

# BETHPAGE

## Union Free School District

### NEWSLETTER



Chelsea Levy is pictured with her guidance counselor, James Benjamin.

The District is pleased to announce that Bethpage High School seniors Chelsea Levy and Daniel Zirkel were named Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program after earning Semifinalist standing as a result of their impressive 2010 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) scores.

Chelsea's leadership qualities include a position as an executive member of the BHS CORE program and editor of the school's newspaper. She has extensive community service experience, including fundraising for

## Leaders of Tomorrow

lymphedema and cancer research as well as being an avid volunteer for many school programs and community projects. Chelsea is a member of the National Honor Society, SPEC (Students Putting an End to Cancer) and Mathletes, manager of the boys varsity tennis team, a participant in the 21st Century Scholars Program, and more. Among Chelsea's many honors, she has maintained Gold Honor Roll status throughout high school. Chelsea plans on attending MIT in the fall, and her educational goal is to earn a Ph.D. in mathematics.

Daniel boasts an impressive resume, which includes president of both the Robotics Club and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. He is a graduate of the Next Gen Engineering Program (Northrop Grumman), section leader of the saxophone section in band and jazz band, and a member of the National Honor Society, Student Civic Club, and Astronomy Club. Daniel's educational goal is

to major in mechanical engineering and continue his study of musical performance. He plans to attend Princeton in the fall.

Congratulations are extended to these outstanding students, and best of luck for their continued success.



Daniel Zirkel is pictured with Guidance Chairperson Carol Leonardi.



Pictured with the gymnastics team is Head Coach Kim Rhatigan (second left), Assistant Coach Vicky Vitale (second right), Principal Michael Spence (right), and Director of Physical Education, Health & Athletics John Franchi (left).

## Gymnastics Champs Do It Again!

The District is pleased to announce that the middle school and high school girls varsity gymnastics team has captured the title of Nassau County Champions 2012. Congratulations to team members Sarah Ciresi (grade 10), Alexis Fraher (grade 8), Alexa Pepe (grade 9), and Alyssa Testa (grade 8). These students are four of twelve who represented Nassau County in the state championship at Shaker High School in Albany on March 3, and are part of the top twelve in Nassau County.

Captain Erin Roach, a BHS senior, led the team to their victory despite an injury. "We finished the season with a 9-and-1 record going into the Nassau County team championships... We were seated second in the county at this meet and ended up becoming the Nassau County champs!" said Head Coach Kim Rhatigan, who expressed her team's pride in hosting the event at Bethpage High School. "This is the second year in a row we have won the championship, and it was very exciting and special for the gymnasts because they did it on their own turf. It was a real come-from-behind victory. Because of their great ability to work together as a team, they were able to accomplish their goal. I was so proud to see these kids win it, especially because BHS is my alma mater."

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## A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Community Resident,

Sometimes we talk about the distinctive nature of the Bethpage community and school district. Bethpage has qualities that reflect the collaborative work of parents, teachers, administrators and Board members who strive to maintain its exceptionalism. We should never take for granted how special this place is. The kinds of events and the sense of community are deep and are not found everywhere. I know that I am lucky to have found my way here 26 years ago, and I would like to share a few examples of this exceptionalism.

The Board of Education had a very special visitor at its February meeting. Signor Vincenzo Maio came to inform the Board in person of his decision to retire at the end of this school year. Sig has taught in the Bethpage Schools for 46 years. His legendary Feast of San Giuseppe is the epitome of a community event, with parents decorating several days before and then cooking incredibly delicious food that they bring according to schedules arranged long in advance. Sig acts as maitre d', welcoming current and former students to the affair (some stretching back 30 or 40 years). He remembers not only their names, but amazingly, everything about them. Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano comes back every year to remember his former teacher and grab a little lasagna! Sig is one-of-a-kind and will be missed by all. The Board of Education gave him a standing ovation when he left the meeting.

Sig came to the district not long after the Charles Campagne Elementary School opened in 1962. To commemorate the school's 50th anniversary, the Campagne PTA recently held a wonderful party, reflective of the sense of community and academics that have been instilled over five decades. Parents, teachers and former students, along with the Board of Education and several administrators, attended the celebration.

