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POINTS OF PRIDE

May 2015

ACADEMICS

- The Freeport Educational Foundation raised more than \$35,000 at a gala with more than 350 attendees. The funds will be utilized to provide innovative educational opportunities to students attending the Freeport Public Schools.
- Dodd student Patricia Guerrero placed first in the design division of the Metric 500 Dragster Race.
- Freeport High School hosted the 11th annual Science Awards Ceremony on May 14. Students who excelled in science throughout the school year were honored, and students were also inducted to the state Science Honor Society. Winners of the Science and Engineering Fair were announced and awarded — Mohdshobair Hussaini (first place), Luis Cardona (second place) and James Hastings (third place) — and the high school's Robotics Club was recognized.
- Archer fourth-graders visited the Cradle of Aviation Museum to participate in the Discovery Day program, which included a series of workshops and activities designed to develop students' appreciation for aeronautics, space and astronomy.
- Freeport High School's annual Academic Awards were held on May 21.
- Freeport High School's Math Honor Society inductions were held on May 26.
- As part of their observation of Earth Day, third-graders at Bayview completed artistic projects using natural resources.
- Freeport High School's National Honor Society Senior Recognition ceremony will be held on May 28.
- Students at Dodd recognized their mentors during an end-of-year celebration and culmination of the school's mentorship program. The program, in its sixth year, gives teachers the opportunity to support select students throughout the school year. Forty-three teachers participated in the program, mentoring 80 students throughout the year. Anthony Green was named Mentor of the Year for mentoring 20 students.
- As part of Atkinson's Cinco de Mayo celebration, parents and families of district students were treated to a special visit and cooking demonstration by Chef Robert Dell-Amore, CEO of the Power of Food Productions. Dr. Dell-Amore led a seminar designed to teach attendees how to make healthy dietary choices.



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ATHLETICS

- On May 22, Freeport High School seniors and faculty members played basketball against each other.
- Freeport High School celebrated the grand opening of its spin room with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 21.
- Life Skills students in the district are participating in HorseAbility, a therapeutic horse-riding program designed to support academics and life skills-related activities outside the classroom. The program promotes the physical, psychological, emotional, social and spiritual well-being of students.
- Archer third- and fourth-grade students and their families participated in the school's second annual Zumba Night, designed to encourage physical activity and healthy lifestyles while developing motor skills, directionality and visual differentiation.

THE ARTS

- Bayview students Ryan Retzlaff and Ashley Retzlaff participated in their first NYSSMA competitions, and both received "Outstanding" ratings for their performances on the saxophone and violin, respectively. Ryan has been asked to audition for the Nassau Suffolk Youth Band, and Ashley has been asked to audition for the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra treble choir.
- Atkinson, Dodd and Freeport High School musical groups performed at their respective spring concerts.
- As part of the district's celebration of Music in Our Schools Month, third-grade students at Archer participated in Practice-A-Thon, during which they practiced their recorders while raising funds for Long Island Cares, The Harry Chapin Food Bank.
- Archer fourth-graders visited the Manhattan School of Music through videoconferencing for a lesson about music throughout the world.

ALTRUISM

- More than 1,000 members of the Freeport school district and community joined together to promote peace and wellness across the community and throughout the world during the sixth annual Peace March and Health and Wellness Fair.
- The Giblyn community helped raise awareness for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and offered their support for patients by welcoming the ALS Ride for Life group. Students displayed banners of encouragement for the riders, who stopped at the school on



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- their way from the Hamptons to Manhattan.
- Freeport High School will host its annual Dollars for Scholars event on May 28.