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## NEWSLETTER

### BHS AWARDED OPTIMUM GRANT



*Pictured from left to right are Dave Pistacchio from Optimum Lightpath, Bethpage High School Principal Michael Spence, Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark, and Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano.*

Bethpage High School has been selected as one of sixteen schools from Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties to receive the 2011 Optimum Lightpath Transforming Education with Technology grant. The \$10,000 grant was presented to Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark and Principal Michael Spence at a technology-themed event held at Cablevision Headquarters in Bethpage.

The program was created to award \$100,000 in grants to Long Island and Westchester schools to fund technology-driven learning programs in the classroom. With more than 150 grant applicants, BHS

was selected based upon its innovative use of technology to enhance education.

BHS will use the grant to create a new course that explores the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) that combine maps and statistics to visually represent societal trends. A key focus of the program will be local projects that connect students to technology and their communities. The goal is to improve students spatial thinking and project management skills through real-world applications and simulations as they begin the transition to higher education. Professional GIS software will be used to drive the program.

## WORKING EVEN MORE EFFICIENTLY

The District has partnered with the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) to identify and achieve significant energy-efficient upgrades throughout the District. The additional energy cost savings will be approximately \$68,000 annually.

Through this initiative, the District has upgraded the lighting systems, installed occupancy sensors in all buildings, and replaced or retrofitted more than 3,780 fixtures with energy-efficient high-performance lighting equipment. It is estimated that through these enhanced

measures, the District will save up to 366,000 kilowatt hours per year and reduce its peak electric demand by an estimated 147 kilowatts. In addition to the projected annual savings, the District has also received \$187,870 in LIPA rebates and incentives, which were used to help defray



*Pictured from left to right are Thomas Lanzilotta, Energy Solutions Performance Engineer, Johnson Controls; Michael Hervey, Chief Operating Officer, LIPA; Terrence Clark, Superintendent of Schools; Michael Kelly, President, Board of Education; and Jon Simpkins, Director of Operations & Facilities.*

the cost of the improvements.

"The Bethpage School District is grateful to LIPA for working with us through this process

and guiding us toward these energy savings and the resulting rebates," stated Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark. "LIPA has been incredibly helpful and they have enabled us to lower operating costs, increase efficiencies, and reduce our carbon footprint for our five schools. It has been a win-win for us on many levels for our schools and our taxpayers."

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## A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Community Resident,

New York State's new teacher and principal evaluation system has been in the news a great deal lately. Called the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR), the evaluation system is not uniformly operational across the state as originally planned. For that reason, the state may lose funding that was provided based on its promise to implement it everywhere beginning this past September.

I wanted you to know that it has been implemented in Bethpage and it is going well. Teachers and administrators worked all summer long to devise a plan based on the state's guidelines. Other districts have called us to look at our plan as it has received good reviews from everyone involved. This year, as required under the law, APPR applies to all teachers in grades 4-8 who teach ELA and math. Next year, it applies to all teachers in all buildings.

Here is a summary breakdown of our APPR evaluation plan:

- 20% of the evaluation is based on student performance on state assessments in ELA and math.
- 20% of the evaluation is based on student performance on an assessment we are administering via computer by a testing company called NWEA. These assessments are given three times a year.
- 40% of the evaluation is based on classroom observation. The observation form we use (based on the work of Charlotte Danielson) is quite detailed.
- 5% of the evaluation is based on a "walkthrough" observation wherein the principal visits a class to observe how students are engaged in learning.
- 5% of the evaluation is based on how effectively teachers communicate with parents.
- 5% of the evaluation is based on a portfolio that highlights class projects and lessons done over the course of the year.
- 5% of the evaluation is based on goals set by the teacher and the administrator to work on for the following year.

There is a similar evaluation plan that applies to principals. This is all very different from prior methods of evaluation used in Bethpage. It is more rigorous and is designed to initiate conversations about teaching and learning and to have teachers reflect more on their role as educators. It heavily stresses student learning. While I believe we have a great faculty in Bethpage, I do think the new process can further foster a positive learning environment and improve student success.

When you hear Albany politicians saying the new rules are not being implemented and penalties should be applied, please know that does not apply to Bethpage. We have to thank the teachers and administrators for not getting caught up in the politics of this volatile issue and doing what was best for the children of this community.

Sincerely,



Terrence Clark  
Superintendent of Schools

## PLANNING FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR:

### *Residents Encouraged to Participate in Budget Development Process*

The Board of Education is inviting residents to join in the Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee. The committee is comprised of community members who have an interest in the formation of the District's annual budget. Committee meetings will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Teachers' Cafeteria on the following dates: 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22.

