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## POINTS OF PRIDE

### March 2015

#### ACADEMICS

- Atkinson sixth-graders, Atkinson fifth-graders and the Dodd team placed first, second and third, respectively, in the New York State Odyssey of the Mind competition of the Nassau County region. The sixth-graders are headed to the state level.
- Board of Education trustee Ronald Ellerbe was named the New York State School Boards Association Advocate of the Year for his longstanding dedication to public education and his tireless efforts on behalf of students.
- Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Dr. Mary Bediako was presented with a Lifetime Attributes for Developing Youth (LADY) award.
- Archer hosted Career Day and welcomed a wide array of individuals with many different occupations to speak to students.
- Each elementary school celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with a variety of reading-related activities that paid homage to the iconic children's author.
- Bayview's Magnet Open House featured an interactive science fair, health expo, exhibit night and student ambassadors offering guided tours to prospective parents.
- Students at Giblyn were introduced to Enviroman, a conceptual superhero who taught them about the importance of keeping their school and community environmentally sound.
- Giblyn students participated in Youth Empowerment Seminars, incorporating yoga to help manage stress levels.
- Dodd hosted Early College Awareness Day.
- Dodd held its National Junior Honor Society inductions.
- Red Devils Robotics participated at the state level.

#### ATHLETICS

- New York Jets offensive tackle D'Brickashaw Ferguson, a Freeport alumnus, visited each elementary school in the district to read his book "Brick's Way to Go Green" in honor of Read Across America Day.
- Bayview hosted Sports Night for different grade levels.



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## **THE ARTS**

- The high school theater department's rendition of "Beauty and the Beast" is being showcased on March 27 and 28.
- Students across the district had their paintings, drawings and sculptures on display at the high school for Youth Art Month.
- The high school's select chorale group performed at Westminster Choir College and sang the national anthem at the Barclays Center before a Brooklyn Nets basketball game.

## **ALTRUISM**

- During D'Brickashaw Ferguson's visit, hundreds of copies of his book were donated to each elementary school.