



Freeport PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Pride*



Homecoming Memories

Homecoming 2022 provided lasting memories for students and community residents as they gathered to celebrate school spirit and community pride and to cheer on the home team.

Fans cheered as the Freeport High School marching band led the parade along the high school track prior to the start of the game. Everyone continued to show their school spirit during the game and the entertaining halftime performances. The high school's marching band, color guard, cheerleaders and dance group did an outstanding job.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kishore Kuncham and Board of Education President Maria Jordan-Awalom were joined by Board of Education trustees, administrators, students, staff, families, alumni and community elected officials for this year's spectacular homecoming celebration.

The Red Devils played an exhilarating game that ended with a win over the Syosset Braves 22-21. Homecoming 2022 was a spectacular event from start to finish and another fond memory for all who participated.



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A Message From

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kishore Kuncham

Dear Freeport Families,

Our school year got off to a smooth start. It was a pleasure to see the joy on the faces of our students and staff as we returned to our most normal school year since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Although the restrictions have been



removed, we still continue to follow our health and safety protocols. The year has been busy with learning, activities and accomplishments. Our students are already earning well-deserved accolades for their inspiring academic, arts and athletic performances. We are the Changemakers who have transcended our challenges.

We are very excited about the academic programs and supports we have in place to provide our students with the best opportunities to thrive and reach their full potential while we continue to address the schooling loss caused by COVID-19. We are in the second year of federal funding which has allowed us to not only expand and enhance our summer program, but to expand and enhance elementary and secondary Academic Intervention Services (AIS), along with before- and after-school enrichment and intervention supports. This includes expansion of our Social-Emotional Learning programs and mental health supports, increased Academic Intervention Services in reading and mathematics during the school day, after-school programs including AIS and enrichment, a Saturday Academy for grades K-6 and mentoring programs in Freeport High School and Dodd Middle School. Soon we will begin the 21st Century grant program providing after-school tutoring and enrichment, and work with prestigious learning partners for our Atkinson, Dodd and Freeport High School students.

The wellness and safety of our students and their families remains our highest priority. In addition to academics, our focus on the whole child continues, and we offer our students many support services for their physical and mental well-being. Despite the shift back to normalcy following the COVID-19 pandemic, the aftermath of stress and trauma remain for many. Our Pupil Personnel Services have expanded in both staffing and work hours. We offer both in-school and out-of-school opportunities for our students to address these needs.

We have many exciting activities planned for this year, including parent universities, concerts, sports activities and more. Please make sure you attend either virtually or in person. Your involvement in your child's education is key to success. Together as a team, we will make this a wonderful school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kishore Kuncham
Superintendent of Schools

Thank You, BOARD OF EDUCATION

During a Board of Education meeting at Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kishore Kuncham, administrators, staff, PTA Council and PTAs, union presidents, students and community residents expressed their appreciation to the Board of Education in celebration of New York State School Boards Association School Board Recognition Week.

"We publicly honor our Board trustees and express our gratitude for the crucial role our Board of Education plays within our district, on the Long Island level, the state level and the national level," Dr. Kuncham said. "You work as volunteers and every action you take has always been based on what is best for our students, and your service ensures that decisions are made by those who are most familiar with the needs of our community."

Leo F. Giblyn
Elementary School

fourth grade students Eric Robinson and Sophia Brenes thanked the Board of Education for making Freeport Schools an amazing district. Each Board trustee received a plaque stating the Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School Superstars morning mantra. First grade students performed the exciting song "Join the Celebración" from their Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.

"Thank you for the wonderful recognitions this evening," said Ms. Maria Jordan-Awalom, Board of Education president. "It is our goal to make sure everything we do has a positive impact on our students, and we could not do that without your support."



Announcing Freeport High School Class of 2023 Top Ten

There was a sense of excitement in the air as Freeport High School Principal Gisselle Campbell-Ham made the surprise announcement and introduced the Class of 2023 Top Ten seniors during morning announcements. These students achieved the highest cumulative grade point averages in their senior class.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 Top Ten students: valedictorian Aidian Sasenarine, salutatorian Kenly Moran, Jayden Easy (3), Kimberly Rosa (4), Vanessa Marroquin (5), June Cumento (6), Chinwe Okike (7), Isabella Menjiva (8), Ryan Retzlaff (9) and Jeffrey Hernandez (10).

