



# Horizons

*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow* 

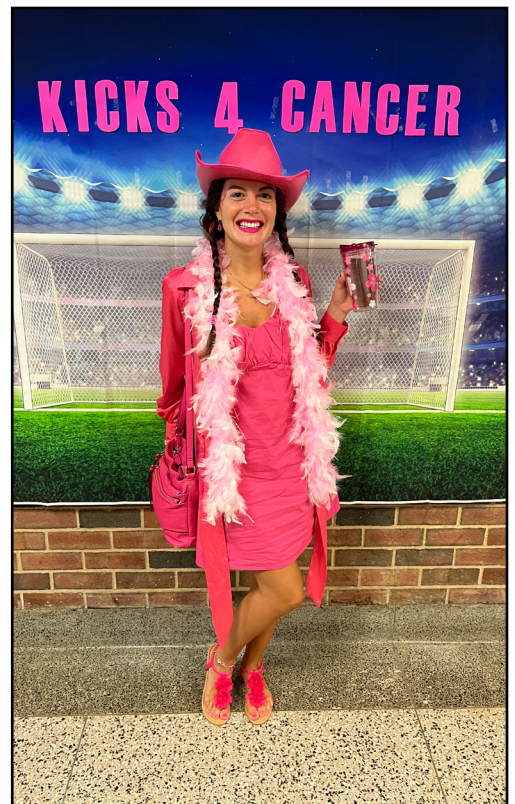
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## “KICKS FOR CANCER”

The 16th Annual “Kicks for Cancer” was held on Tuesday, October 3rd. The community turned out in a big way to support this worthwhile cause which is founded and run by high school teacher and Girls’ Varsity Soccer coach, Jesseca Kulesa. This event has raised well over \$450,000 since it began 16 years ago.

The Boys’ Varsity Soccer Team played against Westhampton and won 5-0! The Girls’ Varsity Soccer Team played against Eastport-South Manor and also won 2-0!

Our students in all of our schools wore pink in support of “Kicks for Cancer” on Tuesday, and enjoyed a fun “spirit week” leading up to it.





***"Kicks for Cancer"***



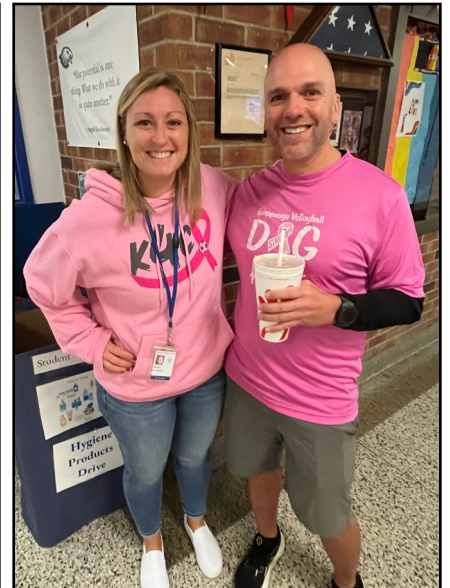
***Girls' Varsity Soccer Team***



***Boys' Varsity Soccer Team***



# *"Kicks for Cancer"*





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# "Kicks for Cancer"





*"Kicks for Cancer - Middle School"*





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***"Kicks for Cancer - Bretton Woods"***



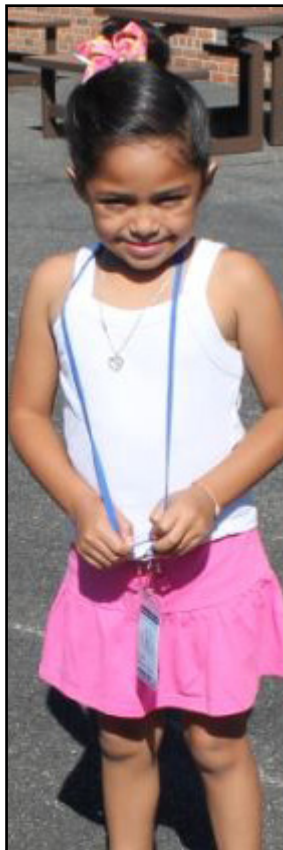


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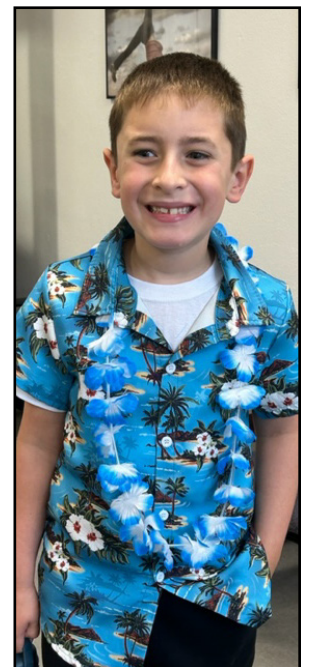
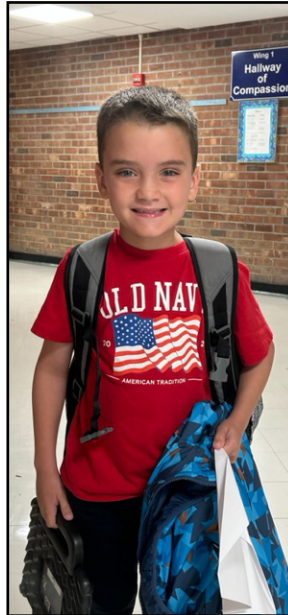
***"Kicks for Cancer - Bretton Woods"***





## ***"Kicks for Cancer - Forest Brook"***

Forest Brook students celebrated Kicks for Cancer Spirit Week wearing Patriotic, Hawaiian, Western, and Pink! Here are some photos of them throughout the week!





