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NEWSLETTER

## Umbrellas, Backpacks, and School Supplies: *Bethpage Schools Welcome Students to the 2011-2012 School Year*

Rainy weather did not hinder a smooth opening or dampen anyone's spirits at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.

On Tuesday, September 6, the District's newest students – kindergarteners – were greeted as they arrived at school each armed with a backpack brimming with school supplies.

The incoming middle school students attended an orientation in late August in order to familiarize themselves with their new surroundings prior to the first day of class. JFK guidance counselors and eighth-grade National Junior Honor Society students led the sixth graders on a tour of the school. They were then escorted into their respective homerooms where they received their schedules and agenda books. While the sixth graders were getting "oriented," their parents had an opportunity to meet with the JFK administration and a sixth-grade guidance counselor to become more familiar with the middle school curriculum.

Similarly, incoming freshmen attended their orientation, which was conducted by the high school administration, guidance counselors, and senior members of Student Council. The upperclassmen spoke to the ninth graders about the importance of involvement in clubs, athletics, Student Civic, 21st Century Scholars' Program, and Student Council. The new students were then divided into groups and escorted to classrooms to discuss school policies. Later in the day, they attended a workshop entitled "How to Be a Great Peer Mentor."

Best wishes are extended to all of Bethpage's students for another successful year of growth and learning.



*Kramer Lane Elementary School students are all smiles as they enter school for the first time on September 6.*



*Sixth-grade guidance counselor Jessica Tavoracci speaks to incoming JFK sixth graders before they leave for their homerooms.*



*Newly appointed Kramer Lane Principal Kerri McCarthy walks a kindergartener to his classroom.*



*Seniors Elaina Kuhlke and Trish Backman discuss school rules with the incoming freshmen at BHS.*

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## MESSAGE

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

There is a great deal of change occurring in education these days. New York State has adopted a new curriculum framework called the Common Core Standards in Math and English Language Arts. Teachers are being evaluated under a new plan adopted by the state. New assessments are being introduced at all levels. Many of those assessments are designed to pinpoint student strengths and weaknesses and allow teachers and parents to focus on what students need to practice. Finally, new technologies are being deployed to further engage students in the learning process.

So you can imagine the stress for teachers these days! Teaching has definitely gotten harder, yet many people are blaming teachers for problems these days. In fact, if education is to change dramatically, it will be teachers who lead the way. Let me point out some of the positive contributions of the Bethpage teaching staff:

Teachers volunteered all summer long with no pay to work on the new evaluation program. Bethpage was one of the first districts in Nassau County to fulfill the state's evaluation requirement. Our program included a new set of rigorous assessments to be administered locally three times a year that will measure student academic growth.

The growth measure will now factor into a teacher's evaluation. In addition, teachers will be evaluated on a new, more rigorous observation system, their ongoing communication with parents, a professional portfolio, and the establishment of teaching goals. It is quite a change that impacts every teacher in the District, whether they have tenure or not.

Dozens of teachers worked this summer on curriculum projects that incorporate the new Common Core strategies into daily practice.

Teachers continue to dream of ways to engage students in our 21st Century Scholars' Program and are doing activities after school, at night, on weekends and on vacations. These activities range from literature circles to visits to Manhattan.

Several teachers came forward to facilitate workshops in the Parent Academy, intended to provide parents with a better understanding of the new expectations for students. The teacher workshops included strategies for reading at home, reducing stress, the 21st Century program, and the use of technology in the classroom. The teachers' union paid much of the cost for the evening.

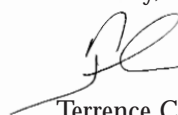
The teachers' union has donated significant funds to support District programs for students like TGIF, student mentoring and Challenge Day. They

understand the importance of students having positive experiences in school. For that reason, many teachers volunteer to serve on our District's successful Character Education Committee which is responsible for the many anti-bullying programs in our schools.

The teachers' union has done all this and agreed to a zero percent contractual increase for the next school year.

I have said publicly many times that I am a big fan of the Bethpage faculty. I think they work very hard and have the best interests of your children as their highest priority. When I talk to colleagues in other districts, I do not get the same sense of teachers as partners in the community. Teachers know that Bethpage is a special place and are doing everything they can to assist us in preserving that strong sense of community that sets us apart. I appreciate all they do.

