



Pictured are second-grade Rangers of Respect showing off their completed bouquets.

# Be Brave, Stand Up

This year's districtwide anti-bully week theme was "Be Brave, Stand Up," and every student received wristbands with this slogan to remind them not to stand by if others are being bullied. All schools participated in the event. Listed below are some highlights from the elementary schools.

At Central Boulevard Elementary, students were asked to dress a specific way to support a daily theme. Activities were designed to go along with the themes, and every grade was given a superhero name. The week included Make It Great Monday, on which students wore blue and gold to show their pride and were given superhero assignments. Friendship Friday had students creating compliment bouquets, which helped them understand the value and importance of being not only a nice person, but also one who stands up for others. The compliment bouquets required students to color in the petals of a flower and fill them with kind characteristics.

Charles Campagne Elementary students kicked off Bully Prevention Awareness Week with a special assembly unveiling character education signs created in November. The signs were used to name each hallway in the school after a positive character trait, including Courage Court, Respect Drive, Responsibility Road, Perseverance Place, Compassion Circle and Honesty Highway. Students were asked to wear purple to represent being bully-free forever, and as part of the opening kickoff, they recited the anti-bully pledge which emphasized, "We won't stand by, we will stand up." The week continued with various programs, including the Power of One assembly, Jump Rope for Heart and various themed days for students to dress in fun attire.



Pictured are second-graders in Ms. Letter's class dressed as superheroes.

In honor of the "Be Brave, Stand Up" anti-bully theme, students at Kramer Lane dressed as superheroes for the first day of the week. Each day, students participated in anti-bullying events, which included a visit from the Nassau County Holocaust and Tolerance Center, creating bully-proof shields, and viewing presentations from middle school students who gave lessons on tolerance, acceptance and being an upstander. Students also made spectacles in art classes and the music department played popular songs with anti-bullying messages over the announcements each morning.

# Exploring New Tastes

As part of the district's food service program, students at Kramer Lane had the unique opportunity to experience some foods they otherwise may never have tried. The purpose of the food exploration program is to have students try new and healthy foods, as well as for the chefs to gauge whether they should add new vegetables or items to the already elaborate menu. Recently, the kumquats and baby zucchinis that were served as a special addition to lunch received some mixed reviews. Overall, the event, which is held in each of the district's schools throughout the year with different items, reminds students of the importance of eating healthy.



## PENNIES FOR PATIENTS



Students at Charles Campagne Elementary School participated in a weeklong fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients program. All students and staff members were asked to take a box home and collect spare change to change lives. Members of the school's student council helped decorate the boxes for the fundraiser, which garnered more than \$245.

# Community Helper Day

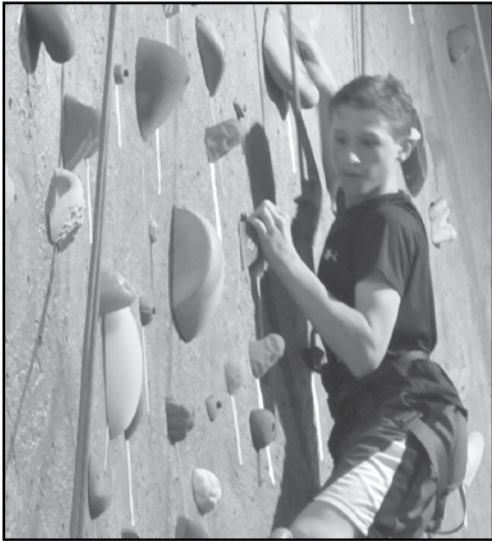
Encouraging career readiness, Central Boulevard School hosted a Community Helper Day for its second-grade students. After the students researched a community helper of their choice and wrote about their findings, individuals in the researched career fields were asked to come and present to the students. Nurses, doctors, police officers, firefighters, a veterinarian, an architect and a pilot all came to share their insight with students. Second-graders were able to ask questions of the professionals and verify that the information they had gathered was correct. Following the presentations, the students went back to their classrooms and shared their research with peers. The event prompted the second-graders to begin thinking about their futures and what they may be interested in as they get older.



