



# Horizons

*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow* 

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## FOREST BROOK FIFTH-GRADERS CELEBRATE COLLEGE AND CAREER WEEK WITH A CAREER DAY

This past week, Forest Brook celebrated College and Career Week. In addition to activities during the week, the fifth-graders participated in a Career Day. The Career Day presenters were:

Lawyers - Mr. Lev Lewin, Esq. & Mrs. Allison Lewin

Mrs. Jodie Rocco - Treasurer of Veeco Instrument

Ms. Victoria Falco - Registered Nurse

Mr. Sal Kazalski - Race Car Enthusiast & Engine Builder

Ms. Nicole Schroeder - Admissions Counselor at St. Joseph's University

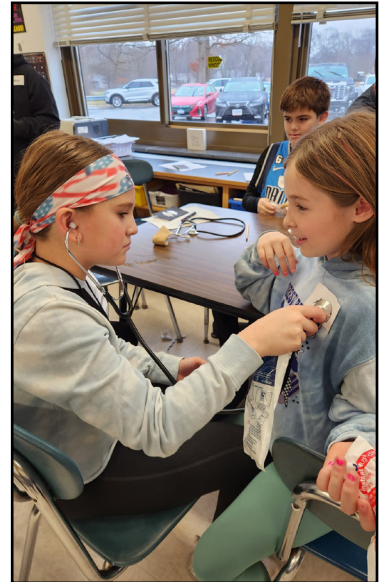
Mr. Michael Francis - Senior Product Manager at Apple

Mr. Doug Barnes & Mrs. Shannon Barnes - Construction Business Owners



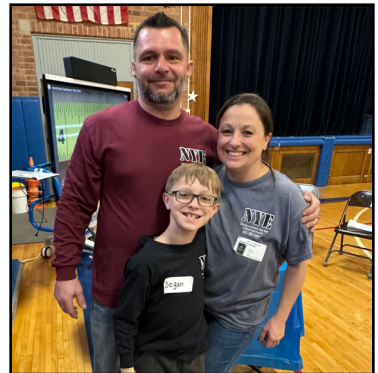
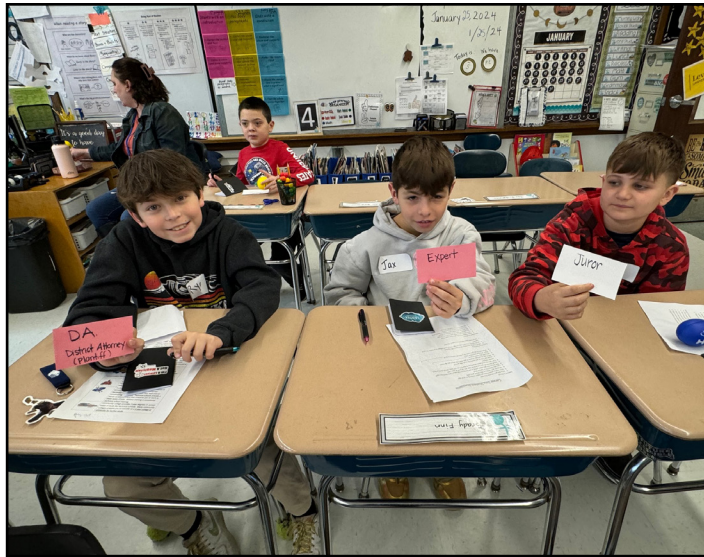
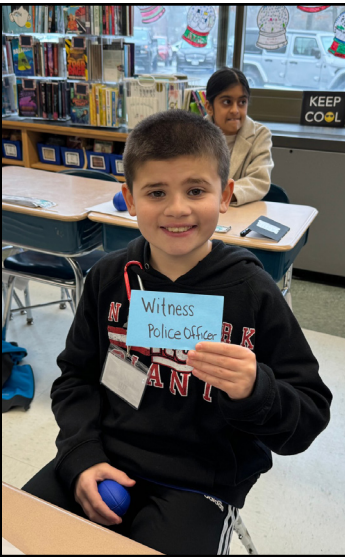
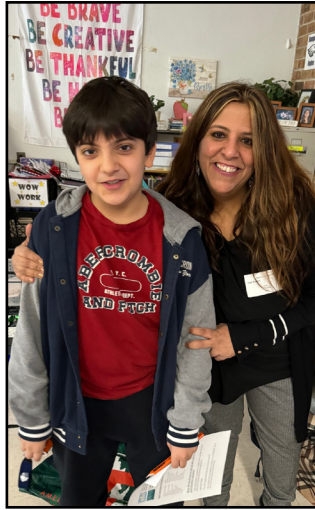


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During College and Career Week, the goal is to give students the opportunity to explore opportunities available to them as they continue to grow, and to explore the various career choices and higher education opportunities available to them.

