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SUPERINTENDENT *Message*

Dear Smithtown CSD Community,

I hope this message finds you well. Now that Spring Recess has passed and May is upon us, we are reminded that another successful school year is coming to a close. At the last two Board of Education meetings, I asked the same question that we ask ourselves every year..."Are we better off as a district than we were a year ago?" The answer is a resounding YES! During those same board meetings, I made presentations that outlined our accomplishments and shared the survey data furnished by our students, their parents and our staff that provided us with very positive and important feedback. These presentations can be accessed below:

- [Smithtown 2027: Strategic Plan Update](#)
- [Points of Pride](#)

Just like the signs state in front of each of our schools..."Great Things Happen Here!!"

While we are very proud of these accomplishments, we realize there is much more we can do to realize the full potential of our school district. We look forward to this work and the benefits it will provide the Smithtown school community in the years to come.

We hope you enjoy this month's edition!

Sincerely,
Mark Secaur, Ed.D.



CURRICULUM CORNER

CLASS OF 2025 HONOR SPEAKERS!

Congratulations to Rabia Chattha of High School East and Charlotte Muratore of High School West on being selected as the Senior Class Honor Speakers for the 2025 graduation!

Chosen by their fellow Gold Cord recipients, this honor reflects Rabia and Charlotte's outstanding academic achievements, leadership, and the respect of their peers.

Charlotte is Co-President of the National Honor Society and Vice President of Competitions for DECA. She has been a member of the varsity soccer, winter track and lacrosse team for all four years of high school.

"I thought everyone who was nominated for the position of the commencement speaker would have done an excellent job and I'm really honored my classmates chose me," Charlotte said.

Rabia is currently president of Science Olympiad and Relay 4 Life. She is an officer of the Math Honor Society and is in multiple other honor societies, as well as a member of the varsity track and cross-country team.

"I was honestly so shocked, this is a great honor, I had so many deserving classmates, I can't wait to see you all at graduation," Rabia stated.

Graduation day is scheduled for Thursday, June 26.



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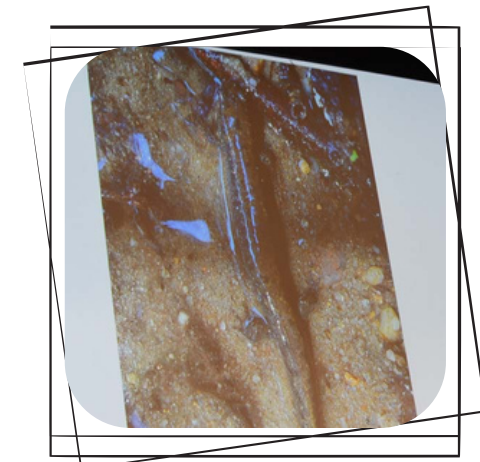
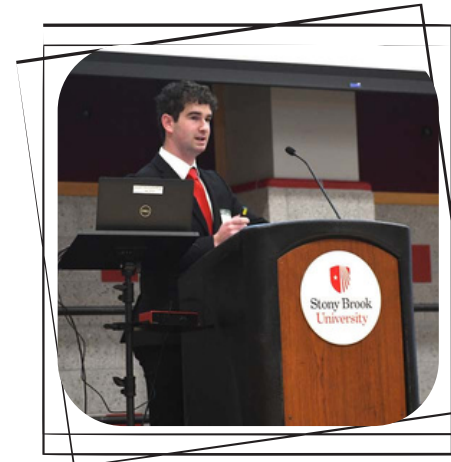
GREAT JOB, GABE

High School East senior, Gabe Finger, successfully presented his discovery of a potentially new salamander species at the LI Natural History conference at Stony Brook University!

Following the collapse of the centuries-old Mill Pond dam after an August 2024 storm, Gabe and some friends found a type of salamander species that was previously unidentified.

Gabe says only four salamanders were found, and plans to do a genetic analysis with Cold Spring Harbor laboratory to confirm the identity are in the works.

The Long Island Natural History Conference is the largest regional forum for the exchange of information about Long Island's natural history.



WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE!

The 2025 Smithtown IAB Women's Leadership Conference was a huge success as over 30 professional women inspired and mentored over 70 mostly female students, empowering them for their future!

Held at High School West, more than 25 breakout sessions had students meeting one on one with our mentors, who were more than impressed with our young adults.

"I feel fortunate to have met the young women I've met today, because it gave great hope to the future of this country, for these women to empower and lead," said keynote speaker, Mae Caime (Amaezing Midlife & Beyond).

"The commitment of the Smithtown Central School District to empower young ladies today, is to be set as an example for other districts to follow," she added.

As always, thank you to Smithtown IAB Executive Director, Phil Como, for organizing career awareness programs throughout the year in conjunction with the members of the Smithtown IAB and the SCSD CTE Department.

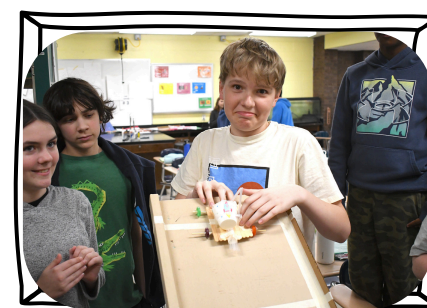


CURRICULUM CORNER

EGGS-ELLENT CAR SAFETY

Mr. Preston's 7th grade students at Accomsett Middle School took on the role of an automotive engineer this week, testing Newton's Third Law. Several teams designed, built and tested their "model cars" in an effort to prevent an egg from cracking as their car rolls down the ramp and into a wall.

