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POINTS OF PRIDE

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ACADEMICS

- Bayview Avenue School's fourth grade students participated in hands-on and interactive workshops on occupational traditions during a visit from the Long Island Traditions Maritime Folk Arts School. While rotating to eight different stations, they had the exciting opportunity to operate maritime gadgets, hold sea life and create traditional objects.
- Dodd Middle School was teaming with possibilities during its Early College Awareness Spirit Week. Students and staff dressed for various themes throughout the week, with Monday's theme Dodd Middle School Spirit; Tuesday's theme Twinning Day; Wednesday's theme Dress for Success; Thursday's theme Sports/College Sports Day and Friday's theme College Awareness Day. The goal of the week was to help students become college and career ready.
- Columbus Avenue School kindergartners were transported to outer space after stepping into the school's library and gymnasium during Discovery Day. When heading into the library, kindergartners were greeted by members of the Freeport High School Robotics Team. They led the students in an exciting activity, where they were tasked with controlling a robot to knock down blocks.
- Dodd Middle School student Kyle Palmer led his eighth-grade health class in power breath, with teaching assistant Linda Salzer. The breathing technique works to promote energy and awareness, while relieving stress.
- Freeport High School was packed with members of the community, as the district hosted its annual K-12 Latino Parent University night. The informative and fun-filled event hosted several exciting activities for students, including bilingual read alouds, arts and crafts, and free English and Spanish books.
- Dodd Middle School students took their lesson on American Revolution to a new level by using VR Goggles to take a virtual tour of historic locations in Philadelphia. They explored the grounds of Independence Hall, as well as the Assembly Room, where the Declaration of Independence was discussed, adopted and signed.



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- The Freeport School District hosted interactive focus groups to gather feedback from community members, as the district closes the final year of its five-year Strategic Plan that began in 2015 and plans to move into a third five-year Strategic Plan for the years 2020-2025.

THE ARTS

- Atkinson Intermediate School was filled with high energy as students took the auditorium stage for the school's annual multicultural assembly in honor of Black History Month. Students from a dozen classrooms teamed up and performed skits, read poems, danced, rapped and sang songs for fellow classmates and parents in the audience.
- Freeport students wowed Board of Education members, administrators, parents and community members with powerful performances that honored African American achievements and contributions during the district's ninth annual Black History Month Concert and Art Exhibit. Students from each school showcased their remarkable talents and shared inspirational messages for positive change. Following the celebration, community members, students and staff witnessed an impressive display of student artwork in the high school lobby that reflected and celebrated the achievements and contributions of African Americans throughout history.
- Dodd Middle School's Drama Company entertained the community with its memorable performance of "The Lion King, Jr." The production was held in the Freeport High School Performing Arts Center and featured classic Disney characters including Simba (Emil Collado and Larry Shell), Scar (Zoe Alice Coyle), Timon (Kai Richberg), Pumbaa (Anigh Shell), Nala (Annah Olushoga and Lourdes Saunders-Blake) and Mufasa (Aiden Jania).

ALTRUISM

- Excitement resonated throughout Bayview Avenue School's cafeteria as fourth grade students, decked out in red, welcomed Village of Freeport police officers for the school's 24th annual Adopt-A-Cop Valentines Luncheon Celebration.
- Student Leadership at Giblyn School helped organize the school's fourth annual Souper Bowl. Throughout the week, students completed checklists consisting of acts



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of kindness. On Friday, they were asked to bring in canned soup or other canned goods to donate to Our Holy Redeemer Church Outreach in Freeport in an effort to help defeat hunger. In one day, the school collected 632 cans of food.

- It was a night filled with celebrations at the Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School, as the Board of Education and administrators honored 27 staff members for their 20 years of service and dedication in the district. Together, the honorees have served a collective 540 years in the district. Each honoree received a plaque and a pin as a token of appreciation for their hard work and devotion.