Another example of our community's special nature occurred on our basketball court a few of weeks ago. Our Challenger Basketball team, for students with special needs, was playing against Seaford. The gym was packed. Parents were there in full force. Teachers and administrators were there as coaches and fans. The kickline was there for a halftime routine. The cheerleaders were there to support our players. Our Senior Eagles, local senior citizens who cheer with our cheerleaders, were on full display. Our famed "white shirts," students who support our various teams in a loud but respectful manner, were out in full force and were the first ones on the court after the game to high-five our Challenger athletes. It was amazing to see everyone coming together. One of our Senior Eagles turned to me and said, "This could not happen anywhere else." She was so right.

Finally, we have the Bethpage Educational Foundation's upcoming Battle at Bethpage with Drexel v. UMass as we host a major NCAA men's lacrosse game on April 14. The Foundation is made up of alumni and parents who want to give back to the schools. They have raised funds through several events and funneled those monies to our schools. They have purchased a reading program for the middle school, donated a new piano, given scholarships to students, and sponsored literacy contests in all five schools. We lean on them heavily for programs that enhance the educational experience for our children. You can find them on Facebook, and they are always welcoming new members.

We are fortunate to have so many people working together to create an atmosphere that fosters learning in a safe, nurturing environment. It truly makes Bethpage an exceptional place.

Sincerely,



Terrence Clark  
Superintendent of Schools

## ELECTRIFY YOUR STRINGS



*JFK string section accompanies electric violinist Mark Wood.*

For the second year in a row, Mark Wood, legendary rock violinist and creator of the Viper Electric Violin, conducted a two-day workshop with the District's high school and middle school orchestras in the high school's auditorium. This exciting workshop, a music education program entitled "Electrify Your Strings!" has received much public praise over the last few years.

The District's musicians were very excited to work alongside Mr. Wood once again. Mr. Wood is an Emmy Award-winning composer as well as a solo artist who has toured with singing sensation Celine Dion and performed with artists such as Billy Joel, Lenny Kravitz, and Kanye West. He was also an original member of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

During the workshop, some of the students took time out to express their feelings about working with Mr. Wood. Ninth grader Geraldine Granobles commented, "It was a great experience working with Mr. Wood. He's an excellent musician and made the workshop a lot of fun!" Eleventh-grade student Anthony Giordano added, "It was a wonderful way to express ourselves in an unconventional way. When you think of the violin, you don't think of rock music, and that's my favorite part."

The workshop, which taught the students various aspects of musicianship, culminated in an incredible evening concert on February 29, with Mark Wood performing side-by-side with the students. They played classic rock selections such as "String Thang," "Purple Haze," "You Shook Me," "Palladio," "Fire 'n' Ice," "Bach to Rock," "Vivaldi Rocks," "Enter Sandman," and "Synchronicity." The evening's grand finale ended with both the high school and middle school performing Aaron Copland's "Hoe Down." Mark Wood not only electrified his strings, he electrified the audience as well!

When asked to comment, Mr. Wood enthusiastically stated, "This was my second year conducting this workshop with the Bethpage School District. I had a great time! The teachers are wonderful and the kids are great!"

A very special thank you is extended to orchestra director Eric Kay for arranging the workshop and performance.

# Winter Sports Wrap-Up

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On March 8, the Bethpage Varsity Golden Girls Kickline traveled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to compete in the Eastern Cheer and Dance Association (ECDA) Dance Nationals competition.

The girls took home five trophies and two plaques from the weekend, including the titles of National Kick Champions and National Variety Champions. They also won the award for "Best Kick Sequence." It was a great weekend and the girls and coach Jeanna Novelli have much to be proud of!

A special acknowledgment to seniors Gabby Micciche, Jennifer Pilarte, Alyssa Szynal, Taylor Iasi (captain), Monica Mitrache (captain) and Marissa Nani (captain).

## Bethpage Golden Eagles Take on Seaford Vikings



JFK Middle School's and Bethpage High School's co-ed Challenger basketball team, the Golden Eagles, played to a packed house in a home game at the high school against the Seaford Vikings on February 29. JFK special education teachers Danielle Greco and Jennifer Mulholland coach the team with assistance from teachers Ryan Catterson and Andrew Syrett.

It was a high-scoring game for both sides. The Golden Eagles had the full support of spectators, which included administration, faculty, Board of Education trustee Anna Israelton, family, friends, and members of the community. The Senior Eagles cheered alongside the varsity cheerleaders, and the Golden Girls – Bethpage High School's award-winning kickline team – gave a spectacular halftime performance.

