

East Meadow U.F.S.D.

Memo to: Dr. Kenneth A. Card, Jr., Superintendent of Schools

From: Dr. David Casamento, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

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Barnum Woods:

On May 21, second grade students at Barnum Woods enjoyed a hands-on experience with dinosaurs on “Dino Day.” During the presentation, students were amazed to observe “Mr. Nixon,” an 8-foot Triceratops skull. They learned about fossils, and became junior paleontologists by digging for real dinosaur bones. Student participants took home an authentic dinosaur fossil to study.

With summer vacation quickly approaching, on May 29, Barnum Woods hosted two assemblies, one for grades K-2 and one for grades 3-5, on water safety. A representative from “Rees Specht The Water” discussed the dangers and risks associated with being in, on or near water, in an age appropriate manner. The foundation emphasizes “drowning prevention through education.”

The *Spring Recorder Recital*, which took place on May 31, was a delightful experience for both the audience and for the players! Parents and grandparents were treated to the musical talents of Barnum’s third grade students, under the direction of Ms. Coleman. The boys and girls obviously spent many hours practicing. They played very difficult pieces, flawlessly!

On June 11, representatives from the East Meadow Public Library held presentations for each grade level at Barnum Woods. They discussed the New York State Summer Reading Program, which is entitled “Library Rocks!” Children were encouraged to read over the summer, and made aware of incentives such as small prizes and achievement certificates.

Barnum Woods is committed to promoting a “Healthy Lifestyle” with the student population and overall Barnum Community. On the morning of June 14, Barnum Woods conducted its annual *Health Walk*, known as “Walk the Woods.” The event was developed by our Planning and Management Team (PMT), which consists of teachers, administrators, staff members, parents and community members. The *Health Walk* began with the students and community members gathering on Barnum’s front lawn to participate in a Flag Day tribute. Immediately following the Flag Day ceremony, the *Health Walk* began. Students walked through the community with their classes. Parents, younger siblings, relatives, and friends, as well as neighbors of Barnum Woods School showed their support by cheering as the children walked along the community. The Police Department re-routed traffic to ensure the safety of all participants. Once again the *Health Walk* was a huge success and brought the entire community closer together!

Congratulations to fifth grader Isabella Stea on winning the New York State Senate “There Ought To Be a Law” contest. She focused on the dangers of texting while the car is *stopped* at a traffic signal or sign.

Bowling Green:

On Tuesday, May 8, Bowling Green's fifth grade students and teachers participated in an in-school presentation concerning the dangers of substance abuse. The program, organized by Mr. Sacks, Bowling Green's social worker, was hosted by members of Young People's Alcoholics Anonymous. The students asked many questions as they sought to understand the details associated with substance abuse.

Bowling Green hosted its Literacy Café on Tuesday, May 15. The students worked diligently throughout the year writing and composing beautiful writing samples and creating projects. All members of the Bowling Green family – students, faculty, parents, and community members enjoyed this event and had the opportunity to discuss the students' creative works.

VIP Day was held on Tuesday, May 15. Teachers invited the VIPs into their classrooms to listen to the students recite poems, read stories, watch a play, or view a PowerPoint of their child's year. The VIPs commented that they love to see the great work the students have accomplished.

Bowling Green's Art Show was held on Tuesday, May 15. The students' art works were beautifully displayed throughout the school. Thank you to our extraordinary art teachers, Mrs. Danielle Minuto, Mrs. Jeannette Ippolito, and Ms. Ioanna Kyvelos. The parents were excited to see the artistic talents of their children.

After studying about geology and mining in America, Bowling Green's fourth grade Quest students visited the Sterling Hill Zinc Mine in New Jersey on Wednesday, May 16. The students took a breathtaking tour of the mine and learned about the many uses of zinc, the beauty of fluorescent rocks, and what life was like working in the mine. The tour guides provided a true picture of the safety and challenges of mining. This trip, which has been in the Quest curriculum for over thirty years, is a favorite among the students.

