



Horizons

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OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER WHO IS A "TRUE HERO"

On Tuesday, February 7th, the Board of Education had the special honor of recognizing Middle School music teacher, Jacob Feldman, who was able to avert a tragedy and perform the Heimlich Maneuver on a student who was choking. Mr. Feldman's student had a choking incident when opening a tube container which contained the reed for her oboe. The cap became lodged in her throat. Because she was aware of the universal sign for choking, and was able to display that to her teacher, Mr. Feldman, he was able to spring into action and he performed the Heimlich Maneuver on the student and saved her life.



***Jacob Feldman, Middle School Music Teacher, and Hero, with
Dr. Lawrence Crafa, Colleen Capece, Gemma Salvia, Michael Buscarino,
James Kiley, Rob Scarito, Dr. Donald Murphy, Amy Carruthers,
Christine O'Connor, Dr. Laura Landor, Michael Caulin***

Board of Education Recognition

Her parents wrote the letter below and sent it to our Board of Education, and District and Middle School Administrators, expressing their gratitude to Mr. Feldman in saving the life of their daughter:

To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing to bring your attention to a life changing moment of time that occurred on January 19, 2023, regarding our daughter and the swift-acting hands of her sixth grade band teacher, Mr. Jacob Feldman

On a typical Thursday morning in a house of four, with busy intersecting schedules, Mom, Dad and kids are scrambling to make it out the door in time for the bus and work. Sometimes you are able to make a moment for a hug or an "I love you" and sometimes it is a fleeting "goodbye" and "Don't forget your oboe". You think that your children will be safe and will be home on the bus later that day, full of smiles to greet you.

You never think that may be the last time you see them.

On Thursday, January 19, 2023, during ninth period band in the middle school, our daughter was rehearsing with Mr. Feldman and the middle school band when the unthinkable happened. In the haste of packing up her oboe, she opened the skinny test tube-like container for her reed with her teeth and as she did so, the force of the pull projected the cap down her throat. The cap became lodged in her esophagus. After her initial panic, she immediately approached Mr. Feldman displaying the universal choking sign and in an instant Mr. Feldman sprung into action, performing the Heimlich maneuver on our child.

Mr. Feldman and his quick instincts were able to save our daughter's life that day and she was, in fact, able to come home on the bus and greet us with a smile. Mr. Feldman may humbly deny, but he is a hero. Because of his actions, our daughter is safe and sound.

Mr. Feldman is in his FIRST year with the district and we are so incredibly proud of the character he displayed that day. He is the type of teacher we would like to consistently represent our district in future years. Responsible, passionate, dedicated teachers like Mr. Feldman, who also happens to display acts of heroism, should have longevity in Hauppauge. We hope you agree.

Sincerely,

Gary and Amy Carruthers

Mr. Feldman also received a special Proclamation from the Town of Smithtown recognizing his actions in saving a student's life, and he was presented this Proclamation by the student's mother, Amy Carruthers.

The Hauppauge School District is extremely proud of Mr. Feldman. We thank him for his life-saving actions and are proud to call him one of our own!

