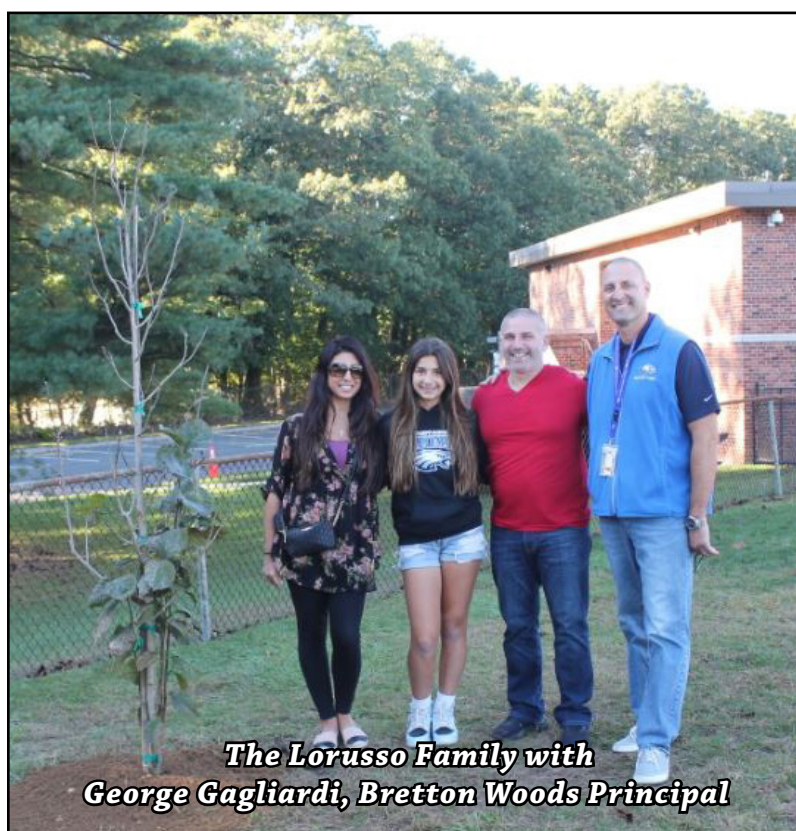
On Friday, October 13th, the Lorusso family gifted a Black Tulip Magnolia tree to Bretton Woods, which was planted on the primary playground. The tree was gifted in honor of their son, Nicolas, who would have been in his 2nd grade year at Bretton Woods, and sadly lost his battle with pediatric cancer after a valiant fight, in February of 2021.

This beautiful gift from the Lorusso family, which will bloom each spring with large, deep-burgundy-red blooms, will continue to ensure that Nicolas' memory lives on at Bretton Woods for years to come.

A heartfelt thank you to the Lorusso family for this beautiful gift! And special thanks to our Buildings and Grounds department for preparing the playground for and planting this beautiful addition to our campus.



*Gianna Lorusso with her parents,
Diana and Nicola*



*The Lorusso Family with
George Gagliardi, Bretton Woods Principal*



OUR SCHOOLS MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR "HAUPPAUGE HEROES" AND WIN "TOP COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL TEAM" FOR ALL OF LONG ISLAND'S "LIGHT THE NIGHT" CAMPAIGN

In 2020, Rob Mannino, a Hauppauge alumni and dad, was diagnosed with blood cancer. When asked to lead "Light the Night's" corporate walk by the "Leukemia & Lymphoma Society," the Mannino Family saw a chance to make a difference. Inspired by Ryan Starace, a brave fifth-grader battling leukemia, the Mannino's created "Hauppauge Heroes" shirts.

The community came together, selling 765 shirts and raising over \$20,000. Now, Hauppauge was not only in the running for the "Top Community and School Team" title at "Light the Night" for all of Long Island, but has won! This achievement honors Ryan's journey and the strong spirit of the Hauppauge community in the fight against blood cancers.

