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POINTS OF PRIDE

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ACADEMICS

- A special ceremony was held to recognize the Board of Education for their leadership, dedication and commitment to the students and Freeport community at the Board's October meeting.
- At Dodd, as part of one of the English language arts modules, 94 seventh-grade honors research students supplemented their classroom lessons by participating in a videoconference call with New York Times bestselling author Charles Fishman. Fishman is the author of "The Big Thirst," the primary book being used in the class's module about water sustainability.
- The Nassau Region PTA Executive Committee recognized the Atkinson PTA for 50 years of tireless efforts in advocating for Freeport students and the community.
- Archer hosted its annual Pumpkin Patch, which offered every student an opportunity to pick a pumpkin from the school's field and to participate in a scavenger hunt. The day was filled with pumpkin-related activities in all classrooms, including measuring them, coloring them and drawing them.
- Bayview hosted "No Bully Zone," an interactive character education assembly program hosted by guest speaker Cris Johnson. The event was held in observance of National Bullying Prevention Month and taught students about the importance of empathizing with their peers.
- Atkinson celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with an assembly featuring the entire school community.
- To help kick off the 2016 Pick a Reading Partner program sponsored by the school's PTA, children's author Daryl Cobb visited Giblyn and delivered an inspirational presentation about his journey from being a musician in Nashville to becoming a published author. His visit was designed to connect with students' life experiences to further engage them in reading and writing.
- More than 70 parents attended the first New Visions Parent University of the school year, during which they learned about successful ways to support students academically, socially and emotionally through various workshops.
- Students at Columbus learned the essentials of fire safety during a visit from the Freeport



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Fire Department.

- Columbus celebrated fall-themed elements such as the colors of autumn and seasonal fruits and vegetables with a variety of activities, including pumpkin carving, coloring and painting. In addition, award-winning children's musicians Beth & Scott and Friends performed fun and informative symphonies for students in an interactive forum. The performances were aligned with the school's ongoing character education and "The Golden Rule."
- As a supplement to their curriculum with Operation Splash, second-graders at Giblyn participated in a long-term science experiment that taught them that pumpkins can be used for more than just decorating. They carved the pumpkins and created mock landfills inside of them. Each class filled the pumpkins with trash such as plastic, food and aluminum and made predictions about which items would decompose prior to burying them in the ground. On Earth Day in April, the classes will dig up the pumpkins to confirm their predictions.
- Second-graders at Giblyn culminated the end of their narrative writing unit with a shared class reading. Over the past 10 weeks, the students worked through the writing process by revising, editing and adding craft moves to their small moment stories. Each student brought an original piece of writing to share in a group and enjoyed receiving feedback from their peers.

ATHLETICS

- The varsity football team advanced to the Nassau County Finals, which will be held at Hofstra University on Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.
- Freeport High School seniors Anthony Salinas-Hernandez and Johnny Palma were selected to participate in the Long Island Senior Boys Soccer All-Star game on Nov. 19 at the Diamond in the Pines Park in Coram.
- Freeport High School sophomore Shannon Welcome placed first in the 200-freestyle event at the Nassau County Swimming Finals on Nov. 5 at the Nassau County Aquatic Center.
- Atkinson hosted its fifth-grade Sports Night, where students and families participated in friendly competition with each other and district staff members, and reinforced the theme of "hard work achieves greatness."

THE ARTS

- Seventy-seven students across the district were named All-County musicians.



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- Freeport High School hosted its fourth annual “Freeport Idol” singing competition, which raised \$700 for the ninth-grade select chorus. The popular event, based on the national reality series “American Idol,” featured three guest judges: former Freeport Board of Education President and Freeport Village Trustee Debra Mulé; Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir Assistant Director and administrator Brandon Camphor; and Brooklyn-based R&B and gospel recording artist Taneka Samone. The winners of the competition were Sincere Williams (first place), Myles Carter (second place), and Michael Desir and Makayla Willocks (third place), who performed a duet. Williams, Carter, and Desir and Willocks won \$150, \$50 and \$25, respectively.

ALTRUISM

- During the October Board of Education meeting, the Unsung Hero award was presented to Roberto Delgado, owner of El Balcon Contractors, who was recognized for his dedication and commitment to the students and for his generosity to the school district. Delgado donated numerous hours and approximately \$10,000 in labor to install fencing and build dugouts for the Cleveland Avenue field.
- Dodd raised \$1,200 to spread awareness about breast cancer and to display solidarity in the fight against it, and participated in a five-mile breast cancer walk at Jones Beach.