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POINTS OF PRIDE JANUARY 2017

ACADEMICS

- Freeport High School hosted the annual Nassau County DECA Regional Competition.
- Accompanied by Freeport High School science research teacher Edward Irwin, senior Rajiv Chanda and Dodd seventh-graders Cedenia Henry and Sameerah Lawal discussed the district's ongoing partnership with Brookhaven National Laboratory on the Long Island News Radio 103.9 FM radio broadcast at MacArthur Airport.
- Freeport High School students had the opportunity to observe the democratic process by attending the Electoral College certification in Albany.
- Students and staff at New Visions celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by dressing in black and white and performing a variety of inspirational songs during a special ceremony prior to the national holiday. Fourth-grader Shirley Benavides won the MLK Peace Award, which recognizes a student's exceptional contributions of peace and leadership.
- Educators from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation visited Dodd for lessons about the science of animal forensics. They brought their collection of animal skulls and furs of mammals native to New York State.
- Students in Archer's Science Enrichment morning program continue to learn the fundamentals of engineering and their relationship to science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- Bayview fourth-grader Savannah Dixon won the school's spelling bee, Hannah Islas following in second place. Dixon will represent the school in the Regional Scripps Spelling Bee at Hofstra University on Feb. 5.
- New Visions fourth-grader Kiran Manansingh won the school's spelling bee, with Bryana Quiros and Mustafa Asif placing second and third, respectively. Manansingh will represent the school in the Regional Scripps Spelling Bee at Hofstra University on Feb. 5.
- Students from the Liberty Program at Atkinson created posters demonstrating and emphasizing important health, wellness and hygiene tips.
- The district welcomed Doreen Hantzschel, an educational facilitator from SCOPE



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Education Services, and members of the New York State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, for an informational session about cyberbullying. The workshop provided parents and guardians with information about internet safety and tips to ensure the safety and security of families and children.

- Atkinson students in Raquel Steffa's and Yeraldine Tineo's classes — many of whom are native to countries with warm climates — made snow angels with principals to supplement their reading of snow-themed literature.

ATHLETICS

- Dodd Winter II sports began on Jan. 17.
- The 16th annual cheerleading competition is set to be held on Jan. 28.

THE ARTS

- Freeport High School's Select Chorale performed the national anthem prior to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's State of the State address at SUNY Farmingdale on Jan. 10.
- Fifty-six students in grades 5-12 participated in the Nassau Music Educators Association All-County concerts at the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts.
- The Dodd Drama Club is set to present a 21st Century Community Learning production of "Willie Wonka Jr." at Freeport High School.

ALTRUISM

- Bayview students hosted the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society student series, "Learning to Make Someday Today" campaign kickoff. As part of the event, students watched "You're Never Too Young to Help Others" and then collected change to help support the organization.