On Friday, May 18, Bowling Green held its Reflections ceremony for all of the students who participated in the Reflections contest. Congratulations to our finalists: MultiMedia Film Intermediate – Elizabeth Olson/Jack Morovich; Literature Intermediate – Lia Addeo/Nico Barbarisi; Music Composition Intermediate – Jessica Somyak/Kaitlyn Boesch; Photography Primary – Sophia Mendoza; Photography Intermediate – Heer Mehta/Gabriella Palmeri; Dance Intermediate – Lauren Foley; Visual Arts Intermediate – Alyssa Palmeri/Catalina Gavidia; Visual Arts Primary – Ricardo Canales/Kate Piscitelli; Nassau County Finalists: Primary Dance – Destiny Cervantes; Intermediate Dance – Giuliana Gedarovich.

Bowling Green's Spring Concert was held on Wednesday, May 23, at W. Tresper Clarke High School. The audience was treated to wonderful performances by the chorus, orchestra, and band. The quality of the performances was a credit to the exceptionally talented staff at Bowling Green and to the parents who support music by bringing their children to rehearsal and encouraging them to practice. Congratulations to the students and their outstanding directors, Ms. Emily Buckley, Mrs. Kristen Bean, Mr. Gary Henderson, and Mr. Jonathan Ross.

Bowling Green's fifth graders participated in Senator Kemp Hannon's 2018 "There Ought to Be a Law" contest. Many creative suggestions were proposed by the students. This year's winner from Bowling Green was Aleeza Sheikh from Mrs. Kane-Pesant's class for her proposal of a law that

smoking should be banned anywhere near children. An awards ceremony was held on Thursday, May 24, at Levittown Hall in Hicksville, New York. Aleeza received a certificate honoring her accomplishment.

Bowling Green's second graders attended the STEM Education Program at East Meadow High School on Friday, May 25. The students were escorted to the different stations by East Meadow High School students. The stations, which were geared around Earth Day, Science, and Math, kept the students engaged throughout the morning. The students enjoyed learning about making soap, planting seeds, and clay. It was a fun-filled morning and the children loved it.

From Monday, May 7, to Friday, May 25, the students and faculty at Bowling Green participated in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Pennies for Patients Fundraiser, which was hosted by the Kiwanis Club. The students and faculty donated their spare change and Kiwanis Club board members collected the change throughout the fundraiser. This year \$2,971.33 was raised. The donations will be used for research to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's Disease, and myeloma.

Theaterworks visited Bowling Green on Thursday, May 31, to perform *Dragons Love Tacos*. The students in kindergarten, first grade, and second grade enjoyed their performance. Thank you to Bowling Green's PTA for giving each child a copy of the *Dragons Love Tacos* book.

Each year in May, Mrs. Naylor's Math Olympiad Team organizes the St. Jude's Math-A-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. This year the students raised \$800, which will be used to help children who are battling cancer or other life-threatening diseases. Not only does the Math-A-Thon improve students' math skills, but it also teaches the importance of helping others.

The PTA Gentlemen's Boutique was held on Thursday, June 14, and Friday, June 15. The students are looking forward to shopping for gifts.

McVey:

On Tuesday, May 15, McVey's future scientists competed in the school-wide Science Fair. One hundred and forty students in grades 2 through 5 continued to "Get Smart" by taking part in this annual event. Mr. Prisco and Mr. Minerva met with the eager students in February, who then began exploring and researching areas that interested them. The students selected and performed an experiment that followed the "scientific method" and presented their findings to both parents and peers alike. They explored everything from the effects of friction on different surfaces to testing solar energy. Some students even discovered which fruit is the best conductor of electricity. At the end of the event, the students began looking ahead to next year with new questions and curiosity. It was a wonderful learning experience for all!

On Wednesday, June 6, the McVey PTA sponsored Field Day. This year, "*McVey Takes Manhattan*," was the inspired theme of this annual event. While wearing their new commemorative t-shirts, the children traversed the Concrete Jungle obstacle course, went through the Staten Island Bucket Brigade, competed in the Knicks verses Nets Garbage Pail Shootout, and navigated the City Gridlock. Ices and smiles capped off a wonderful day...and of course, a special "thank you" to the PTA!

Meadowbrook:

Meadowbrook's third grade classes visited Safety Town on May 7 and 8. This replica town is operated by the Nassau County Police Department to instruct children about safety measures through a variety of authentic learning experiences. The students loved learning about the different ways we travel within our community, especially when they received their first set of car keys! Students navigated paved streets with traffic signals, an overpass, tunnels and a railroad crossing as pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists drove battery-operated cars up to 5 miles per hour. The students practiced safety measures such as looking both ways before crossing the street and identifying common mistakes that kids make.