### Understanding the New Property Tax Cap

In June 2011, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed a law that enacted a property tax cap which stipulates a new formula to determine the amount school districts can raise through the tax levy. To date, this is the strictest tax cap in the nation.

- **What is the property tax cap?**  
The new law states that schools and municipalities have a cap on their tax levy. The cap starts at 2% (or less if inflation is lower) and then lists items that are excluded and can cause the cap to increase. The annual cap will seldom be exactly 2%. The state has issued a long mathematical formula that takes into account changes in costs and PILOT payments (for businesses that have moved into Bethpage and received tax incentives).
- **Will taxpayers still vote on the proposed school budget?**  
Yes. Under the new law, if the proposed budget is within the tax levy limit, a simple majority of voters, i.e. more than 50%, is required. However, the new law requires the approval of a super majority, i.e. 60% of voters, if the proposed budget exceeds the tax levy limit. **Note: Bethpage will not exceed the tax cap limit in 2012-2013.**
- **What if the voters do not approve the proposed budget?**  
If the proposed budget is defeated, the Board of Education has the option of putting the same or revised budget up for a revote, or adopting a contingency budget. If the proposed budget is defeated twice by voters, the Board must adopt a contingency budget. Under the new law, a contingency budget may not increase the tax levy from the prior year by any amount, resulting in a zero percent cap and major cuts to programs.
- **Who determines each individual's tax rate?**  
The District is responsible for determining the tax levy or the portion of revenue needed to fund the district's educational plan that is raised through property taxes. The final tax rate is set by Nassau County, not the school district.



# Sharing Time and Talents

Students throughout the District shared their care and concern for others by participating in various community service projects to make the holiday season a little brighter for those who are less fortunate.

At the elementary level, students at CBS joined together in a 21st Century project by creating Holiday Cards for Heroes, the CCS Student Council collected Toys for Tots and donated them to the Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) in Hempstead, and KLS students participated in their annual Giving Tree clothing drive by donating new winter clothing to the less fortunate.

A group of JFK students participated in a winter caroling activity for the 21st Century Scholars Program. They met three nights in December to walk through Bethpage and visit the homes of some of their neighbors. The students sang winter songs, spreading holiday cheer to all.

Tenth- through twelfth-grade students from the BHS Chorale performed traditional Christmas carols and Hanukkah songs for delighted seniors at the Bethpage Community Center. Led by Bethpage District Director of Music Deborah Stehlik, the Chorale sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "Jingle Bells," and several other holiday melodies in front of an audience of approximately 40 guests at the center. "We wanted to spread holiday cheer to seniors in the Bethpage community," said Mrs. Stehlik. It was a whirlwind afternoon for the students, who performed at four locations over the course of a five-hour span. After singing to the Bethpage seniors, they made stops at the Sunrise Assisted Living Center and Somerset Gardens in Plainview, and delivered yet another performance at the White Oaks Nursing Home in Woodbury.

## Gingerbread Houses Bring Everyone Together

At Central Boulevard, Charles Campagne, and Kramer Lane Elementary Schools, students and their parents, guardians, and grandparents teamed up to fashion their own delicious gingerbread houses out of milk cartons, graham crackers, icing, and decorative treats. Many creative and festive houses were made to be enjoyed by all!



*CCS Principal Angelita Cintado assisted Matteo McLean with his gingerbread house.*



*CBS students and families had a wonderful time making their gingerbread houses.*



*KLS first grader Christian Considine and his mom Mei show off their creation.*



## Do You Hear What I Hear?

Charles Campagne Elementary School held its annual winter concert, during which students performed a variety of musical compositions. Students demonstrated their musical talents and skills acquired in band, chorus and orchestra by putting on a fabulous show!

Winter concerts were also held at Central Boulevard and Kramer Lane Elementary Schools, JFK Middle School, and Bethpage High School.

## Read to Achieve: The Tradition Carries On



The District's annual Read to Achieve event was once again a huge success. Hosted at Bethpage High School, the assembly was attended by educators, high school scholar-athletes, and third graders from Charles Campagne, Central Boulevard, and Kramer Lane Elementary Schools.

Read to Achieve inspires third-grade students to appreciate the importance and value of reading both now and into the future. The scholar-athletes, who are also captains of various high school sports teams, were the stars of the event. They served as role models for their younger peers by sharing the titles of their favorite books and describing the many benefits that they have gained through reading.