Sincerely,



Terrence Clark  
Superintendent of Schools

## Bethpage Educational Foundation Continues Support



The Bethpage Educational Foundation has been very busy supporting our District's schools. The Foundation is a non-profit organization created several years ago by alumni (including Nassau County Supervisor Ed Mangano) and residents to help support the mission of our schools. Last year it raised over \$40,000 from the NCAA Men's Lacrosse game held at Bethpage High School. Recently the Verizon Foundation donated \$5,000 to the Bethpage Educational Foundation to support the 21st Century Scholars Program! The Foundation is now putting those funds back into the schools to support our children.

There have been many projects supported by the Foundation. For the past two years it has provided a \$100 check to every BHS student who successfully completes the 21st Century Scholars Program. Last year, it assisted the District in purchasing a piano for the JFK Middle School and it has made donations to support the ongoing character education program "Challenge Day." It has also sponsored a Teacher Mini-Grant Program. Most recently it made a contribution to help defray the costs for students going to Gander, Newfoundland to commemorate 9/11.

The Foundation has been very generous and is looking for new members to join as it continues to fundraise and support our schools. It is looking to sponsor the Battle at Bethpage lacrosse game once again. Anyone interested in joining this organization can email the Foundation's President Marc Sieben at [marcasieben@aol.com](mailto:marcasieben@aol.com). You do not have to be an alumnus to help out, just a person passionate about assisting the students of Bethpage!

## District Welcomes NEW STAFF

On August 31, the District's newest teachers and teaching assistants began their orientation by enjoying breakfast in the courtyard of the high school. During breakfast, Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark, along with Assistant Superintendent for Instruction & Technology John DeTommaso, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Caroline E. Lavelle, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services Dr. Patricia Hantzidiamantis, Director of Science Janice Yale, Director of Physical Education, Health & Athletics John Franchi, Director of Special Education Monica Manzi, Director of Mathematics John Titolo, and Guidance Chairperson Carol Leonardi addressed and welcomed all in attendance.

The newest staff had time to mingle and get to know each other before departing on a traditional bus tour around the District, with Mr. Clark acting as tour guide and local historian. Mr. Clark spoke of Bethpage's history, from its founding in the 1600's through the building of the Bethpage High School Athletic Complex in 2010. The tour stopped at Cablevision, where the teachers were welcomed and told of all the wonderful programs available to them for their classrooms, from "Power to Learn" to "MSG Varsity." The next stop was Northrop Grumman, where the new teachers were introduced to the numerous opportunities available to them and their students, from scholarships to internships.

The tour bus headed back to the high school for lunch, which was provided by the Bethpage Congress of Teachers (BCT). During lunch, the new teachers and teaching assistants met the building principals, assistant principals, and BCT President Karen Thomas, along with the rest of the BCT Executive Board and building representatives.

At the conclusion of the orientation, the new staff met with their mentors, then returned to their respective buildings to get acquainted with their new schools and convene with their principals.



Pictured is the District's newest teaching staff at Cablevision of Long Island on orientation day.





## National Merit Scholarship Program Recognitions



National Merit Semifinalists Chelsea Levy and Dan Zirkel are pictured with guidance counselors James Benjamin and Jennifer Payne.



National Merit Commended Students Patrick Cao and Holly Josephs are pictured with Guidance Chairperson Carol Leonardi and guidance counselor Kathleen Gagliardi.

Four Bethpage High School seniors have earned honors in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program, a competition presented by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). National Merit Semifinalists Chelsea Levy and Dan Zirkel and National Merit Commended Students Patrick Cao and Holly Josephs earned their respective recognitions as a result of their impressive 2010 Preliminary State Assessment Test (PSAT) scores.

As Semifinalists, Chelsea and Dan are two of the highest-scoring entrants in New York State. Their status makes them eligible to be considered for Finalist standing, with the prospect of earning one of three types of Merit Scholarship awards. Holly and Patrick received Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise, and they can also apply for Special Scholarships through the NMSC.

