



BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL

2013 FALL NEWSLETTER

Out on the BIG TOWN

This fall offered not one but four opportunities for middle and high school students to experience the Big Apple and some of its world-class cultural and educational opportunities.

On Friday, October 11, twenty high school students and faculty from Robin Gianis' art classes and Judiann Carmack-Fayyaz's photography and environmental design classes toured exhibits at The Museum of Modern Art, including a retrospective of surrealist artist Renee Magritte and an examination of film sets designed by renowned production designer Dante Ferretti. Participating in a MoMA-led workshop, students chose one of Ferret-

ti's sets for such films as *Hugo* and were given the challenging task of changing the tone of the movie by manipulating color, materials, time or space. They rounded out their day with lunch at Whole Foods and a walk through Central Park, analyzing the sprawling city landmark from a designer's perspective.

The very next day, over a dozen middle and high school students spent the Saturday of Columbus Day weekend at the American Museum of National History, thanks to The Hampton Library, sponsors of the trip, which provided bus transportation, snacks and a Ray's Pizza lunch in a different corner of Central Park. Many of the students experienced the museum for the first time, tak-



Below a herd of African elephants at the American Museum of Natural History

ing in, along with the famed mammal dioramas, dinosaur fossils and ceiling-suspended, life-sized model of a blue whale, the Hayden Planetarium Space Show *Journey to the Stars*, an Imax film on the trials facing King Penguins on an island near Antarctica, and entrance into a butterfly-filled conservatory, one of the museum's most popular annual seasonal exhibitions.

On October 24, students grades 6 through 8 traveled by bus and ferry to Liberty Island in New York Harbor to visit the Statue of Liberty National Monument. Interior exhibitions detailed the history of the colossal neo-classical sculpture, The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World, which began as a gift of friendship from the people of France to the United States and quickly became a universal symbol of freedom and democracy. Several groups braved bracing winds and daunting staircases to reach the top of the pedestal, where the view of the grounds be-



Young Lady Liberties Caliegh Hochstedler and Paige Hoyt

low, New York City and the harbor were delightful for all and dizzying for some. On the return from Lady Liberty, students and chaperones walked from Battery Park to view and pay their respects to the 9/11 Memorial and its pair of awe-inspiring, movingly engraved fountains.



Students rock out in Central Park - photo by Cecilia Calieca

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From the Desk of the Superintendent/Principal

DR. LOIS R. FAVRE

We are off to a terrific start for the 2013-2014 school year. The students and staff are breaking me in as their new Superintendent/Principal, and I can tell you that it is an absolute delight to serve this school community daily. Teachers have been working tirelessly to continue to assure movement toward the rigor of the Common Core, while simultaneously supporting our learners through those shifts. They are attending workshops both in and out of district and meeting in teaching teams across content areas to develop their own understandings and to enhance their lesson delivery.



We continue to enhance safety. We have re-routed student foot traffic to assure that our students move about the campus safely, and we have assured that there is just one access point, the front door, during school hours. Soon you will need to be buzzed in through the front door vestibule, as recommended by safety experts following the Sandy Hook tragedy last year.

High School students have embarked on a Virtual Enterprise adventure with the creation of a virtual business. They are de-

veloping a business plan, networking with other Virtual Enterprise schools and gaining strong 21st century skills in this course, facilitated by Dr. McDermott, which relies on self-directed learning, communication skills and decision-making. Throughout the fall students have represented us well on shared sports teams, while assuring their eligibility by staying on track with their studies. Secondary students have elected their Compassion in Action (student government) team who are taking the lead in activities for our youth.

Elementary students amaze me daily as I literally watch them grow! Their improvement in reading and writing during the first quarter has been amazing, and they are getting to know me very well, as I try to visit classrooms often, and stop in during breakfast and lunch to see how they are doing. I make sure to carry my Positive Behavior tickets to catch them being good! Fluency in both math and reading is a major focus for the elementary teams, as well as our shift in programming for the 2-2:45 PM class that enhances math and reading skills, providing many extra weeks of direct instruction, and using computers and

lively programming to entice our learners.