Superintendent of Schools Terrence Clark welcomed all in attendance, stating, "This is the most enthusiastic group of third-grade students at the Read to Achieve event to date." He went on to discuss the importance of reading, getting involved in sports, and doing what it takes to become a scholar-athlete. "A scholar-athlete does very well in school. They are also great athletes, and they treat one another with respect."

"If you take your school spirit and put it into your studies, you will all be scholars," commented Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Technology John DeTommaso. "When you read you can put yourself in another place, in another galaxy, in another world. That is the beauty of reading. When you read, you will achieve."

Principal Michael Spence told the third graders, "I have four children, and each day I encourage them to read." Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics John Franchi reinforced the value of hard work and said, "It's very important that you do your best in the classroom and on the field."

The Varsity Cheerleaders and the Golden Girls Kickline performed for the third graders, inspiring more school spirit and much applause, and the Golden Eagle mascot offered the youngsters plenty of high-fives.

One of the event's highlights came when the third graders watched their teachers shoot hoops, and then had the opportunity to do so themselves with the assistance of the scholar-athletes.



## Children Know Peace

The Plainview-Bethpage Lions Club sponsored students at JFK Middle School in a Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme was "Children Know Peace." The JFK students created posters and briefly explained their interpretations of this theme.

The Bethpage Library will exhibit the creative work of the overall winner, Jamila Vasi, and runners-up Manisha Kalia and Julie Grzybowski, who received certificates of achievement and prizes. The winning poster was sent to the Lions Club District 20K2 for further district judging.

## Building Positive Behaviors

For many years, the District has incorporated anti-bullying programs, which focus on tolerance, diversity, and acceptance into the daily curriculum. Programs such as "The Power of One" have raised awareness and provided elementary school students with the skills needed to respect others and combat bullying.

At JFK Middle School, the Second Step program was instituted for the 2011-2012 school year. The 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.

Student participants in the 21st Century Scholars program at Bethpage High School, advised by foreign language teacher Jacqueline Jill-Rito, viewed a video entitled "Hate - Crossing the Line." The video was produced in 2009 by the Nassau County Police Department and is

used as a "peer-to-peer" learning model.

Following the video, guest speakers spoke to the students about bias, bullying, and teasing. The speakers included

Lieutenant Gary Shapiro, Bias Crimes Coordinator for the Nassau County Police Department, Officer Mike Cario of the 8th Precinct, and Joselo Lucero, brother of Marcelo Lucero, a deceased victim of a hate crime in Patchogue.

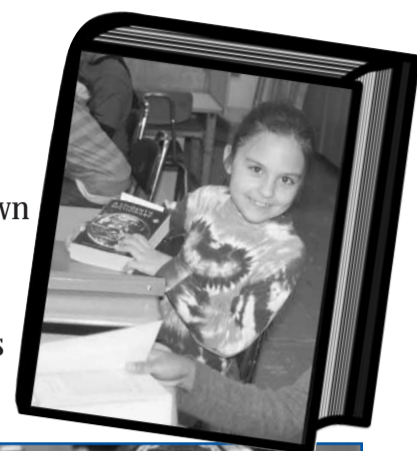
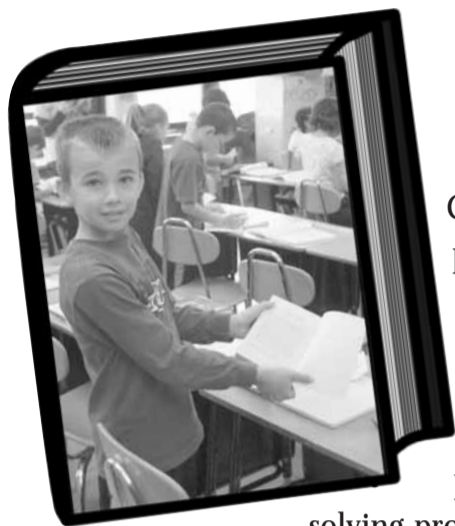
"Little things like teasing can lead to bigger things. It starts with a comment, and then it becomes energized," said Lt. Shapiro.

The BHS students were urged by Lt. Shapiro to speak about the video with their younger peers and to become role models, leading by example.



# At the Schools

## The Dictionary Project



Third-grade students and their teachers at Central Boulevard, Charles Campagne, and Kramer Lane Elementary Schools were provided with their own personal dictionaries that can be used throughout their school careers.

The Dictionary Project provides an opportunity for students to expand their vocabulary while aiding teachers in their goal to see all of their students finish the school year as good writers, active readers, and creative thinkers.