Congratulations to all four students on their academic achievements that have resulted in recognition from this competitive academic scholarship program.

## Student Musicians Selected to Perform in All-State Music Conference

The District is pleased to announce the following students who will be performing in All-State music performing ensembles at this year's NYSSMA Winter Conference, to be held in Rochester from December 1 through 4, 2011:

**Aekyung (Jane) Kim, Viola, String Orchestra**

**Luke Norris, Saxophone, Symphonic Band**

Last spring, over 6,500 sophomores and juniors from across New York State spent countless hours preparing for All-State evaluations in the hopes of being selected as an All-State musician. The selection process begins with the student's solo receiving evaluation from a NYSSMA-certified All-State adjudicator at one of 43 All-State audition sites throughout New York State. Adjudicators are responsible for evaluating every solo of the same instrument or voice part. At the conclusion of the festival, the adjudicators create a rank-ordered proficiency list of all students being recommended. Every student who earns a score of 98-100 must be recommended.

In addition to being named an All-State musician, Luke was a winner of the Young Composer's Concert. His composition, entitled "Transitions," will be performed at the NYSSMA Conference in December, where it will also be featured at the Electronic Music Showcase.



All-State musicians Luke Norris and Aekyung (Jane) Kim are pictured with band teacher James Stehlik and Coordinator of Music Department Deborah Stehlik.

## Student Selected to All-County Jazz Band

JFK Middle School congratulates eighth-grade student Michael Cipolla for being selected to the All-County Jazz Band Division. Only 17 students out of hundreds who auditioned are selected to participate in the All-County Jazz Band. Michael will be one of only four trumpeters in the band!





## 4 BHS Visits Gander

The story of Gander, Newfoundland began ten years ago on September 11, 2001. Nearly 7,000 air travelers were stranded as a result of the tragic events that occurred on that day. Gander residents opened their homes to the rerouted travelers and provided food, clothing, entertainment, and a place to sleep.

After learning about their wonderful hospitality, Bethpage High School physical education teacher Mike Fenster contacted town constable Oswald (Os) Fudge to say thank you. That friendship motivated Mr. Fenster to obtain two pieces of World Trade Center steel as a gift to the people of Gander as well as the surrounding communities of Appleton, Glenwood, Grand Falls-Windsor, and Lewisporte. One piece of steel is from the Bethpage Fire Department, and the other from the New York Port Authority. The steel is now displayed in the town's aviation museum.

Six Bethpage High School seniors, along with Mr. Fenster, New York City Firefighter Bill Seiter (parent of BHS student Chris Seiter) and Bethpage residents Jennie Asmussen and Elaine Caiazzo (who were among the stranded travelers ten years ago), visited Gander, Newfoundland, Canada to commemorate the tenth anniversary of 9/11.

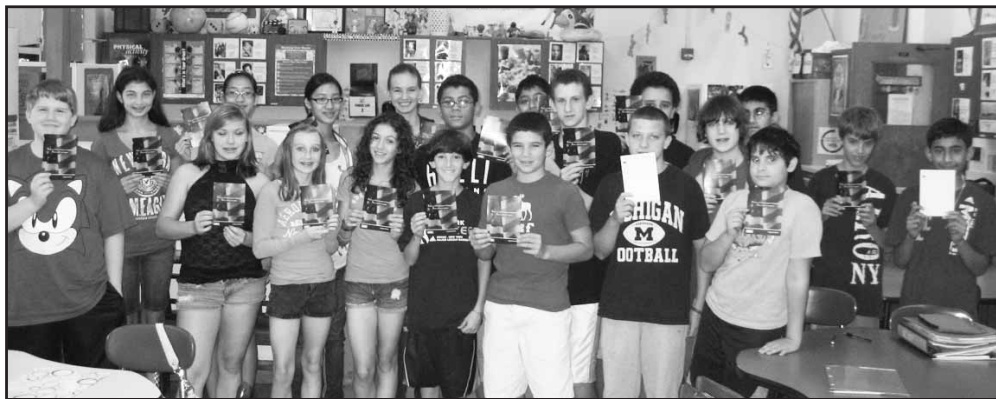
The group attended the 9/11 Memorial Service in Appleton and later that day, participated in the "Beyond Words" 9/11 Memorial and Ecumenical Service held at the Gander Community Centre. They also visited the Lakewood School, which housed 700 of the stranded passengers.