***"Kicks for Cancer - Forest Brook"***





***"Kicks for Cancer - Forest Brook"***





*"Kicks for Cancer - Forest Brook"*





*"Kicks for Cancer - Pines"*





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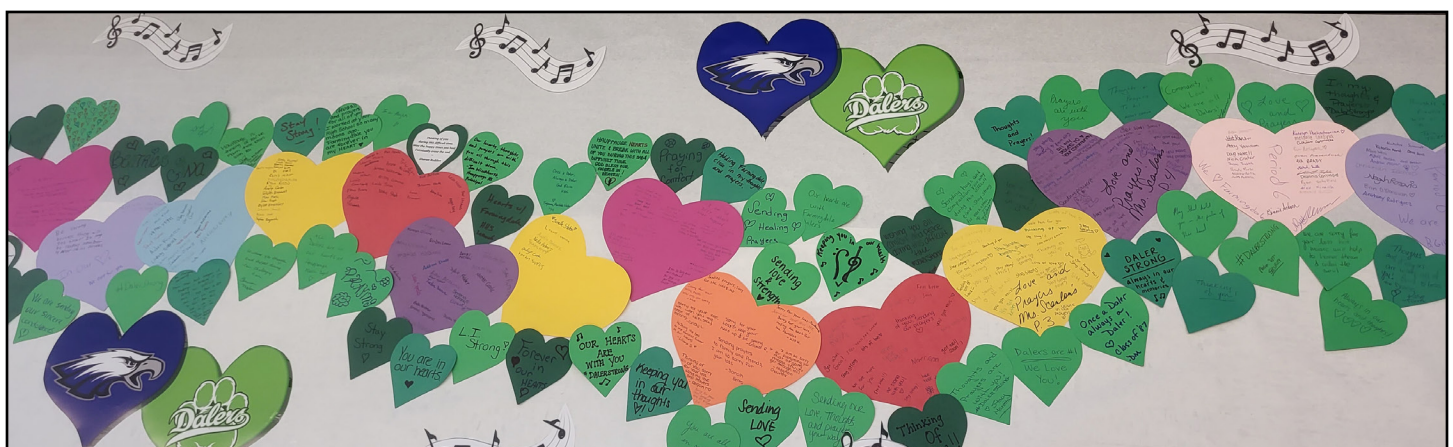
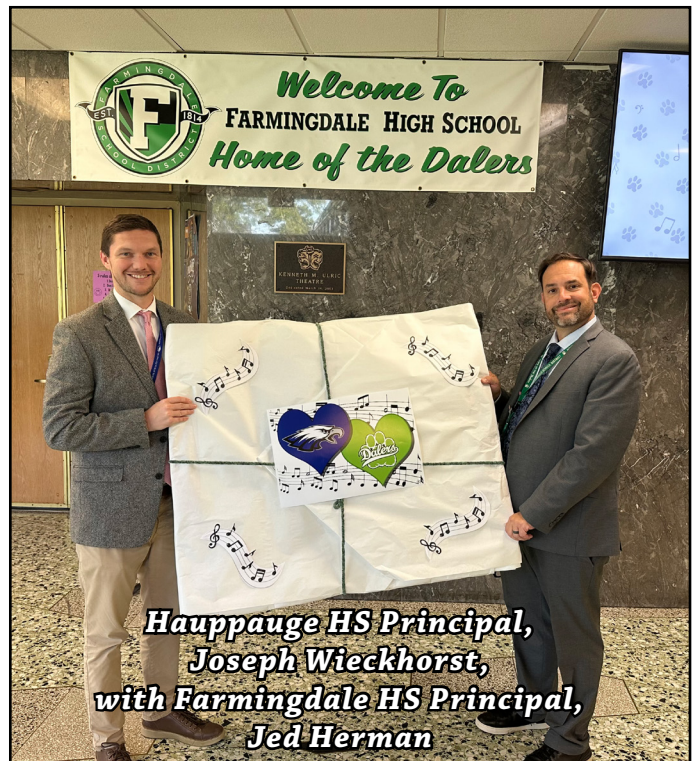


# HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, JOSEPH WIECKHORST, MAKES A SPECIAL DELIVERY TO FARMINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Our High School Principal, Joseph Wieckhorst, made a special delivery on Tuesday, October 3rd, to Farmingdale High School Principal, Jed Herman.

High school teaching assistant, Sharon Rudden, created a beautiful display on which students and staff could send their sentiments to Farmingdale High School in the wake of their recent tragedy, to support them and show them that Hauppauge High School cares.

Here are some photos of Principal Joseph Wieckhorst at Farmingdale High School, with Principal Jed Herman.





# ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM

By: Dr. Kristen Reingold  
Director of English Language Arts

Congratulations to our elementary students on completing the summer reading assignment! This year, students were asked to read a book and complete a project of their choice. Project ideas included creating a video based on the book, designing a costume for a character from the book, making a poster, using Book Creator to write a different ending, or completing a graphic organizer.

We are proud of all of our students for their dedication to reading and learning. Summer reading is essential for maintaining and improving literacy skills, and it also provides students with the opportunity to explore their interests and creativity.

Thank you to our students for participating in the summer reading assignment, and thank you to our parents and guardians for supporting our students' literacy development.



Selena Tamayo  
Benny Ryan  
Allie Scaturro  
Ryan Kunzig  
Zoey Desiderio  
Clinton Berotti  
Natalie Ryan  
Isla Cavaliere  
Rudhvin Mahesh Kumar  
Theodora Skarpalezos  
Isabella Schupak  
Skyler Bargellini  
Madhu Bandaru  
Stella Cavaliere  
Tenley Jensen  
Woyane Matey  
Morgan Gold  
David Oriano

Lucy Reinhardt  
Jace Clemente  
Everett O'Brien  
Oningne Matey  
Wota Matey  
Grace Oriano  
Emmalie Rupansingh  
Penny Campo  
Landon Gallway  
Avishka Bhosale  
Gina Sullivan  
Ella Oury  
Lucas Coffey  
Alexa Hart  
Riona Mittal  
Penelope Bisogno  
Aubrey Pirnat



