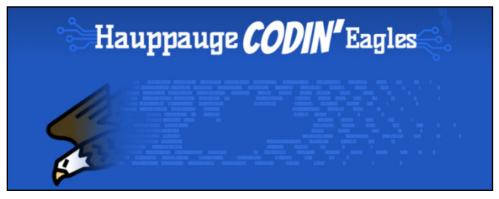


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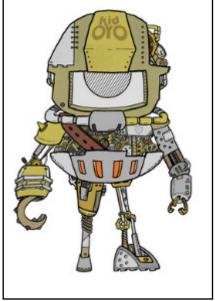
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HAUPPAUGE JR. "CODIN EAGLES" WIN "CODE CONQUEST 2023"



On Friday, March 31st, the Hauppauge Jr. Codin' Eagles emerged victorious at the 5th Annual Long Island Code Conquest Jr. Hackathon held in Bethpage, NY. This marked the first championship for Haup-

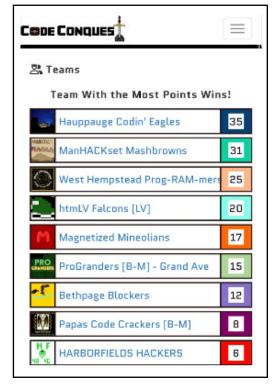


pauge in the Jr. Division. The team, led by captain Andrew Weir and composed of Louis Constante, Akhil Grandhi, JT Kogel, Andrew Solomon, Sahmuel Babyak, and Joseph Le, outperformed 10 other schools to claim the trophy. Proud coaches Brian Ferrara, Amy Thompson, Brianna Lomonaco, and Matt Ditzel, prepped the team for the "Steampunk Moon" themed competition for weeks leading up to the competition.



"Hauppauge Jr. Codin Eagles"

The Code Conquest Jr. Hackathon is a coding competition open to 7th and 8th graders where schools from around Long Island battle against each other in an attempt to utilize their skills in the Python, Scratch, and Piskel coding languages to win territories on a map and earn points (similar to a game of Risk). They do this by creating programs and projects that meet specified criteria. The point-values of each territory vary, meaning strategy comes into play as the team decides how to use their time and energy to amass the highest total. The competition has been virtual for the past two school years, so this was the first time these students were able to compete in-person! This year's map, titled "Code Conquest: Steampunk Moon" had a theme which allowed students to show off their creativity while programming fun games, graphics, and online tools. Over 400 programs were created during the three-hour competition in an attempt to control each of the 23 territories. Hauppauge ended the day with 35 points - achieved by holding 12 territories, completing four autogate quiz challenges (including the coveted "satellite quiz"), and defeating the Capital Defense Project of one other team. During the competition, the team successfully attacked 23 terri-



tories and successfully defended their territories 56 times from the attacks of other teams - most in the competition on both fronts!



The team's success was attributed to the combined efforts of its members. "Their teamwork was outstanding," noted Coach Ferrara, "they really came together as a unified group. I think it was the difference-maker that earned them the win." Seventh grader Andrew Weir, the team captain and Python specialist, played a crucial role in leading the team's strategy on the map and coordinating the cooperative effort. According to Coach Thompson, "Andrew demonstrated exceptional leadership skills by effectively managing the team, keeping his teammates on task, and strategizing the necessary actions. It was evident that Andrew has a natural ability to lead others."



"Hauppauge Jr. Codin Eagles"

The strategy came in hand as the team navigated through multiple "auto-gates" to earn points. The auto-gates are short quizzes that teams must take during the competition to earn points and/or unlock other territories on the map. For this Hackathon, the team needed to complete two auto-gates before they could submit projects for any other territories. Time was of the essence, as the first three teams to gain access to and complete these auto-gates would earn 4 points, with subsequent teams earning less points depending on how quickly they finish them. The tandem of 8th grader, Akhil Grandhi, and 7th grader, Joseph Le, took on quiz-taking responsibilities to start the competition, allowing the rest of the team to begin building their other projects. The duo was up to the task, getting Hauppauge through the gates quickly before moving on to other auto-gates and eventually accounting for ten points just from their quiz-taking prowess alone. Akhil and Joseph also laid claim to the accomplishment of being the first to conquer the super-difficult, code-cache style "Satellite Quiz" that earned 4 points and unlocked the entire map for the team - a feat only three other teams were able to accomplish.