"It was a good experience to meet Constable Fudge and the people of Gander," said BHS senior Danielle Brusca. "It was definitely a memorable week."

"The six students represented our school district and community really well," stated Mr. Fenster. "Thank you to Mr. Clark for allowing us to take this trip."



Bethpage High School physical education teacher Mike Fenster is pictured with the six students who accompanied him to Gander, Newfoundland. They are (left to right) Michelle Nendza, Danielle Brusca, Chris Seiter, Eric Ritchie, Jacqueline Zizzo, and Caitlin McGuggart.



JFK eighth-grade students honored military personnel stationed overseas by writing letters of inspiration and appreciation.

## Honoring Our Troops Overseas

Eighth-grade students in Tom Scarola's and Theresa Schneider's Family and Consumer Science classes at John F. Kennedy Middle School embarked on a Service Learning Project in conjunction with Northrop Grumman and the United Service Organizations (USO).

The students wrote thank you letters and letters of inspiration to military personnel stationed overseas, honoring them for all that they do for our country. On the face of each letter were the following words: "Thank you for your courage and dedication. Thank you for my freedom."

## CCS Participates in 9/11 Walk-a-Thon



Students and faculty at Charles Campagne Elementary School participated in a walk-a-thon to aid the first responders affected by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Donations were forwarded to The Fealgood Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises awareness about the catastrophic health issues afflicting 9/11 first responders, and provides assistance to relieve these heroes of the financial burdens placed on them over the last ten years.

The morning ceremony held outside began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by select fourth and fifth graders. Principal Angelita Cintado addressed the crowd and stated, "We are gathered here today as a school family in memory of the victims and

heroes who lost their lives on September 11. Today, we commemorate the tenth anniversary of this tragic event." All then shared a moment of silence. The ceremony concluded with everyone singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

"As we begin our walk to honor the memory of the 3,030 victims, the heroes, and all those affected by 9/11, we also want to remember all of the survivors, brave first responders, veterans, and all of the men and women who continue to serve and protect our country today," continued Principal Cintado.

The students and faculty walked 3,030 steps through the school and into the schoolyard, then silently made their way back to their classrooms.





# Golden Eagles Soar to Victory as Bethpage High School Celebrates Homecoming 2011

Bethpage High School celebrated Homecoming 2011 in grand fashion, beginning with a colorful parade of class floats through the community and culminating with a convincing win by the Golden Eagles Varsity Football team.

In the weeks leading up to Homecoming, students worked diligently on the traditional floats to create eye-catching works of art that captured the attention of the community members lining the streets. The parade began at the King Kullen shopping center on Stewart Avenue and ended at BHS, with the Marching Band leading the procession and the BHS faithful cheering all the way.

The festivities continued at the BHS Sports Complex, where community members filled the stands to cheer their home team. Hard work, determination, and a dominant demonstration of football technique propelled the Golden Eagles to a 22-0 second-quarter lead over the Floral Park Knights. The Golden Eagles finished the day with a 29-14 victory. Danny Chillianis had 11 carries for 78 yards and two rushing touchdowns, as well as two receptions for 54 yards and one touchdown to lead Bethpage (7-0) in Nassau III.

During the halftime show, the Marching Band and Color Guard, Varsity Cheerleaders, and Varsity

Kickline entertained the audience with on-field demonstrations. Joey Walsh and Erin Neuman were announced as Homecoming King and Queen and chauffeured around the track in a golf cart driven by Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics John Franchi and accompanied by Principal Michael Spence. The winners of the float competition - Jungle Juniors - were announced as having the most colorful float. The pièce de résistance of the Homecoming show was a "flash mob" dance, which was a surprise to all!

School spirit, community pride, and a Golden Eagles victory all contributed to a Homecoming 2011 to remember!