## ***Forest Brook Summer Reading Participants***



Luciana Cracchiolo  
Zachary Balance  
Kaylie Romano  
Mila Grimaldi  
Olivia Fiedler  
Dylan Kienzler  
Nicholas Becarich  
Sienna Gersh  
Savannah Bono  
Miles Rojas  
Azalea Sookoo  
Ryan Daly  
Nick Balance  
Olivia Cavanagh  
Aubrey Weiner  
Steven Kienzler  
Abby Krisman  
Andrew Weiner  
Kayla Balance  
Alexa Weiner  
Andrew Michels



## *Pines Summer Reading Participants*



Isabella Gagliardi  
Abigail Bonn  
Giulietta Saulle  
Ryan Russello  
Cillian Corbett  
Paulie Tekverk  
Taylor Wor  
Kaira Celebi  
Marielle Oquendo  
Austin Andreasi  
Brooke Russello  
Nikki Braumann  
Logan Sudama  
Ethan Antell  
Matthew McHugh  
Giuliana Cerulli  
Craig Camilleri  
Chloe LoPreisti

Violet Radonis  
JJ Muilenburg  
Matthew Kugler  
Leonardo Bonica Delgado  
Ryan Napolitano  
Caylee Kostopoulos  
Alexander Garcia  
Carly Strachovsky  
Victoria Feigenbaum  
Caterina Saulle  
Zoe Schwarzbord  
Joseph Cerulli  
Joseph Titone  
Daniel Ford  
Ella Titone  
Hector Camacho  
Lilly Muilenburg

Hunter Wor  
Francesca Del Giorno  
Dylan Strachovsky  
Dylan Colavito  
Abraham Garcia  
Aiden Napolitano  
Dom Causarano  
Vincent Calavanse  
Savannah Pawlowski  
Luke Pawlowski  
Luke Kraus  
Madison Kline  
Mason Camilleri  
Owen Takesky  
Julia Kazemi  
Allie Rockford  
Ava Faina  
Skylar Yip