Once the Codin' Eagles had access to the map and the ability to submit projects, they jumped out to an early lead with quick projects by 8th graders Andrew Solomon (who drew a Steampunk Moonbase in Sprite Editor), Louis Constante (who created a Moon-train Management game), and JT Kogel (who built a Hatch game about Hunting for Resources on the Moon which secured that territory until the end, and can be played by <u>clicking here</u>). The team never looked back, holding the lead throughout the remainder of the competition behind the strength of Akhil Grandhi's HTML website about Moonbase Tourism, which you can visit by <u>clicking here</u>, and 7th grader Steven Tola's animated Steampunk Moon Rover drawn using Sprite Editor (pictured), and 7th grader Sahmuel Babyak's competition-leading five territories claimed. Babyak was the true star of the day with his impressive Hatch creations, featuring games about Protecting Your Settlement from Aliens, Exploring a Moon Base Beneath a City, Using Gears to Create a Mechan-



ical Sequence that Accomplishes a Goal, and Riding on an Airship in Space Dodging Flying Objects, as well as a Telescope Simulator that allowed users to view the stars. For comparison, no other team was able to claim more than 4 territories in the end. Links for each of Sam's Games can be found here:











In addition to taking home the Hackathon Championship, the team was also awarded the title of "Best Logo". The logo, designed by Sahmuel Babyak and animated by Steven Tola, featured an Eagle perched in its nest before taking flight and dropping binary code back into the nest, respawning the Eagle. Coach Ferrara praised the duo, saying, "The digital art and design element of the competition can never be underestimated. This group - especially Sam and Steven - know how to create interesting graphics and animations. It's one reason their games often stand out from the rest. I'm very happy that they were able to be recognized for their hard work on the logo. We loved it. They deserved it!"

"Hauppauge Jr. Codin Eagles"

With the win, the Hauppauge Jr. Codin' Eagles have set the stage for the upcoming Middle School (6th Grade) Division, where they will look to claim their third consecutive championship on April 28th at Hauppauge Middle School. The team's impressive performance at the 5th Annual Long Island Code Conquest Jr. Hackathon has undoubtedly cemented their status as one of the best young coding teams on Long Island! Go Codin' Eagles! Mrs. Gordon, Director of Social Studies and Business, would like to thank the team and the coaches for all of their hard work and dedication to coding.

The full competition can be viewed by <u>clicking here</u>. A replay of the map can be found by <u>clicking here</u>.









FOREST BROOK WELCOMES PSEG LINEWORKERS FOR "TOUCH-A-TRUCK" EVENT ON "LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY"

On Tuesday, April 18th, Forest Brook welcomed PSEG Line Workers for a special "Touch-A-Truck" event. This was an extra-special event, as it was "Lineworker Appreciation Day!" The kids waved appreciation signs as the trucks rolled in for a lively parade.

The event was a great way for PSEG to show some of the ways that line workers support our community, and how important they are in our daily lives. The students were able to see the trucks up close and learn from the line workers about electric safety and have an opportunity to meet them.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the hundreds of dedicated linemen and line women who work tirelessly in all weather conditions, ensuring that our lights remain on. Their hard work and unwavering commitment are an inspiration to us all!

Here are some photos from this informative and enjoyable event for our students.





Forest Brook "Touch-A-Truck"













PINES ASL CLUB IS HAVING A BLAST LEARNING "AMERICAN SIGN I ANGUAGE"

Pines students in the new ASL Club are having a blast learning Basic American Sign Language. Through games, videos, and discussions, they are learning the alphabet, basic vocabulary, greetings, emotions, colors, basic phrases, numbers and animals!

The club is even working on signing three songs to present to an audience at the end of their last class on May 18th. The enthusiasm of the students in this club is amazing and they are learning so quickly from each other.