Middle School students are enjoying some new shifts in technology instruction, focusing on engineering, which we hope will provide a base for them as we continue this kind of programming into high school. Through the organizational efforts of Mr. Meyer, the Middle School had a wonderful trip to New York City that highlighted the Statue of Liberty and the 9-11 Memorial.

A great number of parents joined us for Back to School Night, and we thank you for your support. A strong partnership between parents and the school community enhances our student success. I appreciate parents' efforts to get our students to school on time, and parents' support in the rare instances that I need to contact you at home. The PTO continues to work to bring programming and opportunities to our students, and I encourage all parents to be a part of that terrific team.

All in all, I am grateful – once again – to be a part of the Bridgehampton Family. I wish the best to you and yours for all that the Thanksgiving Season has to offer.

A Few of Our Favorite Fall Things



Grades K-2 apple picking at Halsey Farm in Bridgehampton in September



Nancy Moloney's PreK class all dressed up for their Halloween schoolyard parade and visit to the "haunted greenhouse"



A trip to Gabrielsen's Farm on the North Fork in October included a hayride, corn maze, feeding farm animals and pumpkin picking. Pictured is first grade class with Coach Johnson and special education teacher Laura Keenan



Photography, an elective offered to high school students and taught by technology teacher Judiann Carmack-Fayaz, is now in its second year at Bridgehampton. These photos, taken for an assignment in depth of field, are by 9th-graders Cecilia Calieca (birdhouses) and Rachel Hoyt (bee and flower).

PBIS NEWS

On October 22, four members of Bridgehampton's PBIS team attended the 2013 Long Island Technology Summit at the Huntington Hilton in Melville. This year's theme, "Digital Citizenship," focused on creating a positive attitude toward technology use that supports collaboration, learning and productivity, and develops a personal responsibility for lifelong learning. This annual conference, a premier event for Long Island educators, offers a platform for sharing new ideas, innovations and trends. In addition to a keynote address by Travis Allen, founder of iSchool Initiative, and a vendor showcase exhibiting the latest education

technology trends, there were three breakout sessions detailing a wealth of ideas, resources and best practices that can be integrated into classrooms and curricula.

Representing Bridgehampton in the breakout sessions were CSE chairperson Ken Giosi, special education teachers Jeffrey Neubauer and Patrick Aiello, and AIS teacher Jessica Rodgers, when their proposal "Using Technology to Implement PBIS" was selected by summit sponsors for inclusion in the program. In their presentation, the team discussed methods for making PBIS more practical, internet resources, database warehousing, collaboration, progress monitoring and



CSE chairperson Ken Giosi, special education teachers Patrick Aiello and Jeffrey Neubauer, and AIS teacher Jessica Rodgers gave a panel presentation at this year's Long Island Technology Summit.

data based decision making.

Here at school, the PBIS program is again in full swing on both the elementary and secondary levels. Activities have included a September kickoff, a secondary poster contest and station rotations which teach site-specific behaviors to ele-

mentary students in each of the categories of respect, responsibility and safety. Congratulations go out to the top classes for September and October, kindergarten and 2nd grade, respectively, and to Top Bees kindergarten Octavia Bailey and second grader Darianne Garcia.



NATIONAL TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK

In October, Steve Meyers' health class read statistics and facts about seatbelt use during morning announcements, distributed fact sheets on seatbelt and child seat laws, and gave out flashlight key chains with the slogan "Click It - Front and Back" to every student.



MARIMBA GETS AROUND

Recent performances by The Marimba Group included a clam bake fundraiser benefiting the Equestrian Aid Foundation held at Scott Cameron Beach at the end of August. In September the group appeared at Red Creek Park in Hampton Bays for a Southampton cultural celebration and at the Children's Museum of the East End, where student musicians worked with the young children participating in the music fair.