## Athletes Sign Letters of Intent



Lindsay Cafiero is pictured with (left to right, seated) mom Laura, dad Peter, brothers Tommy and Kenny (center, standing), coach Kate Danowski (second right, standing), Principal Michael Spence (standing, left) and Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics John Franchi (standing, right).

Congratulations to two Bethpage High School seniors who have signed letters of intent to play soccer and lacrosse while in college. These outstanding athletes are Danielle Bergersen and Lindsay Cafiero.

Danielle has captured All-Conference from 2009 to 2011, All-Class in 2010-2011, and All-County in 2011 in addition to holding the position of captain for the girls varsity soccer team in 2011. She will be continuing her soccer career at SUNY Cortland.

Lindsay has been named All-County Honorable Mention for 2010-2011 and has played lacrosse for four years on the school's varsity lacrosse team. She will be attending Dowling College in the fall.

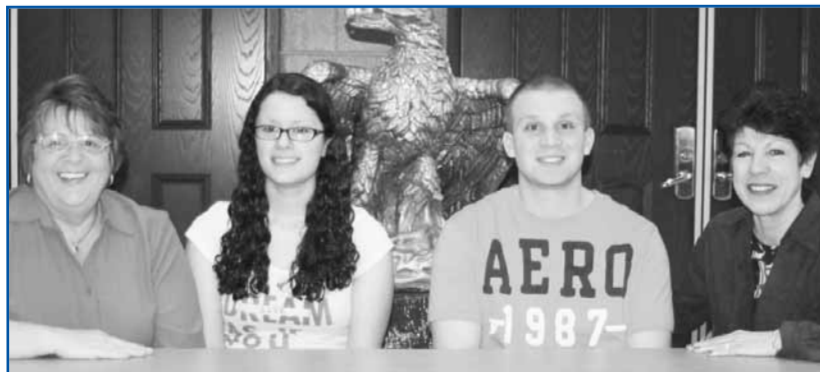


Danielle Bergersen is pictured with (seated, left to right) brother Eric, father Bill, mom Gail, and (standing, left to right) Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics John Franchi and Principal Michael Spence.

## Bowling Champs



Kudos to BHS ninth grader Elizabeth Ferraro and senior Jeff Rosenheck for placing first and third, respectively, in the Nassau County Girls and Boys Individual Bowling Tournament!



Pictured with bowling champs Elizabeth Ferraro, at left and Jeff Rosenheck is girls bowling coach and President of the Coaches Association Donna Weikman (left), and boys bowling coach June Dvorak (right).

# Human Rights Awareness Conference

Students enrolled in Bethpage High School's Student Civic Association attended the 26th Annual Nassau County Human Rights Awareness Conference at Adelphi University. Seniors Michelle Mason, Leila Dastgheib-Beheshti, Holly Josephs, Jerry Kim, Nicole Scagliola and Christina Wing, along with Italian teacher/advisor Jacqueline Jill-Rito, facilitated a workshop entitled "Global Days of Listening," which was based on the connection made last school year with the Afghan Youth Volunteers in Bamiyan Province, Afghanistan.

High school and university students from Nassau County, accompanied by their teachers and professors, took part in this informational workshop that tested their knowledge of the situation in Afghanistan today. In the workshop, students had the opportunity to ask questions directly through an interpreter to the group of volunteers in Afghanistan via SKYPE.



*Pictured from left to right are members of the Bethpage High School Student Civic Association: Holly Josephs, Christina Wing, Jerry Kim, Leila Dastgheib-Beheshti, Michelle Mason, and Nicole Scagliola.*

Conversations between the American students and the Afghan youth were carried out with the assistance of medical doctor Wee Teck Young, originally from Singapore, who acts as translator for the Afghan youth. Dr. Young arrived in Afghanistan more than ten years ago to aid refugees, and is known to the Afghan volunteers as Hakim.

Representatives of various peace and social justice groups witnessed the discussions as observers. The three workshops lasted nearly an hour each and hosted more than 100 students in all.

At the conclusion of the conference, the Bethpage High School students left with a renewed sense of confidence and knowledge that their ability to reach out to others could effect positive change in the world today. The Student Civic Association hopes to present more workshops to other interested universities in the near future.

