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BUILDING UP BETHPAGE

A closer look at the district's completed and future capital improvement projects

This past summer, construction took place across the district as more capital improvement bond projects were completed. Aside from installing smartboards in each of our elementary schools to enhance classroom learning, our crews were hard at work on several big projects at John F. Kennedy Middle School.

The middle school's gymnasium floor was replaced, and the library media center was fully renovated. Students returned to school to find the library transformed with different flexible seating options, new tables and flooring, ample storage, bookcases filled with different genres of literature and a full makerspace which was previously one of the school's computer labs. The makerspace will serve

as a dedicated area for arts and crafts, STEM activities, board games and more. The circulation desk was also relocated to face the library media center's entrance.

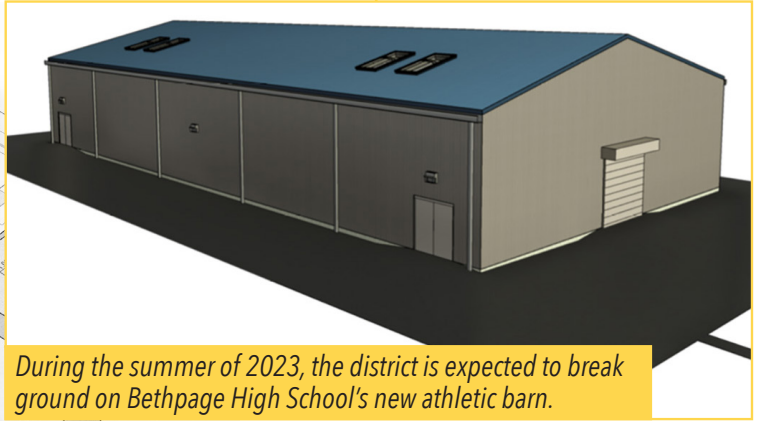
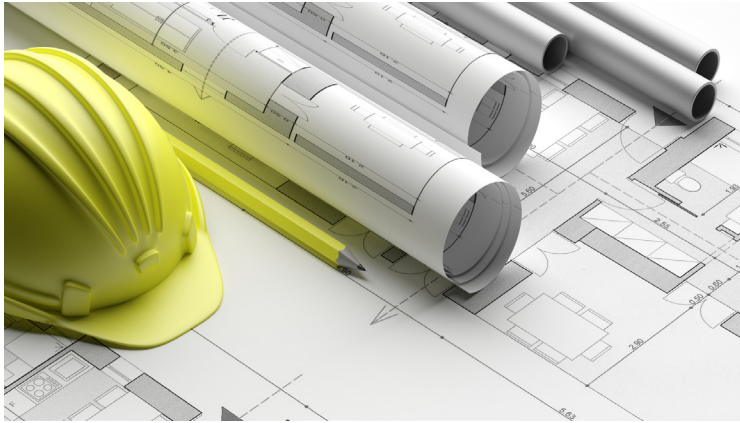
Outside of the middle school, construction for the much-anticipated new athletic facility took place. The John F. Kennedy Middle School Athletic Complex features a new six-lane running track and synthetic turf field. A larger parking lot, new and reconstructed basketball courts and a new comfort station building will be completed in the near future. The baseball and softball fields were also relocated and reconstructed. We look forward to having our current and future Bethpage Eagles utilize the new complex.



The John F. Kennedy Middle School Athletic Complex is nearing completion.

BUILDING UP BETHPAGE

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During the summer of 2023, the district is expected to break ground on Bethpage High School's new athletic barn.

The district is now in the planning process of several other improvement projects which are expected to break ground during the summer of 2023. Among the list is the full renovation of the Charles Campagne and Bethpage High School libraries, the construction of an athletic barn at the high school and new STEM labs at John F. Kennedy Middle School.

“We are making great progress on the capital improvement projects and have been receiving such positive feedback from our students and staff on the work that has already been completed,” said Superintendent of Schools David Schneider. “Thank you to the entire Bethpage community for your support as we continue making these changes to benefit our current and future students.”



The newly renovated library at John F. Kennedy Middle School features a makerspace, flexible seating, new storage areas and more.

Learning Opportunities Expand at the Elementary Level

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Outside of the typical school day, our elementary students are engaging in more learning opportunities than ever before.

This school year, the district is excited to expand its successful robotics program to the elementary level as an after-

school club. We are also thrilled to celebrate each student's uniqueness through special clubs that embrace different backgrounds and cultures.

Elementary Students Get **ROOTED IN ROBOTICS**



coding to program a Lego robot. The program also follows real-life situations which students are challenged to solve through STEM. One teacher from each school serves as that school's robotics adviser and is there to support the students as they follow the highly engaging STEM program.

