



Horizons

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN 2023

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!



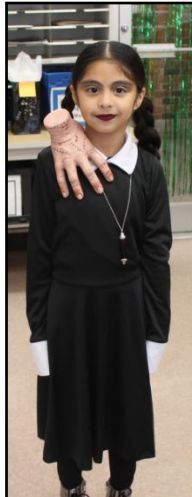
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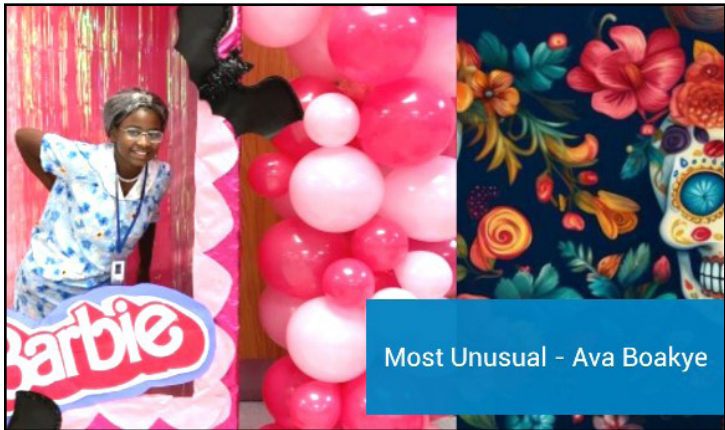


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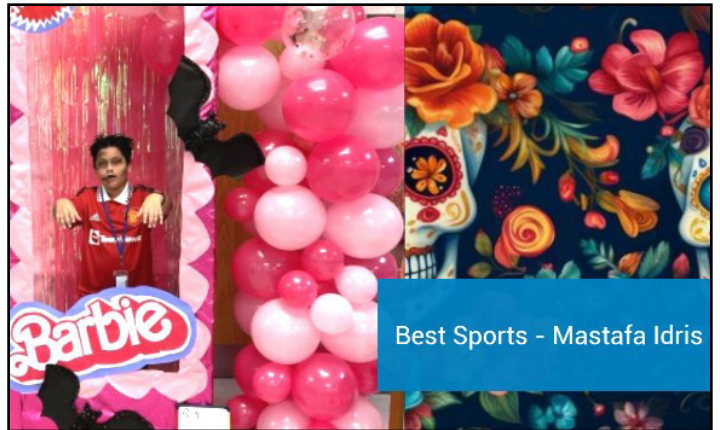


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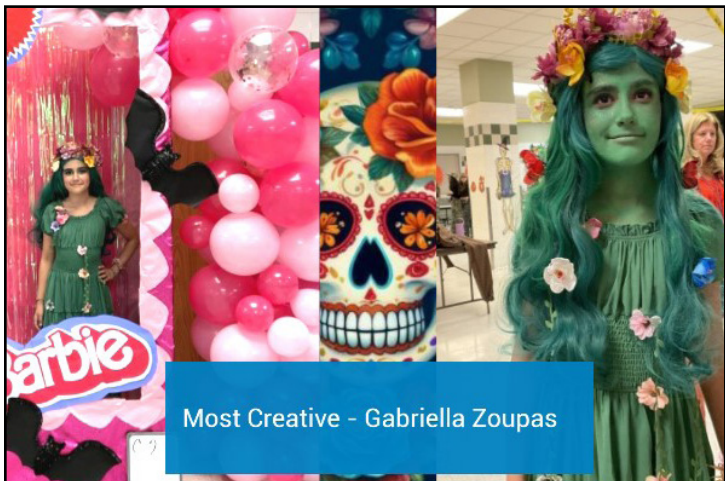
The Middle School had a Spirit Day on Halloween for students and staff. The day had fun costume contests for both. Here are some photos of the winners, and all that took part in this great day!