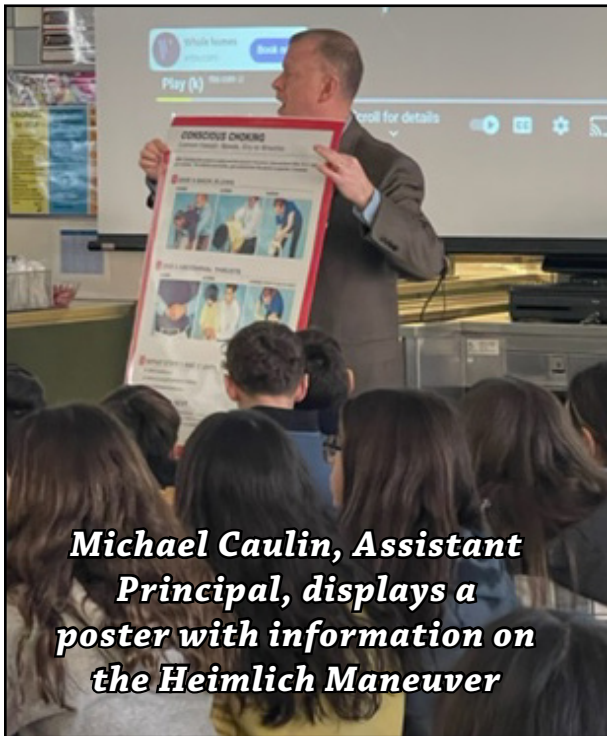


***Jacob Feldman with
Amy Carruthers***

BE A HEIMLICH HERO: EXPOSING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER

By: Michael Caulin

Middle School Assistant Principal



Michael Caulin, Assistant Principal, displays a poster with information on the Heimlich Maneuver

On Thursday, Feb 2, 2023, each lunch period was exposed to The Heimlich Maneuver. Choking happens when an object lodges in the throat or windpipe blocking the flow of air. In adults and adolescents, a piece of food is usually to blame. When this occurs, it is necessary to be prepared with what to do in order to help or get help as soon as possible if you or someone else is choking.

Every student in attendance during their lunch period on Thursday was shown a brief video from the Red Cross explaining and modeling the Heimlich maneuver. The students were also shown the posters that adorn every wall within the cafeteria. Assistant Principal, Michael Caulin, reviewed some important information such as the universal sign for choking, as well as preventative measures that students can practice while they eat; chew your food well, take manageable bites, refrain from laughing or talking with food in your mouth.

The students were attentive during the presentation and the goal is to equip our students with the knowledge as to what to do in the event, they or someone near them is choking.

Here are some photos of the students learning this valuable information.



HIGH SCHOOL LANGUAGE STUDENTS ENJOY A VISIT WITH FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Hauppauge High School hosted a group of fifteen French high school students, and two teachers, from Lycee Mongazon in Angers, France. Angers is located in the west of France in the Loire Valley. The students arrived on Wednesday, February 1st, and left on Wednesday, February 8th, to spend their last three days in Manhattan with the rest of their group who have been in Vermont. A total of 46 students came from France.

The students were housed with the families of French students. They attended classes, sporting events, visited the Vanderbilt Museum, and the United Nations. On the weekend, the students did various activities with their host families such as visiting areas on Long Island and Manhattan, as well as seeing Broadway shows. Of course these teenagers also visited the local malls!

The French exchange students were very happy to be here and have learned a lot about American high schools and American culture. The American students also learned a lot about French culture and language as well. All of the students, American and French, are appreciative of the opportunity that Hauppauge has given to them. There were many tears when it was time for them to leave. We are hopeful that we will be able to continue this program, and perhaps even have it become a full exchange program where the American students go to Angers as well.



French Exchange Students

Here are some of the comments from the American parents who hosted the French students:

"Our home has been a gathering point for many of the exchange students. Last night, we had 12 students here laughing from their bellies and chatting away. Really just enjoying their time with their new friends. They are trying to make summer plans with them. I woke with a full heart. And sad to see them go. Thank you wholeheartedly for an amazing time."

"Our entire family had such a wonderful experience. As her arrival date approached, I could tell my child was getting anxious about it. But our exchange student was a perfect fit in our home and we truly enjoyed hosting her, and we hope she enjoyed her stay with us as well. We will miss her very much, and I hope the kids will all stay in touch."

"In addition to the relationships we have formed with her, we had an opportunity to spend time with other families participating in the program. We have made new friends that we otherwise may never have had the opportunity to meet, all thanks to the program. All the credit goes to you. You have done a wonderful job. A big thank you!"