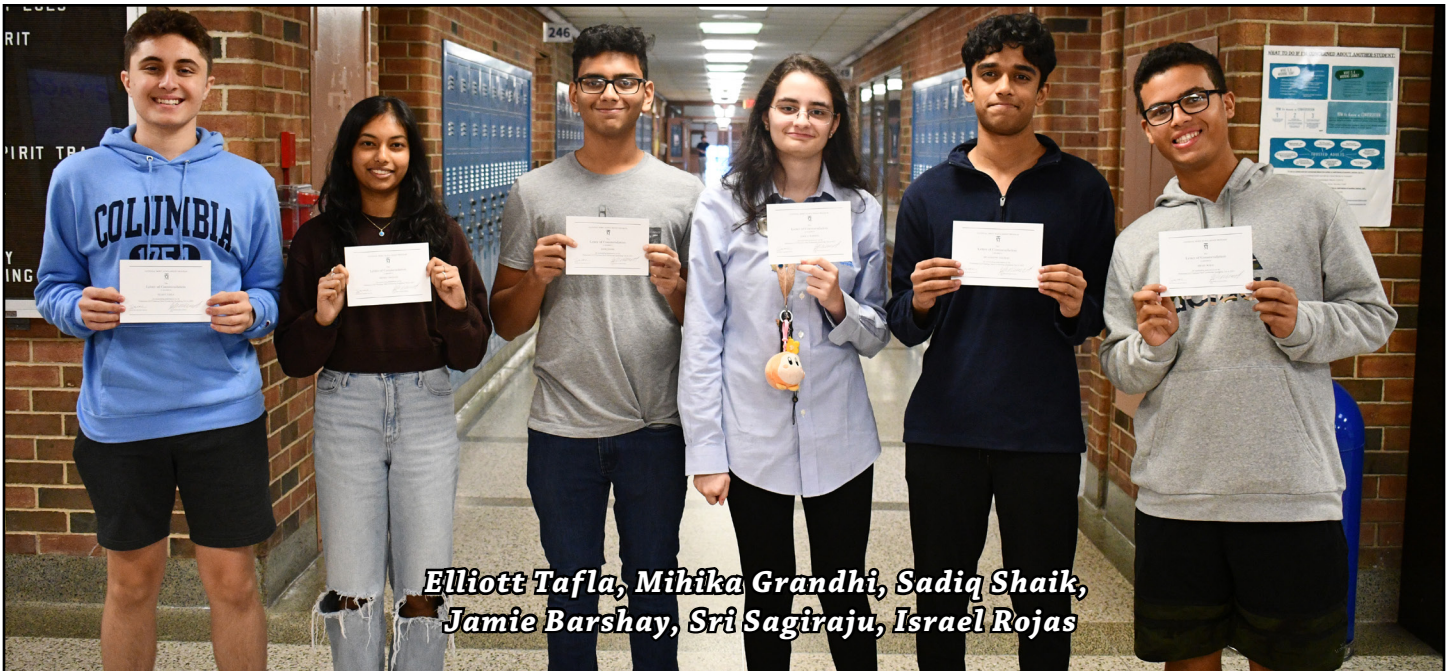


# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMMENDATION

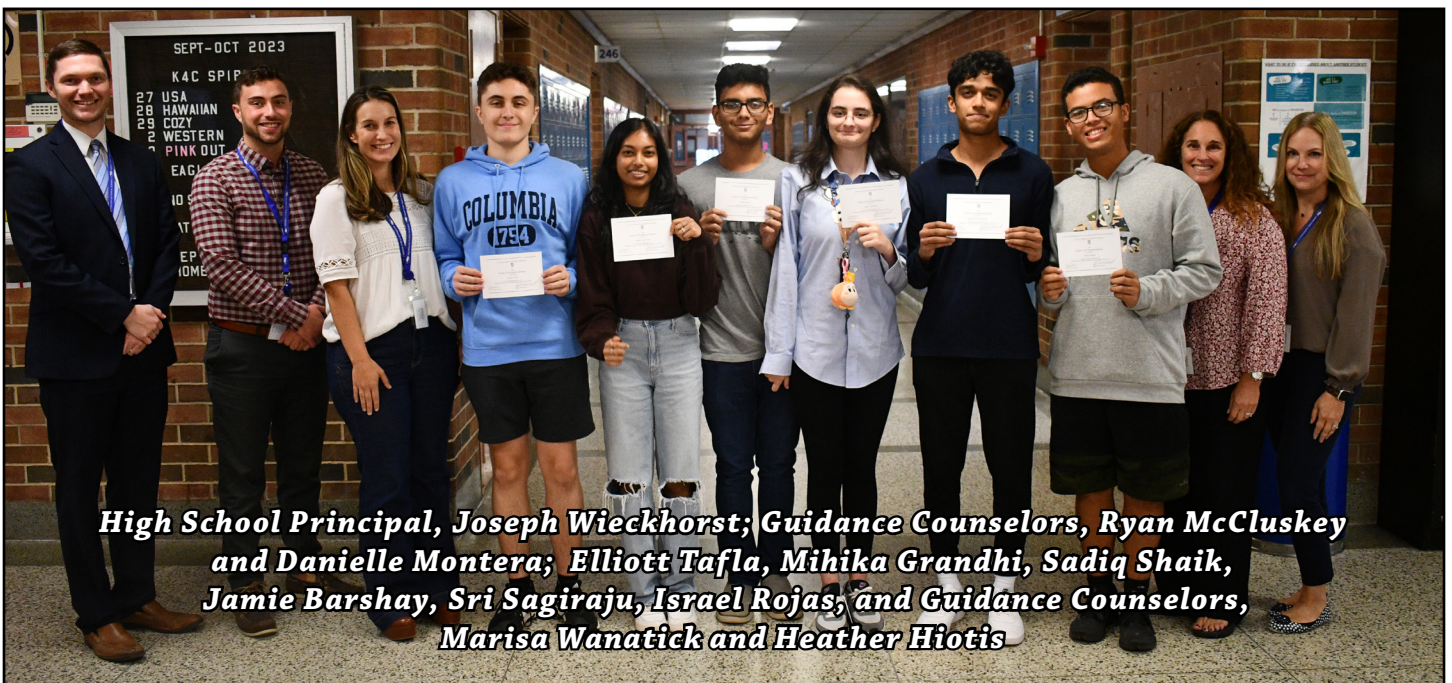
Six of our High School students have been named Commended Students in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2024 competition by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. A letter of commendation from Hauppauge High School and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation was presented by Principal Joseph Wieckhorst to these scholastically talented students.

Congratulations to Jamie Barshay, Mihika Grandhi, Israel Rojas, Sri Sagiraju, Sadiq Shaik and Elliot Tafla on this fantastic academic accomplishment.



***Elliot Tafla, Mihika Grandhi, Sadiq Shaik,  
Jamie Barshay, Sri Sagiraju, Israel Rojas***



***High School Principal, Joseph Wieckhorst; Guidance Counselors, Ryan McCluskey  
and Danielle Montera; Elliott Tafla, Mihika Grandhi, Sadiq Shaik,  
Jamie Barshay, Sri Sagiraju, Israel Rojas, and Guidance Counselors,  
Marisa Wanatick and Heather Hiotis***

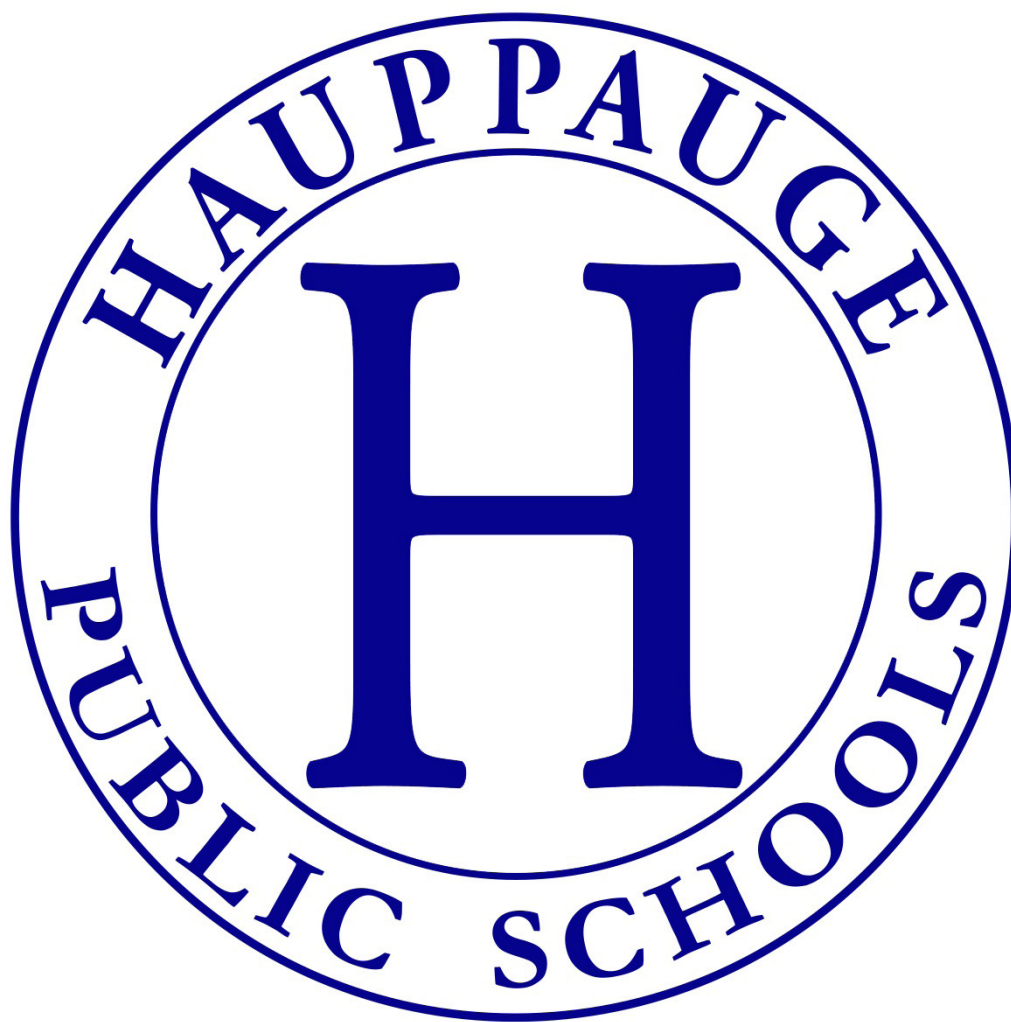


## HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL EARNS AP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL RECOGNITION

College Board announced that Hauppauge High School has been named to the Advanced Placement Program School Honor Roll, earning the silver distinction.

