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February 2019

ACADEMICS

- Freeport High School hosted the second Tri-M Honors Society Induction, where Chapter 7760 adviser Mrs. Jill Boardman welcomed 24 new members along with 20 second-year students. Officers included Gabriel Alvarado, president; Tiffany Tavares, vice president; Lesly-Hannah Gutierrez, treasurer; Leah Hochman, secretary; Hailey Brown, librarian and Mayralee Martinez, historian.
- The stars of Freeport School District's #Freeportreads initiative, Elephant and Piggie, returned to the district to reveal daily clues to students about this year's author. The schools participating in the exciting initiative are Archer Street Elementary School, Bayview Avenue School, Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School, Columbus Avenue School, Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School and New Visions School.
- Mrs. Dana Berner and Ms. Nicole Rivelli's kindergarten class at Columbus Avenue School sharpened their cooking skills while crafting homemade ravioli for a parent lunch date in honor of Valentine's Day.
- The Freeport High School hosted the fifth annual Freeport Robotics Competition, where 35 robotics teams from 18 schools and community groups from around Long Island, New York City and Westchester competed. This was the largest event the district has ever hosted, with six teams from Freeport competing. The high school club's Team D scored the highest out of the district and were quarterfinalists in the tournament. They are also ranked 28th in New York State.
- It was a sea of white at J.W. Dodd Middle School, as students wore white T-shirts sporting the names of colleges and universities for the school's Early College Awareness Day. Representatives from Adelphi University, Hofstra University, New York Institute of Technology, St. John's University, Stony Brook University and SUNY Geneseo and more met with students and



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discussed early college preparations, including the benefits of going to college, the positive approach to take when becoming a college student, and the significance of networking and developing friendships.

- Atkinson school students participated in Star Lab through the Nassau Community College Liberty Partnership Program, where students discovered the night sky and learned about the mythology of ancient Greek and Native American people through a portable planetarium.
- Ms. Ferriso and Ms. Smith's fifth-grade class at Atkinson school had a blast during their math review lesson, when the group of scholars engaged in critical thinking and discussed evidence that proved their answers. For the lesson, students were divided into groups and then rotated to five stations that featured math challenges, including adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions.
- It was a packed house at Atkinson school for the Feb. 6 Board of Education meeting, as district Board members and administrators honored 25 staff members for their 20 years of service and dedication to the district and students.
- The district hosted two We Are All a Little "Crazy" assemblies at Freeport High School and Dodd Middle School. We Are All a Little "Crazy" is a nonprofit organization founded by Eric Kussin, former sports executive, with a mission to highlight the significance of mental wellness. These assemblies were funded by The Sophia Valsamos Foundation.

ATHLETICS

THE ARTS

- After reading Elinor J. Pinczes' "One Hundred Hungry Ants," Mrs. Nellie Petraglia's kindergarten class at Archer Street school were tasked to apply their creative skills to craft a team picture using 100 pieces of paper ants, as a way to enhance their teambuilding efforts and to celebrate the district's 100th day of school.



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- Atkinson school students displayed compelling performances through their artistic and musical abilities during the school's multicultural assembly in celebration of Black History Month. Students from a dozen classrooms formed teams and performed skits, read poems, danced, rapped and sang songs for fellow classmates and parents in the audience.
- Students at Columbus Avenue, Dodd Middle School and New Visions participated in several activities to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. These included students joining their hands together as a symbol of Dr. King's message, participating in the New York State Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Student Art and Essay Exhibition, creating a mosaic of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and performing songs and reciting poetry to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. King.

ALTRUISM

- The Bayview school was decked out in the color red on Feb. 14 as staff members and students welcomed members of the Village of Freeport police for the school's annual Adopt-A-Cop Valentines Luncheon Celebration.
- Bayview school students of the PeaceJam Juniors enrichment program received certificates of recognition from Town of Hempstead Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney for their efforts in the Valentines for Veterans program, in which students crafted valentine cards and wrote messages expressing their appreciation for the sacrifices made by the men and women who have served our country.
- New Visions students celebrated acts of kindness by creating love baskets filled with a variety of food items, which were donated to Our Holy Redeemer Parish Outreach for families in need.