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## POINTS OF PRIDE March 2016

### ACADEMICS

- All three Atkinson teams that participated in the annual Odyssey of the Mind competition placed second, with the sixth-grade team qualifying to compete at the state tournament on April 2 at Binghamton University.
- Dodd hosted its Early College Awareness Week, designed to give students a head start on thinking about what colleges they would like to apply to and attend in the future, and what majors interest them most.
- Dodd hosted its National Junior Honor Society inductions on March 3.
- Archer, Giblyn and New Visions hosted Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss Day by participating in a variety of literary activities with books by the iconic children's author. The day was designed to promote the importance of reading.
- New Visions hosted its Scholastic Book Fair on March 16-18.
- New Visions students celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> day of school by reflecting upon their academic achievements during the first 100 days of the school year and putting 100 wishes for the future into a wishing well.
- Students at Atkinson completed a Jackie Robinson study unit that included reading "Promises to Keep" and researching prominent black figures who broke barriers to fight for equality and civil rights.
- A variety of guest speakers visited students at Archer Street as part of the school's Career Day. Individuals and groups representing numerous fields, including pediatrics, graphic design, law enforcement, personal training, animal care, banking and engineering, spoke to the students about their respective careers and the education and training required to be successful in them.
- As part of its observance of National Nutrition Month, Giblyn transformed its gymnasium into an imaginative world where students were required to display teamwork, unity, cooperation, preparation and their knowledge of nutrition to reach certain goals.
- Seniors at the high school participated in a "Choices and Consequences" assembly designed to teach students about the risks associated with drunken, drugged and reckless driving.



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- In honor of Women's History Month, 30 Freeport High School girls attended the "Salute to Women" program at the Cradle of Aviation museum in March. The event, which honors women in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, featured a panel of extraordinary individuals.
- Eighth-graders in a technology class at Dodd took part in a real-life engineering simulation, as they were tasked with displaying their problem-solving, creativity and collaboration skills. In small groups, students were required to design and build a structure that could support the weight of a textbook for at least 10 seconds.

## **ATHLETICS**

- Bayview hosted Sports Night for first- and second-grade students on March 1.
- Under the direction of physical education teacher Patricia Pohmer, students at Archer learned about the benefits of physical activity and the importance of precautionary planning in a Safety Town event set up in the gymnasium. They participated in a variety of activities at specialized stations, including basketball, bowling and hopscotch.

## **THE ARTS**

- The district hosted its Elementary Art Exhibit and Reception at the Freeport Memorial Library on March 8.
- Freeport High School hosted its Youth Art Month Exhibit and Reception, titled "Gallery Without Walls," on March 10.
- Freeport High School senior Christopher Fludd won the choral category for the Azusa Pacific University/J.W. Pepper High School Composition Contest with his composition "Alius est Caelum."
- The Freeport High School Select Chorale performed to standing ovations at Westminster Choir College.
- Atkinson student Ryan Retzlaff has been nominated and accepted into the Junior Young Leaders Conference, to be held in Washington, D.C., on July 30-Aug.4.
- Bayview student Ashley Retzlaff has been nominated by the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra Treble Choir director to perform with the Elementary Children's Honor Choir at the NYSSMA summer conference in Albany on Aug. 15 and 16.

## **ALTRUISM**

- Bayview hosted its Island Harvest/Coin Harvest and St. Jude Math-A-Thon kickoff assemblies on March 18.