The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

Regarding Hauppauge High School's class of 2023, 53% of seniors took at least one AP exam during their high school career, 34% of seniors scored a three or higher on at least one AP exam, and 18% of seniors took five or more AP exams. Hauppauge High School offers a total of 17 AP courses.





## HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN IS NAMED “TOP 300 JUNIOR INNOVATOR”

We are happy to report that we have another “Top 300 Junior Innovator!” Congratulations to high school Freshman, Samvath Karanam! He was selected as one of the “Top 300 Junior Innovators” in the “2023 Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge!” Samvath entered with his project, “Better Bio Batteries,” and is in the top 300 students selected from 1,828 submissions from throughout the United States.

Congratulations, Samvath!



***Samvath Karanam is pictured with  
Science Research teacher, Jocelyn Handley-Pendleton***



## FOREST BROOK GOES GOLD FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

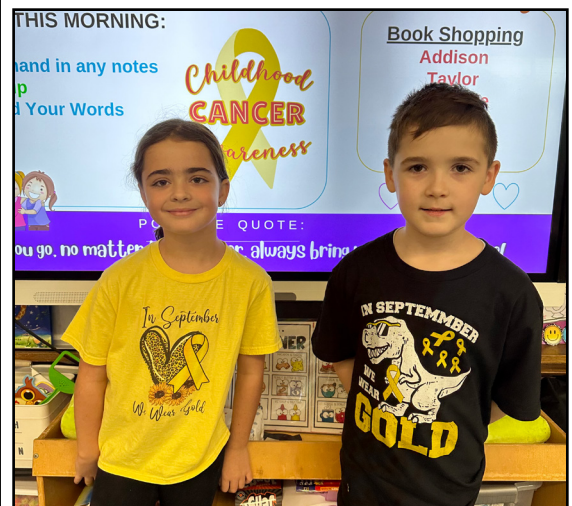
On Friday, September 29th, Forest Brooks went GOLD for Childhood Cancer Awareness. The goal of this cause is to increase awareness and raise funds for those affected by childhood cancer. The American Childhood Cancer Organization encourages everyone to “GO GOLD” during September in honor and memory of kids with cancer.

New Forest Brook Principal, Michael Caulin, sent a special letter home to parents and guardians which read in part, “On Friday, September 29th, Forest Brook is going to “GO GOLD” to support one of our very own students, Ryan Starace. Ryan’s courage, strength, and perseverance is truly inspiring. We are so thankful that Ryan has won his battle and continues to thrive. He is an inspiration to all!”

Mr. Caulin encouraged all students and staff to wear yellow or gold to support Ryan and all of the children who have, and continue to, fight cancer. The students and staff were all decked out in their yellow and gold! Here are some photos from this inspiring day.



**Forest Brook Principal, Michael Caulin, with Ryan Starace**





# Forest Brook Goes GOLD!





# Forest Brook Goes GOLD!





## Forest Brook Goes GOLD!





# BRETTON WOODS WHIPS PEDIATRIC CANCER WITH HEARTS OF GOLD

Since 2017, Bretton Woods has been participating in the “Whip Pediatric Cancer Hearts of Gold” program in support of Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month to raise money for the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. One of our Bretton Woods families championed this cause as they fought valiantly against pediatric cancer with their youngest son, Nicolas, who sadly lost his battle with the disease in February of 2021, at just five years old. Nicolas’ big sister, Gianna, who is now a seventh grader at Hauppauge Middle School has been a Hearts of Gold ambassador since she was in first grade.

On Friday, September 29th Bretton Woods wore gold/yellow to show our support for Pediatric Cancer Research. Gold hearts were sent home. The children decorated them and returned them with a donation. All proceeds will go to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center to fund and research a cure for pediatric cancer. Bretton Woods Teachers and Staff also held a “JEANS DAY” and made donations as well.

Here are some photos from this special day.