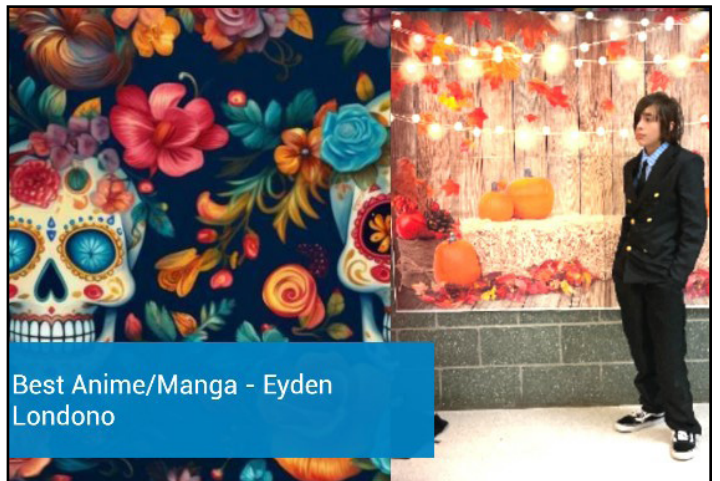
Most Unusual - Ava Boakye



Best Sports - Mastafa Idris



Most Creative - Gabriella Zoupas



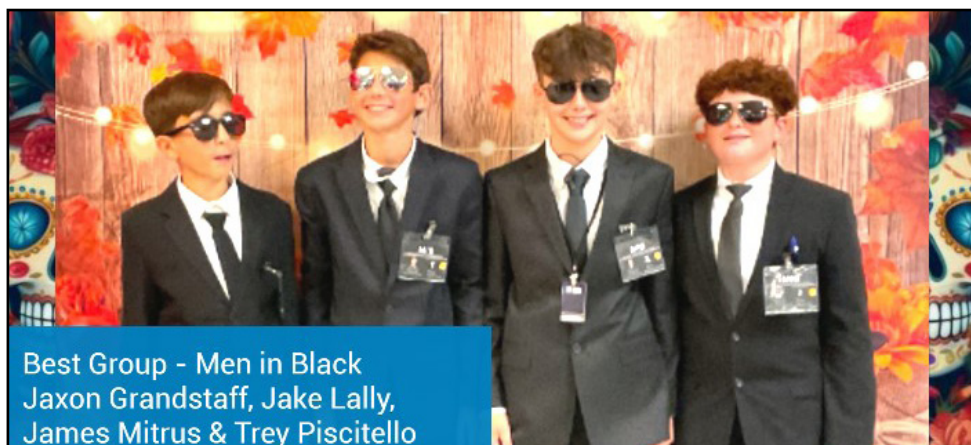
Best Anime/Manga - Eyden Londono



Best Halloween Shirt - Alex Altman

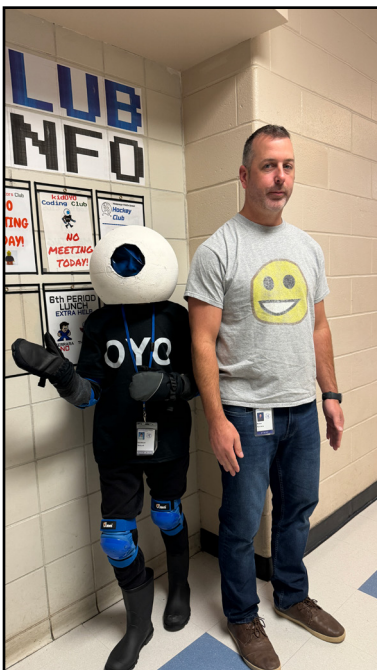


Best Movie/Book Character - Dakota Eleazer-Daniels

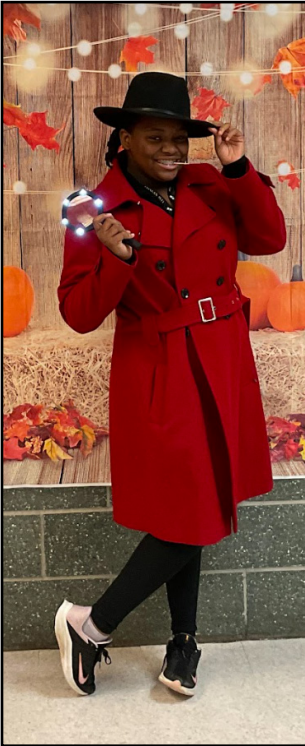


Best Group - Men in Black
Jaxon Grandstaff, Jake Lally,
James Mitrus & Trey Piscitello

"Halloween - Middle School"



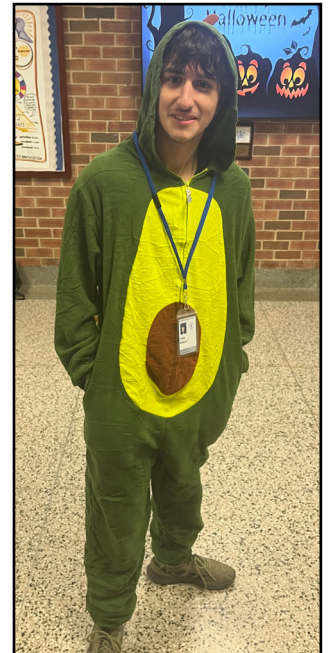
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HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS IN “WISE” MIX UP SOME MAGICAL POTIONS ON HALLOWEEN

Mrs. Sammon’s 12th grade WISE group had lots of Halloween fun mixing up some magical potions. These “Women In Science and Engineering” seniors are now in their final year of their 3-year commitment to the Stony Brook University program.



From left: SBU Chemistry Mentor Maria Florakis and HHS seniors Parker Smith, Sofia Kalaitzis, Reese Coughlin, Mihika Grandhi, Savvy Dusad and Sweta Jha

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INDUCTED INTO THE TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

The 2023-2024 “Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction” took place on Thursday, October 26th, 2023. The following high school students were inducted:

Meghan Barry
Matthew Barshay
Gennady Borisov
*Lina Cambardella
Brandon Cardamone
*Megan Connolly, Co-President
*Brayden Dickneider
Carleigh Garofalo
Liana Gentile
*Reagan Henselder, Treasurer

*Lindsay Jenkins, Co-President
*Hailey Kulesa
*Silas Lobenstein
*Brie Mallebranche
Justin Mannix
