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POINTS OF PRIDE February 2015

ACADEMICS

- The district hosted its first robotics competition at the high school, welcoming 30 teams from 20 schools and organizations for the largest VEX tournament on Long Island. Five teams represented Freeport: three Red Devils Robotics teams from the high school and one each from Dodd and Atkinson.
- Students and staff at Archer participated in a variety of team-building activities as part of Team Building Day.
- Capital One representatives visited Archer and presented a four-week program about commerce to third-graders.
- Based upon recommendation by the State Education Department, educators from Syracuse University visited dual-language classes at Columbus for its exemplary program.
- Fifth-grader Erick Aguilera-Morales won Atkinson's spelling bee and represented the school in the Scripps Regional Bee at Hofstra University.
- The district's 20-year veterans were honored for their continued service and commitment during the February Board of Education meeting.
- New Visions library media specialist Mimi Bino was recognized as the school's February Employee of the Month for showcasing "effective use of data and technology to transform education," and was presented with a plaque and certificate.

ATHLETICS

- Atkinson's All-Star basketball game was held at Dodd.

THE ARTS

- The district hosted its annual Black History Month celebration at the high school, with students from each school showcasing their musical and artistic talents.
- Nina Moran of the Long Island Arts in Education program led comprehensive lessons related to Eric Hill's book "Spot Goes to the Farm" for Columbus kindergartners, who worked on singing, dancing, coloring, cutting and vocabulary.
- Dodd's Drama Club performed "A Chorus Line" at the high school.



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- Giblyn students' artwork was on display throughout the month at the Long Island Children's Museum.
- In observance of the Chinese New Year, kindergartners and fourth-graders at Giblyn worked together to learn how to use chopsticks before enjoying vegetable lo mein.
- Under the direction of art teachers Emily Hertzberg and Eleanore Barry, Atkinson fifth- and sixth-graders volunteered to decorate Valentine's Day cards for war veterans, in which they wrote messages of support and thanks.
- As part of their visit to the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, Bayview first-graders participated in a music video for Give Kids a Smile, a dental hygiene education event. Archer second-graders attended the event as well.
- Archer celebrated Kindness Day and honored students and staff who displayed such acts with certificates and gifts.
- Archer students celebrated the Chinese New Year by creating masks and other colorful crafts that they displayed during the school's Lunar Day Parade.

ALTRUISM

- Members of the high school's student government volunteered as group leaders for Give Kids a Smile, a dental hygiene education event held at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City.
- Kindergartners at Columbus celebrated their 100th day of school by displaying classroom posters, creating colorful paper hats and participating in singalongs related to the number 100. They also donated canned goods to the Long Island Cares food pantry in Freeport.