



Horizons

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow 

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STEAM STUDENTS ARE LEARNING ABOUT AND HAVING FUN WITH ROBOTICS AND DRONES

Third-grade STEAM students at all three elementary schools have been learning about hands-on robotics, math and programming. Ozo-bot is a smart robot that can follow lines or roam around freely, detect colors, and can be programmed using visual codes. STEAM teachers, Mrs. Bullaro & Mrs. Pecoraro, have been teaching robotics in a fun way so they learn while being engaged and playing.

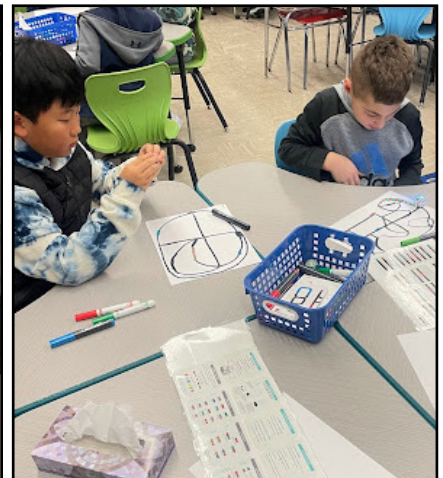
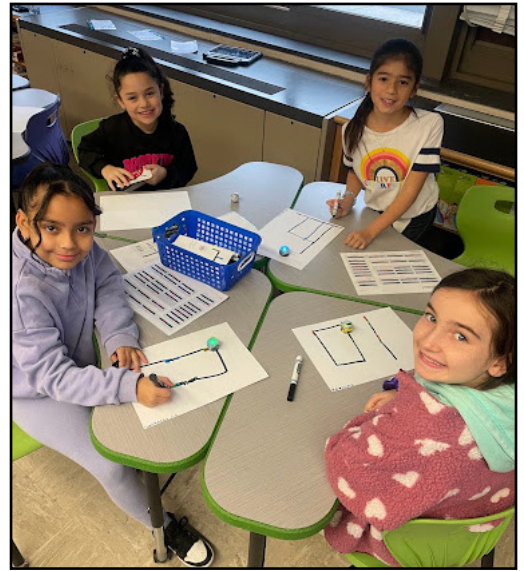
After drawing their codes with markers, the third-graders worked collaboratively to connect their pages together to create one class Ozo-bot maze. Then students recorded videos on their iPads and uploaded them to our coding platform, KidOYO, to earn their Ozobot badge.

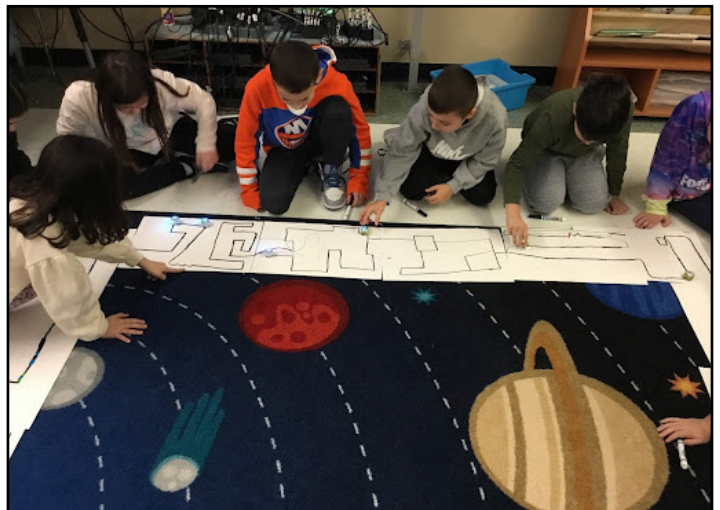
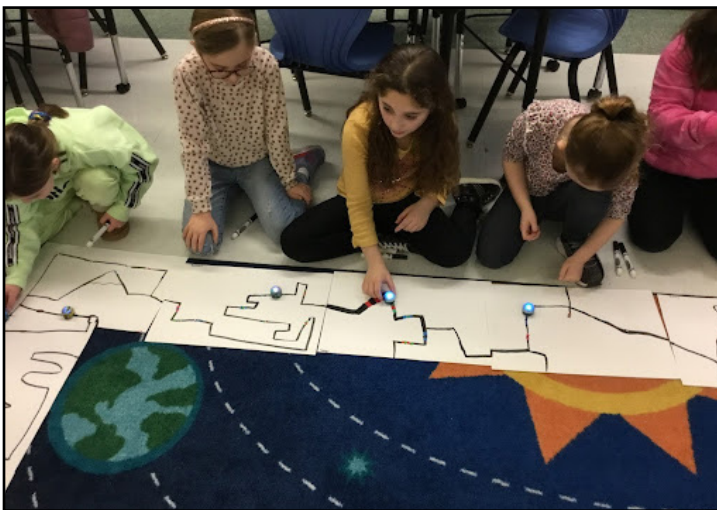
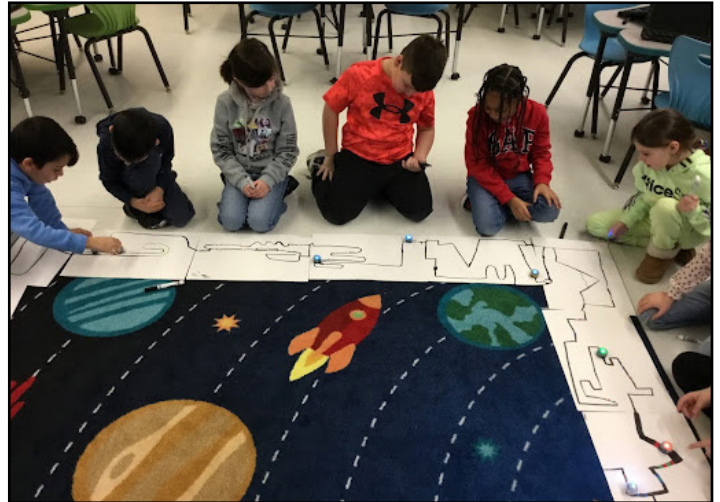
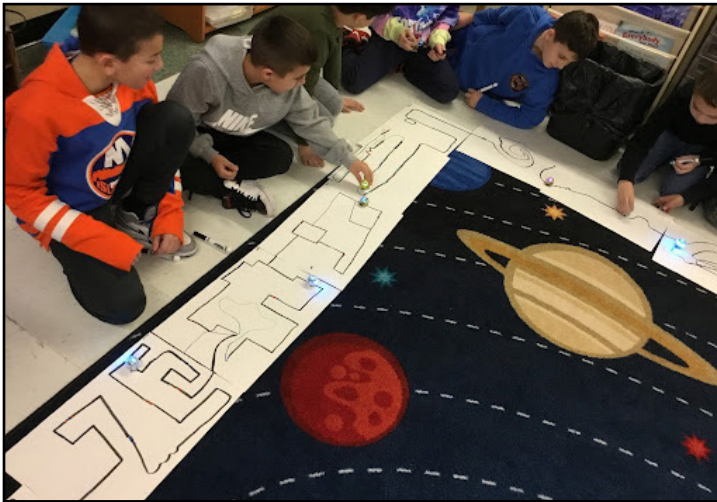
Mrs. Bullaro is also thrilled to share some exciting news from our school's latest venture into the world of technology and innovation. Last week, the fifth-grade students in all three elementary schools had an incredible opportunity to explore the realms of coding and aeronautics as they took part in a hands-on drone flying workshop.