High School Principal Gisselle

Campbell-Ham shared her congratulations. "These students have worked incredibly hard to reach this academic milestone and have made the most of the many education opportunities at Freeport High School," she said.

"We are extremely proud of the outstanding academic achievements of our Class of 2023 Top Ten students," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kishore Kuncham said. "Through hard work and dedication, they have risen above the challenges of the pandemic that impacted their early high school years. They are truly role models and changemakers for the future."



Freeport High School Class of 2023 Top Ten: (Front row left to right): Valedictorian Aidian Sasenarine, Salutatorian Kenly Moran, Jayden Easy (3), Kimberly Rosa (4), Vanessa Marroquin (5), Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kishore Kuncham. (Back row left to right): High School Principal Gisselle Campbell-Ham, Jeffrey Hernandez (10), Ryan Retzlaff (9), Isabelle Menjivar (8), Chinwe Okike (7) and June Cumento (6).

Making Math More Meaningful

The math curriculum districtwide is being enhanced to engage students in meaningful lessons that reinforce math concepts and demonstrate the importance of math literacy in everyday life. Programs are also offered designed to increase family engagement that bring math lessons to life through various activities.

At Archer Street School, Bayview Avenue School, Leo F. Giblyn School and New Visions School, Math and Movement Family Fun Nights brought students and families together engaged in activities designed to reinforce the math curriculum. Parents and students moved from station to station engaging in high-energy kinesthetic activities. Students used fun floor mats and wall charts to build upon their math and reading skills through movement.



Archer Street School



Bayview Avenue School



Leo F. Giblyn School



New Visions School

Engineers Teaching Algebra is a new approach to teaching algebra to eighth grade students. ETA is a one-lesson-plus engineering challenge where the pace and emphasis adapts to a range of skills as students work on various challenges. The objective is to demonstrate the everyday value of algebra to provide a fun and engaging window into engineering and to encourage the pursuit of math and science studies.



Freeport High School students in Advanced Placement Statistics class were engaged in an activity that distinguished between explanatory and response variables for quantitative data. Using a model of a human figure, students simulated a bungee jump and predicted how many rubber bands it would take for the model not to hit the ground when dropped from a given height. The number of rubber bands was the explanatory variable and the number how far the model fell was the response variable. Students first simulated the trial on several short drops then used the data to predict the number of rubber bands needed for a longer drop.



PLANNING FOR SUCCESS at College Fair

Freeport High School gymnasium was filled with students and their families attending the Bound for College Fair and workshops. Representatives from more than 80 colleges, universities, technical schools, and branches of the military participated. The college fair was designed to give students the opportunity to personally meet with college representatives, and to gather valuable information regarding the college application process, financial aid opportunities and the requirements for NCAA athletic scholarships.

As part of the college fair, students and their families also attended several workshops that focused on: Preparing for the College Process; NCAA and Athletic Scholarship Workshop; and Financial Aid – How to Save for College.

“It was wonderful to see so many students and their families attending this year’s college fair,” said Director of Guidance Emma Perdomo. “This is a great opportunity for our students to focus on their college and career goals and how to successfully apply to colleges that will provide the education they need to achieve their goals.”



Peace Walk Promotes Unity and Peace

The district’s eighth annual Peace Walk brought Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kishore Kuncham, Board of Education President Maria Jordan-Awalom and Board trustees, administrators, students, staff, families, Assemblywoman Judy Griffin and Senator Kevin Thomas together in honor of International Day of Peace and International Day of Non-Violence. The focus of the peace walk was to raise awareness and to spread peace and joy in the community and beyond.

“Peace is not something you can create on your own,” Dr. Kuncham said. “You must actively work to create a more peaceful world by thinking peace and promoting peace in all that you do. If you replace the word war with joy, and hate with love, and anger with peace, peace will prevail within us and within our communities.”