Mrs. Allison Smith, Pines Reading TA and advisor of this club, had this to say: "Many years ago, I worked at The Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf Early Childhood Center. It was a requirement for all educators to take an ASL course given by one of the teachers at the school. I found this language to be fascinating and so useful. Aside from being able to communicate with people with hearing or speech issues, learning ASL improves spatial awareness, cognitive abilities, and leads to higher reading levels in students. When asked to think of new clubs for our school that haven't been offered in the past, I immediately knew I wanted to start an ASL club!

Here is a great photo of the ASL Club with the club advisor, Mrs. Allison Smith!



A TEACHER IS MAKING IMPORTANT IMPACT ON STUDENTS WITH SEL JOURNEY LIVESTREAMS

For the past several months, Ms. Sheehan has been sharing her SEL journey with the elementary students of Hauppauge. Her goals have been to help our students connect their physical health with their mental health. Throughout this process, she has found a way into our classrooms and into our hearts as she live streams with us weekly.

During these sessions, she gets our students up and moving and she provides us with affirmations, messages, and prompts that connect with our Choose Love Program. For some students, it is the movement that they connect with, while for others, it is the time to reflect on their own lives, and what we put out into the world. There are also students who enjoy both components of her work with them.

Ms. Sheehan has made such an important impact with her presence and her attitude, which is why when she asks us to complete phrases such as "I AM" or to "Get up and MOVE," we do!

Jess gave SEL Fitness shirts to Mrs. Gumbus' fifth-grade class. The reason for the shirts was because when she asked the class to email her responses about what they reflect upon or write about related to Choose Love, they emailed her the work that they have done. Also when she was at the Pines or when they were at the High School for a trip, Mrs. Gumbus' students had reached out to her directly to thank her for her time. Mrs. Gumbus said, "My students all like her, but there are a few that she has made a huge impact on. Thank you for our SEL shirts and for the recognition of the work that these students are doing each and every week with you!"

Here is a photo of Mrs. Gumbus' class with Pines Principal, Dr. Claudine DiMuzio.



THE EAGLE FOOD PANTRY RECEIVES AN APPRECIATED BOOST IN DONATIONS FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUPS

The High School's Eagle Food Pantry recently received a major boost in donations thanks to the efforts of the Shared Decision Making Committee and the Student Council at Hauppauge Middle School. The groups teamed up for a March Madness project aimed at collecting non-perishable food items to support the pantry's mission of providing food assistance to those in need in the community.

The project was a huge success, with students and staff members bringing in a wide variety of canned goods, boxed meals, and other essential food items. The donations were collected over the course of several weeks, with donation bins set up throughout the school for easy drop-off.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all involved, the High School's Eagle Food Pantry was able to receive a large donation of much-needed items, which will go a long way in supporting the



pantry's efforts to feed those in need in the community. This project is a wonderful example of how a community can come together to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Special thanks to Lena DeLuca and Sue Mimnaugh, Student Council Advisors, and Jenn Saltzmann, Member of the SDM Committee.





FOREST BROOK STAFF MEMBERS CELEBRATE "WORLD AUTISM DAY"

Forest Brook staff members celebrated "World Autism Day" by wearing shirts that spread kindness. These shirts were made and packaged by a young girl named Jordyn. Jordyn is a person with Autism and she spreads her words of kindness and acceptance each day. She and her family have created a t-shirt company that not only spreads kindness but also provides working opportunities for individuals with disabilities. You can check out Jordyn and her family's story by clicking here.

Here is a photo of the staff in their shirts.





MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLDS CAREER DAY

Hauppauge Middle School Guidance treated their students to a "Middle School Career Day" on Wednesday, April 5th. Andrea Olivero, Erik Clark, and Reagan Lynch are the middle school guidance counselors. The event ran from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Over 25 guest speakers in various career fields joined the students to expose them to careers. Students were able to pick five presenters they wanted to visit.