The Nassau BOCES Model Schools Service visited Forest Brook Elementary, Bretton Woods Elementary and Pines Elementary, teaching all fifth grade STEAM students about drone technology.

First, students were shown real-life examples of a drones' practical uses. They saw how soldiers use drones to find landmines, how the fire department uses drones to peer into collapsed or compromised buildings and even how the 2020 Tokyo Olympics coded 1,800 drones to create a spectacular light display.

They then practiced on a simulator, using their knowledge of block coding to fly a digitized drone before moving onto the real thing. Block coding turns programming into a drag-and-drop process by converting text-based code into visual blocks. After practicing with the simulator, they were finally able to put all they'd learned to the test, creating block code to practice flying real drones.





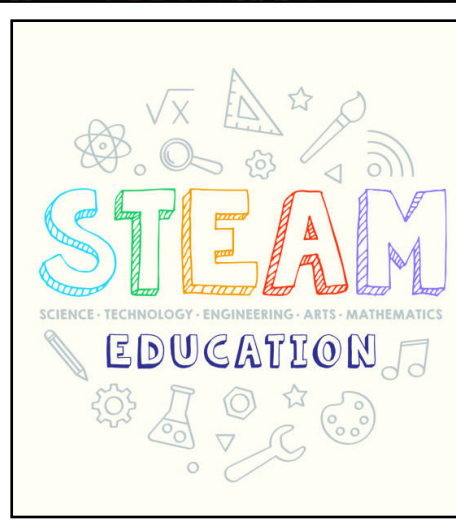
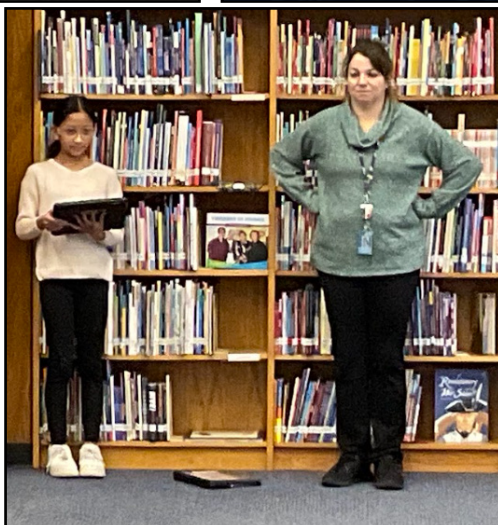
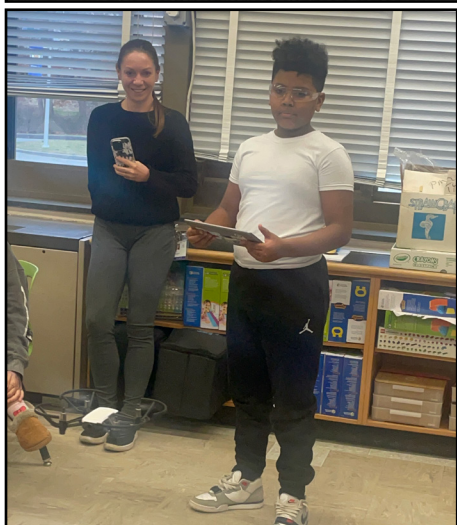
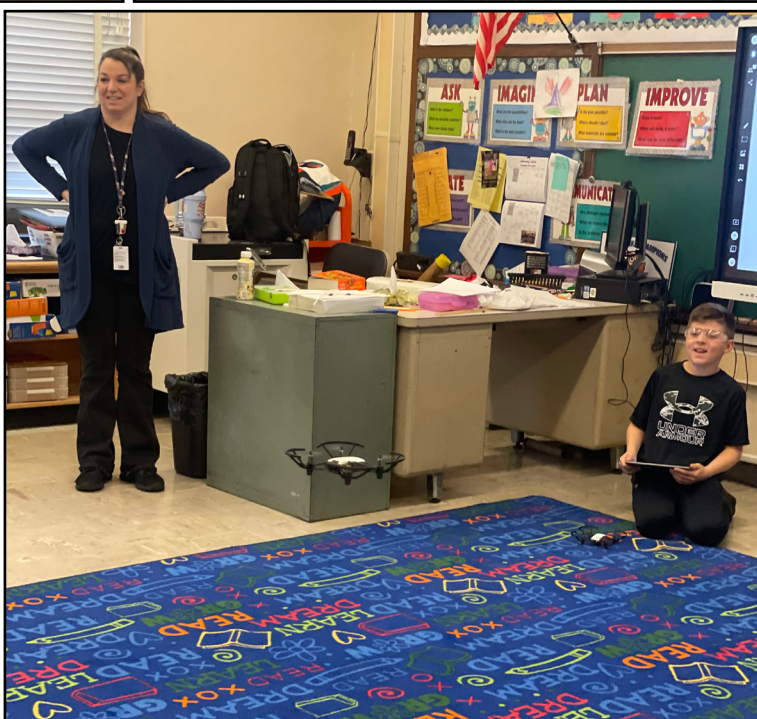