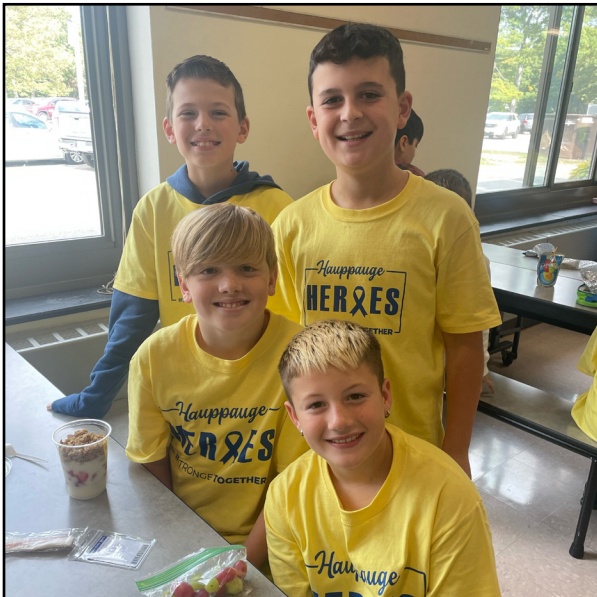
All those who bought the "Hauppauge Heroes" shirts are invited to Eisenhower Park in East Meadow on Saturday, October 21st to be part of "Light the Night."

Our students and staff came out in their support of "Hauppauge Heroes" by wearing their shirts on Wednesday, October 18th.

Way to Go Hauppauge on this amazing accomplishment!! Thank you, Rob, for all you do!



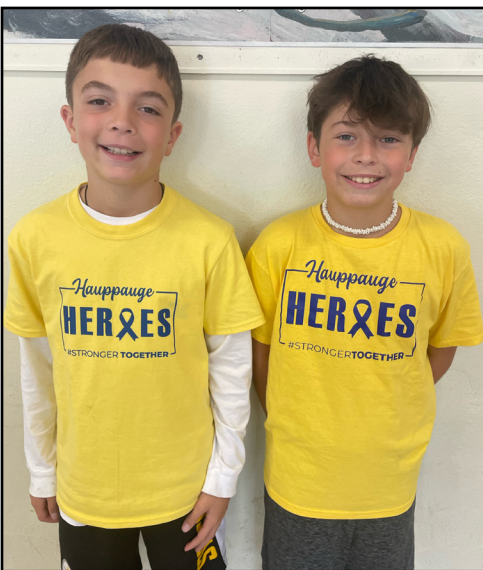
"Hauppauge Heroes - Bretton Woods"



"Hauppauge Heroes - Bretton Woods"



"Hauppauge Heroes - Bretton Woods and Forest Brook"



"Hauppauge Heroes - Forest Brook"



"Hauppauge Heroes - Pines"