# CBS Holds Scrapbook Celebration

At Central Boulevard School, kindergarten teacher Theresa Torti held the third annual Summer Scrapbook Party for her former kindergarten students. The children, who are now first graders, were invited to create their own personal scrapbooks over the summer after completing kindergarten in June of 2011.

The students and their parents were provided with an activities list of twelve items. Using the list as a guide, students were asked to select seven or more activities to create their personalized scrapbooks. The theme of the scrapbooks was what the students did over the summer. As summer ended, the children enjoyed reuniting with their kindergarten classmates during the afterschool get-together while sharing their scrapbooks and snacking on some treats.



*Theresa Torti, at right, listens as a student shares his summer scrapbook.*



*Reading teacher Maddy Landau is pictured with former kindergarteners, now first-grade students.*

## The Power of One

Students in all grades at Charles Campagne Elementary School attended an anti-bullying assembly presented by Soren Bennick Productions entitled "The Power of One." Actors Molly Roberson and Jimmy D'Amico presented a series of skits utilizing different colored boxes and masks that represented the different roles in the bullying process. The creative skits vividly portrayed what bullying is, what can be done about it, and how every child has the power of one — the power to report bullying whenever he or she

sees it. "The Power of One" explored three roles in bullying: the bully, the target, and the bystander. It also gave dramatic examples of different types of bullying techniques: physical, verbal, exclusion, and, for the older students, cyber bullying. The show warned students that targets need help and intervention, and it encouraged them to not be bystanders, emphasizing the need for individual action to make their school and community a safer, better place. Whenever the audience was asked what they should do when they saw



*Students help actors perform a skit in "The Power of One."*

bullying happening, they responded, "Tell your teacher!" The highlight of the performance was when students volunteered to act out the roles of bully, target, and bystander. The show concluded with all of the students taking "The Power of One" anti-bullying oath.



*Joe Coyle, a presenter from LIPA, gave the students at Kramer Lane Elementary School a lesson on electrical safety.*

## Don't TOUCH That Wire!

Students in grades three through five at Kramer Lane Elementary School received a lesson on how to stay safe with electricity, courtesy of presenter Joe Coyle of the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA).

Mr. Coyle gave the students basic information about how electricity is harnessed and why it can be dangerous. He cautioned the students about the use of extension cords, to avoid downed wires, and created "what if" scenarios and solutions for electrical emergencies. With the use of a model, Mr. Coyle brought many of the "what ifs" to life.

"Electricity does a lot of damage if you touch it. Stay away from it," he cautioned.



# GLOBAL DAYS OF LISTENING

Twenty students ranging from freshmen to seniors in the 21st Century Scholars' Program at Bethpage High School made a connection by conference call with the Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers in Bamiyan Province, Afghanistan.

This was not an easy task for either group, given the language barrier and lack of technology in Afghanistan. As part of the program, the two groups have been conversing for one year now with the

assistance of Italian teacher and School Civic Association advisor Jacqueline Jill-Rito and medical doctor Wee Teck Young, originally from Singapore, who acts as a translator for the Afghan youth. Dr. Young, who arrived in Afghanistan ten years ago to aid refugees, is known to the Afghan volunteers as Hakim.

A photo of the participating Afghan youth was projected on a SMARTBoard because an actual videoconference is not possible in

Afghanistan. Hakim responded, "We appreciate the opportunity to talk with your American students."

A question-and-answer session with the Bethpage students and the Afghan youth followed. The first question, asked by Michelle Mason, president of Student Civic, was, "What does peace actually mean to you?" After translating back and forth between Hakim



Ms. Jill-Rito smiles as the connection is made.

and the Afghan youth, the response was, "All things good."

A second question was posed by Julia Musetich: "If you could change one thing about where you live, what would it be?" They answered, "Change for the people of Afghanistan means bringing them together."

Thanks to the District's cutting-edge technology and the students' willingness to participate in the program, the two groups managed to convey their mutual messages of peace.