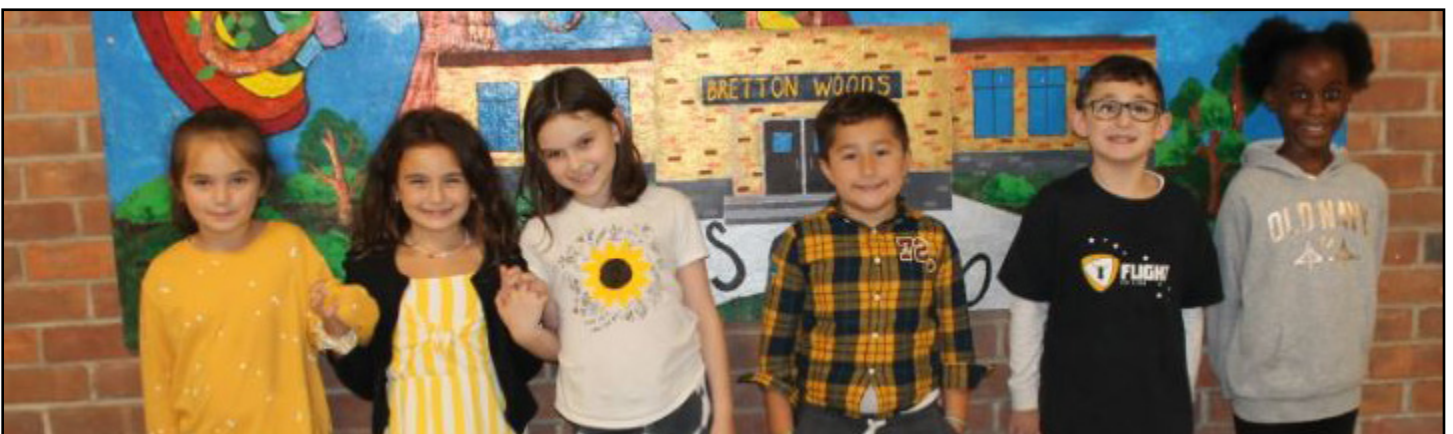


***"Bretton Woods Whips Pediatric Cancer"***





**"Bretton Woods Whips Pediatric Cancer"**





# PINES ELEMENTARY WHIPS PEDIATRIC CANCER WITH HEARTS OF GOLD

Pines Elementary School staff and students participated in the “Hearts of Gold” program to support Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month.

As part of the program all staff and students were given a paper heart, provided by the Whip Pediatric Cancer organization, to decorate and were asked to hand it in with a suggested donation of \$2. The decorated hearts are displayed in the Pines lobby to show that the students and staff of Pines have “Hearts of Gold.” A total of \$1,066 was collected! All proceeds will be sent to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center to fund and research a cure for pediatric cancer. A BIG thank you for everyone’s generosity and support!

Here are some great photos of our generous Pines students and staff!





***“Pines Whips Pediatric Cancer”***





## GIRLS VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM COMPETES IN RHODE ISLAND INVITATIONAL

The girls Varsity Cross Country Team recently journeyed to Rhode Island to compete in the “Ocean State Cross Country Invitational.”

In the varsity race, the Eagles placed fifth out of 31 teams and the junior varsity team placed ninth out of 31 teams.

Medal winners included ninth grader Julianna Heck in the varsity race and tenth grader Aryanna Ress in the JV race. Julianna was 23rd out of 155 competitors and Aryanna was 22nd out of 216 competitors.

Keira Choinski, Reese Coughlin, Emma Tjersland and Kiley McGuire were Hauppauge’s other top runners. The invitational proved to be a wonderful opportunity for great competition and team bonding.

Congratulations to this outstanding group of student-athletes!





## FOREST BROOK'S PTA BRINGS OCTOBER FUN EVENTS TO THE STUDENTS

Forest Brook PTA Vice President, Jenn Tholl, has reported that they are in full swing with October events for the students. The October "Birthday Board" is up and displays the birthdays for this month and as the board says, they are "spooktacular!" PTA volunteers come in at the beginning of each month to change the theme and display that month's birthdays.

The "Reflections Contest" has officially kicked off and the board below was made by their Reflections Committee. October is also PARP (Parents as Reading Partners) month. The theme this year is "Disney's Monsters Inc." There is one door per class on the board, and each door opens with a place to record the minutes read. They also held a PARP kick-off assembly on October 4th. Darren Sardelli of "Laugh A Lot Poetry" spoke to the students. [Click here](#) to view his website. Darren is an award-winning poet and author.

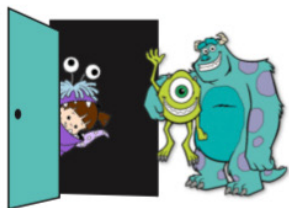
The PTA is always looking for volunteers for their various committees. The list of committees is listed below. If you are a Forest Brook parent and would like to participate, please contact them at [theforestbrookpta@gmail.com](mailto:theforestbrookpta@gmail.com).

Thank you for all you do!





# READING



# OPENS MANY DOORS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>PARP KICKOFF</b> KIDS CHOICE	<b>3</b> Read to a Pet or Stuffed Animal	<b>4</b> Read to a Younger Person	<b>5</b> Read a Bedtime Story	<b>6</b> <b>FLASHLIGHT FRIDAY</b> Turn out the lights & use a flashlight to read.	<b>7</b> Read a Recipe and make it
<b>8</b> Read to an Older Person	<b>9</b> <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> Read about Columbus	<b>10</b> Read a Poem <b>READING LOG DUE</b>	<b>11</b> PARENTS CHOICE	<b>12</b> Read a Disney Story	<b>13</b> <b>FLASHLIGHT FRIDAY</b> Turn out the lights & use a flashlight to read.	<b>14</b> Read a Menu
<b>15</b> No Screen Sunday. READ. READ. READ.	<b>16</b> Read something in the Newspaper <b>READING LOG DUE</b>	<b>17</b> Read Song Lyrics	<b>18</b> Read a Book by Dr. Seuss	<b>19</b> Read to a Pet or Stuffed Animal	<b>20</b> <b>FLASHLIGHT FRIDAY</b> Turn out the lights & use a flashlight to read.	<b>21</b> <b>READ OVER THE PHONE</b> to a friend or family member
<b>22</b> PARENTS CHOICE	<b>23</b> Read a Comic <b>READING LOG DUE</b>	<b>24</b> Read a Disney Story	<b>25</b> Bring your Favorite Book to School and Read	<b>26</b> KIDS CHOICE	<b>27</b> <b>FLASHLIGHT FRIDAY</b> Turn out the lights & use a flashlight to read.	<b>28</b> Read a Book by Dr. Seuss
<b>29</b> No Screen Sunday. READ. READ. READ.	<b>30</b> <b>CONGRATS YOU DID IT!</b> <b>READING LOG DUE</b>	<b>31</b> <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b>				