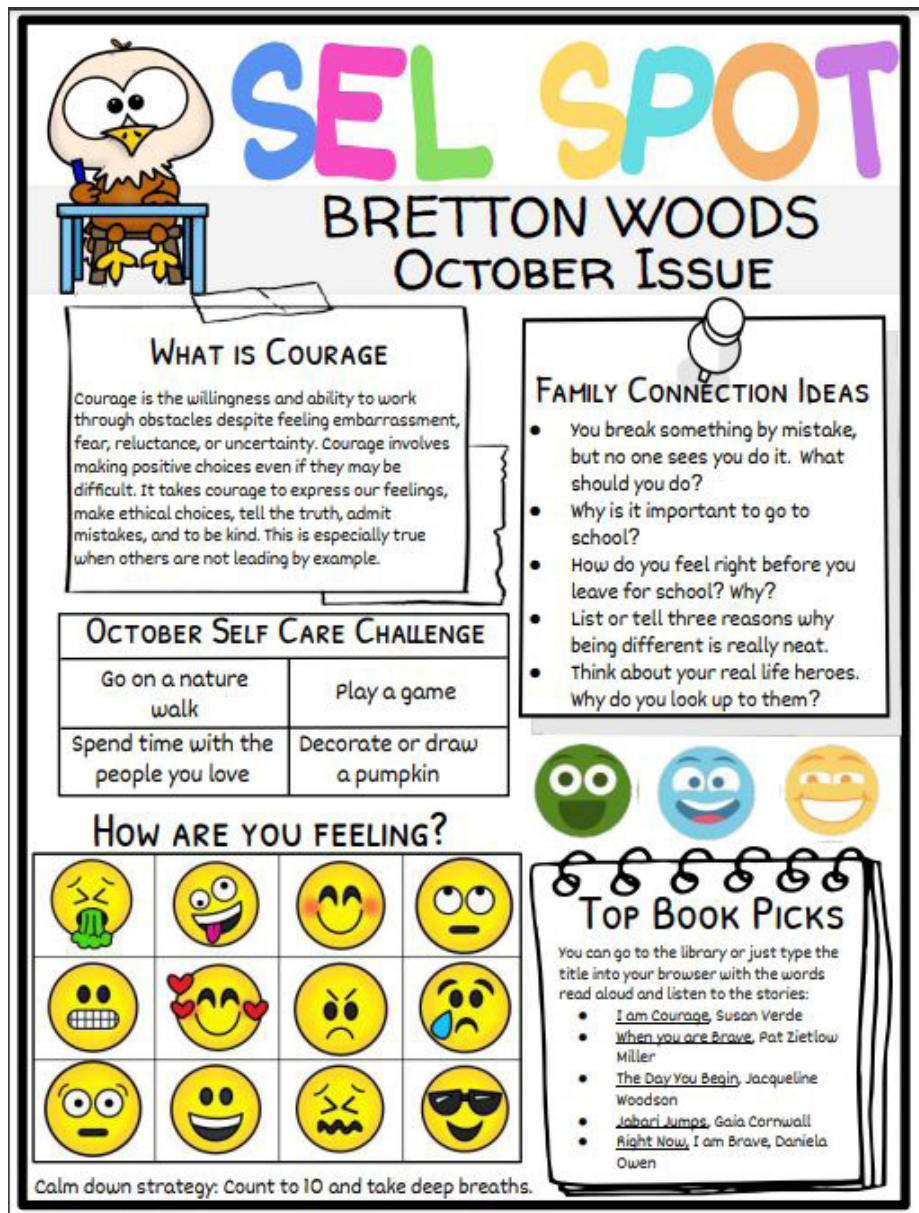


"Hauppauge Heroes - Middle School and High School"



BRETTON WOODS INTRODUCES NEW SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARN (SEL) NEWSLETTER “SEL SPOT”

Bretton Woods proudly introduced its new Social Emotional Learning (SEL) newsletter during Family Connect Night. Bretton Woods Principal, George Gagliardi, said, “We recognize the importance of Social Emotional Learning for our children. The newsletter aims to provide a valuable resource for families to continue learning at home about the paramount topics our children face today. We are thrilled to share this exciting initiative with our Bretton Woods Family as well as the rest of the Hauppauge community.”



SEL SPOT
BRETTON WOODS
OCTOBER ISSUE

WHAT IS COURAGE
 Courage is the willingness and ability to work through obstacles despite feeling embarrassment, fear, reluctance, or uncertainty. Courage involves making positive choices even if they may be difficult. It takes courage to express our feelings, make ethical choices, tell the truth, admit mistakes, and to be kind. This is especially true when others are not leading by example.













FAMILY CONNECTION IDEAS

- You break something by mistake, but no one sees you do it. What should you do?
- Why is it important to go to school?
- How do you feel right before you leave for school? Why?
- List or tell three reasons why being different is really neat.
- Think about your real life heroes. Why do you look up to them?

OCTOBER SELF CARE CHALLENGE

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| Go on a nature walk | Play a game |
| Spend time with the people you love | Decorate or draw a pumpkin |

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

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TOP BOOK PICKS
 You can go to the library or just type the title into your browser with the words read aloud and listen to the stories:

- I am Courage, Susan Verde
- When you are Brave, Pat Zietlow Miller
- The Day You Begin, Jacqueline Woodson
- Jabari Jumps, Gaia Cornwall
- Right Now, I am Brave, Daniela Owen

Calm down strategy: Count to 10 and take deep breaths.

BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS WEAR READ TO CELEBRATE “CHOOSE LOVE DAY - COURAGE”

Wednesday, October 11th, was Courage Day at Bretton Woods, the first of their Choose Love days for the 2023-2024 school year!

Bretton Woods shared, “We begin with courage, because so much of what we do every day takes courage. Courage is defined as the willingness and ability to work through obstacles despite feelings of embarrassment, fear, reluctance or uncertainty. When you make positive choices, even though they may be difficult for you, you’re practicing courage. Big acts of courage typically involve a larger risk, such as overcoming pain or danger, while small acts of courage help you overcome everyday challenges like presenting in front of the class, solving conflicts, or stating an unpopular opinion.”

Choosing to do the right thing when no one is watching, or choosing to be kind to someone who is outside of your friend group takes courage and can have tremendous benefits for yourself and others. There are opportunities to be courageous every day.

Bretton Woods will follow with the benefits of gratitude, forgiveness and compassion in action, which lead them to choose love.

PTA members, Mrs Bargfrede and Mrs Adamkiewicz, came by to update their main lobby bulletin boards for the Fall. They worked so hard and did a great job with creating these beautiful boards that welcome visitors into our school everyday. Thank you to this amazing PTA!!



