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POINTS OF PRIDE

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ACADEMICS

- Eighth-grade technology classes at Dodd completed their dragster projects aligned with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics), which included the use of design, problem-solving and computer skills, in addition to the manipulation of art media and the application of science and math concepts.
- Students in the Industrial Arts and Shop class at Dodd are learning how to solve problems by applying mathematical and scientific concepts to design a children's toy that can spin for one minute.
- Students at Dodd learned about the Underground Railroad on Long Island during a presentation by SUNY Old Westbury School of Education professor Dr. Kathleen Velsor. The presentation tied in to the district's observance of Black History Month.
- For the first time, Dodd students competed in the Science Olympiad Invitational against 41 schools across Long Island, and returned with four medals. The team will be competing in the regional competition on March 5.
- Freeport High School hosted its annual robotics competition, featuring teams throughout the district competing with teams from schools across Long Island.
- Freeport High School is set to host its annual districtwide Black History Program on Feb. 25.
- Freeport High School hosted its annual American Mathematics Competition.
- Students from Freeport High School participated in the Nassau Mathematics Tournament at SUNY Old Westbury.
- Bayview students participated in the school's Spirit Day and Family Book Club, designed to encourage teamwork and reinforce the importance of reading, by dressing as their favorite storybook characters. Students also performed "The Day the Crayons Came Home" as part of the event.
- Bayview hosted an Adopt-A-Cop Valentine's Luncheon to honor local police officers and to teach students about the importance of respecting law enforcement and thanking them for all they do to keep the community safe.
- Atkinson hosted a multicultural assembly to teach students about other cultures and the importance of appreciating their differences.



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- Columbus Avenue hosted a 100-day celebration to commemorate students' first 100 days of school.
- Archer Street third- and fourth-graders celebrated the 2016 Chinese New Year with a festive parade and Chinese-style lunch. The students displayed monkey-themed artwork they had created, which their younger peers in grades K-2 observed.
- Archer Street hosted a variety of activities designed to encourage camaraderie and collaboration among peers during its Team Building Spirit Day.
- Fourth-graders at Giblyn supplemented their studies of Native American history and lifestyle by participating in the moving museum educational program Journeys into American Indian Territory, which featured several activities for students, including arts and crafts, song and dance, games and interactive discussions.
- Kindergartners at Giblyn learned that there cannot be Q without U by dressing as queens and quarterbacks as part of the school's "Q and U Marriage Ceremony."
- Staff members who have worked in the district for 20 years were honored with plaques by the district's central administration and Board of Education.
- The district hosted an Educational Advocacy Legislative Forum at Dodd in order to discuss prominent issues and topics of interest to the community with their elected representatives in Albany. The forum, coordinated by the Freeport PTA Council and moderated by Council President Robyn Workman, featured New York State Sen. Michael Venditto and State Assemblyman Brian Curran speaking directly with members of the Board of Education, administrators, staff members, students and community residents on various educational and state-of-the-district topics.
- Fourth-graders at New Visions learned about the maritime cultural traditions of Long Island as part of a program hosted by the Long Island Traditions organization. Each class received a visit from a bayman and an ocean fisherman, both of whom spoke about their lives on the water and their experiences.
- The top four spellers from each fourth-grade class at New Visions participated in the school's annual spelling bee. The school winners were Sanaiyah Richardson (third place), Paige McCullough (second place) and Naomi Belgrave (first place). Belgrave received a one-year online subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica and will represent the school in the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee at Hofstra University on March 13.

ATHLETICS

- Freeport High School's marching band and color guard opened a basketball game at Hofstra University.



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- Freeport High School hosted its 15th annual cheerleading competition.
- Bayview hosted its annual gymnastics exhibition.

THE ARTS

- The Dodd Drama Club presented its remarkable rendition of “The Lion King Jr.” under the leadership of producer and director Robyn Workman and music director Kathleen Alvarez. Students from Archer, Atkinson, Bayview, Columbus, Giblyn and New Visions were treated to a special preview prior to the complete performance for all district students and their families.
- In celebration of Black History Month, Dodd students were treated to an inspiring drum performance by African percussion ensemble Sewa Folee.

ALTRUISM

- All 163 kindergartners at Columbus Avenue created Valentine’s Day cards to send to local veterans. The cards were picked up by Vicki Johnson on behalf of Assemblyman Brian Curran’s office and distributed.
- Students at Atkinson are raising funds by selling popcorn to support St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.
- Archer Street hosted its annual Act of Kindness Day, encouraging students to perform good deeds to benefit another person.
- Freeport High School hosted a blood drive.