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POINTS OF PRIDE

March 2020

ACADEMICS

- Archer Street, Bayview Avenue, Columbus Avenue and New Visions schools had an exciting time celebrating the district's 100th day of school with a variety of creative and educational activities.
- Archer Street School kicked off its Read Across America celebration with its #Freeportreads assembly and revealed this year's theme of kindness. The week consisted of guest speakers from the school community including district administrators.
- The district hosted the Odyssey of the Mind Regional competition at the Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School for the fourth consecutive year. Students from different schools filled the building to compete in three different divisions and five different problems.
- The Honorable Joy Watson invited members of Dodd Middle School's peer mediation team on a tour of the Nassau County District Court in Hempstead. Sargent Joseph Dentici and Court Officer Christopher Martino spoke with students about the vital role of maintaining safety and explained the functions of the different courts, before taking the team to three different types of arraignment courts. Students learned about careers in the law profession including court clerks, translators, probation officers, district attorneys and legal aid attorneys.
- 103 Dodd Middle School students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Inductees pledged to do their very best to uphold the five pillars, which include scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character and service.
- Freeport High School students welcomed Syosset High School students for the school's Breaking Borders gathering. Syosset students shadowed Freeport students through their assigned schedules by attending classes, socializing and taking part in the school's Therapy Dog program.
- Freeport High School welcomed Class of 2014 alum Sarah King, who presented a seminar series in science to current students. Ms. King is a graduate student pursuing



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her Ph.D. degree in biology add the name of the university. She spoke to students about life after high school, realities of transitioning into college, her failures and successes as a student and her current research.

- The J.W. Dodd Middle School is proud of its Cultural Celebration Committee. The group is in charge of a variety of cultural events throughout the course of the year, including the school's Black History Month Celebration.

THE ARTS

- The district has once again been named Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation for 2020. The prestigious award program honors the outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who have made music education part of a Freeport education. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education.
- Atkinson School's fifth and sixth grade students rolled up their sleeves to craft artwork for the annual Doodle 4 Google Art Contest. This is the eighth year Atkinson School has joined the national contest, with more than 500 participants. With this year's theme "I Show Kindness By..." students were tasked to transform their ideas about how they show kindness into a doodle.
- Dodd Middle School's Cultural Celebration Committee of the Freeport School District held two assemblies in honor of Black History Month. There were group and solo musical performances, poetry readings, dancing and a performance by the Step Team.

ATHLETICS

- The Freeport High School varsity cheerleaders were victorious in claiming the Nassau County Championship title in the Co-Ed Division at Hofstra University. They previously won the county championship in 2018. The Red Devils went on to compete in the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championship in Rochester and took third place in the Co-Ed Division. They also finished in seventh place at the UCA National Champions in the Co-Ed Game Day Division.
- Freeport High School student athlete Myles Norris captured the Nassau County Wrestling Championship title in the 285-pound Division. From there, he also took



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second place in the New York State Championship in Albany. This is the second consecutive year that Myles has place second in the state championship.

ALTRUISM

- Atkinson School sixth grade students and the Atkinson Step Team adopted a military unit serving overseas this Valentine's Day. The students worked with Ms. Nina Sasso, Ms. Daria Jackson and Ms. Gabriela Farruggio to create individual and unique cards personally addressed to each of the 131 soldiers to thank them for their courage and to wish them a Happy Valentine's Day.