"With the success of our robotics teams at John F. Kennedy Middle School (JFK RoboEagles) and six-time world championship participants at Bethpage High School (Regal Eagles), we felt the time was right to start an after-school robotics program at our elementary schools in grades 4-5," Director of Technology Andrew Choi said.

"We want to provide students the opportunity to learn the competencies that will make them successful for robotics at the next level, but also to hone their communication skills, critical thinking, logic, problem-solving and sequencing – all skills that will serve our students well outside of robotics."

The sky is the limit for our young students, and we cannot wait to see all that they achieve during their first year in the FIRST Lego League.

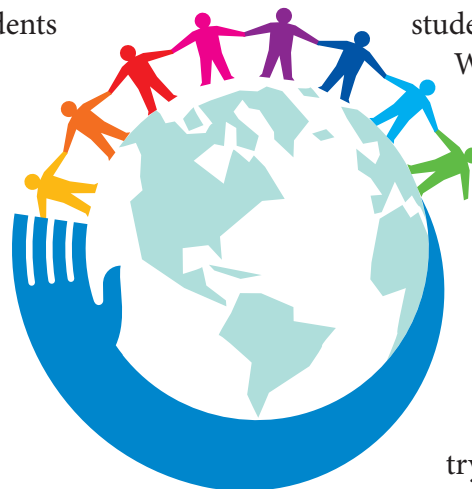
Fourth and fifth grade students from Central Boulevard School, Charles Campagne School and Kramer Lane School have been invited to participate in the FIRST Lego League, a global robotics program that is geared towards students in grades 4-8.

There are two robotics teams, one for fourth graders and one for fifth graders, at each of the elementary schools. Although the program is new to the district, students are already jumping in by researching, problem-solving and

CULTURES CONNECT THROUGH SCHOOL CLUBS

This school year, elementary students from Central Boulevard School, Charles Campagne School and Kramer Lane School are exploring and discovering a newfound appreciation for others and their different cultures through special extracurricular clubs.

Each school has a designated club that focuses on celebrating the diverse backgrounds of its students and others. Kramer Lane



students are involved in the Where in the World Club, Central Boulevard students are involved in the We Belong Club and students from Charles Campagne School are involved in the Cultural Diversity Club.

These clubs allow students to not only celebrate their own backgrounds but also allow them to engage with their peers and learn about new cultures through fun experiences such as trying new foods and dances.

A MEMORABLE HOMECOMING WEEKEND



Homecoming weekend kicked off at Bethpage High School on Oct. 22. The afternoon featured a spirited parade with students, organizations, staff, administrators and more showcasing their Bethpage pride. The parade concluded at Bethpage High School as the school community began filling the bleachers to watch the Golden Eagles take on the H. Frank Carey High School Seahawks.

Throughout the game, the cheerleaders showed their school spirit, along with the full crowd of students, alumni, families and community members. During the halftime festivities, the marching band performed a Santana-inspired set with the help of the Golden Girls kickline team and color guard. The Golden Girls also performed their own high-energy routine, along with the high school cheerleaders. As a special treat, members of the 1972 Bethpage High School football team were announced onto the field. This year marked the team's 50th reunion. They were Bethpage's first county champions, and they went undefeated. The homecoming game ended on a high note as the Bethpage Golden Eagles took home the big win 34-20.

The celebration continued that evening as the district's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner was held. Hosted by the Bethpage Educational Foundation in the Bethpage High School gymnasium, this marked the return of the event which was previously halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bethpage Hall of Fame recognizes the accomplishments of alumni and staff.

Eight individuals were inducted this year, including Anne Marie Marrone Caliendo, Bethpage High School Class of 1989; Terrence Clark, Retired Superintendent of Schools/ social studies teacher; Dr. Philip Coniglio, Bethpage High School Class of 1992; Sal Greco, Bethpage High School Class of 1956; Anna Israelton, Board of Education trustee; Lt. Col. Michael McCaffery, Bethpage High School Class of 1984; Cary Rosoff, Bethpage High School Class of 1973 and Elizabeth Skrypek, Bethpage High School Class of 1972.

The Bethpage Union Free School District congratulates all the 2022 inductees on this special honor and thanks all those who were involved in the homecoming festivities and Hall of Fame ceremony for making them a success.





NEWS

AROUND *the* SCHOOLS



Central Boulevard Elementary School

Central Boulevard fifth graders enjoyed a 21st-Century trip to MoMath, the National Museum of Mathematics, in Manhattan on Oct. 22. Students participated in a code-breaking cryptography workshop and had fun working with the museum's hands-on math puzzles and exhibits. The experience was a great way for the students to grow as young mathematicians.