A dictionary's usefulness goes beyond the spellings, pronunciations, and definitions that it lists. It is a companion for solving problems that arise as a student develops his or her reading, writing, and creative thinking skills.

The dictionary provided by the Dictionary Project is more than a dictionary – it is an almanac as well, offering graphical and historical information such as weights and measures, multiplication tables, calendars, the U.S. Constitution, and more.

Many thanks to the Plainview-Bethpage Lions Club and Astoria Federal Savings for providing Bethpage's third graders with such a wonderful gift!



## JFK Students **STACK UP!**

Thirty-three JFK Middle School students participated with 412,259 students worldwide in National Cup Stacking Day, helping to set a brand new Guinness World Record for "Most People Sport Stacking at Multiple Locations on One Day." Students representing over 28 countries worldwide competed in this event, and the JFK students are now included in the *Guinness World Records* book for their participation.

The World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA) STACK UP! occurs every year on Guinness World Records Day and is an opportunity for schools, libraries, and youth organizations on every continent to involve their communities in a day of sport stacking, fitness, and fun. The STACK UP! allows 30 minutes of sport stacking for each stacker who participates from a school or organization.

JFK teachers Deborah Muller and Hanae Okita facilitated the event, and all students received a World Record Day certificate. The students' participation in National Cup Stacking Day was a 21st Century Scholars activity.



## **DRUG FREE** Is the Way to Be!

Congratulations to Kramer Lane fifth-grade students and twins David and George Campos for their winning photo in the National Family Partnership's (NFP) first-ever photo contest. Their entry was entitled "Drug Free Is the Way to Be."

The NFP photo contest required students to bring home the Red Ribbon message "It's Up to Me to Be Drug Free" by decorating their front doors, mailboxes, or fences with that theme. David and George's parents took a photo of the boys in front of their Red Ribbon decoration and uploaded it onto NFP's website and Facebook page. They won based on the most votes in their region (Nassau County).

The NFP recognized the Campos family in December for their participation. As winners of the contest, they received an iPad2, and a check for \$1,000 was presented to the Kramer Lane Elementary School for their winning entry.

# Curriculum Updates

Throughout the school year, the District provides its students and staff with programs and workshops by employing evidence-based learning tools and techniques. Here is a look at some of the new curriculum initiatives aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards, which have been implemented since the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year:

- Measures of academic progress using the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Assessments: in January and February teachers of grades three through eight received a training in NWEA to interpret data with testing.

- Teacher Evaluations: Renowned educator Charlotte Danielson created a framework for teaching, which encapsulates teaching within four domains. They are: 1) Planning and Preparation, 2) The Classroom Environment, 3) Instruction, and 4) Professional Responsibilities. Administrators and teachers attended workshops on Danielson's Domain 2 and 3 aligning the Common Core Learning Standards in math and English Language Arts.
- Type to Learn 4 (TTL4): in September, third-grade students began using the TTL4 method of keyboarding. Students learn keyboarding anticipating that in the near future the State will move standardized testing online.

- Autism Workshop: Director of Special Education Monica Manzi provided training to all administrators in a workshop (with certification) aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards and Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR).
- Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Workshop: school psychologist Ervi Farkas provided a presentation to guidance counselors and school social workers by Dr. Abid Khan on "Disruptive Disorders and Their Treatments." Dr. Khan is the Medical Director of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at Brunswick Hospital Center in Amityville.

## IMPORTANT NEWS

### on School Food Service Program

The Board of Education has entered into an agreement with the New York State Education Department to participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and has approved the establishment of a system that allows students to charge meals. Furthermore, the Board has authorized the Superintendent to develop rules as to what can be charged and to establish a limit on the number of charges per student.

Charges are expected to be paid within four school calendar days. If the charges have not been paid back within said four days, a phone message will be sent using the ConnectEd Phone Messaging System, along with a letter home alerting the parent/guardian to the situation and advising them that their child will be denied meals due to the abuse of the charge program. An application for the government-sponsored Free and Reduced Price School Meal Program will be sent along with the letter of negative/overdue balance. Eligible families may apply for the free/reduced meals at any time during the school year.

If the credit has still not been paid by the eighth day, the Food Service Management Company (FSMC) director will reach out to the building social worker. The social worker will then make contact with the parent/guardian and try to determine the reason for non-payment. The social worker will encourage eligible families to fill out the application that was sent home to participate in the free/reduced price meal program. The recoupment of the charges will be extended over an eleven-day period. If the credit has still not been paid by the eleventh day, a meeting will take place with the parent/guardian, food service administrator, social worker, and the FSMC to determine what further action needs to be taken.