Throughout the week students and staff participated in spirit days and other activities listed below.

Monday - "College and Career Begin Here!" - Wear Forest Brook/Hauppauge Apparel

Tuesday - "Career Interest Inventory" - Wear Sweats or Workout Gear

Wednesday - "We Have Big Dreams" - Wear Pajamas

Thursday - "A success is what I am going to be! - Career Day - Dress Up As Your Future Career

Friday "I am geared up for College!" - College Tour Day - Wear College or University Gear

Here are a few more photos of our students during College & Career Week.



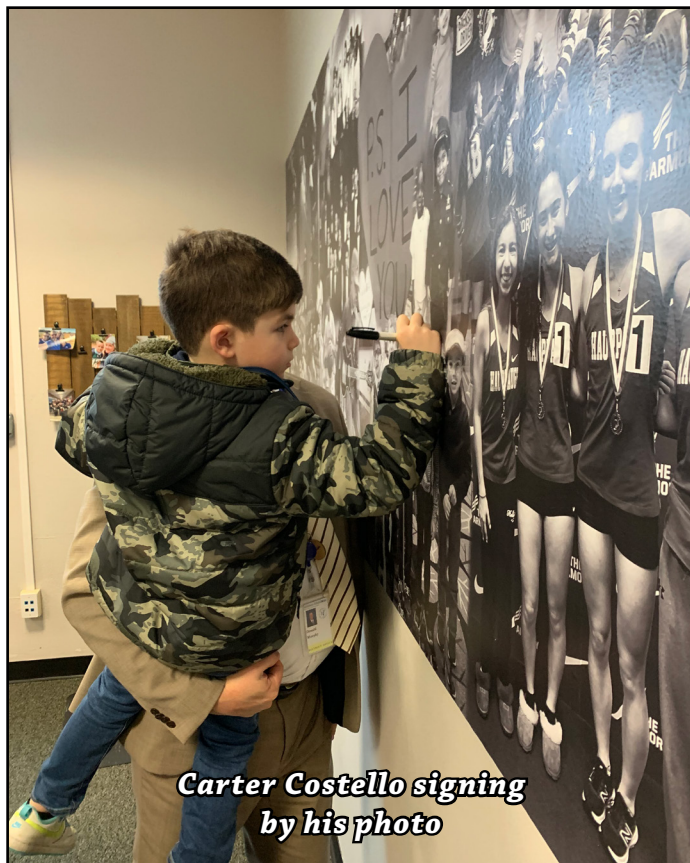


## DR. MURPHY'S FABULOUS WALL WRAP GARNERS MORE SIGNATURES

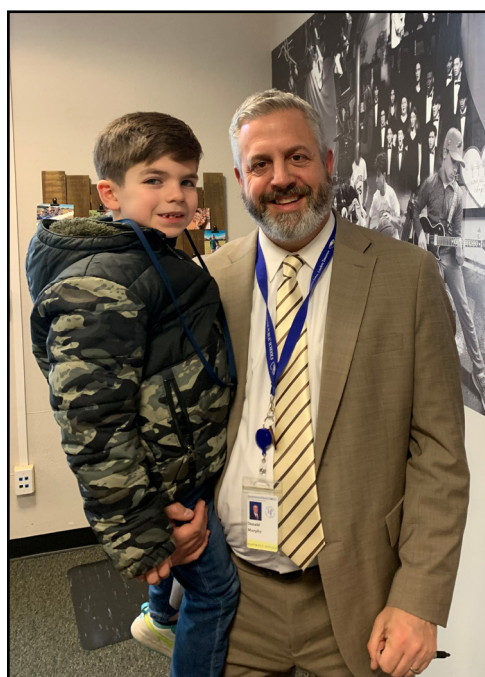
Dr. Murphy welcomed two students this week to sign his wall wrap! Andrew Solomon and Carter Costello were happy to meet with Dr. Murphy and are honored to be a part of this piece of this new Hauppauge history. Here are some photos. Carter was accompanied by his grandparents Alex and Mary.