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

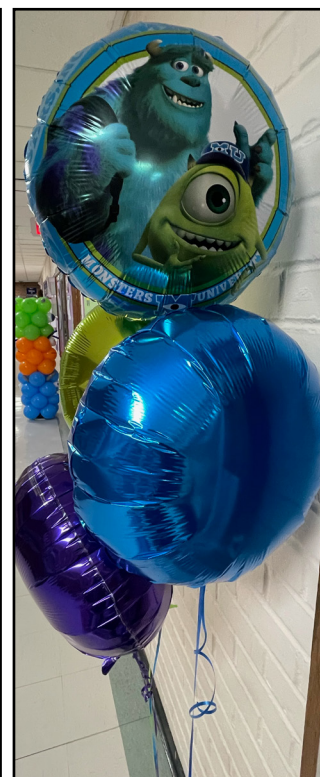
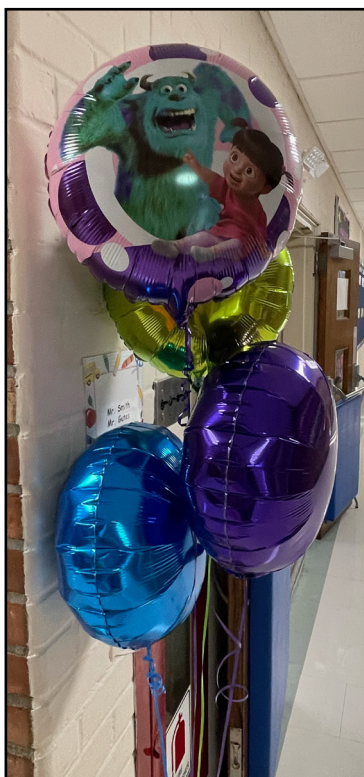
IF YOU WEREN'T AT OUR FIRST MEETING BUT WANT TO JOIN A COMMITTEE PLEASE EMAIL YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND COMMITTEE TO:

THEFORESTBROOKPTA@GMAIL.COM

Committees:

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES	MOVIE NIGHT
BLOOD DRIVE	PLANT SALE
BOOK FAIR	REFLECTIONS
BOWL-A-THON	SCHOOL PHOTOS
CASINO NIGHT/PARENTS NIGHT OUT**	SPRING FLING
EARTH DAY CONTEST	SOMEONE SPECIAL DANCE
FUN RUN - BOOSTERTON	STREET FAIR
FAMILY FUN NIGHTS	STAFF APPRECIATION
HARVEST FESTIVAL	SEES CANDY FUNDRAISER
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE	TALENT SHOW
HOSPITALITY	

\*\* - NEEDS A COMMITTEE CHAIR





# Forest Brook PTA - PARP Assembly





## HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND WEARS GREEN RIBBONS TO SUPPORT FARMINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL

The high school marching band honored Farmingdale High School by wearing green ribbons at last Friday's football game. Here is a photo of the band.





## PINES ELEMENTARY HOSTS A BREAKFAST FOR THEIR MUCH APPRECIATED BUS DRIVERS

On Friday, September 29th, Pines held its annual Bus Driver Breakfast. This annual Bus Driver Breakfast is a congenial way to refresh their seasoned drivers, and introduce their new drivers to the Peaceful School Bus reward program. They also took this opportunity to reinforce the importance of assigned seats and explained how assigned seats are instrumental in behavior management on the buses.

Everyone at Pines is very thankful for the kindness and respect the drivers show their students.





# BRETTON WOODS AND FOREST BROOK STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY

On Thursday, September 21st, the Hauppauge Fire Department visited Bretton Woods. They also made a visit to Forest Brook on September 29th. Assemblies were held and the firemen spoke to the kids about fire safety, and showed them their fire equipment and fire trucks. Every class got to take a photo with the firemen and their trucks! Here are some photos from the visits!





*Bretton Woods Fire Safety*





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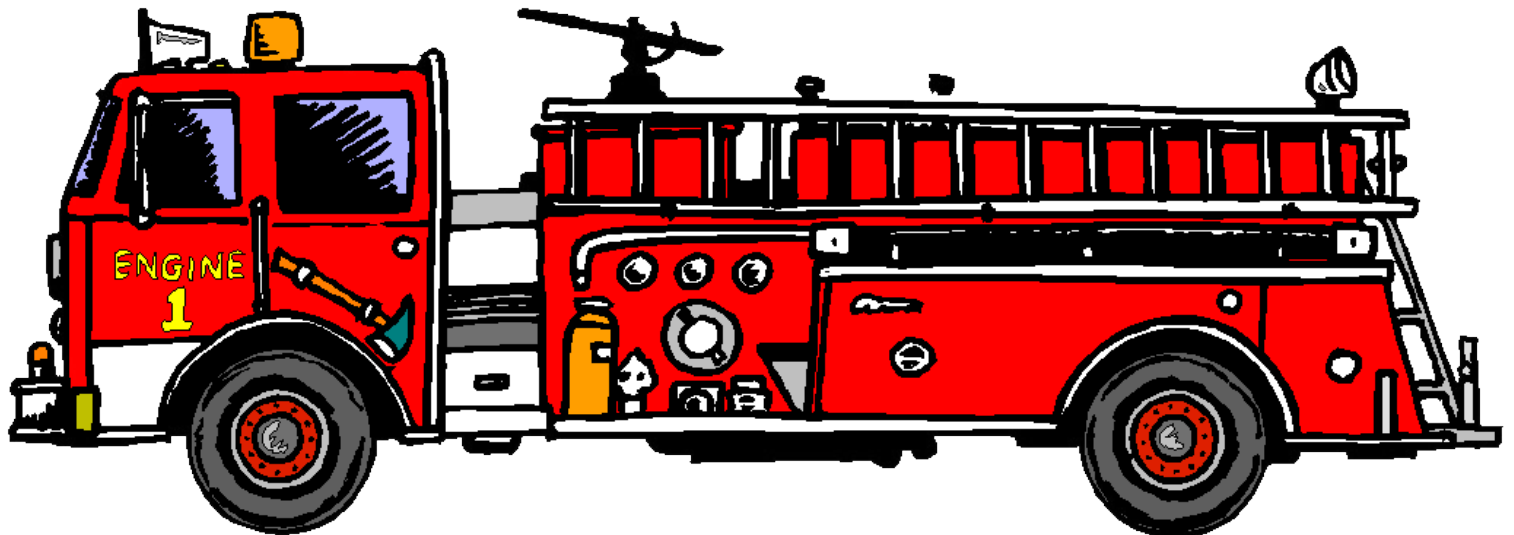


