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## POINTS OF PRIDE

### SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

#### ACADEMICS

- The district welcomed Dr. Rainer Weiss, winner of the 2017 Nobel Prize in physics and professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology to Freeport High School. During his daylong visit, Dr. Weiss presented his discovery of gravitational waves to students, faculty and invited guests, visited science classes, toured the high school research lab and interacted with students throughout the day.
- The district is committed to preparing students for success in college, career and life through the Pathways program at Freeport High School. The program is designed to assist students in learning more about and exploring career options while still in high school to enable them to plan ahead and make informed choices about colleges and career pathways.
- As part of the district's ongoing mission to promote peace and a healthy lifestyle, a new Empowerment Through Mindfulness elective course has been launched at Freeport High School. The course is offered during the fall and spring semesters for students in grades 9-12 and teaches powerful breathing techniques and interactive awareness processes to help reduce and manage stress.
- The district kicked off the 2018-2019 school year by expanding its Chromebook rollout initiative in the J.W. Dodd Middle School and Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School.
- Fifty-two past and present students from the high school earned the designation of Advanced Placement Scholars for excelling on the 2018 AP exams.
- Bayview students learned about fire safety during the annual Hooked on Firefighters event.
- Archer's third-grade students participated in the Nassau County Safe Kids Walk This Way to School pedestrian safety program, where students learned pedestrian safety, safe railroad crossing, bike helmet safety, parking lot safety, safety in and around trucks, and fire/burn safety.
- Dodd's seventh grade research skills classes received a visit from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, where students learned about the movement of water on Earth for their water sustainability module.



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- Freeport High School art classes had the opportunity to videoconference with the Cleveland Museum of Art in the school's library, where students were introduced to artwork of selected cultures in ancient Mesoamerica.
- Bayview hosted the "Deeper Learning: The Neuroscience of Learning Math" symposium, where Nigel Nisbet, vice president of content creation at MIND Research Institute, spoke to Long Island teachers and district administrators on techniques to engage students and enhance the learning experience in mathematics.

## **ATHLETICS**

- The varsity football team were victorious during the 2018 homecoming game against East Meadow.

## **THE ARTS**

- The district hosted its annual Peace Concert, featuring peace-themed musical performances by students at each school.
- High school musicians Gabriel Alvarado, Abigail Brown, Hailey Brown, Trevon Campbell, Leah Hochman, Mayralee Martinez, Alia Nunge, and Sincere Williams were selected to perform as All-State Choral participants in the New York State School Music Association All-State Festival being held Nov. 29-Dec. 2 in Rochester.
- High school students Trentin Chalmers, Abigail Brown, and Mayralee Martinez placed first, second and third, respectively, in the high school's annual Freeport Idol singing competition.
- Fourth-grade dual-language students in Jennifer Skelly's music class at Archer Street performed K'Naan's "Wavin' Flag" at the Coral House to kick off the annual Long Island Toys for Tots drive.

## **ALTRUISM**

- The district hosted its annual Peace Walk to spread the message of harmony and nonviolence throughout the world, beginning at Archer Street School.
- Bayview Avenue School and Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School students lined up to carry boxes filled with donated school supplies into their respective buildings, as part of United Way of Long Island's Stuff-A-Bus campaign.
- New Visions Elementary School's K-4 grade classes gathered around the school's peace pole for the its annual "Heroes Day," which commemorates those who lost their lives 17 years ago on Sept. 11, 2001.



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- The district honored the efforts of Freeport alumni and former NFL New York Jet and Tampa Bay Buccaneer Jerry Mackey by naming him Freeport's Unsung Hero at the September Board of Education meeting.