Andrew Master
Joel Mathew
*Maya McFadyen
Isabella Messina
Hayley Morello

*Alexa Oliveto, Historian
*Brady Park
Hunter Pipia
Carissa Postilio
*Jordan Reilly
Jacob Solomon
Emma Tjersland
*Gina Vaughan, Secretary
Pranav Vijayababu
(*returning members)

The “Tri-M Music Honor Society” is a program of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), which focuses on creating future leaders in music education and music advocacy. Tri-M recognizes students that have gone above and beyond both academically and musically. They also provide students leadership opportunities to make a difference in their community through music-based service projects. There are more than 2,100 chapters across 50 states and 15 countries, involving more than 84,000 students in grades 6-12. Each year, student members contribute more than 750,000 service hours to their school and local communities, and raise nearly \$1 million dollars for causes they care about.

We congratulate the new members of the “Tri-M Music Honor Society.”



HAUPPAUGE STUDENT-ATHLETES MAKE THEIR FALL COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

The following High School Student-Athletes recently committed to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level:

Haley Hutzler - Gordon College - Volleyball
Reese Coughlin- Johns Hopkins University - Track and Field
Hailey Kulesa - UNC Charlotte - Lacrosse
Francesca Gatien - Florida Southern College - Soccer
Melissa O'Connor -SUNY Cortland - Volleyball
Matt Neglia - St. Thomas Aquinas College - Baseball
John Margolies - St. Thomas Aquinas College - Baseball

We congratulate them and wish them the best of luck in their future school and sports endeavors!



