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POINTS OF PRIDE

June 2015

ACADEMICS

- The most senior grade levels at each school celebrated the school year with graduations and moving up ceremonies.
- Eighth-graders were recognized for their scholastic success at J.W. Dodd Middle School's Academic Awards. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kishore Kuncham and Principal Johane Ligondé were keynote speakers for the evening.
- In a special ceremony, Freeport High School students were inducted into the Business Honor Society for their remarkable work throughout the school year, and the newest officers for the Distributive Educational Clubs of America (DECA) club were appointed.
- Bayview Avenue hosted its annual math and spelling bees for second-, third- and fourth-graders.
- Freeport High School's top 10 students of the Class of 2015 will visit Bayview to speak to students about working hard and their experiences.
- Archer Street hosted author Brittany Georgalas for a reading of her book, "Feleap the Frog and the Great Big Circus Adventure." The story teaches students to follow their dreams.
- Archer Street fourth-graders visited the Nassau BOCES Outdoor Environmental Facilities in Brookville and participated in "Project Adventure." The students engaged in team-building activities, including rope climbing, cooperative games and problem-solving.
- New Visions fourth-graders embodied their favorite Greek mythological characters when they dressed in character and performed for their peers on Greek Mythology Day. Library Media Specialist Mimi Bino used technology made possible through the Learning Through Technology Grant to enhance the lessons.
- Freeport High School hosted its annual Scholarship and Honors Awards Night.

ATHLETICS

- Freeport High School alumnus Morlon Greenwood, who played in the NFL with the Miami Dolphins, Houston Texans and Oakland Raiders, visited the district to speak to high school and Caroline G. Atkinson students about his journey. Greenwood provided



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words of inspiration and motivated students to continue working hard, and also encouraged all students and families to attend the first Morlon Greenwood Foundation Football Camp on July 10.

- Students at Columbus Avenue participated in activities such as potato sack racing during the school's annual field day, which allowed students to continue developing their motor skills and coordination.
- New Visions third- and fourth-grade girls participated in a 5K run at Hofstra University with other girls across Long Island. The event was the culmination of "Girls on the Run," an after-school program that uses the power of running to prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.
- Freeport High School hosted its annual Sports Awards Night.

THE ARTS

- The J.W. Dodd concert band, concert orchestra, select chorale and vocal tapestry attended the Trills and Thrills Festival at Six Flags Great Adventure. All four ensembles received a superior rating.
- The Freeport High School symphonic band and Sinfonietta performed in the Hershey Park Festival, and both groups received superior ratings. Tim Warner's and Monique Retzlaff's chorus groups also received superior ratings.
- The J.W. Dodd wind ensemble and chamber orchestra performed at the Long Island Music Festival at Adventureland. Both group received superior ratings.
- Archer Street hosted its annual Music and Dance Festival, with Disney theme music presented by third- and fourth-grade students. Highlights included performances by Mr. Friedman's mariachi band, the fourth-grade string ensemble, the Archer Step and Dance Troupe, and Mrs. Lein's ballroom dancers.
- Bayview hosted its annual Spring Festival of the Arts, showcasing students' artwork and musical talents.
- Scott and Beth Bierko presented their "Singable Stories from Around the World" program to Columbus and Archer students. The Bierkos wrote the songs included in the program, which was based on folk tales, legends and popular stories from different countries.
- Freeport High School hosted its annual Music Awards Night.

ALTRUISM



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- Freeport High School alumnus and U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Samuel Rodriguez presented the high school with a framed American flag, which was flown over Afghanistan during his service. Following this presentation, Columbus students performed a song about all they had learned throughout the year.
- A Memorial Day parade was held at Freeport High School and featured students, families and community members marching in remembrance of the nation's fallen heroes.