# BETHPAGE

## Union Free School District

### NEWSLETTER



### For Everyone

Earlier this school year, the district was approached by a new local organization called Lift Up Long Island, whose goal is to promote social entrepreneurship among students. Social entrepreneurship is defined by the organization as tackling a problem with a sustainable plan. The district responded by organizing a group of students, representing each of the schools, and attending a workshop hosted by Lift Up Long Island. At the workshop, the team of students was asked to select an issue in their community they wished to address – the group overwhelmingly selected health and wellness as their goal and have been meeting on a regular basis to develop an action plan.

The students' goals are for the

entire community to be involved in the pursuit of healthier lifestyles and to have fun together while staying fit. The group already has a calendar of events scheduled to increase physical fitness and a plan for making the community aware of healthier cooking choices. The group's long-term plan is to sustain activities through the selling of health and wellness goods and small donations from participants.

You can follow the Bethpage wellness initiative on the web at [www.bethpage.ws/docs/fitness/](http://www.bethpage.ws/docs/fitness/) and join us at one of the events!

## GYMNASTICS

### Team Springs Ahead



Congratulations to the high school girls gymnastics team on a highly successful 2013-14 season! Not only was the team named New York State Scholar Athlete Team of the Year, but they were also undefeated conference champions and finished second overall in Nassau County. The team is coached by Vicky Vitale and Bethpage alum Kim Rhatigan.

# Thank You

## for Supporting the

### 2014-2015

## School Budget

The Board of Education and administration would like to thank all community members who voted on May 20. The budget and second proposition, which was to expend funds from the district's capital reserve fund, were overwhelmingly supported. We thank you for your continued commitment to the education of our students.

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# Battle IV Raises Money for Educational Foundation

With skies clearing just in time for the big game, the Howard C. Vogt Field at Bethpage High School hosted the fourth annual Battle at Bethpage featuring the men's lacrosse game for Princeton vs. Cornell. The event, which is held in conjunction with the Town of Oyster Bay, raises money for the Bethpage Educational Foundation. Approximately 4,000 visitors attended the event, which also featured a women's lacrosse game of LIU Post vs. St. Thomas Aquinas.

The pregame ceremony included speeches from Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark, a representative from Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano's Office, Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto and Bethpage Educational Foundation President Marc Sieben. All gave thanks to former Bethpage Assistant Superintendent John DeTommaso,



who brought the event to the Bethpage Athletic Complex four years ago through

his connections to the sport. Mr. DeTommaso was on site for the big event, as his son is on the Princeton lacrosse team. The event has raised more than \$10,000 each year for the Bethpage Educational Foundation, which directly supports educational projects in the district.

## HAIR-RAISING AWARDS

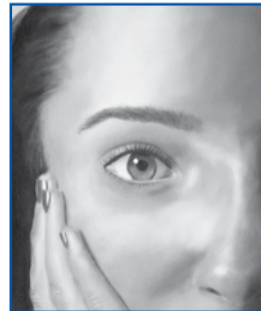


Two Bethpage High School students in the cosmetology program at BOCES were honored at a Board of Education meeting for placing in a recent competition. Junior Nicole Romano placed first in a hairstyling competition and now qualifies to advance to the regional level. Senior Alyssa Pearson placed first in evening hairstyles and third in nail design. Both students spoke of their enthusiasm for the BOCES program and were thankful for the opportunity to pursue something they love while in high school.

## APE for Art



Bethpage High School senior Meghan Paola received an Award of Excellence at the Art League of Long Island's annual exhibit of Advanced Placement artwork. More than 165 pieces were featured in the exhibit and only 13 across all of Long Island were chosen for the Award of Excellence. Meghan's untitled



work was a self-portrait done in chalk pastel. As a result of receiving the award, she will be eligible for free classes at the Art League for one year. She currently takes AP Studio Art and was named an All-County artist for a different piece. "Art has always been a very important part of my life," Meghan said. "It gives you the freedom to create whatever you want."