Under the guidance of STEAM teachers, Mrs. Bullaro and Mrs. Pecoraro, students have been learning to code through interactive lessons and engaging activities.

Armed with their coding skills, they eagerly took flight as they embarked on the thrilling adventure of drone flying. The lesson provided a hands-on learning experience that allowed our students to apply their coding knowledge and fly drones. They are all looking forward to a follow-up lesson where they will fly the drones through an obstacle course in the elementary school gymnasiums.



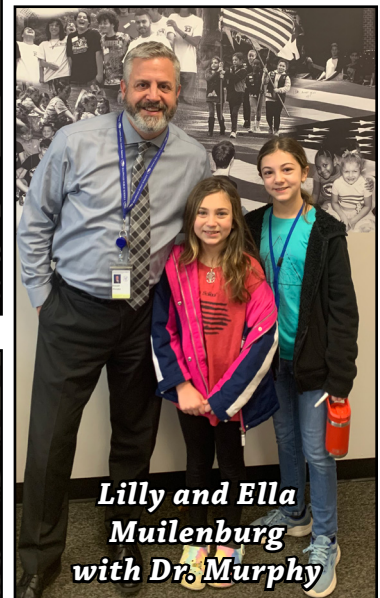
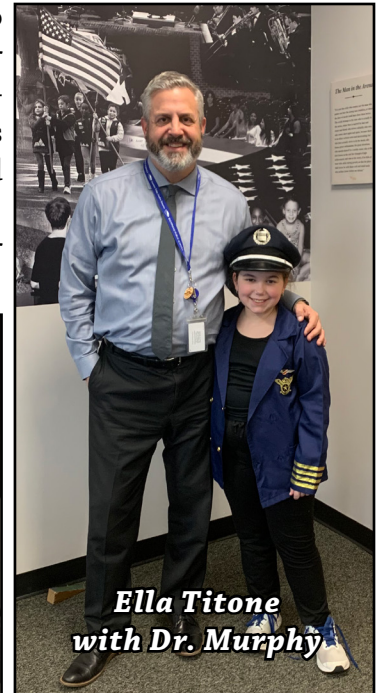
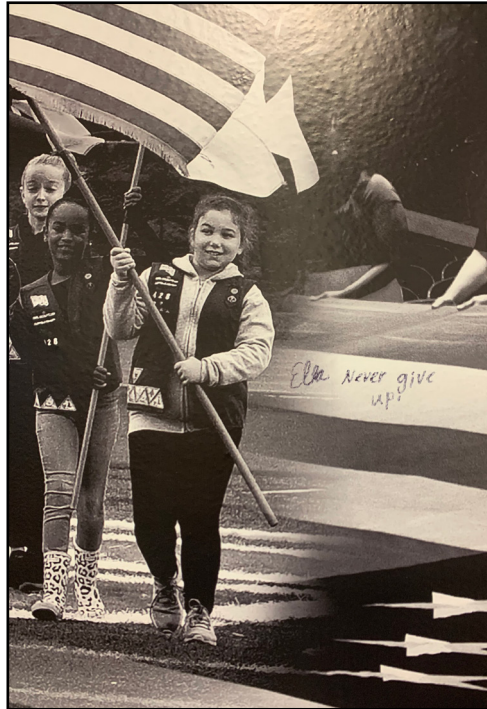
STEAM - Robotics & Drones



DR. MURPHY IS ENJOYING VISITS FROM STUDENTS, AND STAFF, TO SIGN HIS WALL WRAP

Dr. Murphy has been enjoying the student and staff visits he is receiving to come and sign his wall wrap! On Friday, January 26th, Ella Titone, a fourth-grader at Pines Elementary stopped by with her mom and left a wonderful and inspiring message. Since it was Career Day at Pines, she was dressed as a pilot which is something she aspires to possibly pursue as she thinks about her future. Her dad is a pilot!