Charles Campagne Elementary School

Students received a visit from Steve Rose and his therapy dog, Mr. Hook, on Nov. 4. The students learned that Mr. Hook was trained by an incarcerated Navy veteran for two and half years. He was then sent to be trained by the Guide Dog Foundation; how-

ever, he did not pass for being too social. Mr. Rose received Mr. Hook as a therapy dog because he has PTSD from his experiences while in the Vietnam War. During the visit, each student gave Mr. Hook a treat and was able to pet him. It was a wonderful experience, and both the students and staff look forward to having Mr. Rose and Mr. Hook back for another visit.



Kramer Lane Elementary School

First graders in Erin Zassman's class hosted a special event in their classroom on Oct. 21 in honor of Diwali, the festival of lights. Two classroom mothers, Nikita Krishnani and Lindsey Majewski, helped host the event where students viewed a slideshow presentation and watched a short clip to learn more about the holiday and where it started. The first graders also created their own flag "diyas," a traditional piece of decoration that those who celebrate Diwali keep around their homes.

John F. Kennedy Middle School

Middle school students received valuable guidance and advice related to technology and social media from author Katie Duffy Schumacher on



Sept. 30. Duffy Schumacher founded Don't Press Send, a campaign to help children navigate the dos and don'ts of social media. Through her presentation "Mindful Approach to Social Media," the students learned how social media can negatively impact one's mental well-being and future if they are not careful with what they are sharing.

Bethpage High School

Bethpage High School students in Engineering and Advanced Placement Physics visited the Cradle of Aviation Museum on Nov. 1 and 2 to participate in the museum's composites workshop. Through the hands-on visit, students learned about applications of composites, created a small composites piece and had a tour of the aviation museum.



Three New Administrators Join the Bethpage Team

The district was excited to bring three new administrators on board for the start of the 2022-2023 school year. We wish them many years of success here in the Bethpage School District!



Alyssa White | Director of Fine and Performing Arts

Alyssa White has been named the district's Director of Fine and Performing Arts. She comes to Bethpage from the Lynbrook Public Schools where she was heavily involved in the music program as the Lynbrook High School Orchestra Director for the

past 13 years. During that time, she also taught music theory and directed extracurricular ensembles such as chamber orchestra and pit orchestra.

Mrs. White spent seven years as adviser of the Lynbrook High School chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society and directed the color guard for the Lynbrook High School Marching Band for 12 years. She coordinated yearly large-scale performance trips and special events for upwards of 250 students and served as an administrative intern at Lynbrook High School and districtwide in the 2018-19 school year. She also taught at Lynbrook North and South middle schools, as well as the Lynbrook Kindergarten Center. In addition to Lynbrook, Mrs. White spent three summers working at Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan.



Dominique Siebert | Principal of Central Boulevard Elementary School

Dominique Siebert has embraced her new role as principal of Central Boulevard Elementary School. She has been a school administrator for 16 years and for the past 10 years, she served as an assistant principal in the Floral Park-Bellerose School District. Mrs. Siebert has also held roles as a director of ELA and an interim principal. Prior

to that, she taught grades one, three and four and served as a reading teacher in New York City and in the Three Village School District. Mrs. Siebert's journey as an administrator began as a literacy coach in the Three Village School District, in which she worked closely with teachers and students and was able to be in the classroom every day.



Julianne Inghilterra | Assistant Principal of Central Boulevard Elementary School

Mrs. Inghilterra is no stranger to the Bethpage Union Free School District. Since 2015, she has served as a special education teacher at Central Boulevard and Charles Champagne elementary schools and John F. Kennedy Middle School. Mrs. Inghilterra was also an administrative intern in the district for

a year and was the elementary/special education chairperson since 2020. In addition, she has been the Extended School Year principal since 2021 and has held various coaching roles throughout her time in Bethpage. We are thrilled to have her as the new assistant principal of Central Boulevard Elementary School.

BETHPAGE SCHOOLS

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School News IN THE PALM OF YOUR HANDS

We pride ourselves on staying connected to our Bethpage community. This will now be easier than ever before with the new Bethpage Union Free School District website and mobile app! The user-friendly app is available for free on Apple and Android devices. Here, you can access documents and the staff directory, be notified of upcoming events, read about all the great things happening throughout our Bethpage schools and more!

We also have two new social media pages. In addition to following along with us on Twitter at @BethpageUFSD, be sure to check out our new Facebook page by searching "Bethpage Schools," and Instagram page at @bethpageschools. Important announcements, along with news stories and photos from around our buildings, will be posted daily. We hope you will follow along with us as we continue making great memories this school year!