"Bonjour! I wanted to let you know that we are having an absolutely fun time! The French students are so fun, kind and warm-hearted. A couple of families went out for hibachi! So much fun. They didn't know about hibachi so it was fun to show them! Last night they went skating and back to another house for pizza and invited another host family. The parents are making new friends too! Our daughter said 'Let's do something we've never done and get out of our comfort zone.' She was right!"

During their visit, on February 2nd, the high school held a "Meet and Greet" for the exchange students. Here are some photos from that event.



French Exchange Students



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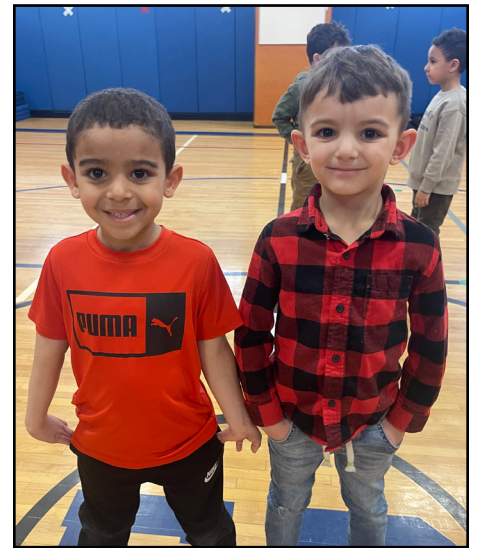


FOREST BROOK STUDENTS WEAR RED IN HONOR OF "CHOOSE LOVE , COURAGE DAY"

On Friday, February 3rd, Forest Brook students wore red as part of the "Choose Love" program for "Courage Day." Here are some photos of the students in their red.



Forest Brook - Choose Love "Courage Day"



BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS RECEIVE TOP HONORS IN MATH

Each month students in the Bretton Woods Grade 4 and Grade 5 Math Enrichment program participate in a Perennial Math competition. These monthly contests consist of six rigorous math questions that test students' higher level problem solving skills. The goal of Perennial Math is to stimulate enthusiasm for problem solving. As students meet the challenges in these competitions, creativity and strategies for problem solving will surely grow.

During the month of January, Bretton Woods had two distinguished students earn the honor of achieving a perfect score. These two students are Matilda Marek, from Mrs. Phelan's 5th grade class, and 4th grader, Riona Mittal, from Miss Damado's 4th grade class. Matilda and Riona both received a "Wall of Fame" certificate and their names will be displayed on the Perennial math website.

Congratulations, Matilda and Riona! You have made your parents, your teachers and the entire Bretton Woods community very proud of your achievement.



Matilda Marek



Riona Mittal



***Ms. Christine Capone with
Riona Mittal and Matilda Marek***

HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNUS SPEAKS TO BROADCASTING AND FILM STUDENTS

On Thursday February 2nd, Hauppauge High School Alumnus, Eric Diebner (Class of 1998), came to Hauppauge and spoke to Mr. Schaeffler's Broadcasting and Film students. Mr. Diebner is an Emmy Award-winning Production Sound Mixer and has been in the business for over 17 years. Mr. Diebner has worked on major television shows, sports networks, and short films which includes the #1 sports podcast on Spotify. Eric has worked with some of the biggest names in the industry.

Mr. Diebner shared some of his work, spoke about getting started in the industry and gave students advice on how to succeed. They were captivated by the stories and so impressed when they were able to see an Emmy up close! It was a great afternoon and students really valued this experience. More on this experience will be featured in our next episode of Eagle Watch.

Here are some photos of Mr. Diebner's visit.



Eric Diebner, Class of 1998



***Eric Diebner, Class of 1998,
with students, and his Emmy***

PINES STUDENTS WEAR THEIR GRADE-LEVEL T-SHIRTS WITH "PINES PRIDE"

Each grade at Pines Elementary School has their very own grade level t-shirt. Each shirt is imprinted with their school name, and each grade has their own specific color and design. These shirts are worn to various school events such as field trips, monthly grade level t-shirt days, and on Field Day.

Please enjoy photos from their most recent February grade level t-shirt day.