CIA News

Chorus teacher Lindsey Sanchez is once again at the helm of this year's high school student government, the Compassion in Action Council, or CIA. Following the student-and-faculty-endorsed application procedure instituted last year, the 2013-2014 approved officers, who ran eager, albeit unopposed campaigns, were introduced to the student body on November 4th, Election Day Eve. Senior Jennah Hochstedler takes the lead as president; sophomore Lizzy Hochstedler, last year's secretary returns to serve as vice president; sophomore first-timers Harriet DeGroot and Laura Uribe are secretary and treasurer, respectively; and eighth-grader Autumn Street returns as middle school representative.

Highlights of the Council's active fall schedule included September's Drive-In Movie Night, with secondary students gathering on blankets and lawn chairs to nosh on popcorn and watch *Despicable Me*, projected on the back of school, and the annual



Chorus teacher Lindsey Sanchez with CIA officers Autumn Street, Laura Uribe, Jennah Hochstedler, Lizzy Hochstedler and Harriet De Groot

Halloween Dance on Friday, October 25th, held in a balloon-filled, ghoulishly decorated gym.

Underscoring the *compassion* in CIA, the council's October focus was anti-bullying. In conjunction with the national Mean Stinks "Gang Up for Good" campaign, officers hung inspirational posters throughout the school and enlisted students in engaging, consciousness-raising activities such as Blue Pinky Tuesdays—painting pinkies blue as a symbol of standing up against bullying—and Write Nice Fridays—writing "mean stops here" on hands and posting pictures of them on



Blue Pinky and Write Nice "Mean Stops Here" Instagram posts

Instagram (@BridgehamptonCIA) and the Mean Stinks website (www.meanstinks.com). As a culminating event, students in grades 6 through 12 met in the middle school large room to view

and participate in a live, national Mean Stinks web assembly on October 23. Stay tuned for more CIA events this fall and winter, including a blood drive and ice skating fundraiser.

BULLY PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS

Freshmen and sophomores were among 100 students who attended the 18th annual Youth Leadership Summit at the Eastern Campus of Suffolk County Community College. The summit features programs designed to bring students from districts across the East End together for one day in October to discuss what they can do to prevent violence and help each other stand up against intolerance. After participating in workshops on ways to deal with and avoid toxic relationships and the power each person has to stand up against bullying behavior, the summit ended with schools putting on performances that began and ended with the phrase, "in a life of a teenager." Our students did an outstanding job in theirs, chronicling the jour-



Bike stunt champion Chris Poulos performing during October's Bully Prevention and Awareness Month. Don't try this at home.

ney of a Bridgehampton Bee from kindergarten to freshman year in a rhyming scheme.

Students in grades 6-12 met with Town Youth Bureau counselor Karen Matz, who spoke about bully prevention and en-

couraged students to join the Youth Court, a program where youth offenders are sentenced by their peers. For more information about the youth bureau, bullying resources, and upcoming events that promote positive experi-

ences for students, please check the Youth Bureau website at www.southamptontownny.gov/youthbureau.

As a culmination to Bully Prevention and Awareness Month, students in elementary, middle and high school were treated to presentations by Chris Poulos, the 1991 Bicycle Stunt World Champion, in the school gym. In between crowd-pleasing live bike tricks, Mr. Poulos conveyed positive messages and examples of kindness, character and respect, underscoring the importance of self-discipline, perseverance, teamwork, safety and friendship in bettering one's communities and achieving success in one's own life. For more information, google "chrisbikeman" or visit www.chrispoulos.com.

HONORING LOCAL VETERANS

The annual Veterans Day Celebration, organized by Library Media Specialist David Holmes, was held in the gym on Friday, November 8 to honor our local brave men and women who have served in the US Armed Forces. The entire school was present for the tribute, marked by performances by the school band and moving speeches by Dr. Lois Favre and Assemblyman Fred Thiele, who both spoke of their parents' past military service.

Special guest veterans included Walter Stewart (Army), father of language teacher Nancy Bagshaw; Stephen Tiska (Army), father of sixth-grader Max; Chris Campbell (Air Force), father of 6th-grader Jaden and third-grader Nava; and Rick Delano (Marine Corps), a Bridgehampton resident and



Lieutenant Bryan Wolfe of the Navy appeared live via Skype from Bahrain

former school board member.