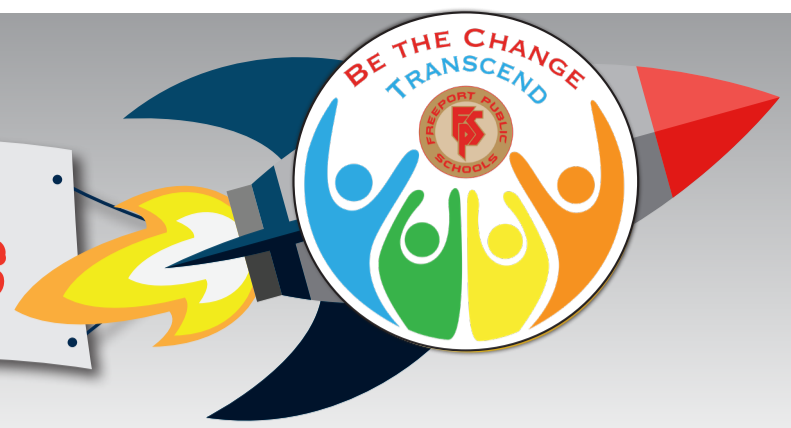
Prior to the start of the walk, the Bayview Avenue Stars, a select chorus group, performed “We Are the

World,” while the hundreds in attendance responded with a thunderous round of applause.

Board of Education President Maria Jordan-Awalom thanked everyone for participating, saying, “Thank you all for gathering here today to promote peace in our community. It is important for us to come together so we can show everyone that we stand for peace and hope for peace everywhere.”



News Inside Our Schools



Annual Peace Concert Inspires Unity and Joy

The message of peace, unity and joy prevailed during the annual districtwide Peace Concert and Art Exhibit held in the Freeport High School Performing Arts Center. The event celebrated International Day of Peace and International Day of Non-Violence, which is on the anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi.

Board of Education trustees, administrators, staff and community residents applauded as students from each school delivered musical performances focused on

spreading peace. Outside the Performing Arts Center was a stunning artwork exhibit created by students from all grade levels depicting images of peace, love, serenity and harmony.

“I am delighted and inspired as I see all of you here who have come to celebrate the International Day of Peace and the [International Day of] Non-Violence,” Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kuncham said. “We live in a time when instead of accord, there may be divisiveness,

and it is up to us to promote acceptance, kindness and harmony. We must continue to embrace and value our diversity and work towards unity. Dr. Kuncham continued, “Freeport Public Schools has a long history of bringing awareness of the importance of peace every day, focusing on diversity, equity and inclusion in our schools and communities. We have embraced the theme of Be the Change and together we will work to bring harmony in our community, to our world, and transcend to peace.”



Columbus Avenue School and Bayview Avenue School



Archer Street School



J.W. Dodd Middle School



Freeport High School sinfonietta



Districtwide art exhibit

Students Celebrate Hispanic Heritage

The district celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with events and lessons that honored the lives of notable Hispanic individuals and the rich cultures of those in Hispanic countries and regions.

At Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School, students learned about Mexican folk art and created brightly colored mandalas with patterns and textures in the style of the traditional folk art. Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School students hosted a Hispanic Heritage assembly

where students performed “La Bamba” by Ritchie Valens using bucket drums, danced the traditional Mexican dance Jarabe Tapatío and hosted a Guess Who? game where the audience used clues to guess the identity of Hispanic individuals, including Gloria Estefan, Lin Manuel-Miranda and Sonia Sotomayor.

Freeport High School students welcomed young, Hispanic American professional speakers to the Performing Arts Center. New York City Council Member Shaun

Abreu, Turner Construction Project Executive Jason Tavarez and owner/creator of Illicit Curls Veronica Diaz spoke to students about growing up as a Hispanic American and how their culture helped them succeed in their lives and careers. The program closed with student Eleazar Sanchez Lopez reciting an original poem, “Where I’m From,” and a presentation from Spanish teacher Clareth Richardson.



Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School art students



Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School bucket drummers



New Visions School.

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