***Andrew Solomon signing  
by his photo***



***Carter Costello signing  
by his photo***



***With Dr. Murphy; Carter and his  
grandparents, Mary and Alex***



## PINES FIRST-GRADERS CREATE GLOW-IN-THE-DARK ARTWORK

First-graders in Ms. Catapano's art class at Pines Elementary created glow-in-the-dark retro line paintings, using a black light to show off their great work!

Here are some photos of the students enjoying this fun activity!





## “MYSTERY” AT THE PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Third-graders at Pines Elementary School have been carefully looking for clues, suspects, accomplices, crime solvers, red herrings and more while they get drawn into the suspense and action of their newest genre: Mystery.

The Third Grade Detectives have been immersed in their own mystery books having to do similar work a true detective does such as keeping track of clues, wondering about suspects, noting points of confusion, and discussing their thinking with partners. The many components of reading that the students have been taught this year are being put to the test now. The students are realizing that mysteries require a special kind of prediction work. To predict forwards in a mystery, one must think backwards, considering each suspect's motive and opportunity. As a class, the students practice this work collaboratively during the class read aloud, “A-Z Mysteries The Absent Author.” In Mrs. Giachetti and Ms. Blunt's Class, the students and teachers were transformed into “detectives” with their own unique detective name and badge. Detectives “Big G” ( Giachetti) and “Big B” (Blunt), along with their students, dressed the part as they tried to figure out “WHO kidnapped Wallis Wallas” in the book. The three main characters: Dink, Josh and Ruth Rose almost became part of Class 3-2 in a way. As is always discussed during each reading unit, “readers” wear different “hats” when switching genres because we read each one in a slightly different way. The hat that Mrs. Giachetti is often seen wearing during her mystery read aloud time, resembling that of a “real” detective cap. She's also expanded her costume this year, by adding a monocle hanging from her neck in the hope it helps her figure out the mystery before the students do.

Each student has their own unique detective hat, each with their own authentic detective name they came up with themselves, along with their ID badge necklaces. Don't be surprised if you glance in Room 200 and see 24 detectives quietly reading on high alert trying to figure out their mysteries!

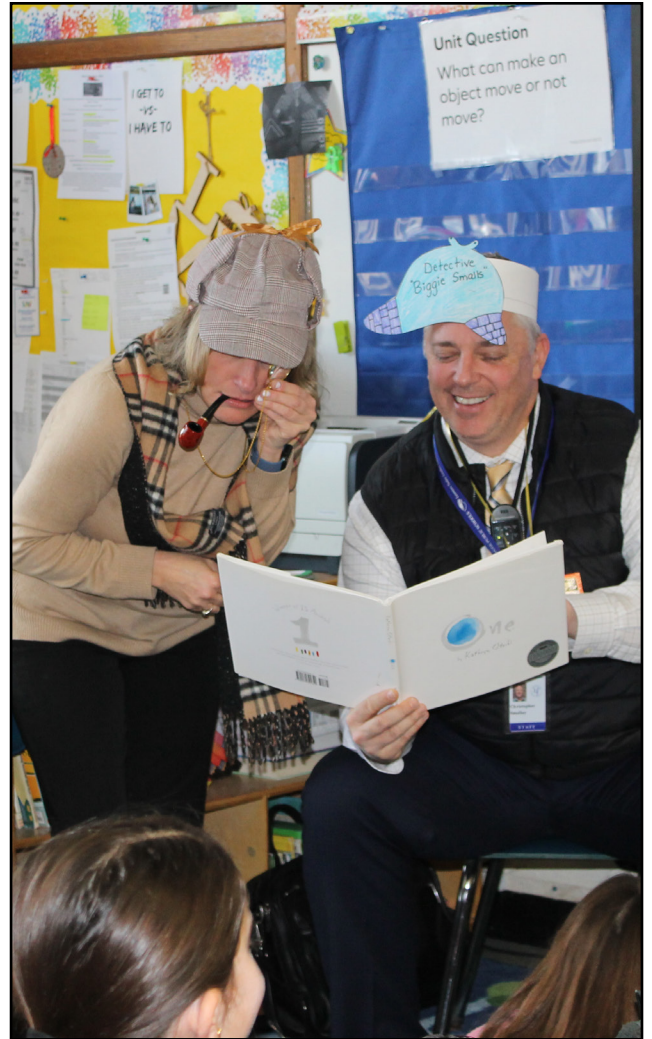




## PINES THIRD-GRADERS HAVE A SPECIAL GUEST READER

Dr. Chris Smalley was a “secret reader” in Class 3-2, Mrs. Giachetti and Ms. Blunt’s 3rd Grade Classroom. Dr. Smalley or “Detective Smalley” read one of his favorite books and the students also enlightened him about the mystery books they’ve been reading in class. They wowed him with their knowledge of Mystery vocabulary, such as; crime, victim, suspect, witness, clue, sleuth and even red herring. Dr. Smalley said he would love to get around to all classes and do a read aloud at some point.