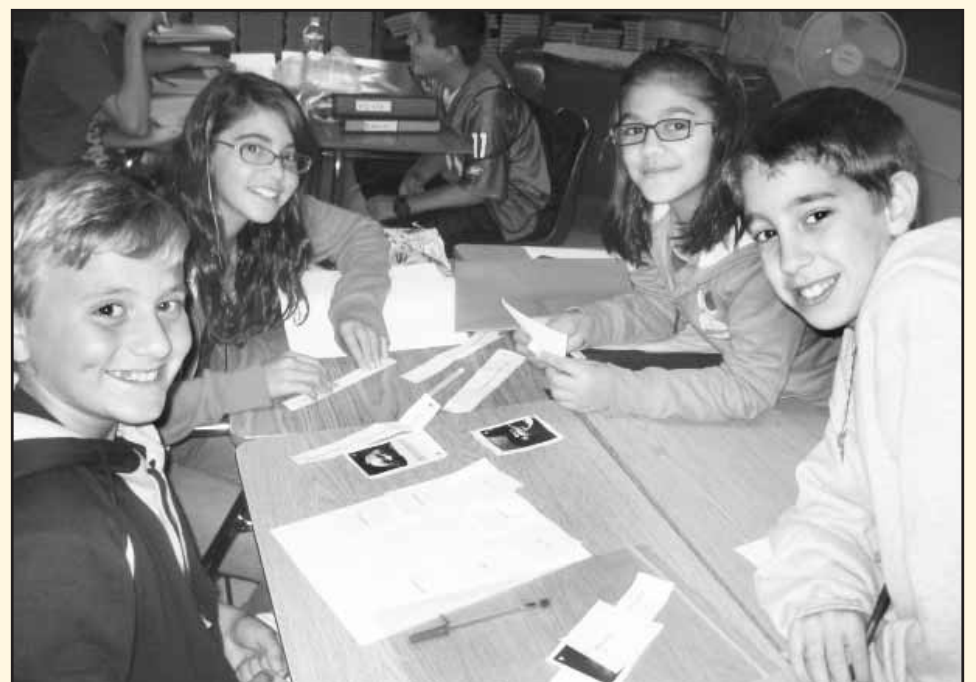


Pictured is a projected image of the Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers on the SMARTBoard.

## *Promoting Positive Behaviors and Building Good Character*

JFK Middle School kicked off the Second Step Program for the 2011-2012 school year. This research-based classroom activity program is designed to teach students how to positively navigate their way through a number of different risky behaviors, such as bullying, aggression, and substance abuse, and how to improve academic success through skills emphasized in the classroom.

All students were exposed to a Character Education lesson on empathy and communication. The entire middle school staff delivered this important lesson to all of the students in the building prior to their regular scheduled classes. Each lesson included audio and visual components with video clips, group discussions, and worksheets that prompted students to apply their skills as they examined various situations.



Pictured from left to right are sixth-grade students Philip Purchick, Toni Sullo, Smiti Shah, and Vincent LoBosco. The students were working on the Mix and Match Challenge. The challenge was to find a situation and a feeling word that matched each face, and the entire group had to agree on the best match.



## Superintendent's Conference Day

In September, the District held Superintendent's Conference Day in preparation for the opening of schools. The day began with Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark welcoming new administrators — Dave Schneider (new principal at JFK Middle School), Carol Leonardi (new guidance chair), and Kerri McCarthy (new principal at Kramer Lane) — and offering hearty congratulations to all newlyweds, new parents, and newly tenured staff. Many of the wonderful summer programs and accomplishments were highlighted.

One such accomplishment was made by the high school students in the CORE program, who, under the assistance of advisor Jon LaRochester, renovated the Pediatric Room at Nassau University Medical Center. These students raised \$20,000 over the past two years and received a \$5,000 donation from Cablevision. They painted the room, assembled furniture they had purchased, and provided high-tech equipment such as computers and iPads.

Among other highlights from the summer, SMARTBoards were installed in all of Bethpage's elementary schools. In addition, high school physical education teacher Mike Fenster helped the Newfoundland town of Gander obtain a 120-pound piece of steel from the World Trade Center in gratitude for their hospitality to travelers on September 11, 2001.

Many significant changes that are being faced by the District were reviewed in depth:

The 2% tax levy cap recently passed the Legislature and was signed into law

by Governor Cuomo. This cap will pose some challenges for funding programs as the District moves forward.