## ◆ BHS VISITS COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE ◆



Thirty leadership class students were invited by County Executive Edward Mangano to tour the Nassau County offices and meet with Mr. Mangano and Nassau County Legislator Rose Marie Walker.

The students were intrigued by the guided tour of the Nassau County Police Museum, which kicked off the visit. The group then toured the county's Legislative Building and learned some history of the Nassau County government. The visit culminated with a meeting between Mr. Mangano, Ms. Walker, and the leadership students.

County Executive Mangano welcomed the group into his blue and gold office for a highly engaging question-and-answer session. Senior Brianna Yannotti appreciated the Bethpage colors seen in the office and commented, "I really liked his enthusiasm for growing up in Bethpage." The class was very interested in discovering how their elected officials work to help the people of their community.

The trip, led by teachers Scott Lynch, Erica Indenbaum, and Erin Molloy, was a great way for the leadership class to see how local government operates firsthand.



*Pictured from left to right are guidance counselor James Benjamin, Dr. Gary Colantropo, Eileen Colantropo, Guidance Chairperson Carol Leonard, Dr. Edmund LaGamma, and Principal Michael Spence.*

## GEO BEE

Students in grades six through eight at JFK Middle School competed in the school's annual Geography Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society. All classroom winners were given a certificate for their accomplishments.

Philip Atkins, a seventh-grade student from Andrea Mastellone's social studies class, won the schoolwide bee. Philip also took a written exam to determine whether he will qualify to move on to the state finals. The runner-up was Jason Maund from Monica Klein's social studies class.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this event.



*Pictured from left to right are Assistant Principal Kevin Fullerton, social studies teacher Monica Klein, runner-up Jason Maund, winner Philip Atkins, and social studies teacher Andrea Mastellone.*

## Exploring Careers in Medicine

Nearly 30 students in the 21st Century Scholars Program at the high school attended a medical field workshop, presented by the guidance department. The students, who are interested in pursuing a career in the field of medicine, were equipped with a list of well-thought-out questions by the time the guest speakers arrived.

Neonatologist Dr. Edmund LaGamma, anesthesiologist Dr. Gary Colantropo, and operating room nurse Eileen Colantropo, R.N., all of whom work at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bethpage, took time from their busy schedules to discuss their career choices, as well as the academic criteria and interesting aspects of their daily work. They also spoke about the additional training needed in their specialties, the challenges they face, stress management, and the rewarding aspects of their chosen professions.

When asked to discuss the training for an occupation in anesthesiology, Dr. Colantropo replied, "You need [to take] four years of college in pre-med studies, pass the MCAT (Medical College Administration Test), [and take] four years of medical school, four years residency [in your specialty], three years anesthesiology training, and nine months in a cardiac fellowship."

In response to the question, "Do you have any advice to offer a student aspiring to enter the medical profession?" Dr. LaGamma answered, "You need to know a lot about a lot of different things. You need to be well-rounded and get decent grades. You also need to have a sense of passion and compassion."

"Nursing is a very rewarding career," said Eileen Colantropo when asked about the most rewarding aspects of her profession. "At the end of the day you can feel good about yourself, knowing that you provided the care that your patients require."

# Reading Across Bethpage

On March 2, 2012, all schools in the District celebrated the joy of reading in the annual "Read Across Bethpage Day." The day was celebrated as part of the National Education Association's 14th annual Read Across America Day, a special reading event that coincides with Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Students in all five buildings enjoyed a number of exciting activities and events that centered on reading. The elementary schools enjoyed activities such as taking a reading oath, author visits, older peers reading to younger peers, and listening to wonderful guest readers.

JFK Middle School was visited by Rob Sporing, a Bethpage Library Teens and Tweens librarian. He taught the students how to download e-books from the library to devices such as Kindles, Nooks, iPads, and Androids. In addition, the school held a naming contest for the new reading lounge in the middle school library.

The high school held scavenger hunts, and a mystery reader read "two-minute mysteries" throughout the day that the students had to solve. The winners were awarded prizes donated by the PTSA, teachers, and administration.

Read Across Bethpage was a fun-filled experience for everyone!



Bethpage Library Teens and Tweens librarian Rob Sporing teaches middle school students how to download e-books.



BHS seniors in Robert Verdi's class hold up their "two-minute mysteries" answer cards.

## Spreading Sunshine

Fourth and fifth-grade students participating in the 21st Century Scholars Program at Central Boulevard and Kramer Lane Elementary Schools participated in special activities to help bring a little sunshine into the lives of senior citizens and those in the military.