On Friday, February 2nd, sisters Ella and Lilly Muilenburg stopped by with their mom and signed next to their photos.



Dr. Murphy's Wall Wrap

Middle School teachers, Amy Thompson and Brian Ferrara, are also a part of the wall wrap. Their photos appear with the middle school students who won "Code Conquest."

Anyone who is pictured on the wall wrap can come in and sign. They should contact Mrs. Lyons at lyonsj@hauppauge.k12.ny.us to make an appointment.



***Amy Thompson
signing by her photo***



***Brian Ferrara
signing by his photo***



***Teachers Brian Ferrara and Amy Thompson
with Dr. Murphy***

THE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY CHEERLEADING SQUAD IS OFF TO THE NATIONALS IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

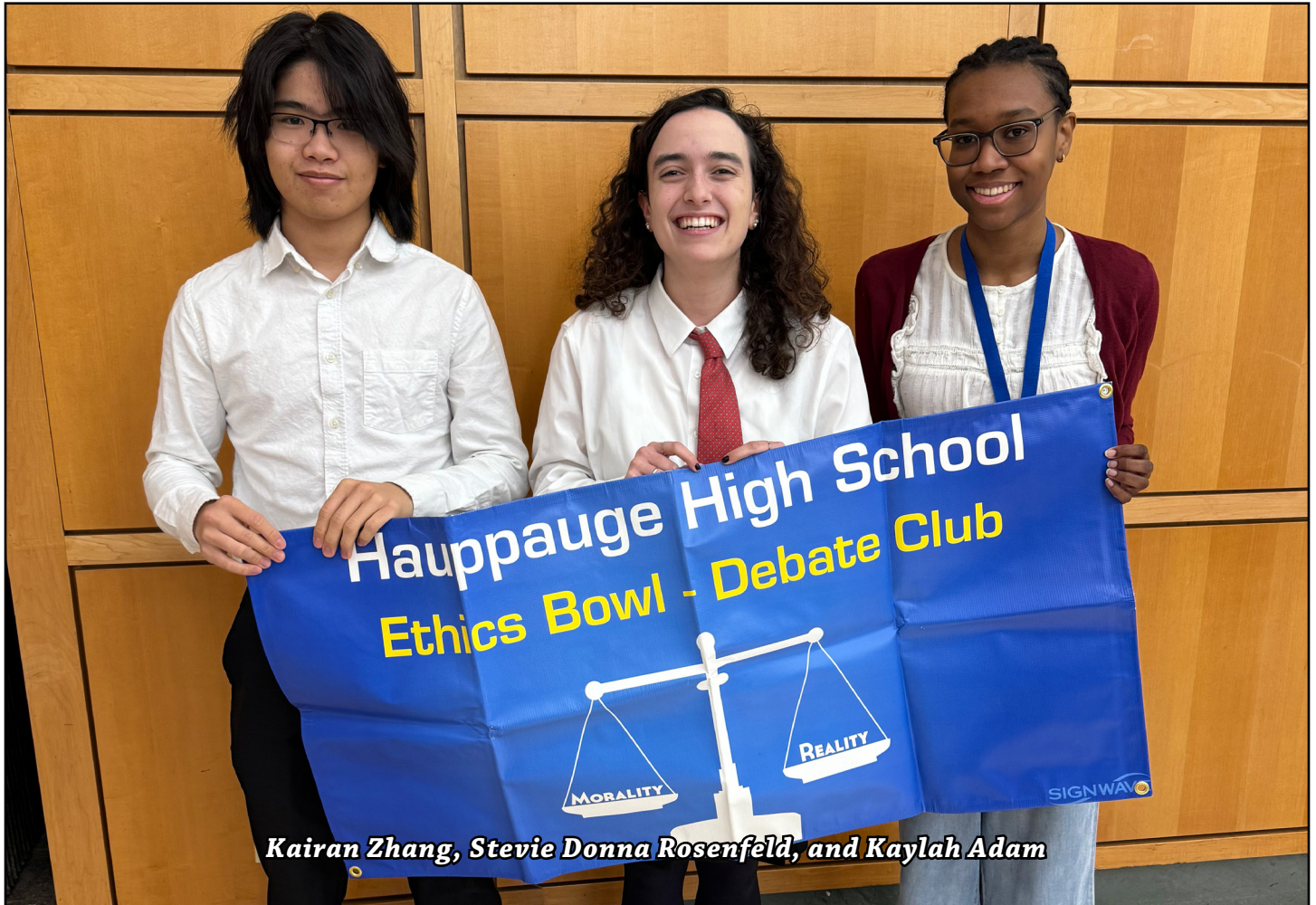
Our high school Varsity Cheerleaders are on their way to the “National High School Cheerleading Championship” which is taking place February 9th-12th at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. We wish our girls the best as they compete!

GO EAGLES !



THE HIGH SCHOOL ETHICS BOWL TEAM COMPETES IN REGIONAL COMPETITION

On February 3rd, the Hauppauge High School Ethics Bowl team competed in the regional competition at Hofstra University. Stevie Rosenfeld, Kairan Zhang, and Kaylah Adam bested teams from Westbury and Freeport and went toe to toe with Roslyn High School. The team represented Hauppauge proudly and gave a truly impressive performance. Congratulations!



