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POINTS OF PRIDE

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ACADEMICS

- The high school's junior and senior students were recognized for their hard work and determination throughout the school year during the school's Academic Awards Breakfast. During the celebration, 21 awards and scholarships were distributed to students who demonstrated academic excellence, achievement, community service, leadership and educational growth in a variety of areas, including science, social science, American history and more.
- Nearly 300 students and families of Atkinson, New Visions, Giblyn, Columbus and Bayview Avenue schools participated in a variety of exciting activities for the district's second annual Literacy Night. These activities were based on the works of author Kevin Henkes. He has been the district author for the #freeportreads initiative, which kicked off in January
- Kindergartners at Archer school dressed up as doctors and participated in a teddy bear clinic. The clinic is a free injury prevention program for children that covers safety topics on car and helmet safety. Each student brought a teddy bear for the hands-on portion of the activity where they tended to their stuffed animals by taping up their "injuries."
- Archer school students took a virtual tour of various monuments in the United States using Google Expeditions. This innovative virtual reality program allows teachers to guide their class through collections of 360-degree scenes and three-dimensional objects. Using headsets, students traveled anywhere in the universe and immersed themselves in places they may never get the chance to visit.
- Fifth grade Dual Language students at Atkinson school honored the memory of American professional baseball player Jackie Robinson by participating in many reading and writing activities that reflected his legacy and commended his life, values, and accomplishments.
- Bayview school students rocketed into space travel to explore and experience the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing for its Discovery Day. They participated in astronaut



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training, mission control, lunar landing collection, lunar maker spacer, a virtual reality coloring experience and a planetarium. In addition, they also ventured to the school's auditorium to view a clip of the Apollo 11 spaceflight landing on the moon.

- Trial was in session at Bayview school, as the fourth grade Mock Trial team hosted a dress rehearsal in preparation for its Mock Trial Competition at Suffolk County Community College. Both Bayview's prosecution team and defense team contested against other districts, with the prosecution team winning the trial against North Shore Glen Head's defense team.
- The high school welcomed back Class of 1990 graduate Michael Berhan, an engineering expert at Ford Motor Company, who presented a seminar to students. The discussion focused on his journey through high school to his position with Ford. He also provided insight into the variety of careers in engineering and what students can do at the high school level to be proactive in pursuing a career in this field.
- The high school's journalism and AP English students had the exciting opportunity to witness an interview of American participatory adventure journalist and author Jim Clash. Stacey Severn of StarTalk Radio conducted the interview, which took place in front of students in the school's library. He shared his experiences as a journalist and writing for Forbes Magazine, where he has engaged in the world's most daring exploits. He also encouraged students to never give up on their dreams.
- High school sophomore Mia Sorrentino took third place in the New York State Association for Bilingual Education Student Essay Contest, where she was tasked to write an essay about the importance of being biliterate. She received a medal, a certificate and \$50 gift card at the NYSABE's Awards Luncheon.
- New Visions students paired up with furry buddies for the school's new Pup Reading Partners program. In its first year, reading teacher Mrs. Lori Golbert created the initiative in hopes of building confidence and fluency in readers.
- New York State Senator John Brooks and Legislative Director Francis Palasieski spoke with several ninth grade high school students to discuss their research on the dangers and potential health implications of vaping. With their ideas in mind, Sen. Brooks plans to initiate a bill that he will send to the New York State Legislature to help curb the vaping epidemic that is sweeping the nation. Those who joined the discussion included Brenna Igneri, Jillian Igneri, Sameerah Lawal, Kylie Noboa, Karina Rios and



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Elise Smith, as well as their teachers Dr. George Anagnostopoulos and Mr. Michael Smith.

THE ARTS

- First grade students at Bayview were buzzing on the school stage dressed as dragonflies, bumblebees, butterflies and ladybugs for the school's "BUGZ" musical. Through their melodies and amazing talents, they delivered a wonderful message about the acceptance of others.
- The J.W. Dodd Middle School's step team had the honor of performing at the 2019 New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Awards Ceremony. They were invited to perform after their outstanding performance during the school district's Black History Celebration.
- The high school Human Relations Club won first place in the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights National Speak Truth to Power Video Contest High School Category from over 1,000 entries.
- New Visions was alive with exciting entertainment for the 2019 New Visions Talent Show. The event featured students from kindergarten to fourth grade and offered 26 talented acts of dancing, singing and gymnastics, as well as students playing the piano and violin.

ALTRUISM

- The district community continued to put its mission for peace at the forefront, as teachers, administrators, students and their families marched around Freeport High School for the 10th annual Peace Walk.



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