Kindergarten



First Grade



Pines Grade-Level T-Shirts



Second Grade



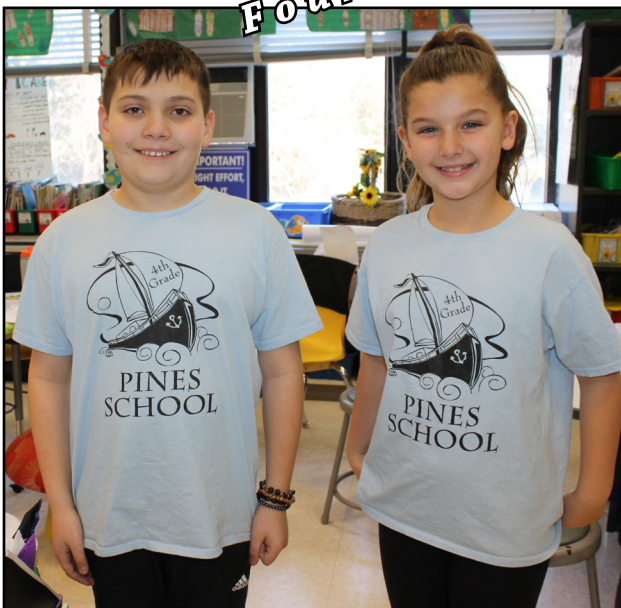
Third Grade



Pines Grade-Level T-Shirts



Fourth Grade



Fifth Grade



BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS PUT THEIR "COMPASSION INTO ACTION"

Mrs. Haviland, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Trapanotto and Mrs. Fey's third-grade classes put their "compassion into action" by creating coloring books and collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House at Stony Brook Children's Hospital.

Here is a photo of the students showing their consideration of others in need.



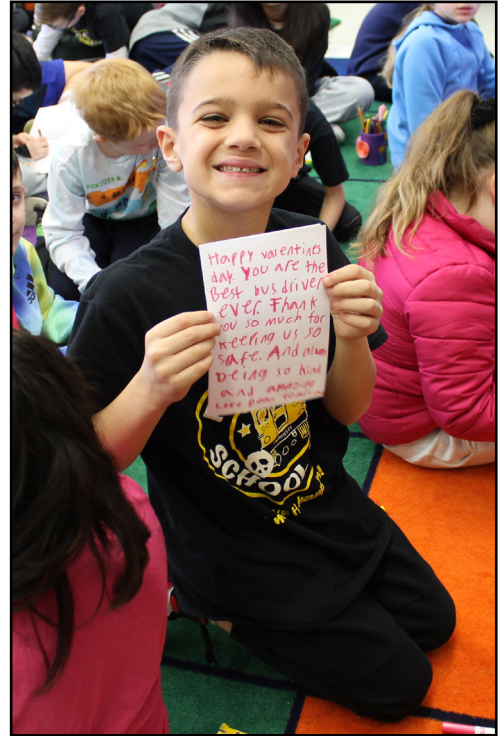
PINES PEACEFUL SCHOOL BUS

At their February "Peaceful School Bus" meeting, Pines Elementary School combined their Peaceful School Bus lesson with their February Book of the Month, "Peace, Bugs and Understanding," by Gail Silver. As students gathered in their bus groups, they met to discuss "Peace, Bugs and Understanding" and how the book connects with their bus rides.

Students were invited to participate in a staff-led discussion to understand the causes of their own strong emotions, while teaching them peaceful ways to resolve difficulties through mindfulness and meditation. These conversations will continue back into their classrooms, as they refer back to the book for future class discussions, and participate in related activities throughout this month. Students also made Valentine's Day cards for their bus drivers.

Gail Silver currently runs "Yoga Child, Inc." and "The School Mindfulness Project, Inc." You can follow all her news at gailsilver.com.

Thank you to our staff and students for another great Peaceful School Bus meeting!!



Pines Peaceful School Bus



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