

# PTA Pitches In!

A special shoutout to our fabulous PTA groups throughout the Smithtown Central School District which continue to raise the bar and give back to our schools. Through their generosity and commitment to our students and staff, the district has fostered a strong and beneficial school-home partnership.



Mills Pond Elementary School students sprinted, laughed and partied with their annual PTA Fun Run fundraiser. Since the fundraiser exceeded the \$15,000 goal for the school's cultural arts program, Principal Ireen Westrack, along with teacher's aide Miss Lori, agreed to be "silly string" targets!



The Accomsett Elementary PTA raised \$21,000 for the school's cultural arts program. The Fun Run is the school's biggest annual fundraiser, and this year certainly didn't disappoint as the students ran in celebration throughout the day.



At Nesaquake Middle School, Principal Dan McCabe and Assistant Principal Derek Solomon found out as the two were "pie faced" by Nesaquake PTA President Claudia Pira and Vice President Brittany McGrath! The PTA Color Run raised more than \$18,000 for the cultural arts program and all PTA events. The Nesaquake PTA also recently received the New York State PTA Super Teacher/Staff Membership Award for 2023-2024. This award is given to units in good standing that have more than 75% of school employees as PTA members.



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Students play a vital role in contributing to the enrichment of their community. Whether it's through organizing food drives, participating in the fight against cancer or partaking in environmental cleanup efforts, students are often at the forefront of community service initiatives.

This school year, students throughout the Smithtown Central School District have actively and enthusiastically done their part to contribute to their community. By doing so, students not only enrich the lives of those around them but also cultivate a culture of compassion and civic engagement, leaving a

positive and lasting impact on the community.

Furthermore, through community service students can apply their academic knowledge to real-world issues, reinforcing the value of education in addressing societal needs. Students not only contribute to the betterment of their communities but also develop essential life skills such as empathy, teamwork and leadership.

We want to thank and highlight the efforts of students from all grade levels in the Smithtown Central School District who have helped contribute to our community throughout the year.



The High School East Interact Club donated over 84 Thanksgiving meals to families in need thanks to the generosity of the community, faculty and staff.



Accompsett Elementary School students raised \$1,482 in coins to be donated to the nonprofit organization Solving Kids' Cancer. Throughout the Smithtown Central School District, students and faculty members wore gold shoelaces as part of the organization's Lace Up for Kids campaign. This is the third year Principal Tim Hellmuth has invited students to participate in changing kids' lives by generously donating coins.

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High School West hosted High School East to unite in the fight against childhood cancer in honor of Hannah Waller, twin sister of Mallory Waller, a sophomore guard on the West varsity basketball team. The boys basketball teams, Athletes Helping Athletes, Relay for Life and numerous families helped make the event a success.



By selling ornaments and stuffed bears, the social studies elective class at Accomsett Middle School raised more than \$640 in the fight against Ewing's sarcoma.



Smithtown Elementary families and staff hosted the Snowman Project, where they shop and donate wish list items for students in need in our community. These include clothes, shoes, toys, puzzles, books and other items requested by our students and their siblings.



Dogwood Elementary went Pink for Paige, in honor of former student Paige Elizabeth Keely, who passed away in 2018 at the age of six from an undiagnosed brain Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM).

More than \$2,500 was raised in the fight against cancer by Great Hollow Middle School in its Great Hollow vs. Cancer event.



St. James Elementary hosted a Clean Up project and invited students from High School East's DECA club. The elementary and high school students joined forces to clean up the front of the school.



Tackan Cares is a community service club focusing on supporting families that are experiencing food or financial insecurities. Fourth and fifth grade students collect and organize items for distribution.



Mt. Pleasant Elementary's Student Council collected winter weather apparel including jackets, coats, hats, scarves and mittens for the Winter Coat Drive.



The Mills Pond Cares Club hosted its annual Pink Out to support the American Cancer Society.



The Nesaquake Community Service Club, consisting of sixth to eighth grade students, hosted a toy drive for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Throughout the year, the club hosts various collections, including for food, toys and coats, as well as other community service projects.