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POINTS OF PRIDE

October/November 2019

ACADEMICS

- The district is proud to highlight the outstanding achievements of the top 10 students of the Class of 2020. The names of the seniors with the highest cumulative grade point averages were announced, including the valedictorian and salutatorian. Congratulations to Sheilly Duque (valedictorian), Rosa Medina (salutatorian), Tyler Hawkins (3), Justin Budhu (4), Kiara Chombo (5), Fajr Ali (6), Tamia Cerrate (7), Alexis Jean-Pierre (8), Kerry Stuparich (9) and Lesly-Hannah Gutierrez (10).
- Bayview school students were excited to welcome members of the Village of Freeport Police Department for the school's 24th Annual Adopt-A-Cop event. This program is designed for fourth grade classes to team up with police officers as a way for the school to continue its commitment to help students build lasting relationships with local law enforcement.
- Students of Columbus Avenue School celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by participating in an exciting assembly. They shared songs and dances that characterized the Hispanic Culture.
- High school students were in high spirits as they received a visit from two furry friends from the Therapy Dogs of Long Island. Barbie, a Golden Doodle, and Pumpkin, a Shichon, made their rounds to each student and brought smiles to their faces, as a way to use connection between dogs and humans as a therapeutic method.
- Bayview Avenue School hosted its annual Career Awareness Expo, where students in grades K-4 received a special visit from more than 25 professionals who spoke on the vast career paths students can pursue as they continue their education. Students heard from a family nurse practitioner, NYPD officer, IT project manager, published author, a marital artist and more.
- Dodd Middle School students received an informal visit from Officer Yolanda Turner from the Nassau County Police Department, Community Affairs Department, who discussed the dangers of vaping. This is the second year Officer Turner shared her



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knowledge on the vaping crisis, speaking to the entire eighth grade class in four assemblies.

- Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School, Archer Street Elementary School and Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School students visited the Freeport Memorial Library to meet Freeport native Peter Lerangis, an author of more than 170 books including nine New York Times' bestsellers.

THE ARTS

- The Freeport High School's Select Chorale took the audience on a musical journey during the New York State School Board Association 100th annual Convention and Education Expo in Rochester. Attending the performance was Freeport School District administrators and members of the board of education. Under the direction of Monique Retzlaff, the group began its performance with a polyphonic piece, "Sicut lilium inter spinas," followed by a traditional spiritual, "My Lord, What a Mourning," and then completed with a saved harp tune, "On My Journey Home."
- Dodd Middle School students in Mr. Dave Gordon's second period class sharpened their skills in making wooden signs. Mr. Gordon, a technology teacher, had each student engrave a different teacher's name on the sign as a generous gift.

ALTRUISM

- Students of the high school's Human Relations Club took action this past Halloween to "be the change" for their annual "Reverse Trick or Treating" initiative. During lunch periods, students handed out samples of wrapped Fair Trade chocolates on informational flyers to raise awareness about poverty, unsustainable farming practices, and child labor in areas where cacao beans are grown, including Cote D'Ivoire and Ghana.
- Members of the Board of Education were honored and recognized for their leadership, dedication and unwavering commitment to the students, parents and the community. Columbus Avenue School students showed their appreciation to the board by presenting a musical program much to the delight of the board and all those in attendance.



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- Dodd Middle School's Ladies of Dodd and Respect Club joined forces to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. They hosted a Think Pink Paint and Snack event, where they participated in crafty activities that shed light on breast cancer awareness. Each participant donated \$5 and 100% of the proceeds was donated to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research. In addition, both clubs represented the district in the annual Jones Beach Breast Cancer Walk, where they helped raise funds.
- Dodd Middle School teacher Tracie Roberts and student Timaya Huggins were honored at the MentorNY Mentoring Benefit held at the Garden City Country Club. The duo won this recognition after being nominated by school social worker Felice Niland for demonstrating the benefits and rewards of mentoring.