The Policy for Charging Student Meals will be posted on the District website in its entirety at [www.bethpagecommunity.com](http://www.bethpagecommunity.com). It will also be mailed to each household prior to the start of the 2012-2013 school year.

If you have any questions regarding the policy, please contact your building social worker or the District Business Office.

## District Teams Up To Prevent Bullying

A Districtwide Anti-Bully Committee was formed during the 2010-2011 school year and worked on recommendations for a Board policy. The Board Policy Committee then took the suggestions and created and adopted the Board Policy, which can be viewed on the District website at [www.bethpagecommunity.com](http://www.bethpagecommunity.com).

The committee deemed that there must be a "grassroots" approach to solving the problem of bullying. This means that the students themselves need to lead the march to end bullying. In response to this need, the District will kick off its Anti-Bullying Week on February 13, with Bethpage High School students facilitating discussions at JFK Middle School. The high school students will then team up with the middle school students to visit the elementary schools and facilitate discussions there. The rest of the week will be filled with building level events and an evening workshop for parents presented by Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS).

Bully prevention is an ongoing initiative. Each building has a committee which works hard to create positive climates and building level initiatives. The building committees report to the Districtwide committee, which represents all the buildings and recommends District initiatives.

## Introducing The Point Of Sale EZ Lunch Pass Card

The District is now offering the opportunity for all students and staff to open a school meal account with the "Point of Sale EZ Lunch Pass" card. This card has been uniquely designed to help students and staff quickly and accurately access their school lunch account to purchase daily lunches.

There are two ways the account can be accessed: (1) students and staff use their PIN numbers and/or (2) "Point of Sale EZ Lunch Pass" card, which has the student's or staff's name and a bar code encrypted with their PIN number. Upon receipt of these cards, students and staff can immediately use them to access their lunch accounts in the cafeteria.

For those who are not currently participating in the District's online prepayment program, now is a great opportunity to open an account. Just follow these easy steps to access online services:

1. There is NO cost to create or to view your account
2. Simply go to the District website at [www.bethpagecommunity.com/schools](http://www.bethpagecommunity.com/schools)

3. Click on the [School Lunch Program](#) link
4. Click on the [MyNutrikids.com](#) link. From this site you will create your account and add money to your child's school meal account. All you need is your child's name, student ID number, and school ZIP code, and then follow the easy on-screen instructions.

This online account allows you to view a thirty-day history of your child's balance and activity in their account. Please note that there is a small convenience fee of \$1.75 per deposit transaction to cover the bank fees. The Bethpage UFSD does NOT profit from the use of this site. Also available on the MyNutrikids link is a Parent Reference Guide to provide instruction for the features and advantages of having an online account for your child.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Cafeteria Office at (516) 644-4115.

# IT'S A SPORTING LIFE

## Sharing Healthy Tips

Twenty-five students in the Athletes Helping Athletes (AHA) program at Bethpage High School shared some healthy tips during their visit with fifth graders at Central Boulevard Elementary School. The theme of the program was "Life Values Through Sports."

Each of the high school athletes created ice-breaking activities to work on with the CBS students and followed up their visit with a question-and-answer session.

The criteria for AHA are rigorous. Students in grades ten through twelve must have a grade point average of at least 85 percent with a 90 percent average in physical education, procure three teacher recommendations, complete an application process, complete three training sessions at Molloy College, and take a pledge – no alcohol, tobacco, or drugs. Bethpage High School currently boasts 60 students in the program.

"It's great to be able to give back to the community," said BHS senior Eric Ritchie. "I always looked forward to this event when I was in the fifth and sixth grades."



### Battle at Bethpage II

The Bethpage Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the Battle at Bethpage II NCAA Men's Lacrosse Game. This year we will be hosting Drexel vs. UMass on Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m. There will also be a clinic for all girls and boys on Friday, April 13 at 4 p.m. at BHS. More information will be forthcoming. Proceeds support educational projects in our schools!

## BHS Athletes Sign Letters of Intent



Kudos to six seniors at Bethpage High School who have signed letters of intent to play baseball and lacrosse while in college. These top athletes are:

**Anthony DeDona** - will play baseball as catcher/pitcher at Franklin Pearce University in New Hampshire. Anthony has spent three years on the BHS varsity baseball team achieving All-County status in his junior year and All-Conference status as a sophomore. He intends to major in psychology while at Franklin Pearce.