Bretton Woods Principal, George Gagliardi, with his office staff members, Ellen Festa, Denise Murphy, Diane Sheehan, and Katie Lloyd

Bretton Woods - "Choose Love - Courage"



Bretton Woods - "Choose Love - Courage"



PINES STUDENTS CREATE BEAUTIFUL MOSAIC

Each child at Pines Elementary school contributed a unique self portrait, creating a tapestry of diversity and talent. This 36 foot mural at Pines Elementary School not only celebrates the artistic spirit of our youth but also symbolizes the power of working together. A unique and vibrant mosaic will be created and displayed at each elementary school. Special thanks to Art teacher, Meg Catapano, who worked with the students to create this beautiful masterpiece!



BRETTON WOODS PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL "STRAW WALK"

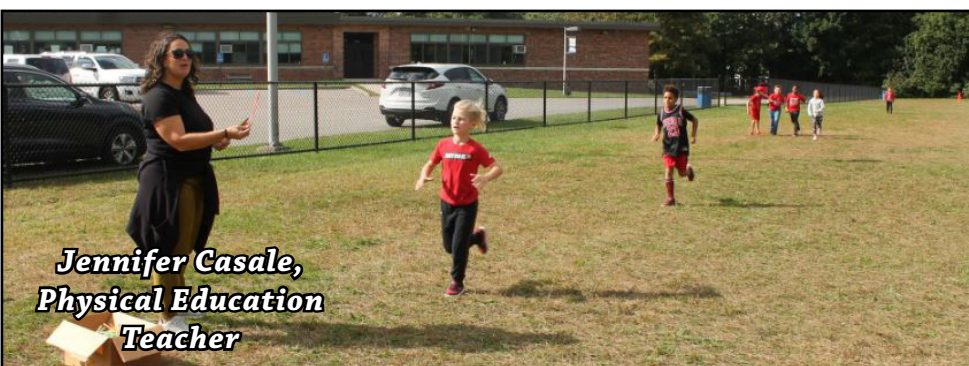
Students at Bretton Woods Elementary School engaged in a day of friendly competition, physical activity and fun during the annual Straw Walk.

For each quarter mile that the students ran, walked or jogged around Bretton Wood's field, they earned a straw handed out by their physical education teacher, Rich Lionetti. The Straw Walk is a unique initiative designed to get students excited and motivated about getting active. To share in the fun, family members were invited to attend during their child's scheduled class time and walk or run alongside them.

At the end of the class, students gathered to count and compare their straw "bouquets," beaming with pride at their accomplishments. Each class then totaled their straws at the week's end to see which class earned the most. Here are some photos of this fun annual event.



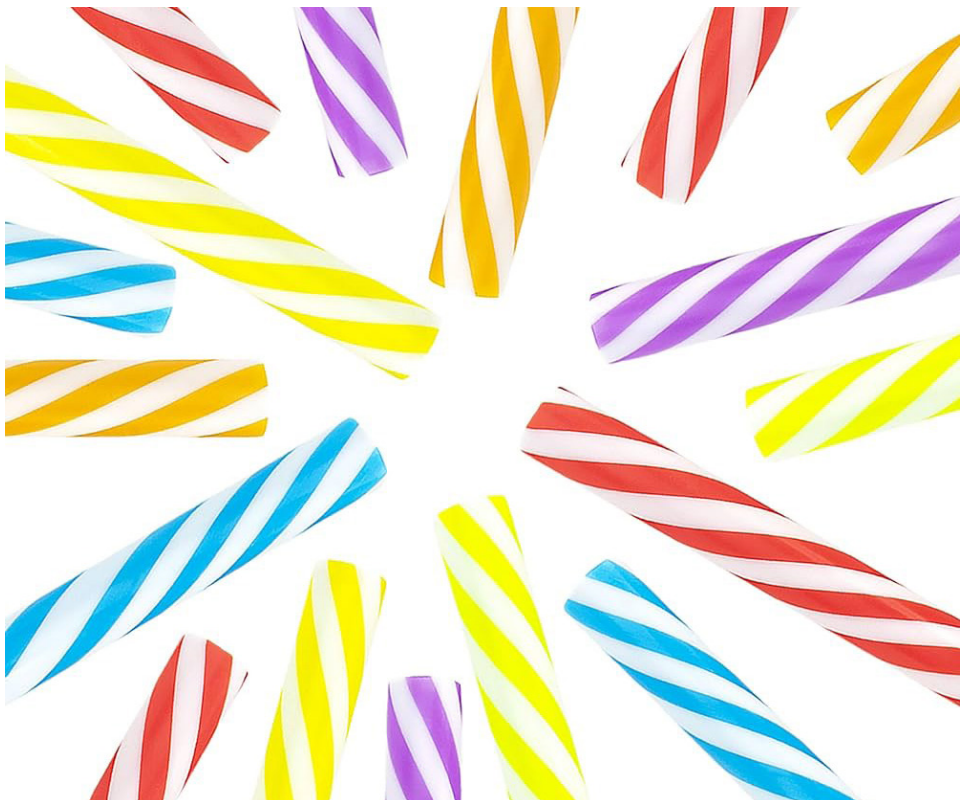
**Richard Lionetti,
Physical Education
Teacher**