## SCIENCE SUCCESS

A dozen Bethpage High School science research students have placed highly in recent competitions. Listed here are some of those whose projects placed at their respective competitions:



Samatha Ingenito (Grade 12) - Intel Long Island Science and Engineering Fair semifinalist and honorable mention recipient

Harshil Garg (Grade 11) - LISC Senior Division high honors recipient

Gary Liang (Grade 12) - JV LISEF honorable mention recipient

Alyssa D'Arrigo (Grade 9) - LISC Junior Division high honors recipient and finalist to STANYS states competition

Emily Walker (Grade 12) - Junior Science and Humanities Symposium finalist and Long Island Science Congress Senior Division high honors recipient

Julie Grzybowksi (Grade 9) - LISC Junior Division high honors recipient

Gabriel Chan (Grade 12) - LISC Senior Division high honors recipient

Edwin Manj (Grade 9) - LISC Junior Division high honors recipient

# LETTER OF INTENT



Bethpage High School senior Brianna Scaldaferri has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an academic and athletic scholarship for Central Connecticut State University. Playing soccer since the age of 4, she has been captain of the school's varsity soccer team and qualified as an All-County athlete for the past two years. Brianna was also a member of the track team for two years, the National Honor Society and the Athletes Helping Athletes program. She was recently awarded the Nassau Zone award as a top physical education athlete of the year.

In addition to the school team, Brianna has played on the East Meadow Hurricanes, an Elite Club's National League, for the past six years. She is pictured with her mother Terry, brother Jake, High School Principal Michael Spence and Athletic Director John Franchi.

## Challenger Basketball

Basketball has proven to be no challenge for members of the district's Challenger basketball team. A Challenger team consists of male and female special needs students of middle school and high school age. This year, the 22-member team had a tremendous season, losing only two of their games to date. This is the fourth year Bethpage has hosted a Challenger team, and the district is one of only nine on Long Island.

"It's not about winning or losing in Challenger basketball," coach Danielle Greco said. "All of the students play their hearts out, and even losing builds character."

This year, ninth-grade student and former Challenger player Peter Ingenito decided to take a try at announcing the games. Typically done by teacher Tom Scarola, Peter really flourished under Mr. Scarola's guidance and has since announced games on his own.

Bethpage's Challenger team practices once a week and holds games February through April. The team is coached by Jennifer Mulholland and Andrew Syrett.



# Eagle Eye Reporting

## JFKMS Media Club Gains Popularity

Two years ago, teacher Tom Scarola at John F. Kennedy Middle School saw the need for a club that offered a more creative outlet to students who didn't play sports or perform in the drama club. The Media Club, AKA Eagle Eye, started as a photojournalism club that met in the mornings before school once a week. Students in the club were given cameras and asked to photograph at special events, after-school activities and athletic games. The club was granted use of a big-screen television in the main hallway to project all of their images.

More students began wanting to get their photos taken, and members of the club began to hone in on their retouching skills, using software like Picasa. Thanks to a grant from the Bethpage Educational Foundation, the club was able to purchase a Mac computer last spring and students began learning iPhoto, and eventually iMovie as the club began to get video cameras and shoot video.

"I want to be a software engineer, and being in this club will help me with my audio/

visual skills," seventh-grade student Nikhil Sanghvi said. "I learned how to use a tripod, set up video stands and use editing equipment." Nikhil is also designing the application that will be used by the Bethpage Fit and Fun initiative.

Approximately 15 students are currently in the club. They share two digital cameras and one mini-HD video camera and use their home cameras whenever possible so as not to miss any of the action.

"I think it's important that we celebrate student success and creativity," Principal Kevin Fullerton said of the club. "It creates a warm and welcoming environment for students, as well as prepares them to be college- and career-ready."

Eagle Eye's videos have become so popular that they now take requests from administrators and produce short videos on



topics such as anti-bully awareness. The club's next project will be to create a video for the fifth-grade orientation on a typical day in the life of a sixth-grader. In the future, the club hopes to do live broadcasting of the morning announcements and incorporate more writing to create skits.