***Pictured with our student-athletes are:
Dan Butler, Athletic Director; Joseph Wieckhorst, HS Principal;
and Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent***

EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENTS VISIT THE LONGHOUSE RESERVE FOR AN IMMERSIVE ART CLASS

Our eighth-grade students visited a wonderful and unique museum for an amazing experience on October 25th, with their Art teacher, Alicia Tully. The LongHouse Reserve, located in East Hampton, is an outdoor museum that has many permanent, as well as temporary, sculptural gardens, and works of art installations on their grounds.

LongHouse Reserve is a 16 acre integrated environment created by artist, collector, and world-renowned textile designer and weaver, Jack Lenor Larson (1927- 2020).

The sculptural garden features more than 60 outdoor works, including permanent collection works by Buckminster Fuller, Dale Chihuly, Yoko Ono, and Maren Hassinger, among others. These works and the setting encourage exploration and contemplation for visitors of all ages to see and think in new ways, and to incorporate art and design into their lives.



A RAY OF SUNSHINE ON A CLOUDY DAY

By: Michael Caulin
Forest Brook Principal

On an overcast October afternoon, a ray of sunshine arrived at the doorstep of Forest Brook Elementary School. That beam of light was Joan Worontzoff who was accompanied by her husband. Upon entering the vestibule, Mrs. Worontzoff stated she had taught at Forest Brook sixty years ago and just wanted to revisit a place that was so very special to her so long ago.

Mrs. Worontzoff, who, at the time, was Miss. Bianchi taught at Forest Brook for three years in the mid-1960's. A yearbook photo was found tucked away in the archives of the Forest Brook Library. In that photo, Miss. Bianchi wears a proud smile surrounded by her third grade class. To see her on this day when she returned to Forest Brook, that smile was just as bright only this time accompanied by glistening eyes which produced some tears of joy upon walking the halls of the school and visiting the room where she taught.

Miss. Bianchi, now Mrs. Worontzoff, was inundated with fond memories and immense gratitude for the time she spent with the children of Forest Brook generations ago. It is certainly no surprise to anyone that has experienced Forest Brook, that Mrs. Worontzoff would have such a visceral reaction to her return to the special place where her teaching career began.

Thank you Mrs. Worontzoff for your service to Forest Brook and returning to share your sunshine with us.



***Mrs. Joan Worontzoff, former Forest Brook teacher,
Miss Bianchi, with Michael Caulin, Principal***

PINES FIFTH-GRADERS TAKE A TRIP TO “ADVENTURE PARK”

On Friday, October 27th, the fifth-grade students at Pines Elementary School embarked on a remarkable journey to “Adventure Park” in Wheatley Heights, where they not only had the opportunity to challenge their physical limits, but also to build teamwork, encourage one another, and embrace the spirit of trying something new.

This memorable field trip was perfectly aligned with the school’s focus on character development, particularly emphasizing the theme of courage, as inspired by their Book-of-the-Month, “I Am Courage.”

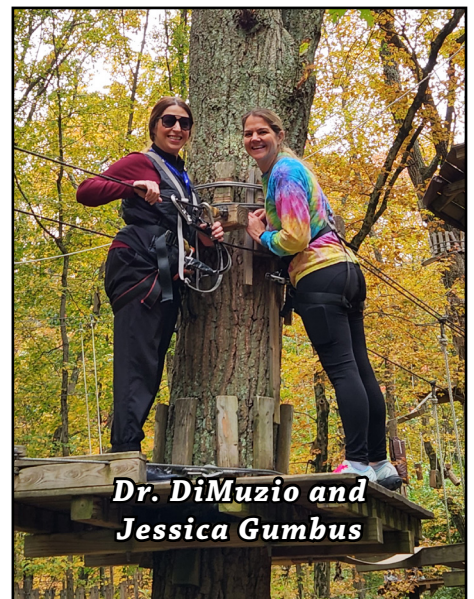
Here are some photos of the students, teachers, and even their Principal, Dr. DiMuzio, taking part in the excitement!