**Joey Schultheis** - will play baseball as pitcher/outfielder while at Felician College in

New Jersey. Joey has played varsity baseball at BHS for four years, earning All-Conference status in his sophomore year and All-League in his senior year. He will major in business while at Felician.

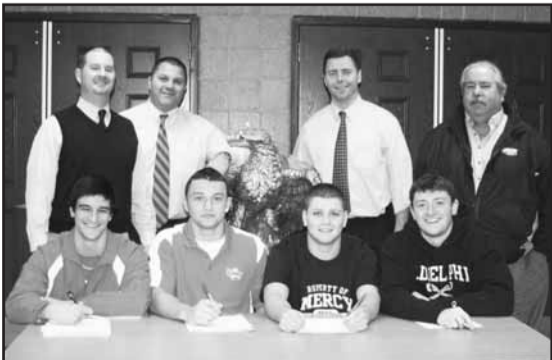
**Paul Bitetti** - has achieved the 2010 Fran McCall Award, 2011 All-County Award, and 2011 Academic All-Conference Award playing defense on the BHS varsity lacrosse team. Paul will play lacrosse while attending the University of Detroit-Mercy and will major in pre-law.

**Jared Marchitto** - has played defense on the BHS varsity lacrosse team for

four years and will continue at Adelphi University in Garden City. Jared intends to major in chemistry while at Adelphi.

**Nick Pombonyo** - has played midfield on the BHS varsity lacrosse team for four years. He will continue playing midfield at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut, where he will major in pre-med.

**Justin Rohr** - has captured the 2011 All-Conference and 2011 Academic All-Conference Awards while playing midfield on the BHS varsity lacrosse team. He will attend Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, New York, and major in business.



# Got Talent?

Bethpage High School's Student Civic Talent Show was once again a huge success, raising \$1,000, and a large storage box of non-perishable food. The food will be donated to Island Harvest – MICAH (Mobilized Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger), an advocacy group that educates about hunger on Long Island.

The performers did an outstanding job by sharing their time and talents in a show that included bands, soloists, and more. A panel that included WBAB DJ Extraordinaire Rocky, BHS graduate and past Talent Show winners Shaun Hervey and Ryan McGowan, Island Harvest representative Margie Corradina, and MICAH representative Chris Notaro judged the event.

And the winners are . . . Evan Petruzzi, who sang her original composition, "Remember," Usman Asif for his piano solo, "The River Flows in You," and Gabi Feliciano, Olivia Bologna, and Amanda Rich, who sang "Thinking of You." Congratulations!



*Gabi Feliciano opened the show with "The Star-Spangled Banner."*

## TAX CODE

The Bethpage School District Code Number for New York State Tax Returns is 052.

Please be certain to fill in the number in the appropriate space provided on your tax returns. School aid can be affected if the school district or code is incorrect or missing.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The District is conducting Kindergarten Registration for its three elementary schools for the 2012-2013 school year. Children born before December 1, 2007, are eligible for enrollment.

The dates are:

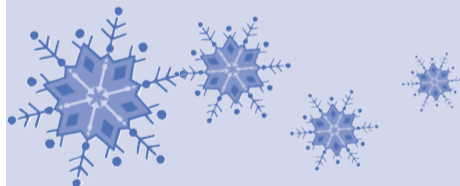
**Kramer Lane ES: February 28, 29, and March 1, 2012**  
**Central Boulevard ES: March 7 and 8, 2012**  
**Charles Campagne ES: March 14 and 15, 2012**

Parents should contact the main office of each school prior to those dates to receive paperwork that can be completed in advance: KLS: 644-4500; CBS: 644-4300; CCS: 644-4400. To determine your child's school, please call 644-4040. Registration will take place at the respective schools during normal school hours.

## Private/Parochial School Transportation Reminder

Parents of students attending private/parochial schools should note that the deadline to submit your Transportation Request is April 1, 2012. For more information, please call 644-4040.

## EMERGENCY CLOSING of Schools



Arrangements have been made to notify the general public whenever schools are to be closed because of weather conditions. A ConnectEd message will be made to all homes. If schools are to be closed, the announcement will be posted on the District website: [www.bethpagecommunity.com](http://www.bethpagecommunity.com) and will be broadcast intermittently over the following stations:

WCBS (880 AM)  
WINS (1010 AM)  
WHLI (1100 AM)  
WKJY (98.3 FM)

WBAB (102.3 FM)  
WALK (97.5 FM)  
News 12 Long Island (Channel 12)  
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