Here are some photos from his reading adventure!





## HAUPPAUGE MIDDLE SCHOOL CODING CLASS COMPETES IN KEVA PLANK CHALLENGE

Hauppauge Middle School eighth graders in Amy Thompson's coding class competed in an exciting STEM activity, the KEVA plank building challenge.

The challenge was a hands-on, construction-based activity designed to provide students with a range of educational benefits. By completing the challenge, the students developed skills in various STEM disciplines, including engineering, mathematics and physics. Additionally, it promoted teamwork, critical thinking and creativity among the class.

As a warm-up, students first completed a mini challenge in which they were given six cards, showing KEVA plank structures. Students tried to build as many of structures as they could in five minutes.

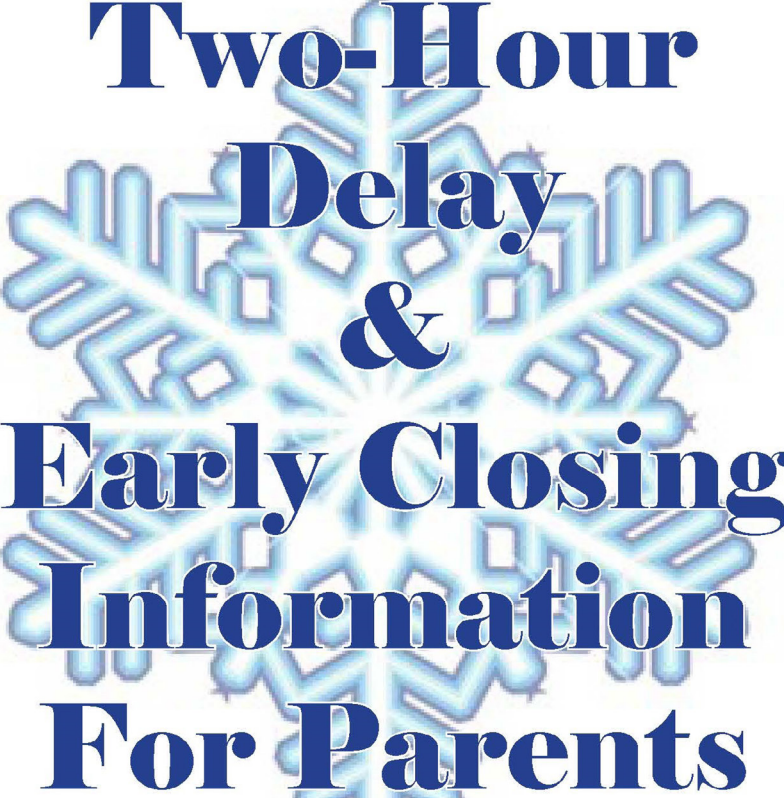
After the warm-up, students completed the "maxi challenge" of creating a ball run, using KEVA planks. In order for a group to compete in the challenge, their ball run had to successfully work, be creative, use more than 50 planks, be at least six inches high and show teamwork.





## TWO-HOUR DELAY & EARLY CLOSING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The cold weather is here! In order to be prepared for those days when we may have a two-hour delay or early release, please [click here](#) to see a “School Delay and Early Release FAQ for Parents.” You can also view High School and Middle School Delay Schedules there. This information is also available on our website.



**Two-Hour  
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&  
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# BUNDLE UP & GIVE

## BLOOD DRIVE

Forest Brook Elementary School  
Bretton Woods Elementary  
Pines Elementary

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024

Time: 3:00pm – 7:30pm

Location: 299 Lilac Lane, Smithtown, Gym



To make an appointment, please  
scan the QR code or call  
1-800-933-BLOOD.

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.

Visit [nybc.org/coronavirus](https://nybc.org/coronavirus) for COVID-19 safety protocols.

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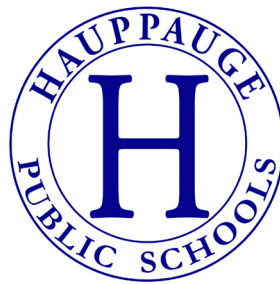
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