On May 17, Musical Theatre opened up a child's mind to all of the possibilities in their world of imagination. The Musical Theater Club practiced and performed *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* for their friends and family! *The students discovered all of the logistics and magic of theater and performed outstanding production. Staff, students and parents were amazed at the level of professionalism, talent, and sheer joy of all who performed.* The cast spent the past five months engaging in intense practices, refining their lines, songs, and dances. They brought the images in their imagination to life and displayed that for the audience. Stage crew members coordinated set movements, ensured each cast members had the necessary props, and ensured the performance was smooth. Musical Theatre is a beautiful benefit to the lives of our students. It creates a world for them to explore, imagine, and discover.

On May 23, Meadowbrook's second grade students enjoyed seeing, touching, and learning about dinosaurs during the Dino Dig Assembly. This in-house program afforded students the opportunity to be junior paleontologists. The program began with a game that introduced students to new vocabulary such as carnivore, omnivore, herbivore, etc. The students worked as teams of paleontologists to unearth their own fossils! The students revealed approximately 30 fossils which they sorted in order according to size. The ability to touch and see genuine, life-size fossils help the students realize the size and variety of prehistoric creatures that roamed our Earth. The students loved digging for fossils and learning about the prehistoric times!

Third grade students at Meadowbrook Elementary School had the opportunity to practice their reading and problem solving skills through participation in "Submerge Storytelling" which took place at the end of May to the beginning of June. This presentation transformed an ordinary classroom into a "realm" which resembled the setting of a story. Meadowbrook students were introduced to Trevor Cool, a middle school student who breaks codes for the C.I.A. Over the course of one week, students were challenged to interact with the multisensory materials in the "realm" to ask questions, think critically, and use evidence to support their conclusions. The students entered the "realm" where they analyzed clues inside Trevor's bedroom to determine why he disappeared, who was after him, and why he was willing to sacrifice his role in the C.I.A. to help his friends. While the students were engaged, they had the autonomy to make decisions and solve problems.

Parkway:

As the sessions of Pre-Kindergarten came to an end, Mrs. Mack reflected on the students' growth. The children came into the program eager to learn and be part of the Parkway community. Thanks to Pre-K teacher, Ms. Gayer, and classroom monitor, Mrs. Tokiwa, they left with enriched language skills, understanding of our school safety rules, and improved social skills. From those shy, quiet

children who entered the Pre-K program, enthusiastic, friendly and caring kindergarten students have evolved.

Parkway celebrated Parent Day/VIP Day (Very Important Person Day) by welcoming the VIP's and Parents of our community to our school on May 15. Our celebration began with delicious refreshments, which were provided by the Parkway PTA and entertainment by our jazz band. The celebration continued as the VIP's and Parents visited our students in their classrooms. There, they had the opportunity to share activities with the children and celebrate their accomplishments. Our art show was on display at night for everyone to view.

Parkway fifth graders enjoyed a picnic/barbeque on May 25 at Forest City Park. The students had a day of fun and good food.

On Friday, June 8, Parkway students were treated to Carnival Day. The Parkway PTA sponsored a day of games, activities and fun. A great time was had by all.

We are pleased to have been part of this year's "There Ought to Be a Law" contest sponsored by Senator Kemp Hannon's Office. Twenty-five local schools participated, representing over 1,300 students. Many articulate and creative suggestions were made by the students. Parkway's Jaelyn Zabala in Mrs. Kakol's fifth grade class was the winner for our school. Congratulations.

Grade 5 is doing a series of "Unconferences" called Kid Edcamp. Kid Edcamp is an interactive experience designed to recognize the strengths and successes of all students. It fosters community, collaboration and a growth mindset. Allowing students to become their own teachers, empowers them to become leaders of their own learning. Grade 5 students conducted discussion sessions on their various interests. On June 6, some of the Kid Edcamp sessions were Magnet "Men", Cartooning, Calligraphy, Healthy/Easy Snacks, just to name a few. Students, parents, teachers and Administration were welcome to observe the Camp.

Congratulations to all our grade 5 graduates. We will have our Moving Up ceremony on June 21. Parkway PTA will hold a reception for the graduates and their family after the ceremonies.