This was a great experience not only for the students, but also for the presenters who are as follows:

Athletics - Chris Messina Aviation - Katherine Adrada and Thomas McDougal Biology/Animal Care - Laurette Richin Business - Chris Lynch

Drama Theatre - Ruthie Pincus, Theater Teacher at Hauppauge HS Educator - Dr. Kristen Reingold, Principal of Forest Brook Elementary Film/Video - Dave Schaeffler

> Fire and Rescue - Dave Hubbard and Dan Santana Health/Wellness - Dr. Joshua Guiterrez

Law Enforcement 1 - Police Officer Richard Johnson

Law Enforcement 2 - Police Officers Kimberly Dono, Ed McQuade, Derek O'Haire, Nick Slevin Lawyer - Latoya Loiseau, Esq.

Librarian - Jackie Narkiewicz and Mildred Bernstein

Medicine/Pharmacist - Christie Clauss

Science/Chemist - Emily Frampton

Science/Computer - Robert Dapaah

Science/Robotics - Sal Sparacino

Trade/Contractor - Anthony Vero

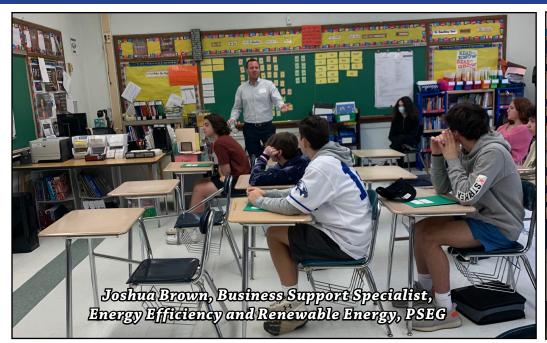
Trade/Electrical - Joshua Brown, PSEG

Visual Arts - Jennifer Clark, HS Visual Arts Teacher

Special thanks to our presenters! Here are some photos from the event.



Middle School Career Day

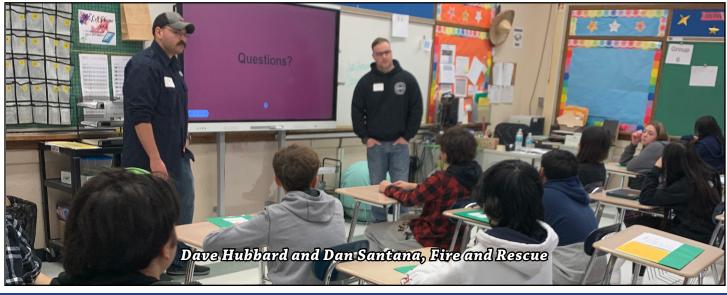












MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLDS "KINDNESS MEET AND GREET" FOR STUDENTS

The Middle School just held its 3rd Quarter Kindness Meet and Greet. Throughout the quarter students receive kindness raffle tickets for kind deeds. At the end of the quarter 25 students are randomly pulled from the raffle to be acknowledged. Winners get invited to an exclusive Meet and Greet.

Erik Clark, Andrea Olivero and Reagan Lynch, our middle school guidance counselors were the guests of honor.

Students who attended the "Meet and Greet" are:

6th Grade

Phoebe Yang	Julia Mannarino	Mia Inzirillo
Lexi Marino	Gabriella Zoupas	Lauren Polidoro
Chris Kilmre	Kristal Kim	Fred (Hao Lu)
Ella O'Shea	Jawdan Jennings	Gracen Busch
Julieta Pranzo		Ava Postilio

7th Grade

Maggie Egbert	Giovanni LaSpina	Sameera Narrang
Nicole Lopez	Madelyn Bayer	Savannah Monica

8th Grade

James LoVerde	Abhay Simha	Ally Winiarz
Jude Satriano	Medha Rao	Sophia Cotgreave
	Christian Drenaniotis	





Writing Contest

"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it."

~ Nelson Mandela

We are proud to announce the winners of the twelfth annual Writing Contest.

This contest is supported by the Friends of the Hauppauge Public Library in conjunction with the Hauppauge School District. This year students were asked to write about **what it takes** to make the world a better place. Make sure to include what it took to "make it happen" and write a **story**, **an essay**, **poem**, **or story board** (**comic strip**) that highlights this concept.