The students at CBS created Valentine's Day cards for senior citizens residing at The Bristol in Lynbrook. Under the direction of fifth-grade teacher Patricia Tierney and social worker Sarah Glassman, the students met after school to brainstorm creative ideas for messages to be written in the cards, and then gathered art supplies to design their valentines. They used construction paper, markers, crayons, foam stickers and hearts, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, and glue to construct their cards, then wrote positive messages for Valentine's Day.



Students at CBS created Valentine's Day cards for the senior citizens at The Bristol in Lynbrook.

At KLS, the students participated in a letter-writing activity by sending messages of thanks to those in the military.

With the assistance of librarian Andrea Swicord and fourth-grade teacher Sara Dionne, the students used the library's SMART Board to log on to A Million Thanks, an organization whose goal is to send messages of appreciation to those in the military, both past and present.

The students viewed samples of letters that students from other areas had sent to soldiers and veterans, and then created their own letters of appreciation with personalized messages and artwork.

"I think it's nice that we are doing this because they do so much for us, and it makes me feel good to do something for them," stated student Taylor Galgano. "Soldiers are risking their lives to keep us safe. This is our way of saying thank you," added student Jack Kemperle.



Kramer Lane students show off their letters of appreciation to those in the military. Pictured with the students is NEFCU Branch Manager Nancy Duffett (center, rear).

## Exploring the Night Sky

Third-grade students at Charles Campagne Elementary School were introduced to the beauty and wonder of the night sky as they stepped into another dimension with Star Lab. Star Lab is a portable planetarium that can be inflated with a household fan and seats up to 28 students.

While inside Star Lab, the students learned about the phases of the moon, the alignment of the planets, the earth's rotation, eclipses, comets, and meteors. They also viewed constellations with two different interpretations – the Greek sky and the Native American sky.

A special thank you to BOCES naturalist Brett Curlew for presenting Star Lab to the third graders at Charles Campagne.

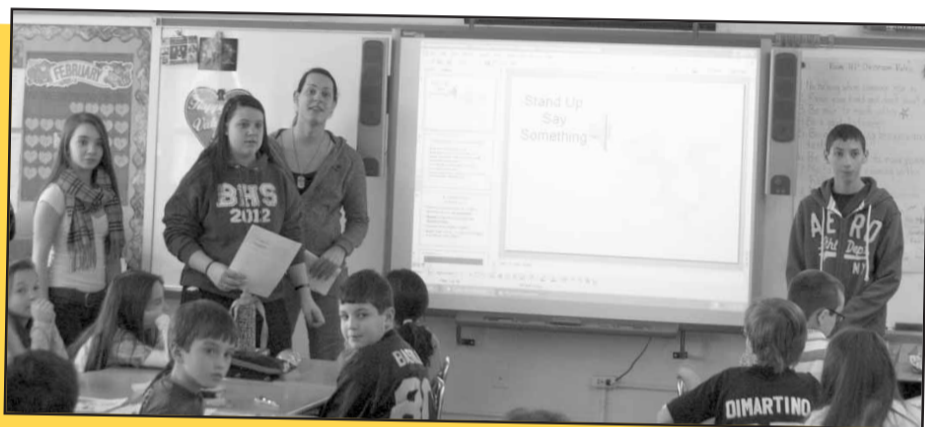


Pictured with the third graders is Charles Campagne Principal Angelita Cintado (left) and third-grade teacher Clare Carlin (right).

# BETHPAGE STUDENT



Bethpage High School students got together before speaking to JFK students about different forms of bullying and what it means to be a bystander.



Bethpage High School and JFK students spoke to students at Central Boulevard School about the meaning of bullying.



Pictured from left to right are JFK Middle School Assistant Principal Kevin Fullerton, JFK Principal David Schneider, Bethpage High School Assistant Principal Ralph Tocco, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Caroline E. Lavelle, and Bethpage High School Principal Michael Spence, all of whom are members of the Districtwide Anti-Bullying Committee.



Central Boulevard School students read their individual class slogans at an anti-bullying assembly. Pictured with the student are social worker Sarah Glassman and Principal Steven Furrey, both of whom are members of the Districtwide Anti-Bullying Committee.