*Mr. Preite, Ms. Dorman, and
Mrs. Zamek,*

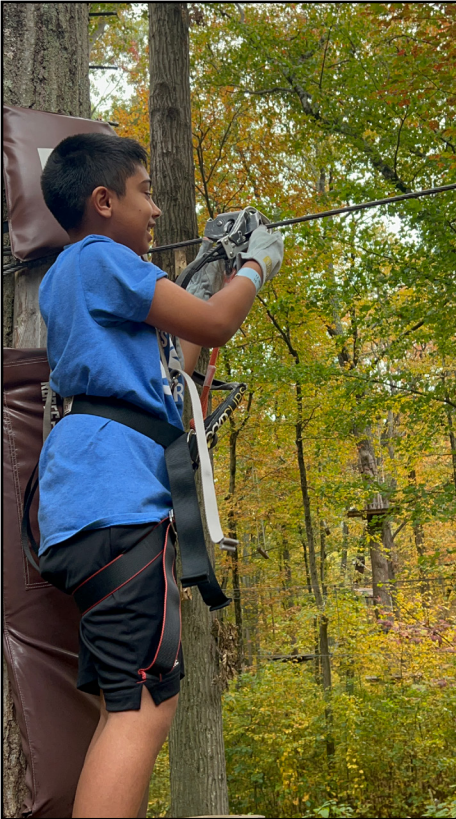


Dr. Claudine DiMuzio



*Dr. DiMuzio and
Jessica Gumbus*

"Pines Fifth-Graders at Adventure Park"



Mrs. Lewkovich and Juan



Jessica Gumbus



"Pines Fifth-Graders at Adventure Park"



PINES KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS SPRINKLE MAGIC PUMPKIN SEEDS TO GROW A PUMPKIN PATCH

On Thursday, October 26th, the Kindergarten students at the Pines sprinkled magic pumpkin seeds on a grassy area next to their playground with the hopes that pumpkins would magically grow overnight - and they did! When the students visited the pumpkin patch the next day, they were able to walk through the patch and select a pumpkin.

A big thank you to the Pines PTA volunteers for beautifully decorating the pumpkin patch and organizing this fun filled event!



"Pines Pumpkin Patch"



BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS ARE AMAZED BY MAD SCIENTIST ASSEMBLY

Bretton Woods students were amazed at an assembly to finish out the Halloween Day festivities. The assembly came from "Long Island Steam Group - Mad Science of Long Island."

Spin, Pop, Boom!

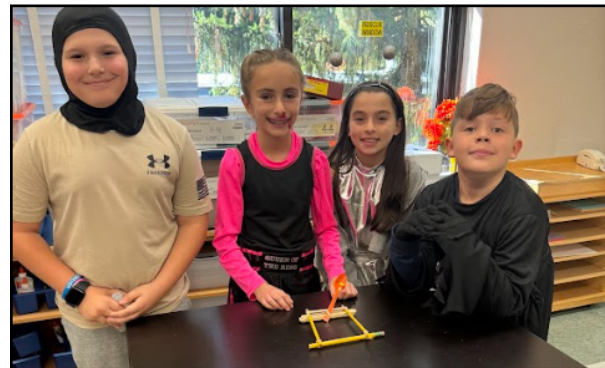
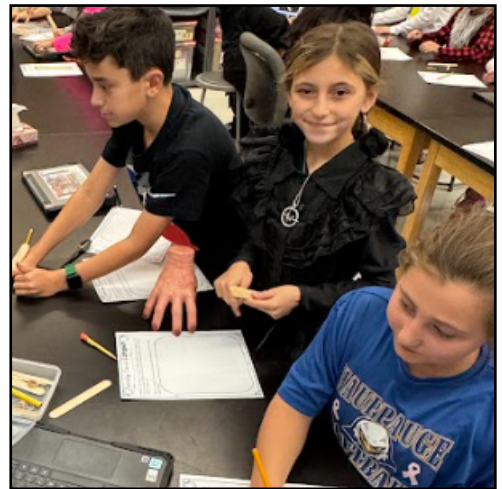
The audience was amazed by chemistry when the Mad Scientist mixed up experiments with lots of volunteers. The children were enthralled by melting cups, stretchy polymers, magic genies, and exploding foam. There was fun for all ages, leaving everyone wanting more!