Third-grader Chase Gudelauski, sitting among the veterans in honor of his late father, a purple heart recipient and Green Beret Special Services, proudly displayed a framed case filled with his father's medals, awards and beret. Lieutenant Bryan Wolfe of the Navy, an operations officer currently stationed



Third-grader Chase Gudelauski with a display of his father's medals and awards

in Bahrain and son of math and science teacher Helen Wolfe, appeared live via Skype on a large projection screen, answering questions prepared by the 7th-grade social studies class.

The ceremony underscored the significance of the holiday, reminding everyone, as Assemblyman Thiele stressed, that it's not just a day off from school,

but one in which we should take time to remember and express our gratitude to those who have given or continue to give service to our country. David Holmes added, "Now kids will see parents like Chris or Stephen in the hall or around the school and look at them in a different light. They are the heroes."

EVENTS AT THE BRIDGEHAMPTON MUSEUM



Sixth-graders Elijah White, Max Tiska and Franky Bonilla were among band students in grades 6-12 who performed marches and "The Star-Spangled Banner" to kick off the 10th annual Road Rally at the Bridgehampton Museum, formerly known as the Bridgehampton Historical Society, on October 5.



In mid-October, high school creative writers toured the museum's "Next Stop, Seaside Board!" exhibit in the Corwith House, a reenactment of the late 19th-century boarding house era from an innkeeper's perspective. Collections manager Julie Greene led students on a private curator's talk, rich in entertaining history about this important time of change in greater Bridgehampton.

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Virtual Enterprises International

A new course this year taught by ESL teacher Dr. Carrie McDermott, Virtual Enterprises International (VEI) is described on its website, www.veinternational.org, as “an in-school entrepreneurship and global business program that prepares students for college and career success through workplace simulation.” This hands-on program challenges its participants to create and manage virtual businesses, each student learning and taking on a specific workplace role in the production of a virtual product, which is subsequently marketed to other student groups. With its emphasis on project-based, collaborative learning and development of 21st-century skills, VEI’s curriculum is very much the face of future education.

Bridgehampton’s first virtual company is comprised of senior Henry Kotz, the chief executive officer; senior Tatyana Dawson, chief financial officer; junior Hayley Lund, vice president of human resources; junior Jada Pinckney, director of accounting; senior India Hemby, chief technology officer; and senior Anajae Lamb, vice president of marketing and sales.

All students, however, are eager sales associates, and their skills



Dr. Carrie McDermott with VEI students before a presentation at the October 30th Board meeting. Standing: Anajae Lamb, Henry Kotz, Haley Lund; seated: India Hemby, Jada Pinckney, Tayana Dawson.

were on full display at the October 30th Board of Education meeting, where they impressively introduced themselves, the organization and their product—a clothing line with a logo derived from Bridgehampton’s zip code—to enthusiastic reviews and brisk virtual sales. Just now these young entrepreneurs are on a tight deadline to finish a business plan, due in December, after which they will be attending a mini trade show in New York City early in the year.



India Hemby and Henry Kotz speed-networking last month at William Floyd High School with VEI students from other Long Island schools.

Bridgehampton School’s Mission and Belief Statements and Profile of a Graduate

Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the Bridgehampton School to inspire lifelong intellectual curiosity and respectful individual expression by reaching beyond our school community and teaching all students the essential skills to actively participate in the global community and to flourish in the 21st Century.

Belief Statement:

We believe that our children will shape the future by expressing their intelligence, curiosity, compassion, leadership and invention by reaching beyond our small school community and working to their fullest potential to preserve and improve our world.