## Forest Brook Fire Safety





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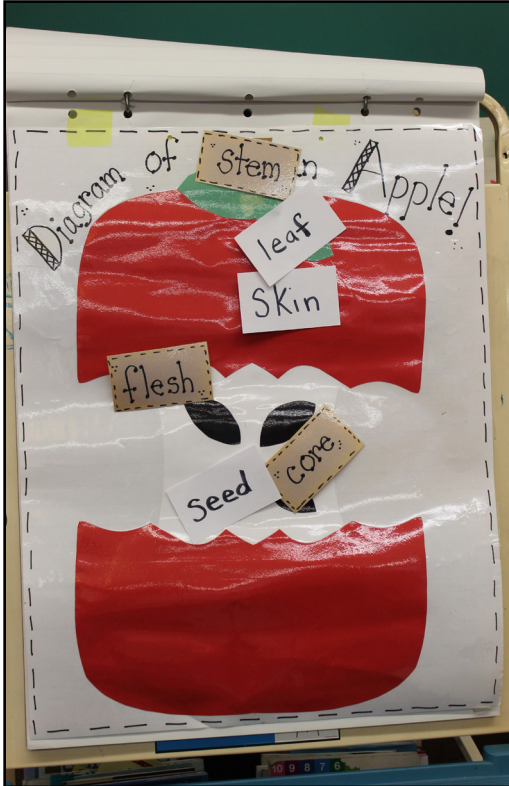


# PINES KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS CELEBRATE “JOHNNY APPLESEED DAY”



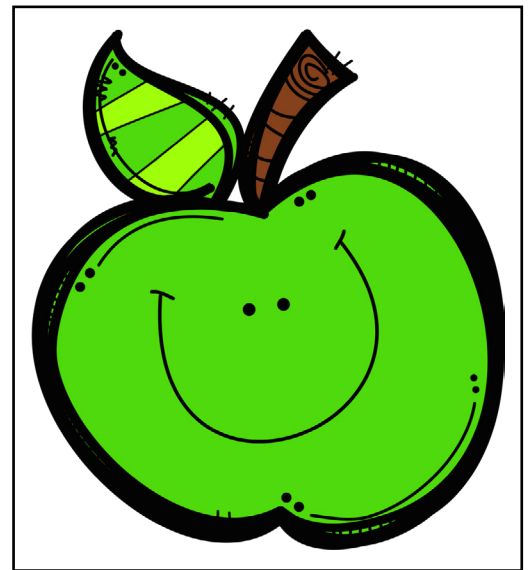
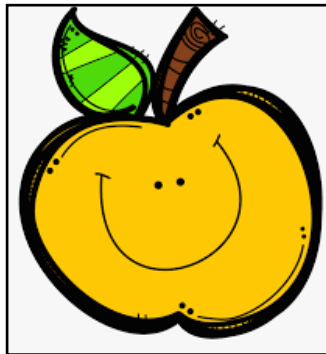
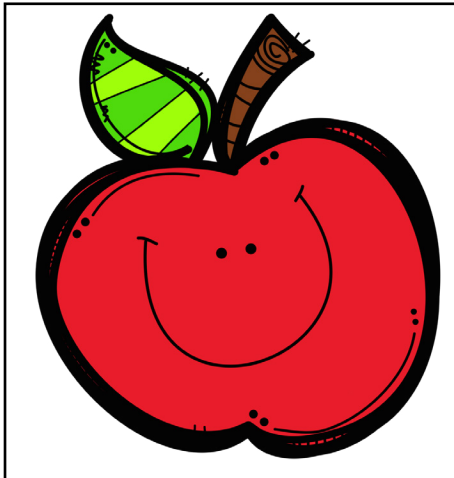
Pines Kindergarten students celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day on Tuesday, September 26th. Johnny Appleseed was a famous American figure who is best known for his planting of apple trees throughout Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The children made apple hats, worked on apple worksheets, tasted different types of apples, counted apple seeds and made applesauce. Fun was had by all!

Here are some cute photos of our little apple enthusiasts!





***"Pines - Johnny Appleseed Day"***





## “KICKS FOR CANCER”

Here are some more photos of the fun and action from “Kicks for Cancer” on Tuesday, October 3rd!





## *"Kicks for Cancer"*





## ***"Kicks for Cancer"***





# *"Kicks for Cancer"*





WE THANK OUR SCHOOL CUSTODIANS ON  
NATIONAL CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY

Monday, October 2nd, was “National Custodian Appreciation Day.” We thank our custodians for their hard work and dedication to our school district. They are very much appreciated!





You're invited to...  
Interact Club's Annual

# SAFE HALLOWEEN

Saturday, October 28th

11:00 – 2:00

HS Commons

\$5 Per Child +  
2 Non-Perishable Items

Help us kick start the Senora  
Aigen Memorial Food Drive to  
support the Eagle's Food Pantry!

PERFORMANCES, CRAFTS,  
GAMES, & MORE!



This activity is not endorsed by or affiliated with the Hauppauge School District.





# **DIG PINK**

## **BOYS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**

**October 10, 2023**

**Houppouge vs Center Moriches**

**4:45 pm**

**Houppouge High School**

**FOOD, DRINKS, 50/50 RAFFLE**

**Proceeds go to Kicks for Cancer**



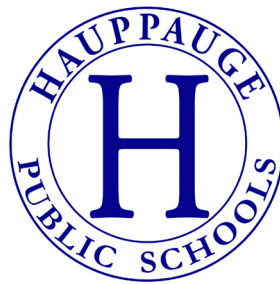
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