Congratulations to all of the following participants:

Rehan Ali Sophia Helmke-Tufariello Gianna Pagano Manha Aliza Areika Jones Leah Paino Aditri Arun Cameron Lennon Hailey Pekor Advika Arun Vincenzo Pizzonia Sreeanay Mallisetty Madelyn Aspromgos Obaziwota Matev Atharv Prabhu Sahmuel Babyak Pranav Ramkumar Obaziwoyane Matey Ryan Bargfrede Oningne Matey Mihir Sathish Kumar Abigail Bonn Ashlyn Mathew Taran Sathish Kumar Sylvia Bonn Michael Messana Khushi Shah Kelly Bruno Rebecca Millman Yashvi Shah Madison Campbell Riona Mittal Sophia Shakir Christopher Choi Ella Muilenburg Derrick Sime Katheryn Choi Sophia Nehr Vasvee Singh Adriana Darcy Olalekan Ogunsakin Grace Vultaggio Anthony DeCillis Ella Oury **Aubrey Weiner** Mia Green Emma Oury

And the winners are...

First Place

click on the essay title to read their winning entry!



Aubrey Weiner
Ms. Cipri / Ms. Richer
Forest Brook, Gr. 2
FIRST PLACE

<u>Kindness Can</u> <u>Change The World</u>



Madison Campbell Ms. Damadeo Bretton Woods, Gr. 4 FIRST PLACE

<u>Don't Wait to Make</u> <u>A Change -</u> Save the Earth Now



Sylvia Bonn Ms. Bernstein Pines, Gr. 5 FIRST PLACE

<u>Be The</u> <u>Sunshine Club</u>



Madelyn Aspromgos Ms. Autino Middle School, Gr. 7 FIRST PLACE

What Does It Take
To Make the World
A Better Place?

Second Place

click on the essay title to read their winning entry!



Ryan Bargfrede
Ms. Mollica
Bretton Woods, Gr. 2
SECOND PLACE
How Can We Make the
World A Better Place?



Gianna Pagano Ms. Woodworth Pines, Gr. 4 SECOND PLACE

What It Takes to Change the World



Sophia Helmke
Ms. Weeks / Ms. Dungate
Bretton Woods, Gr. 5
SECOND PLACE

<u>Amelia</u> <u>Helmke</u>



Olaekan Ogunsakin Ms. Nonnemacher Middle School, Gr. 8 SECOND PLACE

<u>Whatever It</u> <u>Takes</u>

Honorable Mention

click on the essay title to read their winning entry!



Advika Arun
Ms. Leaderman /
Ms. O'Leary
Bretton Woods, Gr. 1
HONORABLE MENTION

Kindness



Omingne Matey Mrs. Brennan Bretton Woods, Gr. 1 HONORABLE MENTION

Be The Change



Vasvee Singh
Ms. Musto / Ms. Classey
Forest Brook, Gr. 3
HONORABLE MENTION

Essay and Story About Littering - A Garbage Problem



Abigal Bonn Mrs. Ryan Pines, Gr. 3 HONORABLE MENTION

<u>Unstoppable</u> <u>Me</u>



Mihar Sathish Kumar Mr. Wellinger Middle School, Gr. 6 HONORABLE MENTION

Nicholas Winton:
The Holocaust Hero



Sahmuel Babyak Mrs. Harrison Middle School, Gr. 7 HONORABLE MENTION

Lisa Gatti: A Pal To All
Through Pal-O-Mine

Thank you to the classroom teachers who supported students in submitting their writing pieces. A shout out to the parents of our contest entrants who encouraged their children to put forth their best effort. A warm thank you to Catherine Berntsen, librarian at the Hauppauge Library for her continued support in helping to keep this contest running each year with the generous support of the Friends of the Hauppauge Public Library. A special thank you to my office assistant, Mrs. Christine Buff for her endless support of the writing contest each year.

Finally, thank you to all of the students that placed and those that participated. Your efforts in working to improve your writing and sharing your talent with our community does not go unnoticed. Keep striving to sharpen these writing skills by writing about your life, books you read, movies you see, feelings and opinions you hold and about our community and the world. Your words will inspire and change others thoughts and actions and make the world a better place.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Christopher J. Michael, Ed.D.