Profile of the Bridgehampton School Graduate:

The Bridgehampton graduate will be a reflective, compassionate and motivated individual who combines academic prowess and social tolerance in order to become a successful member of society. The following attributes shall be indicative of the Bridgehampton graduate:

- An effective communicator in written and oral expression;
- An analytic problem solver – resourceful and efficient when addressing local and global issues;
- A technologically- advanced individual, able to meet the challenges of 21st century society;
- An individual who will face life’s challenges responsibly;
- An intrinsically-motivated citizen who inspires others to work for the greater good;
- An individual who effectively uses time management and organizational skills;
- A critical thinker who blends life experiences with intellectual scholarship;
- A creative thinker who welcomes opportunities to engage their curiosity of the arts, sciences and humanities;
- A respectful and willing individual who embraces cultural diversity; and,
- An individual who actively pursues foreign languages to effectively and diplomatically communicate the exchange of ideas in our global environment.

POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

Did you know Bridgehampton School now has a PowerSchool Parent Portal? The Parent Portal allows parents or guardians of Bridgehampton students to access their children's schedules and attendance records, as well as track their progress, grades and assigned homework. It also allows for direct communication with teachers through email.

Please take the opportunity to log into Parent Portal by visiting the school's website at www.bridgehampton.k12.ny.us.



Click the "Parent Portal" tab on the right side of the menu bar or the link in the banner just below. The Portal can also be accessed on your smart phone, iPad or tablet through your device's web browser by downloading the free *Power School for Parents* app by Pearson School Systems.

If you do not have an internet-ready computer at home, the Hampton Library on Main

Street provides public access to computers and iPads, all with direct links to the Parent Portal for easy login. The librarians are happy to assist you if you need help.

Use of the Parent Portal requires a username and password. If you did not receive or no longer have this information, please email Christine Harrison at charrison@bridgehampton.k12.ny.us.

This valuable tool provides new opportunities for you to further engage in your child's academic career and the

Bridgehampton school community.



Remember to visit the school's website often. And while you're at it, check out Bridgehampton UFSD on Facebook. Important announcements and photos of events are posted on these sites, so you can be in the know at all times.

Strategic Planning Committee and Middle States Accreditation Updates

The Strategic Planning Committee continues to focus on four major goal areas as delineated on our Middle States Accreditation Plan: Student Achievement, College and Career Readiness, Facilities Updates and Communication. These four committees meet monthly to assure movement forward in each of these categories, determined to be areas of need during the self-review process of our work to attain Middle States Accreditation.

In the area of Student Achievement, the committee

is working on the infusion of the Common Core Standards into our curriculum, and using data to inform us as to areas of strength and need with regard to student achievement. Teams—organized by grade into PreK-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12—meet regularly to discuss instructional supports, curriculum alignment, and to plan for our success in meeting the rigorous demands of the new Common Core Standards.

The College and Career Readiness team is focused on securing a career inventory for students, and researching

ways to bring more college courses and experiences to our school. They are reviewing course offerings and looking to strengthen our study skills and Academic Intervention Services Model, particularly at the secondary level.

The Facilities team is attentive to maximizing space in the district, and researching possibilities with regard to the creation of health and wellness opportunities for students that would also benefit the community. The Communication team has been

working on assuring that parents and students in grades 6-12 are provided with email accounts, encouraging use of the Parent Portal and finding new ways to increase communication to our stakeholders.

The annual review of progress toward our Middle States Accreditation goals will be reviewed by the committee this fall, and submitted to the Middle States Association. Parents or community members interested in joining our school-based committees may contact Dr. Favre at lfavre@bridgehampton.k12.ny.us.

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On November 6, the music department's annual trip to Broadway treated 50 students and faculty chaperones to a night at the Nederlander Theater in Times Square to see the musical *Newsies*, an uplifting and extraordinarily choreographed show about the successful news-

boy strikes of 1899 in New York City. After cheering on the energetic young underdogs "Carrying the Banner" of fair play in the workplace against publishing titans Pulitzer and Hearst, Bees hummed back to Bridgehampton like "Kings of New York."