Kairan Zhang, Stevie Donna Rosenfeld, and Kaylah Adam



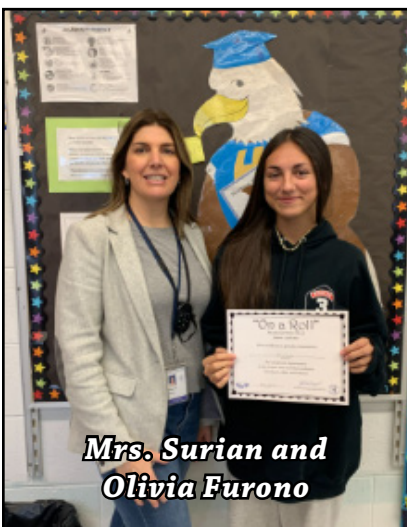
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE “ON A ROLL” FOR QUARTER TWO

Each quarter, high school principal, Joseph Wieckhorst, asks his staff to nominate students for his “On a Roll” program which aims to celebrate students who have made great improvements in one or more areas including academics, attendance, behavior, and effort.

The students who are being honored this quarter are:

Ms. Vassallo - Ava Andriano, Grade 9
Mrs. DeMaio - Ava Bilbo, Grade 9
Ms. Koerber - Harry Gang, Grade 9
Herr Sidwell - Jack Graziano, Grade 9
Mrs. Vallary - Joshua Sifuentes, Grade 9
Mrs. Autino - David Castellanos Jimenez, Grade 10
Mrs. Autino - Dylan Coyne, Grade 10
Ms. Griffin - Noah DeCristofaro, Grade 10
Mr. Ekstrom - Jude Fecteau, Grade 10
Mrs. Procaccini and Mrs. Fanelli - Nadia Golemi, Grade 10
Ms. Contino - Angelina Hintze, Grade 10
Mrs. McAvoy - Alex Jones, Grade 10
Ms. Craig - Rachele Kim, Grade 10
Mrs. Youllar - Hannah Lave, Grade 10
Mr. Hufnagel - Jenna Lipsky, Grade 10
Mrs. Richard - Angelina Negri, Grade 10
Ms. Lang - Jenelle Staton, Grade 10
Ms. Gulino - Lisbeth Marisol Umanzor Rivera, Grade 10
Mrs. Butalewicz - Gershon Diaz, Grade 11
Mrs. Surian - Olivia Furuno, Grade 11
Mrs. Procaccini and Mrs. Conaghan - Damarius Gaspard, Grade 11
Ms. Koplar - Kah’mani Jones, Grade 12
Ms. Tannenbaum - Noah Rosario, Grade 12
Mrs. Surian - Andrew Tsiokos, Grade 12

Here are some photos of the students and the teachers who nominated them.



**Mrs. Surian and
Olivia Furono**



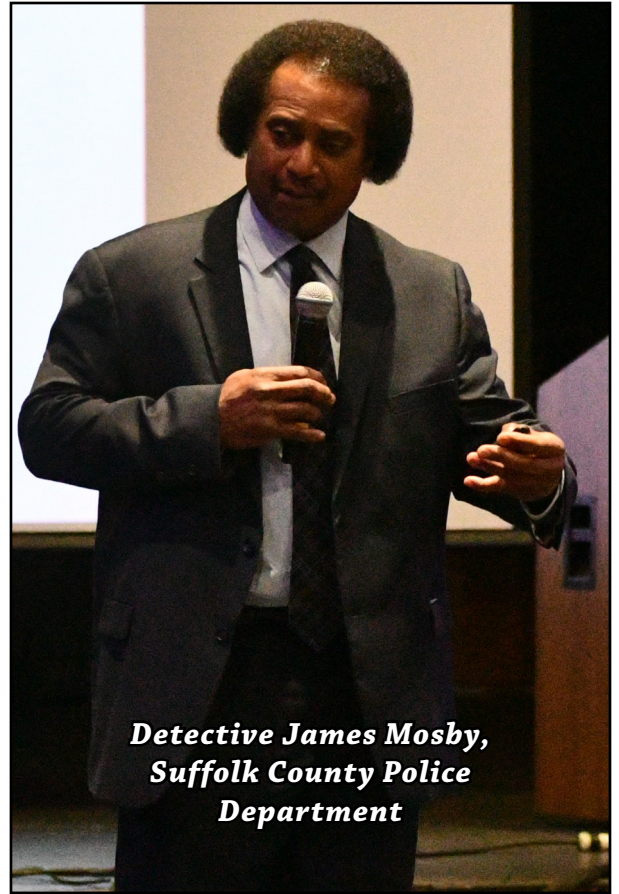
**Mrs. DeMaio and
Ava Bilbo**



**Mr. Hufnagel and
Jenna Lipsky**

HATE CRIMES DETECTIVE VISITS HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL

Detective James Mosby of the Suffolk County Police Department's Hate Crimes Unit visited Hauppauge High School to equip students with knowledge surrounding hate incidents during a special assembly. Throughout his presentation, Detective Mosby gave real examples of hate crimes committed in Suffolk County, showing photos of evidence, and explaining the different forms of these crimes. He detailed what the consequences of one's actions would be if they ever committed such a crime and the crime's effect on victims.