Common Core State Standards (CCSS) – 46 states including New York have adopted a unified set of learning standards in mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA), and these standards are to be fully implemented within the 2012-2013 school year.

The Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments are ahead. PARCC has initiated the development of a K-12 assessment system aligned to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and mathematics.

NYSED has mandated the new teacher and principal evaluation process, or Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR).

In November, Superintendent's Conference Day continued with the theme from September. Some of the workshops for the District's teachers included the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts (ELA), reading, math, and social studies; Northwest Evaluation Assessments (NWEA) training; gap report analysis; and technology.



Bethpage's Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark addressed faculty at Superintendent's Conference Day.

## The Parent Academy:

Working Together for Our Kids

This November, the District introduced its fifth Parent Academy at Bethpage High School, providing workshops important to parents in all grades – from kindergarten through grade twelve.

### The workshops included:

- *Saving for College – facilitated by the Bethpage Federal Credit Union*
- *Common Core Standards in Mathematics*
- *Common Core Standards in English Language Arts (ELA)*
- *Measures of Academic Progress – Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Assessments*
- *Coping with Stress*
- *World Languages for Grade Six*
- *SMARTBoard Technology*
- *Middle School Transition*
- *High School Transition*
- *Reading in the Home*
- *Services for Special Education Students*
- *The Bethpage Science Research Program*
- *Wellness*
- *The 21st Century Scholars Program*

Special thanks to the Bethpage PTA Council, the Bethpage Congress of Teachers, the Bethpage Administrators Organization, and the Bethpage Board of Education for supporting this effort to better involve parents in the educational process.

## What's New in the School Kitchen?

The District has taken the initiative to be proactive in moving towards the Institute of Medicine (IOM) guidelines, which will soon be implemented as required by New York State Education Department (NYSED) Child Nutrition. During the last school year, the District held nutrition meetings with committee members soliciting changes to improve the school lunch program. Many of their requests, including more fresh food choices, cooking from scratch when possible, and eliminating fried foods have been incorporated into the meal plan. The District has also employed Whitsons School Nutrition as the new food service provider for the 2011-2012 school year.

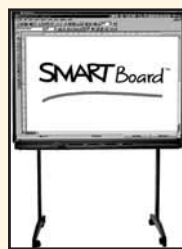
In an effort to expand the healthier student meal program to parents, the District is now providing an opportunity for parents and guardians to learn ways to prepare quick and nutritious meals.

Bethpage's Continuing Education Program kicked off its new culinary arts cooking series with three new courses this fall. The first, which began on October 5, was an *Italian Cooking* class taught by Chef Paul Doyle, employed by Whitsons Culinary Group. Chef Doyle also taught the next two courses, *Main Course Cooking* and *Mediterranean Cooking*. In addition to the three new cooking classes provided this fall, three culinary arts cooking courses will be offered in the spring of 2012. Participants in the cooking classes will get a "taste" of the offerings and quality of the program.

During the first cooking class, Chef Doyle taught the students the basic skills and techniques of how to prepare a complete and healthy Italian dinner consisting of an appetizer of artichoke and white bean bruschetta, a first course of pasta with Bolognese sauce, and a second course of chicken cutlets in a lemon caper sauce with sautéed spinach. Each component of the menu was broken down into easy-to-understand terminology, with Chef Doyle demonstrating the proper way to hold a knife and chop ingredients. He also shared tips on items that could be prepared the night before and the quality of ingredients.

The focus of the Continuing Education Program's culinary arts cooking series is to help parents and guardians use the knowledge that they gain from the classes to cook healthier at home, thus reinforcing healthy eating at home *and* at school.

## SMARTBoards Embraced by Elementary Staff



The District is thrilled with the SMARTBoard initiative at the elementary schools. Just like their colleagues at the secondary level, elementary staff have embraced this important technology as another critical tool to enhance student learning in the classroom.

The District's elementary teachers were provided with training last March in preparation for the new boards. They were given more intensive training again in June and late August as the boards were installed, and received even more advanced training in October.

The result of the District's commitment to this type of instructional technology and the extensive staff training that occurred bodes quite well for successful learning to take place throughout Bethpage during the 2011-2012 school year and into the future.

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