High school fans waited by the Nederlander Theater stage door for their favorite newsie, Jacob Guzman



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FALL SPORTS SEASON 2013

Twenty-seven students—nearly 50 percent of grades 7-12—participated in 13 team sports at Bridgehampton, Pierson and East Hampton Schools. New this year, Bridgehampton hosted Girls 7th and 8th Grade Tennis, a 14-member team joined by 8th-grader Monste Udave. Special congratulations to the Boys Varsity Soccer Team, this year's Class C Suffolk County Finalists; to Girls Varsity Volleyball, Class D Suffolk County Finalists; and to India Hemby and **Varsity Field Hockey, New York State Class C Champions and Suffolk County Small School Champions!**

**GIRLS SOCCER:
GRADES 7 & 8**
Paige Hoyt
Autumn Coffey

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER
Claudio Figueroa

GIRLS JV TENNIS
Harriet DeGroot
Elizabeth Hochstedler
Sarahi S. Negrete
Laura Uribe

**GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY:
GRADES 7 & 8**
Aziza Brunson
Autumn Street
Patricia Figueroa
Aniya Coffey
Jalyn Hopson
Jalisa Hopson
Monasia Street

**GIRLS VARSITY
VOLLEYBALL**
Jennah Hochstedler
Tatyana Dawson
Jada Pinckney

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER
Hayley Lund
Rachel Hoyt
Nia Dawson

BOYS VARSITY GOLF
Henry Kotz

FOOTBALL : GRADES 7 & 8
Janatan Braia

**GIRLS JV
VOLLEYBALL**
Tyler Stephens

**GIRLS TENNIS:
GRADES 7 & 8**
Montserrat Udave

Varsity FOOTBALL
Anajae Lamb

**Varsity
FIELD HOCKEY**
India Hemby

A Lifelong Passion for Field Hockey

by India Hemby

Sports have always been a part of my life, but field hockey has been and will always remain my number one. There's a special feeling I get when I'm playing; the sound of stick and ball making contact, the fast breaks, the feel of the turf beneath my cleats, the moment when I watch the ball smack into the back of the goal—these are all things that bring me peace.

Field hockey is not just a sport or a pastime, but a lifestyle. The long practices are horrible and tiring. The shin splints and busted fingers are unbearable. The dedication is stressful, and the frustration is endless. But the reward is so much greater than any injury or suicide sprint. The feeling of accomplishment is always something I strive for.

What I've learned in my field

hockey career is something you could never learn outside of sports. Sports, just as life, are not about winning, although it's wonderful to win, especially when you work so hard. They're about the character you build, how you are transformed throughout the season, and the friends you make along the way. Sports teach you about dedication to your team, and quitting is simply never an option. Like Coach Shannon Judge always tells us in the huddles before, during and after a game, "You're not playing for you, ladies; you're playing for your teammates."

As a senior, I'm sad to see my season come to a close, but I'm also proud to have been a part of such a wonderful team with such

a wonderful group of girls. Proud to hang my banner for everyone in present and future generations to see, and proud to have become the strong person field hockey has made me. I would be nowhere if it had not been for my teammates. They are the most inspirational people in my life and are constantly urging me to be a leader on and off the field, with or without a stick in my hand. I have never had a closer bond to the girls on my team than when I was in season, nor have I had a closer bond to myself.

For those who are not fond of athletics or simply have not participated, I urge you to give it a try. You may not always be the greatest at whatever sport you choose, but the experiences are worth it

in the end, and if you continue to work hard, you'll be rewarded. Proof? Our goal this year was to go to states even though there was doubt from others. But we pulled together as a team, and we accomplished that goal. The dream of every senior is to have a great season, and instead of wishing and hoping, the team did not hesitate to take action—and look how far we have come.

Overall, sports have taught me that success is something that can only be achieved through hard work and heart. You have to be willing to sacrifice many things. As my favorite motivational speaker, Eric Thomas, says, "You have to want to be successful so bad that you sacrifice your sleep, because if you go to sleep, you might miss the opportunity to be successful."



SAVE THE DATE!

WINTER CONCERTS: PRE-K-5 – DECEMBER 5; GRADES 6-12 – DECEMBER 12
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: DECEMBER 20