Christopher J. Michael, Ed.D. Director of English Language Arts Hauppauge Public Schools

Pines writers



Forest Brook writers



Bretton Woods writers



Middle School writers





BOCES STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THIRD-QUARTER HONOR ROLL

High School Principal, Joseph Wieckhorst, has been notified by Eastern Long Island Academy of Applied Technology Principal, Jennifer Martino, that the following high school students have achieved Honor Roll for the third-quarter, maintaining a quarterly average of 90 or higher:

Amber Barsony
Jimmy Catalan Castro
Rachel Fontana
Sean Gang
Brendan Kalinsky
Nicholas LaFemina
Frank Pagnotta
Owen Prevendoski
Dillian Sarrett
Jacob Tores
Jesse Trabka

Principal Martino said, "The Honor Roll is a big, but attainable goal. It is one of the most significant awards that a student can receive. It defines a student who pays attention in class, takes relevant notes, reviews assignments before submission, and engages in improvement, communicates with teachers, has disciplined work habits, creates an assessment calendar in order to plan for and set aside time for studying, maintains a positive attitude, and puts forth solid effort every day."

We recognize these students for their hard work!



PINES ARTISTS ARE EXHIBITED AT "LONG ISLAND ART MUSEUM AT STONY BROOK"

Twenty-eight of Ms. Elisabeth Anziano's Pines art students were exhibited at the "Long Island Art Museum at Stony Brook." Select Pines Artists were asked to create an artwork based on the theme "Colors of Long Island." Artists chose their favorite view of Long Island and painted their vision on a 5x5 canvas. Ms. Anziano said, "I am so very proud of all our Pines Artists...so picking a few just didn't work....so I picked 28 Artists to exhibit. We assembled all the Artwork together and it looked great as a collage."

Our 28 Artists are:

Elisabeth Anziano, Art Teacher Ella Muilenburg Morgan Kraus Nicole Ward Amanda Barshay Daniella Feigenbaum Brook Irwin
Abigail Asseng
Lola Osman
Lia Pickwick
Landon Kram
Charlotte Rodgers
Ashleigh Leteri

Blake Benway Dylan Irwin Alaina Meenan Lexi Pickwick Alessia Rosenbaum Gia Guercio Drew Donato Gianna Pagano Addison Rodgers Nikki Braumann James Granshaw Ismael Morales Logan Sudama Zoey Carniol Lily Muilenburg









BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS WEAR YELLOW FOR FORGIVENESS

Bretton Woods students celebrated their second "Forgiveness Day" on Wednesday, April 5th. The SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Team said, "Forgiveness can be a challenging ingredient to practice, but it allows us to heal in the face of difficult emotions." They thanked the teachers for taking the time to engage students in another Choose Love lesson.

Here are some photos from "Forgiveness Day."











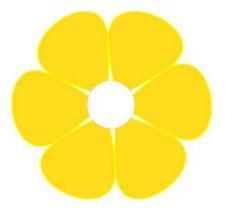
Bretton Woods "Forgiveness Day"





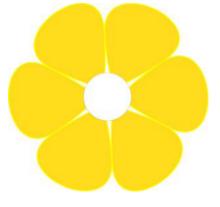






Forgiveness brings on healing!
Forgiveness begins the process
of letting go and moving on in
your life. Forgiveness gives you
peace in your soul; it births more
hope for tomorrow's happiness,
and freedom from reliving your
painful past. Forgive now, forgive
often, and always be ready to give
yourself the gift of forgiveness.

Robert Ricciardelli



GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD MEMBERS SET NEW SCHOOL RECORD IN THE DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY

Four members of the Girls' Track Team set a new school record for the Distance Medley Relay recently at the Longwood Invitational Track and Field Meet. They are:

Julianna Heck Reese Coughlin Alex Wetterhahn Jenny Dove

We congratulate them on this wonderful achievement! GO EAGLES!!!



HAUPPAUGE GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYS FIRST GAME IN PROGRAM HISTORY, AND WINS

Hauppauge High School has a Girls' Flag Football Team! The girls played in their first home game in the program's history on Monday, April 3rd, and won!

Many fans came out to support the team, and this has been an amazing experience so far for the team! Here are some photos courtesy of high school senior, McKenzie Sanderson.



































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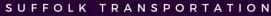
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