Clarke Middle School:

W. T. Clarke Middle School's ELA Department and the Change for Change club hosted our fourth annual book drive. We have collected nine boxes of gently used and new books which will be donated to the local charity, The Book Fairies. These books will be distributed to high poverty schools and organizations on Long Island to help other children and families foster the love of reading.

Students from Mrs. Costello's Art classes created musical-themed artwork that was proudly displayed during the Clarke Middle School spring concerts. The work was featured both on the stage and in the lobby for concert-goers to enjoy.

On May 21 and May 22, our sixth graders went on a team building excursion to Adventure Park. Students and teachers climbed and zip lined through the forest. Each trail has zip lines and bridges between tree platforms made of rope, cable and wood configurations creating over 140 unique challenges. Students worked collaboratively with classmates to navigate their way through the course. The activities enhanced cooperation, communication, and group cohesion. It was a fun day

for all!

On Tuesday, May 22, students from Ms. Simowitz's Earth Science Research class and Ms. Wansor's seventh grade honor students were invited to attend the awards ceremony for the Long Island Science Congress at St. Anthony's High School. The awards ceremony was the culmination of months of independent research and experimentation. The following students were involved:

Mya Abate, Cat Amini, James Griesing, Ryan Sanders, Alec Hsu, Tristan Patel, Nikhil Panickssery, Nawaal Hassan, Eliana Bouet, Ashley Tighe, John Bower, Shahzaib Huda, Justin Uralil, Atiqur Hasany, Ryan Kurz, Joshua DeLuccia, Gurdev Bhurji, Joseph Partridge, Sofia Passariello, Amaan Sheikh, Sophia Moore, Sophia Buzzeo, Emily DeAcetis, Siddharth Chiguripati, Ryan Giannitelli, Caden Mark, Cristian Mojocoa.

On Wednesday, May 23, W.T. Clarke performing music students went to New York City to see the Blue Man Group. Blue Man Group is an incredibly entertaining performance that incorporates high-tech stage effects, old-fashioned stage effects, old-fashioned comedy and even a bit of mime and clowning. As interactive as theater gets, the first few rows came equipped with ponchos so audience members could shield themselves from paint used during the performance. Surely the Blue Men are saying something about life, technology and our ability to communicate. Prior to the Blue Man Group performance, students enjoyed breakfast at the world famous Hard Rock Café in New York City. While enjoying breakfast, students were surrounded by priceless pieces of art from legends like The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Billy Joel, and Elvis Presley as well as more contemporary items, including stage costumes worn by Madonna and Gwen Stefani. The Hard Rock Café also features rock 'n' roll memorabilia from artists with New York ties such as John Lennon, The Ramones, and Bruce Springsteen.

On May 24th, The Nassau County Bar Association hosted its Annual Mentoring Luncheon. Clarke Middle School student members attended with their mentors. It was a celebration of a great year of mentoring and relationship building. The students wrote thank you notes to their mentors and had the opportunity to publicly thank them and say a few words about the program. It was a great way to conclude the program for the year.

On May 25, the seventh grade class from W.T. Clarke Middle School enjoyed a day in Philadelphia. We celebrated the birthplace of the Constitution with selfies taken by the Liberty Bell and a viewing of "Freedom Rising," an interactive telling of the story of the birth of our nation. It was a memorable journey back in time!

James Griesing and Nick Espinosa competed in the National History Bee which was held in Atlanta, Georgia on June 1 and 2. They were top scorers in their classroom completion as well as in the school-wide event. After taking an on-line test, both boys qualified for the Regional completion and then qualified for the National History Bee. The competition began with four buzzer rounds of history questions and was followed up with a written exam. There were over 500 eighth graders at this national event. At the end of day one, James and Nick were still in the running. They were both tough competitors. James finished in the top third of his age group. Both James and Nick felt the experience was enjoyable, worthwhile and very memorable.

Woodland:

On May 14, Woodland Middle School ponied up with Pantene. Seventy-six students and staff gathered in the auditorium to have eight inches of their hair cut and donated to Pantene Beautiful Lengths. The organization turns the donated hair into free, real-hair wigs for those suffering from cancer and related diseases. Everyone involved felt like they were providing hope, one ponytail at a time.