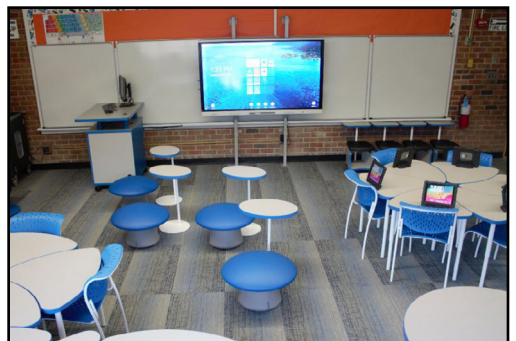
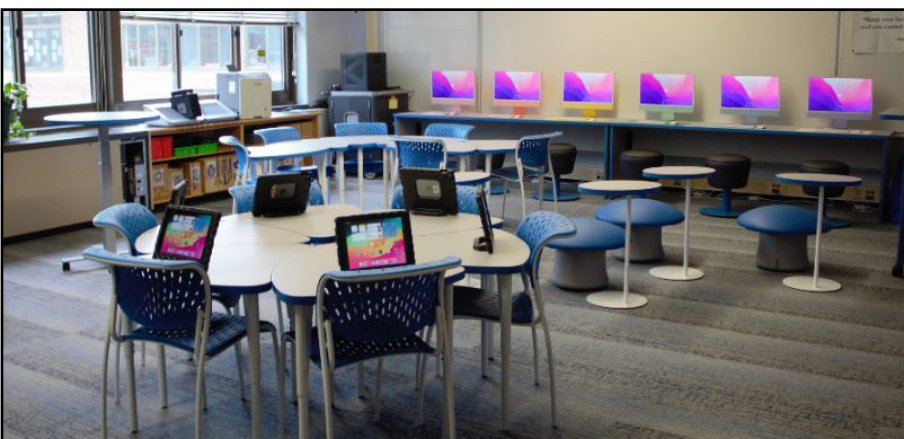
*Detective James Mosby,
Suffolk County Police
Department*



BRETTON WOODS HAS A “DIGITAL DEN” AND IT IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Bretton Woods Digital Den is open for business. This tech-infused learning space is designed to engage students with digital tools and resources. Equipped with computers, interactive displays, and collaborative technology, it facilitates interactive lessons and multimedia projects. The flexible seating in the digital den promotes a dynamic and adaptable environment, enhancing the overall learning experience for students.

Bretton Woods is so excited for the students and staff to enjoy this new space! Here are some photos.



HAUPPAUGE MIDDLE SCHOOL TRAVELS BACK IN TIME TO ANCIENT EGYPT

On Feb. 1, the Hauppauge Middle School library transformed into an ancient Egyptian museum filled with artifacts, models of pyramids and even a mummy. Created and hosted by Librarian Melissa McParland, sixth grade students had the opportunity to travel back in time after finishing their unit on ancient Egypt.

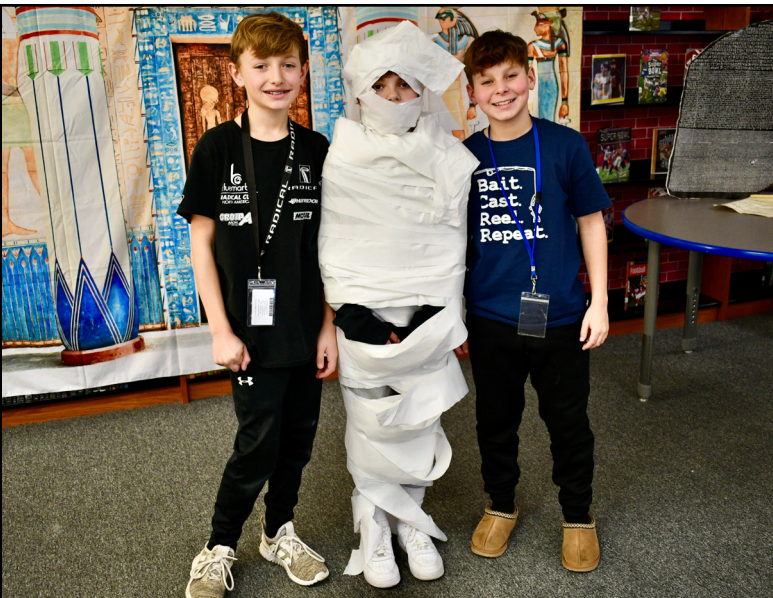
The lesson was brought to life as the students explored several of the “museum’s” stations, including the Rosetta Stone, tomb items, Canopic jars, a recreated mummy and a pyramid display. They were then given several options to partake in hands-on activities such as writing their name in hieroglyphs, pyramid building with KEVA planks, coloring or sculpting Egyptian artwork and team mummy-wrapping.



*Middle School Librarian,
Melissa McParland*



Middle School - Ancient Egypt



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARN HONOR ROLL AT BOCES EDWARD J. MILLIKEN TECHNICAL CENTER

Dr. Chanelle Cox, Principal of the Edward J. Milliken Technical Center; and Richard Romito, Assistant Principal, are proud to announce that the following Hauppauge High School students have achieved second-quarter honor roll by demonstrating outstanding achievement.

Nicole Esposito
Michael Francisci
Mollie Greene
Sophie Kahn
Brendan Kalinsky
Cindy Lam
Andrew Lifrieri
Katerine Reyes Mendez
Arjun Saini
Jesse Trabka

Principal Cox said the following: "Honor Roll is a challenging, but attainable goal. Honor Roll is one of the most significant awards 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 each day."