In an ongoing effort to raise student awareness to the dangers of bullying, promote unity, and provide students at all grade levels with the anti-bullying skills they need, the District initiated Anti-Bullying Week.

The week kicked off on February 13 with a plethora of activities geared towards delivering age-appropriate anti-bullying messages to all students in the District. Day one began with a breakfast at JFK Middle School that hosted 90 student volunteers from Bethpage High School and 30 volunteers from the middle school. In weeks prior, the high school students received special training on how to deliver positive anti-bullying messages to their younger peers, and then paired up to teach these lessons to all of the middle school students. Following the lessons, the middle school volunteers, also specially trained, joined the high school volunteers to visit Central Boulevard, Charles Campagne, and Kramer Lane Elementary Schools to conduct PowerPoint presentations on SMART Boards and to lead discussions on how to be an upstander and the difference between tattling and telling.

Activities continued throughout the week at each building. At the high school, students wrote positive messages on footprints, which were placed on a banner in the lobby. They were also treated to a visit from police officer Sharon Galvin, who discussed the dangers of cyber bullying, cyber safety, and social media outlets. "If you can't say it or show it in person, then you shouldn't post it on your computer or cell phone," stated Officer Galvin. "Social media has changed how we communicate today. *Word* of mouth has changed to *world* of mouth."

Retired police officer Paul D. Failla also spoke to ninth-grade students on acceptance, tolerance, and bullying. He then addressed the senior students on how to apply the life skills they are learning in high school throughout their lives.

As one of the many activities at the middle school, all students participated in a unique assembly program that began with a video entitled "I AM." Following the video, the students participated in a 15-question survey to answer questions about bullying. One of the questions was: "Which form of bullying do you believe exists here at JFK?" The students then voted based on the responses of physical, verbal, social, and electronic bullying, with all answers calculated as percentages. Principal David Schneider thanked the students for their participation in the survey, stating, "Please know that this was a very valuable set of resources for us at JFK."

In another activity, the middle school students were given puzzle pieces to complete three messages: "I matter because...", "You matter because..." and "We matter because..." "This is the message we want you all to take away from this program – I matter, you matter, we matter. JFK stands together," stressed guidance counselor Jessica Tivolacci.

The assembly concluded with a "walk of unity" around the school grounds. "It was just an amazing sight to see 850 students, faculty, and staff



Kramer Lane students put on a skit based on the book "One" by Kathryn Otoshi.

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uniting together, supporting each other, and walking around the building,” said Principal David Schneider. The unity walk culminated in a ribbon-tying on a surrounding fence with the message “JFK Stands Together!”

Each of the elementary schools held several activities throughout the week, with different themes tailored to each school. Activities ranged from poster contests and assemblies to taking part in anti-bullying pledges. During the assembly at Central Boulevard School, Principal Steven Furrey commented, “One way we can be nice is to stand up for each other. Be an upstander.”

“Our Anti-Bullying week was a huge success,” commented Kramer Lane Principal Kerri McCarthy. “Themed weeks are essential in emphasizing the importance of what goes on in the classroom on a regular basis in terms of teaching students the social skills necessary to be productive and kind citizens. Having the high school and middle school students visit the elementary students was a wonderful way to demonstrate how being kind and respectful toward one another is important as you grow up. The elementary students certainly viewed the high school and middle school students as role models during the exercise.”

Perhaps the most memorable event was the flash mob dance to Bruno Mars’ “You’re Amazing Just the Way You Are” at Charles Campagne School, with the entire school participating.

Parents and guardians play a very significant role in teaching children to appreciate diversity and reinforcing the anti-bullying message. As an important aspect of the week, a special evening workshop was presented by Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS) that focused on parenting techniques and how to provide constructive guidance and support when children are faced with the challenges of bullying.

“This is an issue that the District has always taken very seriously. We have a policy and longstanding character education programs in place. However, we believe that the students will solve this problem. Time and time again our students have proven to us that when they decide to make the world a better place, they do. So, we turned to them to speak to each other. They were incredible. From what I saw this week, I am optimistic that our future is bright because it will be in their hands. I am so proud of everything that was done this week by the students, faculty, staff, administrators and parents, all with the support of the Superintendent and Board of Education. This is an ongoing effort, and the District is committed to continuing these programs,” stated Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Caroline E. Lavelle.

Through this Districtwide initiative, the students learned several valuable lessons about bullying and its consequences. Most of all, bullying is not cool, will not be tolerated, and students in the Bethpage School District will STAND UP to it!