The Woodland Middle School Spring Concert Season was a smashing success! The season began with the 7th Grade Concert on Wednesday, May 16. Wonderful performances were presented by the 6th Grade Jazz Band, 7th Grade Orchestra, 7th Grade Chorus, Ensemble, and 7th Grade Band. The audience enjoyed tunes such as “The Chicken,” “Finale from Symphony No. 5,” “Swingin’ With the Saints,” and “Creed.” The second concert in the series was the 8th Grade Concert, which took place on Monday, May 21. The audience was treated to performances by the Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, 8th Grade Orchestra, 8th Grade Chorus, and 8th Grade Band. The groups presented eclectic and exciting musical selections such as “What is Hip?,” “Jig from St. Paul’s Suite,” “Hungarian Dance No. 5,” “My Shot” from *Hamilton*, and “The Liberty Bell March.” Our final concert of the season was on Monday, June 4, and featured our sixth grade performing groups. The audience reveled in performances by the Wind Ensemble, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, 6th Grade Orchestra, 6th Grade Chorus, and 6th Grade Band. Some of the delightful selections heard that evening included “Selections from *The Lion King*,” “Bohemian Rhapsody,” “Desert Sands,” “Shake It Out,” and “The River Kwai March.” All performing ensembles worked tirelessly throughout the year to present yet another jaw dropping concert series.

Throughout the year, Woodland Middle School’s eighth graders engaged in various team building events to learn strategies and skills to critically think and problem solve in a positive, collaborative way. The final team building event for the graduating class took place on Tuesday, May 22. The eighth grade picnic was sponsored by the National Junior Honor Society and the SEL Committee. The students enjoyed cheeseburgers, hot dogs, snacks, and ices while socializing with one another. They participated in beach volleyball, Captain’s Calling, Capture the Flag, soccer, and Ultimate Frisbee. The friendships that students developed over the years at Woodland will surely lead to successful transitions to East Meadow High School in September.

Woodland Middle School held its second Stuff-a-Bus charity event to benefit The Ronald McDonald House (RMDH) of Long Island on Friday, May 25. Over twenty seats on the school buses were sponsored by National Junior Honor Society students, academic departments, and local businesses. In addition to sponsoring seats, service clubs and organizations held fundraisers in order to shop for supplies for RMDH. Before the school day had even started, Woodland Middle School students and staff filled an entire school bus with essential items for The Ronald McDonald House. During first period, more than one hundred students from different service clubs worked together to create a human chain to transport items from two second-floor storage rooms into a second school bus parked in front of our building. At the end of the event, approximately two and a half school buses were stuffed with donated items, which included paper towels, non-perishable foods, gift cards, cleaning supplies, paper goods, pantry items, and personal hygiene products. The loaded buses were transported to the Ronald McDonald House facility in New Hyde Park, where thirty Woodland students and their chaperones unloaded the buses, received a tour, and learned more about the services and support the house supplies to its guests.

On Wednesday, May 30, the Woodland Middle School's 8th grade music students embarked on an exciting trip to broaden their musical horizons and celebrate their musical achievements. The students attended **A Day in the City: Hard Rock Café and the Blue Man Group!** They traveled to New York City, beginning the day in Times Square at the famous Hard Rock Café New York. Students enjoyed breakfast and were able to view priceless memorabilia from artists such as The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Nirvana, Billy Joel, Elvis Presley, Madonna, Gwen Stefani, Jimi Hendrix, John Lennon, The Ramones, and Bruce Springsteen. The students then traveled downtown to Astor Place Theater to enjoy a performance by Blue Man Group. The show was an interactive spectacle of high-tech stage effects and old-fashioned slap stick comedy, combined with an awesome musical journey unlike any other. The first few rows even came equipped with ponchos and splash guards for the audience to shield themselves from splashing paint. Some students and teachers from Woodland Middle School were pulled on stage to participate in the show! All in attendance had a great time and an unforgettable experience.

Clarke High School:

Spring Concerts were held on May 2 and May 22. The culminating experience was the Prism Concert, held in the gymnasium. The Prism Design has become a tradition at Clarke, wherein all three major performing ensembles are assembled on the floor at the same time. The students in each respective ensemble have the unique opportunity to listen to and watch their peers perform. The entire music department also joins together for a grand finale. The evening came to a fitting close with a reception sponsored and hosted by the Clarke Music Parents Association.