**Jennifer Casale,
Physical Education
Teacher**



Bretton Woods - "Annual Straw Walk"



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WEAR BLUE AND GOLD FOR "DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH"

This past week, our elementary students wore blue and yellow to show their support for Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Here are some photos from this inspiring day.



"Down Syndrome Awareness"



PINES PTA "BOOS" PINE STAFF

The Pines staff was surprised when they walked into the faculty room on Tuesday October 10th to see that they were BOO'd by the PTA. A big thank you to the Pines PTA for always being so kind and thoughtful!



PINES FALL BOOK FAIR

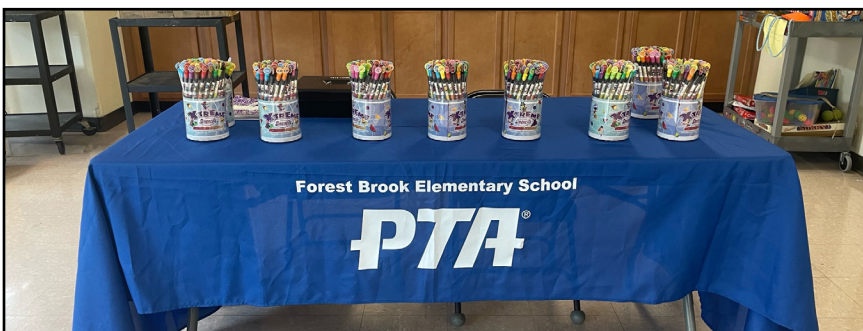
The Pines Fall Book Fair was held from Wednesday October 11th - Friday October 13th. Scholastic supplied many wonderful books for all ages, posters, bookmarks and other related items to purchase.

Thank you to all the Pines PTA volunteers who helped the children shop and helped make this event a huge success!



FOREST BROOK PTA HOLDS A "SMENCIL SALE" FOR THE STUDENTS

This past week the Forest Brook PTA had a "Smencil Sale." The students were able to shop during their lunch periods on Wednesday and Thursday. Here are a few pics of the kids and volunteers from the sale.



PINES HARVEST WALK

During Physical Education class, Pines students participated in the Annual Pines Harvest Walk. The goal for this event is to have students practice and learn about the physical activity of walking/jogging while they earn fall themed beads. The students earn a bead or charm for each lap completed while walking or running on the track. All of the students have been very enthusiastic and are working very hard to complete their laps and earn beads. At the end of this unit, students will string their beads on pipe cleaners to make a bracelet.



BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS ENJOY NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOM COURTESY OF THE SHARED DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE

*By: Christine O'Shaughnessy
Committee Chair*

Bretton Woods is delighted to introduce our brand new outdoor classroom. Our aim is to offer enriching learning experiences by engaging with the wonders of nature. We have curated an array of play-based and multi-sensory activities for children, while also ensuring a comfortable space for teachers to conduct lessons.

This concept has been a labor of love for our Shared Decision Making Committee, and we are overjoyed to witness our vision come to fruition. The children have had an absolutely fantastic time exploring the delightful new areas of our playground. We are immensely grateful for this incredible opportunity that we can offer to our students.



"NATION GERMAN WEEK" CELEBRATED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

During October 2nd - October 6th, the students and staff of Hauppauge High School participated in "National German Week." This week is meant to be a celebration of language, culture and traditions. Frau Cardi and the German Students helped promote awareness and appreciation of all things German.

"National German Week" was kicked-off with a fun game of capture the flag. German club students hung mini German flags all around the school for people to find. Anyone who found the flag won a prize (delicious chocolates all the way from Germany!)

Tuesday, there was a contest during lunch periods called "guess the gummy bears." Students and staff tried to guess how many gummy bears were in the container. Did you know that the famous Gummy Bear company Haribo is German? What a fun way to celebrate German culture.