PINES STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN FUN HALLOWEEN STEAM ACTIVITY

Class 5-2 at Pines Elementary school celebrated Halloween by participating in a creative STEAM project, crafting candy corn catapults using pencils, popsicle sticks, spoons, and rubber bands. The challenge was to send candy corn flying as far as possible. The activity combined fun and learning as students showcased their engineering skills and embraced STEAM principles.

With a wide variety of catapult designs, the competition was both exciting and educational. While the winner wasn't the sole focus, the event highlighted the students' teamwork and problem-solving abilities, making this Halloween a memorable and enriching experience for all.



BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS CELEBRATE “RED RIBBON WEEK”

The “Red Ribbon Campaign” is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of young people. This year’s theme is “Be Kind to Your Mind - Live Drug Free.” This theme is a reminder that everyday Americans across the country make significant daily contributions to their communities by being the best they can be because they live “Drug-Free!”

Last week, in support of “Red Ribbon Week,” Bretton Woods students took part in the following activities:

Monday - Students took the Pledge home, reviewed it with parents, signed and returned it for display in the main hallways.

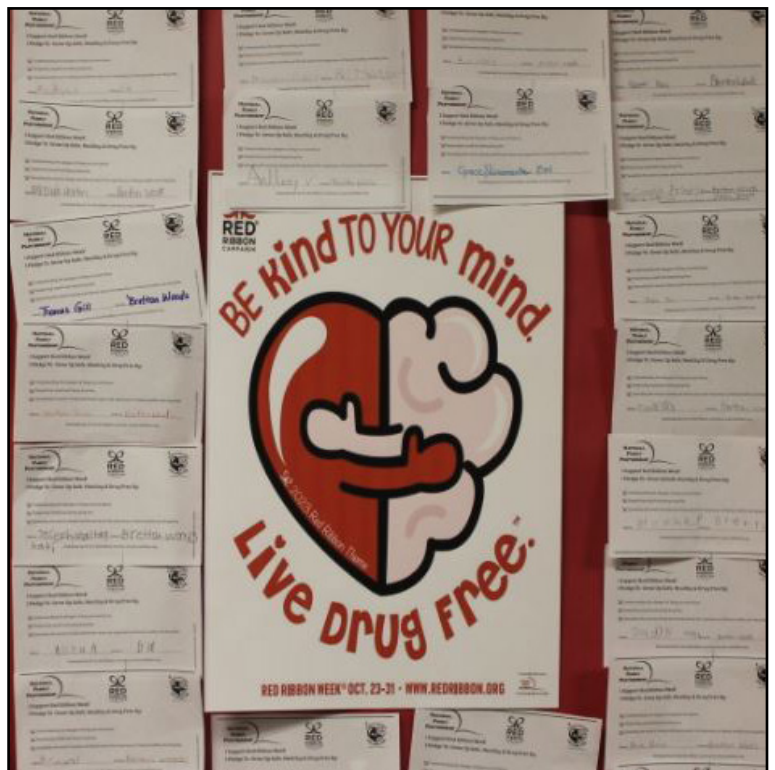
Tuesday - “Sock it to Drugs” - Students and Staff wore “crazy socks” to school.

Wednesday - “Make Healthy Choices” - Students brought a healthy snack to school.