On Saturday, June 2, Aashini Shah competed in the New York State Science Congress Research Competition held in Buffalo New York. She placed First in the category of Chemistry. She received the Highest Honors Award.

Pavit Suri's summer research will be published in the Tetrahedron Letters scientific journal. The title of his journal article is *Lipidated cyclopropenes via a stable 3-N spirocyclopropene scaffold*.

This year we offered our twelfth grade students a unique opportunity. Immediately following graduation rehearsal on Wednesday, June 20, all graduating seniors were invited to take a school bus to their respective elementary schools, where they walked the corridors in their graduation gowns. You may have heard of other school districts embracing this tradition, and we wanted to provide our soon-to-be graduates with the same experience - to take a walk down memory lane. While we recognize some of our seniors did not attend elementary school in the East Meadow School District, we created three options: (1) Choose an elementary school closest to your home; (2) Choose the elementary school where younger siblings have attended or currently attend; or (3) Choose not to participate in the event. It is hoped that the students created a new tradition by having participated in this opportunity.

On October 24, all students in grades 9-11 will take the PSAT 10/11 or PSAT 8/9. The morning will be devoted to the PSAT to provide a foundation leading to the SAT in the future as well as to help inform instruction in our English and Math courses. The afternoon will be devoted to Parent-Teacher Conferences.

East Meadow High School:

We are happy to announce for the first time at East Meadow High School that Aliandro Goncalves, a

Business student in MultiMedia IV class, had an exceptionally high score on the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) PowerPoint exam and has been named New York's Champion and has been selected to compete in Certiport's 2018 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship. Although Aliandro is unable to attend this competition, he will still be recognized through a formal press release for his wonderful accomplishment.

On May 11, Mrs Beygelman's and Mrs. Portnoy's ASL classes went to New York City so students could observe ASL in a real life environment by watching a play with a main character who is deaf. The play was also interpreted.

On May 24, Mrs. Woisin's Business Management class went to Wickham Fruit Farm and to Catapano Dairy Farms. Students learned firsthand how this bi-centennial farm operates its picking, farm stand, and wholesale operation from its owners. The students utilized knowledge gained in the classroom and applied it to a variety of practical real-life business situations that the farmers discussed with them.

The Junior Awards Ceremony took place on May 24. Congratulations to the following well-deserving juniors on their accomplishments: John Meah, Glenn Newberger, Christian Canguesta, Anthony Piccinone, Anusha Arora, Taylor Giles, Shane Weiner, Sabera Hossain, Deborah Jaffe, Nicole Ribeiro, Dominic Osojnak, Matthew Fried, Cayla Goldstein, Deborah Hong, Noah Silverman, Rayaa Anglada, Sophia Di Scala, Esha Misra, Lindsay Pincus, Nathalie Polanco, Ajish Sam, Emmeline Tobias, Adriana DiDesidero, Ryan DeRosa, Sabeen Siddiqui, Christopher Forrler, Margaret Hall, Leila Sayan, Jake Wiscovitch, Alyssa Yablansky, Emily Rosenkrantz, Kelly Anglim, Kayla Leary, Isabel Marsh, Katherine Marsh, Sultan Mirza, Bryan Villafuerte, Charles Cucchiara Amy Mallah, and Alexis Caruso.

On May 24, our 17th annual Senior Project Fair was hosted by Ms. Jacobs, Ms. Casamassina and Ms. LoFaso. Over 100 students showcased their 25-hour internship or community service experience to our audience which consisted of parents, grandparents, administrators, teachers, sponsors and fellow students. The goal of the Senior Project is to expose students to the world of adult and civic responsibilities as they transition from high school to college and/or the workforce. We are proud to report that this senior class has given a combined total of 10,000 service hours to businesses and organizations in the Long Island and New York City area. The opportunity has afforded the students and the sponsors a mutually beneficial and lifelong experience.

Our Earth Day Celebration at East Meadow High School on May 25 was hosted by the Environmental Club, Horticulture Club, Step Team, and AP Environmental Science class. There were over 200 second graders from Barnum Woods and Bowling Green Elementary Schools and approximately 70 high school students involved. The high school students shared their knowledge of the environment with the younger children through a variety of activities. The Horticulture Club had such activities as a butterfly garden, seed tape, composting, worms, and chia pets. The Step Team taught the students an Earth Day step routine. The Environmental Club had activities such as recycling toss, making earth-friendly playdough and hand soap, organic foods, and photo booth to name a few. The second graders were given a reusable tote bag to decorate and to take home all of their activities. It was a pleasure watching the older and younger students interact. It was an enjoyable day for everyone!