Principal Cox also said the following about our students, "These students have shown responsibility in the classroom, commitment to their work ethic, and have maintained a quarterly average of ninety or above with fewer than five absences."

We congratulate these students on their success and look forward to celebrating their future accomplishments throughout this school year!



BRETTON WOODS PTA ENJOYS A FAMILY NIGHT OUT

The Bretton Woods PTA enjoyed a wonderful family night out! The parents and their kids ventured out to see a New York Islanders Hockey game. Lots of fun was had by all. Here are some great photos of their night.



PINES STUDENT COUNCIL HOSTS “WACKY WEDNESDAYS” DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Pines Student Council hosted “Wacky Wednesdays” throughout the month of January. The themed days were as follows:

January 3rd - Pajama Day - “Wear Your Pajamas”

January 10th - Sports Day - “Show Team Pride”

January 17th - “Matchy Matchy Day” - Find a few friends and dress the same!

January 24th - “Crazy Outfit Day” - Dress crazy from head to toe!

January 31 - “Swap It Day” - Students dress like teachers and teachers dress like students!

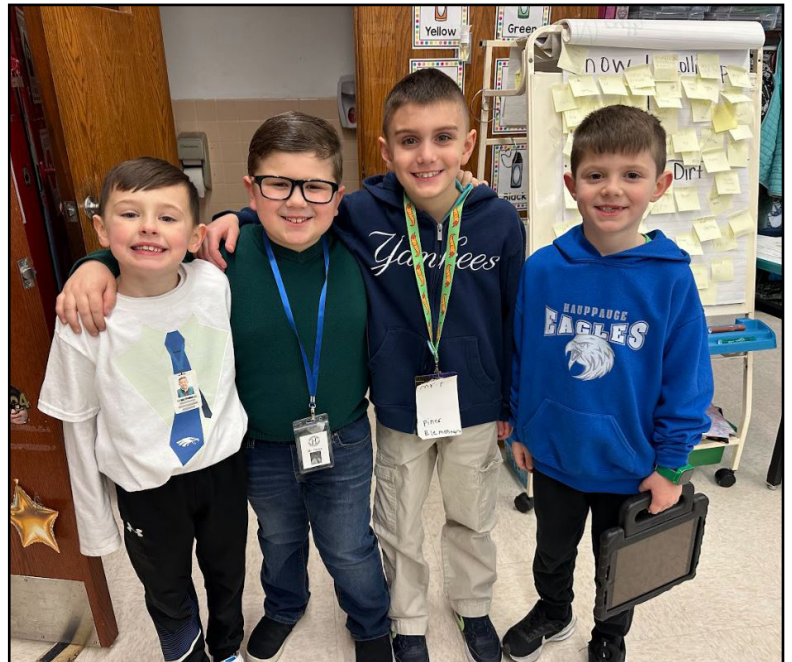
Here are some photos of their fun “Wacky Wednesdays!”



Pines - "Wacky Wednesdays"



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HAUPPAUGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAUPPAUGE, NEW YORK



UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Hauppauge Residents:

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about our Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program. The UPK program is funded by a New York State grant. If the grant is awarded, the district will provide funding for the placement of a specified number of four-year-old children into the district-selected participating agencies/pre-school programs.

In anticipation of the 2024-2025 UPK grant, if you are interested in participating in the 2024-2025 Universal Pre-Kindergarten student lottery, please complete the UPK application form which may be accessed from the district's website at www.hauppauge.k12.ny.us. You will find the information under the "Headlines and Happenings" section. In order to enter the lottery, all UPK applications must be received by Friday, March 22nd, 2024. The lottery will be held on Thursday, April 4th, 2024.

All children who reside in the Hauppauge Union Free School District and will be four years of age on or before December 1, 2024, are eligible to participate in the Universal Pre-Kindergarten lottery. If a child is five years of age on or before December 1, 2024, the child is not eligible to participate in the program.

If you have any questions regarding the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program, please contact Gary Campanelli, Director of Guidance, at (631) 761-8389, or at campanellig@hauppauge.k12.ny.us.

Dr. Donald B. Murphy
Superintendent of Schools

HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL IS SEEKING “2024 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI”

Hauppauge High School is seeking the “2024 Distinguished Alumni!” The Distinguished Alumni Award has been created in an effort to recognize those graduates of Hauppauge High School who have succeeded in their careers and lives, and who serve as a role model to Hauppauge High School Students, while exemplifying values of the broader Hauppauge community.

[Click here](#) to view the letter and application to nominate the “2024 Distinguished Alumni.”



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ANDREA DARBEE
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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI 2024 **APPLICATIONS SOUGHT**

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Anyone can nominate an alum, though the nominee must have graduated from Hauppauge High School in or prior to **2009 (15 years ago)**. Each year a selection committee, consisting of a combination of Hauppauge Administration, Hauppauge alumni, and staff will review the applicants.

Nominees should all have the following qualifications in order to be considered:

- Attended Hauppauge High School for all four years of High School.
- Has a sense of community and a record of service.
- Excels or is in some way distinguished in their field(s) of expertise.
- Will be able to give our graduating class important advice as they leave our high school.

If a recipient is selected, the Hauppauge Distinguished Alumni Award recipient will be notified in May, and they will be recognized at graduation on **Wednesday, June 26, 2023 at 6 pm**. The recipient must be able to attend the graduation, and they will be asked to briefly address the audience at graduation.