Thursday - “Team Up Against Drugs” - Students and Staff wore their favorite team shirt or jersey to school.

Friday - Students and Staff wore RED to show the importance of living a drug-free healthy lifestyle.

Here are some photos of our students from their week of celebrating living drug-free!



"Bretton Woods - Red Ribbon Week"



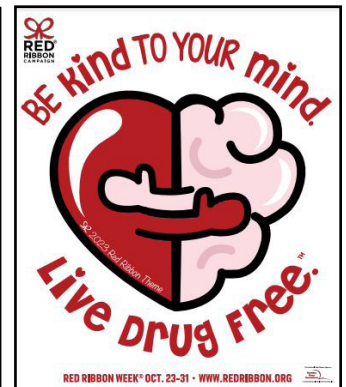
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PINES STUDENTS CELEBRATE “RED RIBBON WEEK”

Pines Elementary School held its annual “Red Ribbon Week” celebration Monday, October 23rd through Friday, October 27th. The week kicked off on Monday with everyone wearing red and welcoming “Smithtown Horizons Counseling and Education Center,” who provided two assemblies for our students.

On Tuesday, everyone wore their favorite neon colors to show that we’re too bright for drugs. 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. Their week wrapped up on Friday with everyone wearing something to represent their favorite superhero or a hero in their life to show that we all have the courage to say no to drugs and yes to healthy choices!

Here are some photos of our students taking part in this important, and fun, week!



"Pines - Red Ribbon Week"



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"Pines - Red Ribbon Week"



"Pines - Red Ribbon Week"



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY FALL FESTIVALS

On Friday, October 27th, our middle school students enjoyed “Fall Festivals!” First, our sixth-graders got together for a celebration complete with costumes, music, games, and lots of fun. Later, our seventh and eighth graders also got together for this annual event.

Here are some photos of the students enjoying their event!



*Kevin Trentowski, Assistant Principal,
with students*



Sixth-Grade



"Fall Festival - Sixth Grade"



***Kevin Trentowski and Kristy Pagliari,
Assistant Principals, with students***



"Fall Festival - Sixth Grade"



"Fall Festival - Seventh & Eighth Grade"



"Fall Festival - Seventh & Eighth Grade"



"Fall Festival - Seventh & Eighth Grade"



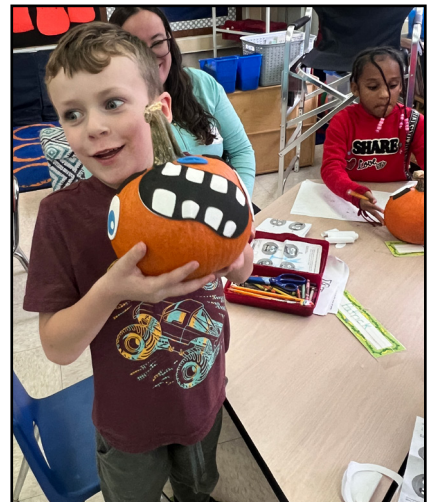
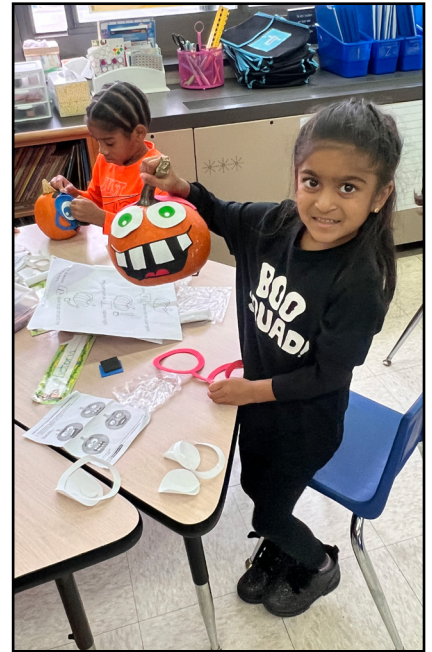
BRETTON WOODS KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS ORGANIZE A “FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL” FOR THEIR STUDENTS

In the spirit of the autumn season, the Bretton Woods kindergarten teachers organized their highly anticipated annual “Fall Harvest Festival.” Not even a little rain could dampen the immense fun and joy that this day brings.