On May 29 and May 30, East Meadow High School held the Senior Departmental Awards Ceremony. Approximately 80 students were honored at these ceremonies. These exceptional

students received plaques and certificates recognizing all their hard work. Families and friends attended the event which included breakfast and an outdoor reception at the conclusion.

This year's senior prom will be held at the Inn at New Hyde Park on Friday, June 21, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. hosted by advisors Diane Groth and Lori Petersen along with the Senior Class Officers, President Daniel Miranda, Vice President Michael Halkitis, Secretary Isabelle Melito, and Treasurer Kevin Martin.

Districtwide:

Music:

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, over 300 students were honored at the District Music and Art Awards Night for their participation in the following:

NAfME All-National Honor Ensembles, NYSSMA All-State Ensemble, NMEA All-County Festival, Long Island String Festival, Olympics of the Visual Arts, Art Supervisors Association All-County Art Exhibition, the 27th Annual NYSATA Legislative Student Art Exhibit, and the LIATA 2018 Art in Heart Exhibition.

Congratulations to the student-musicians throughout the district who performed in any of the twenty-six spring concerts!

Congratulations to Bradley Seltzer of W.T. Clarke High School and Kevin Martin of East Meadow High School on being selected to receive a 2017 NYSCAME Leadership award. Each student was selected for their achievements in music through dedication and hard work.

Congratulations to Jolie Rebelo and Stephanie Miley of East Meadow High School, as well as Sophia Moreira from W.T. Clarke High School for receiving the NYSCAME Music Scholarship. Each of these students received a scholarship to pursue their music studies in college.

Congratulations to Bradley Seltzer from W.T. Clarke High School and Kacie Price from East Meadow High School on their selection as the recipients of the Atlantic Wind Symphony Outstanding Band Student Award. The Atlantic Wind Symphony recognized Michelle's achievement as an Outstanding Band Student with the presentation of an award at their final concert of the season. They were also invited to perform with the ensemble at this concert, having the unique opportunity to sit among the professional musicians of the Atlantic Wind Symphony.

Art:

Throughout May and June, the Kindergarten classes from all five elementary schools have been traveling to the Nassau County Museum of Art on their second trip of the year to meet with education staff and view the current art exhibit, "Anything Goes: The Jazz Age."

The Annual Spring Art Show was held from Tuesday, May 29, until Thursday, May 31, at the Leon J. Campo Center. The show featured more than 1,300 pieces of work from students district-wide.

Physical Education, Health and Athletics:

East Meadow High School athletes were extremely successful in their accomplishments this year.

The following are the accolades the athletes and teams received: 120 Scholar Athletes, 40 All-Conference Athletes, 41 All-County Athletes, 3 All-State Athletes, 2 Conference Championship Teams Boys Cross Country and Softball and 3 County Championship Teams Boys Cross Country, Cheerleading and Softball.

Seven East Meadow High School track athletes - Katherine Marsh, Isabel Marsh, Alexia Moussakas, Madison Suhl, Amanda Suhl, Brandon Love and Thayne Johnson competed in the New York State Championships at Cicero North Syracuse High School June 7-9. These students have had an outstanding season on the track.

On June 9, the East Meadow High School Long Island Champion softball team headed to Moreau Recreational Park in Glens Falls for their 4th appearance in the past 6 years at the New York State Softball Championship. Congratulations to Coaches Stew Fritz, Becky Mattia, and Kristina Cavallo and the entire squad as they look to bring home another state title.

W.T. Clarke High School athletes were extremely successful in their accomplishments this year. The following are the accolades the athletes and teams received: 90 Scholar Athletes, 34 All-Conference Athletes, 19 All-County Athletes, 2 State Champions, 2 Conference Championship Teams Field Hockey and Baseball.

Four W.T. Clarke High School track athletes-Mike Zanni, Jasper Valino, Brandon McNally, David Stewart, Roberto Izzo competed in the New York State Championships at Cicero North Syracuse High School. These students have had an outstanding season on the track.