Please submit any recommendation via mail to the following address or via email at wieckhorstj@hauppauge.k12.ny.us. You will receive an email or phone call confirming receipt:

Joseph Wieckhorst, Hauppauge High School Principal

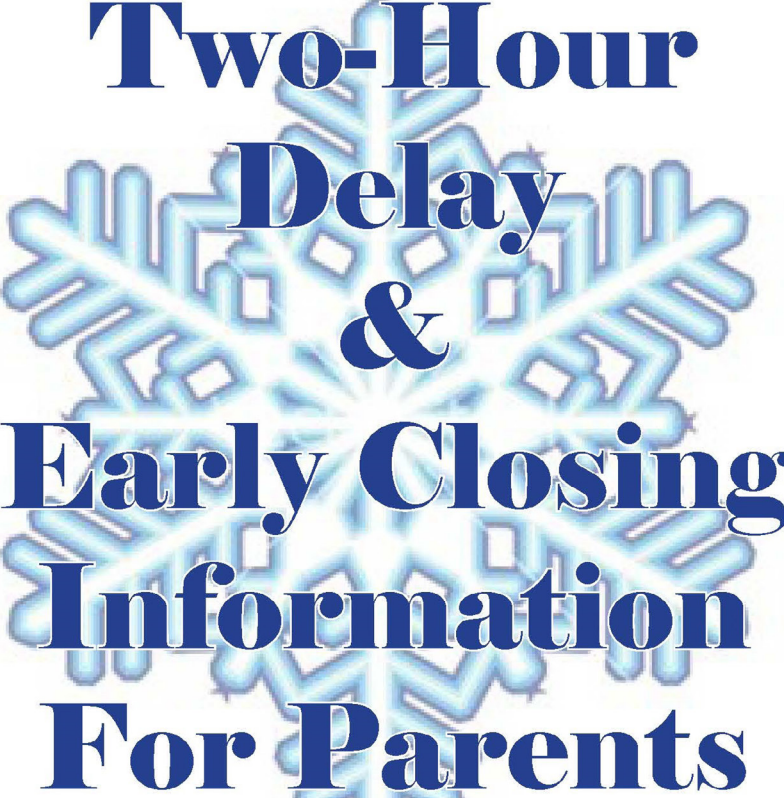
Hauppauge High School,

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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
Delay
&
Early Closing
Information
For Parents**

Pre-Registration
Begins March 1
Pre-Registration
For wait list
Begins April 1



SCOPE Education Services
Hauppauge School District
2024-2025

Open
Registration
Begins
May 1

Before & After School Program

Program Hours: AM: 7:00 AM until start of school / PM: Dismissal until 6:30 PM

Programs are licensed by the OCFS and meets/exceeds all regulations

- *Safe, fun, caring environment
- *Dedicated Homework Time
- *Character Development
- *STEAM Activities
- *Literacy Activities
- *Special Events

- *Arts and Crafts
- *Enrichment Opportunities
- *Age-appropriate educational and recreational activities
- *Fitness Activities and Healthy Snacks
- *1:10 Staff to Student Ratio

Locations:

Bretton Woods AM & PM (K-5)
Forest Brook AM* & PM (K-5)
Pines Elementary AM & PM (K-5)

Monthly Tuition:

PICK YOUR DAYS (Part time) Child attends a minimum of 5 days monthly

All days must be pre-selected online by the 15th of the month prior.

AM- \$92.00/month (5 day minimum) \$18.40 each additional day

PM- \$115.00/month (5 day minimum) \$23.00 each additional day

CONSISTENT SCHEDULE (Full time) Child attends every day

AM- \$306.00/month (every day)

PM- \$384.00/month (every day)

AM/PM Multi Rate: \$669.30/month

There is an annual non-refundable registration fee of \$40 (\$60 per family) payable upon enrollment.
September tuition will be charged July 15, 2024.

Notes: There is a 20% sibling discount for 2nd child; 40% for 3rd child

Subsidies are available to income eligible families

Fees are subject to change

Tuition is non-refundable after August 10, 2024.

Registration: Registration is on-line only. Go to: scopeonline.ce.elevo.com

A new contract must be submitted each school year and placement is confirmed in the order in which contracts are received. Placement and start dates are dependent upon space and staffing restrictions. A wait list will be established when the program has reached capacity.

New SCOPE parents must create an online account before registering a contract.

PRE-REGISTRATION –MARCH 1 for current SCOPE child care students and a limited number of Kindergarten students; **APRIL 1** for those waitlisted **prior to June 30** for the current school year.

OPEN REGISTRATION - MAY 1 until enrollment reaches capacity. **If you register after August 1 and there is still availability, your start date is not guaranteed for the beginning of school.**

For additional information, please call Barbra B @ 631-360-0800 x237

*MINIMUM ENROLLMENT REQUIRED



HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EAGLES PANTRY

Details: If you or your family are in need of food, clothing, school supplies, or hygiene products, please use the QR code or phone number below for further details regarding our pantry and the resources it provides.



Located at
Hauppauge High School
500 Lincoln Blvd
11788, Hauppauge, NY
631-761-8238



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 for COVID-19 safety protocols.

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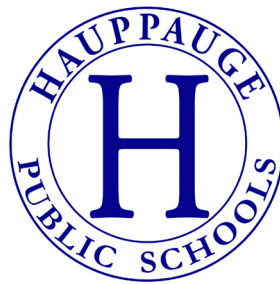
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