*Pictured is Charles Campagne School Principal Angelita Cintado and physical education teacher Betty Bohringer. They are both members of the Districtwide Anti-Bullying Committee.*



*Charles Campagne School's flash mob danced to Bruno Mars' "You're Amazing Just the Way You Are."*



*Bethpage High School teachers (left to right) Joe Granieri, Chris DeStefano, Anne Marie Sestak, and Stephen Franzke and guidance counselor James Benjamin provided support to the secondary students before their visit to the elementary schools. (Mr. Granieri, Mr. Franzke, and Ms. Sestak are members of the Districtwide Antibullying Committee.)*



*JFK students wrote messages describing why "I, You, and We Matter..." on puzzle pieces.*



*JFK students and staff participated in a "unity march" around the school grounds.*

## SAVE THE DATE!

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 v. 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!

## TAX CODE – 052

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.

### 2012-2013 Budget Vote Tuesday, May 15, 2012 Voter Registration Deadline Thursday, May 10, 2012

The District will hold its annual budget vote on Tuesday, May 15, from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The District would like to remind residents that they must register by May 10 in order to vote on the proposed 2012-2013 budget.

The District will conduct an official budget hearing the week prior to the vote, on Tuesday, May 8, beginning at 8 p.m. in the High School Little Theatre. The proposed 2012-2013 budget supports maintenance of class sizes, all extracurricular and athletic clubs, cultural arts, field trips, continuation and expansion of the 21st Century Scholars Program, summer programs, the inclusion program, full-day kindergarten, academic intervention services, teacher mentoring programs, Caumsett and Project Adventure at JFK Middle School, SMART Boards in every classroom, and more.

In order to vote, you must be a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older, a resident of the District for 30 or more days prior to the vote, and registered to vote with the school district or the

Nassau County Board of Elections (provided that you voted in a school election during the four calendar years prior to the year for which such registration is being prepared).

Any person who is not registered to vote in the general election is not eligible to vote in the school district election, but may do so by registering. Continuous voter registration is available during school hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (only when school is open) at the Administration Building (District Clerk's Office), 10 Cherry Avenue, Bethpage. Absentee ballot applications may be obtained from the District Clerk or on the District's website: [www.bethpagecommunity.com](http://www.bethpagecommunity.com). All absentee ballots must be received in the District Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on the day of the vote.



## Bethpage Schools' Listservs

There are two sets of listservs associated with our schools. The District maintains one, and the PTA maintains the other. Many parents find it useful to join both listservs to stay informed. This chart explains them both.

	Bethpage Schools	Bethpage PTA
<b>Who posts to this listserv?</b>	Principals, administrators and secretaries	PTA Presidents
<b>What kinds of announcements are made on this listserv?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergencies like school closings, suspicious vehicles</li> <li>• 21st Century events</li> <li>• School events like concerts, parent-teacher conferences, financial aid forums, TGIF</li> <li>• Community information for PAL, Dads' Club, Moms and Dads for Music, BBAI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting times</li> <li>• PTA events like Lip Sync, Fun Family Events; fundraisers like auctions and Bingo</li> <li>• Elementary yearbook information</li> </ul>
<b>What are the various listservs of each?</b>	Bethpage Schools maintains listservs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bethpage High School</li> <li>• JFK Middle School</li> <li>• Central Boulevard</li> <li>• Charles Campagne</li> <li>• Kramer Lane</li> <li>• Bethpage Athletics</li> <li>• 21st Century for each building</li> </ul>	Bethpage PTA maintains listservs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bethpage High School PTSA</li> <li>• JFK Middle School PTA</li> <li>• Central Boulevard PTA</li> <li>• Charles Campagne PTA</li> <li>• Kramer Lane PTA</li> <li>• SEPTA</li> <li>• Bethpage Council of PTAs</li> </ul>
<b>Where do I register for this listserv?</b>	<a href="http://www.bethpage.ws/listserv">www.bethpage.ws/listserv</a>	<a href="http://www.bethpage.ws/listservpta">www.bethpage.ws/listservpta</a>
<b>Can I get off a list?</b>	Yes, you will see that you can add or delete yourself from any list. Many parents do that as their child moves from one school level to the next.	Yes, you will see that you can add or delete yourself from any list. Many parents do that as their child moves from one school level to the next.

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