Twelvth grader, Emerson Yip, won the contest and got to take home the container of 444 gummy bears!

Wednesday was "National Teach German Day." German Club students went around the school asking teachers to pronounce German tongue twisters which were played during the morning announcements. Shoutout to Mrs. Burkhardt for her excellent pronunciation. This day was filled with lots of laughs and hopefully a new found appreciation for the German Language.

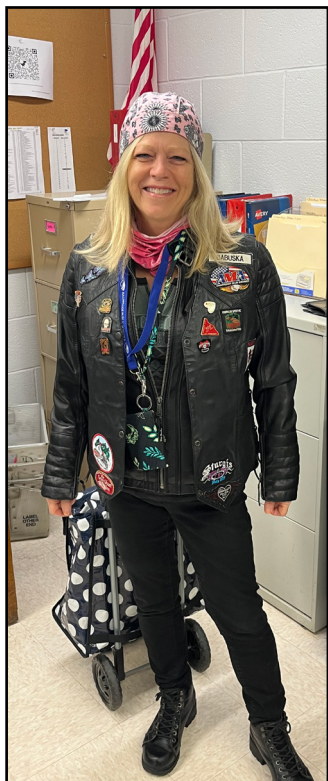
For Thursday, students wore red, black, and gold in support of "German Unity Day" which helps celebrate the reunification of East and West Germany; a holiday that's celebrated similarly to 4th of July here in the United States. Students wore soccer jerseys and the colors of the German flag to show their support.

To finish off the week "Kaffee and Kuchen" was provided to the staff as a show of appreciation for all the support.

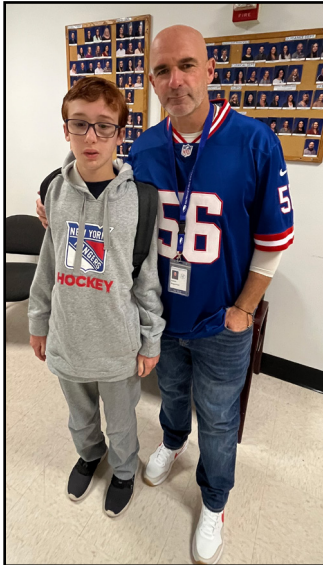
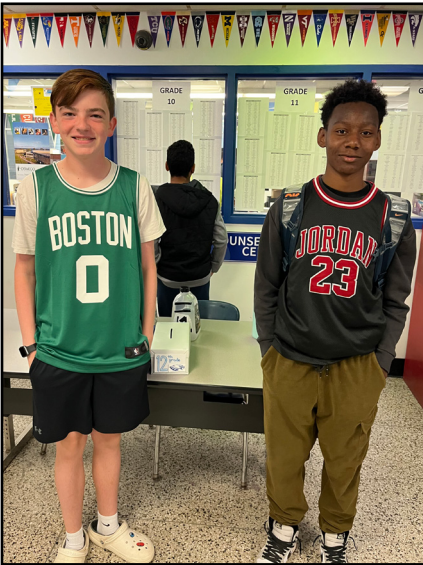
Here are some photos of this wonderful week celebrating everything German!



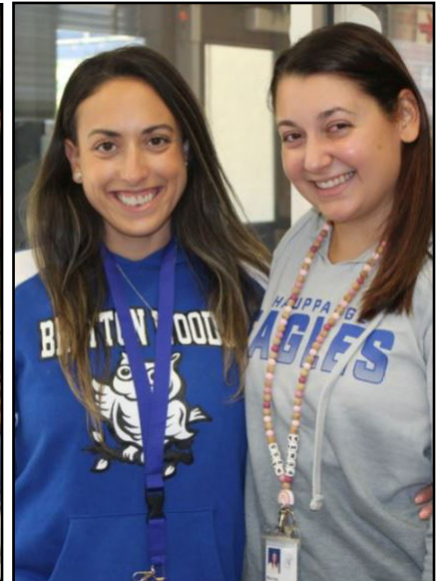
SPIRIT DAYS ARE CELEBRATED AHEAD OF HOMECOMING



"Spirit Days - HS, BW, and MS"



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Middle School - "Pajama Day"



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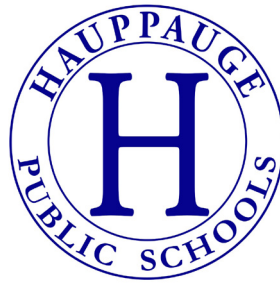
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