To kick off the festivities, the kindergarten students planted enchanted pumpkin seeds on the Friday before the Harvest Festival. To their absolute astonishment, the magical chant worked wonders, and the field was magically filled with an abundance of pumpkins! Each student had the delightful opportunity to choose a special pumpkin from the pumpkin patch.

As the day progressed, the celebration was moved indoors to continue the harvest-themed fun. The obstacle course proved to be a truly a “maze”ing experience, igniting the students’ sense of adventure. The pumpkin roll brought out their competitive spirit, creating an exciting and lively atmosphere. Engaging fall games kept them thoroughly entertained and filled with anticipation. And, of course, the apple toss was a bushel of fun!

The Bretton Woods kindergarten students have unanimously declared it as the most incredible day ever. Their teachers eagerly await the chance to surprise them with even more exciting adventures in the future!



"Harvest Festival - Bretton Woods Kindergarten"



"Harvest Festival - Bretton Woods Kindergarten"



"Harvest Festival - Bretton Woods Kindergarten"



FOREST BROOK STUDENTS ENJOY A FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Forest Brook PTA hosted their annual Harvest Festival on October 31st. This is a PTA run event for all of the students of Forest Brook to enjoy. They had five PTA run stations and one gym station that the classes were able to rotate through. Some of the activities included the LARGE three-lane slide, Gagaball, twister, potato sack race, the hay station, carnival games and guess the pumpkin weight. Two grades were able to attend at a time and everyone had a huge smile on all day! A few Waldo's were even spotted enjoying the festival!

Here are some photos of the students having a great time at this fantastic event.



"Harvest Festival - Forest Brook"



"Harvest Festival - Forest Brook"



"Harvest Festival - Forest Brook"



"Harvest Festival - Forest Brook"



BRETTON WOODS MATH CENTER HOSTS ITS ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CONTEST

During the month of October, Miss Capone and Mrs. Driscoll hosted a Halloween math contest. Students had to take their best shot at correctly estimating the weight of the large pumpkin and guessing how many candy corns there were in the Halloween jar. The students were all eager to participate and it provided them with an opportunity to test and sharpen their estimation skills.

With the actual weight of the pumpkin being 37 pounds, 4 ounces, A.J. Aluska of Miss Damadeo's 4th grade class came closest with his guess of 37 pounds. Shyla Dhanraj of Mrs. Lombardi's 2nd grade class easily won the candy corn contest with her estimate of 316 candy corns. The actual number of candy corns was 319.

The Bretton Woods Math Center would like to congratulate A.J. and Shyla and thank all the students that participated. To everyone in the Hauppauge community, the Bretton Woods Math Center would like to wish you a very safe and Happy Halloween!



**Miss Capone with
Contest Winners,
Shyla Dhanraj and
A.J. Aluska**



VARSITY GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS SMITHTOWN WEST AND IS HEADING TO THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP!

The Girls' Varsity Volleyball team defeated Smithtown West on Tuesday, October 31st, in three sets in the semi-final rounds to advance to the County Championship!

The team will be facing Smithtown East for the County Championship on Friday, November 3rd at the Center Moriches High School. Game time is 6:00 p.m.

GO EAGLES!!!



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Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team



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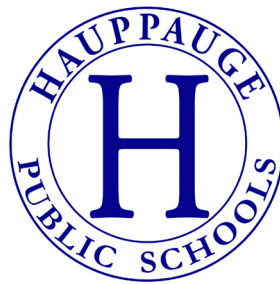
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