The theme of the project was to include at least one specific safety feature that can be justified using Newton's Third Law, also known as the law of action and reaction, which states that for every action force, there is an equal and opposite reaction force.



PARP PJ NIGHT AT MTP!

Students at MTP had the opportunity to watch a performance from Jester Jim, organized by the PTA through their Arts in Education Program. The educational entertainer celebrated the end of Mt. Pleasant's "READ" month by combining humor, juggling and music to showcase a love for reading and books. The students and family members were treated to a reading session by faculty and staff at MTP and had a chance to shop at the Scholastic Book Fair. A great night was had by all!



AUTISM ACCEPTANCE AT DOGWOOD

It's Autism Acceptance Week at Dogwood Elementary School. Children have been learning about Autism and seeking ways to make our school even more inclusive. Mrs. Nielsen's students wrote and shared about the different things that make them special.

Mrs. Braun and Mrs. Diemer's class learned about Autism Acceptance. After listening to a story, students worked together and brainstormed ways they can be kind and include others.

Great job, everyone!



SCSD ACHIEVEMENTS

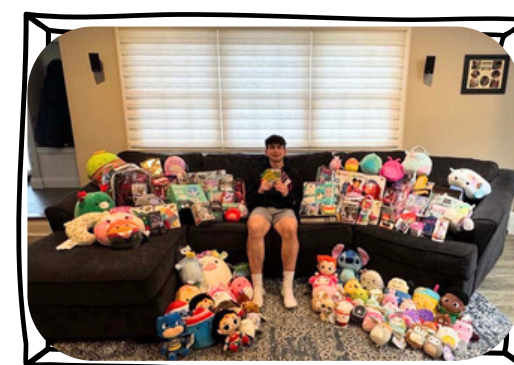
STEPPING UP TO CANCER

High School East senior, Matthew Gandarillas, recently walked into the Stony Brook Cancer center and donated more than \$1,000 worth of gift cards and toys for children suffering from cancer.

Matthew, who is a part of the National Math and Spanish Honor Societies, as well as a member of the varsity soccer team, spearheaded a pediatric cancer drive on his own because it is an issue very close to him and his family.

You see, Matthew is a cancer survivor, himself. He recently organized a pediatric cancer donation drive to provide toys and funding to help soothe children suffering from cancer.

Click [HERE](#) to hear Matthew tell his story.



MARVELOUS AT MAGLEV

Great Hollow's Competition Club recently competed at the annual MagLev competition, held at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York.

Students created vehicles that levitated on a track with magnets. The students competed in various categories in appearance, gravity, and speed. Each vehicle also had to have a completed design brief. Fatimah Gondal placed second in the wind category!

The students had a great experience and are looking forward to next year.



SCOPE HONOREES!

Each year, the SCOPE Education Service Award dinner is held to honor recipients chosen based on exemplary records that shine brightly as educational excellence models.

This year, Smithtown CSD honored Cathy Quinn (Secretary to the Superintendent), Ron Parmegiani (Nesaquake ELA and math teacher), and Kevin Colon (Administrator for Guidance and Related Services) for their excellent work.

Congratulations and well deserved!



COMMUNITY NEWS

AWESOME IN THE ARTS!

FINDING NEMO, KIDS!

Smithtown Elementary School fifth graders put on a fantastic performance of, "Finding Nemo, KIDS."

Our students, under the direction of Esther Yoon and Lyndsay Payne, created a wonderful underworld adventure for all of our students and families to enjoy. We thank them for their tireless efforts to create a special memory for everyone!



THE LITTLE MERMAID, JR.!

In a magical kingdom beneath the sea, the young mermaid Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above, and Mills Pond Elementary fifth graders told the rest! Stephanie Messana and Corinne Murphy co-directed this performance.

Amazing job!



A NIGHT ON BROADWAY

A round of applause for Accomsett Elementary School fifth graders on a rousing performance of "A Night on Broadway."

The show is a compilation of songs taken from various Disney movies. Students have been rehearsing their parts after school for weeks under the direction of Mr. Cluxton and Ms. Dworkin.



COMMUNITY NEWS

AWESOME IN THE ARTS!

SEUSSICAL JR.

'Come one, and come all to the world's greatest show! On the face of the Earth, or wherever you go!' Great Hollow Middle School students put on it's "Seussical Jr." musical production for all to enjoy.

Seussical is a re-imagining of beloved works by Dr. Seuss, which weaves together many of his most famous stories and characters in unexpected ways. The musical creates the witty, wild and whimsical world of Dr. Seuss as it has never been seen before.

Bravo to all the students and directors, Ryan MacCarthy and Kirk Roth.



The Enchanted Bookshop

Tackan Elementary School fifth graders worked very hard on their musical, "The Enchanted Bookshop."

An ordinary used book shop by day, A Likely Story becomes a magical place each night. Thanks to a spell from the Book Fairy, the characters inside the books come alive each and every night. Six of those characters — Dorothy Gale, Robin Hood, Pollyanna, Sherlock Holmes, Heidi, and Tom Sawyer — long to help Margie, the scatterbrained owner, save her struggling store.

Congratulations to our students and directors, Melissa Fenster and Victor Collaco!



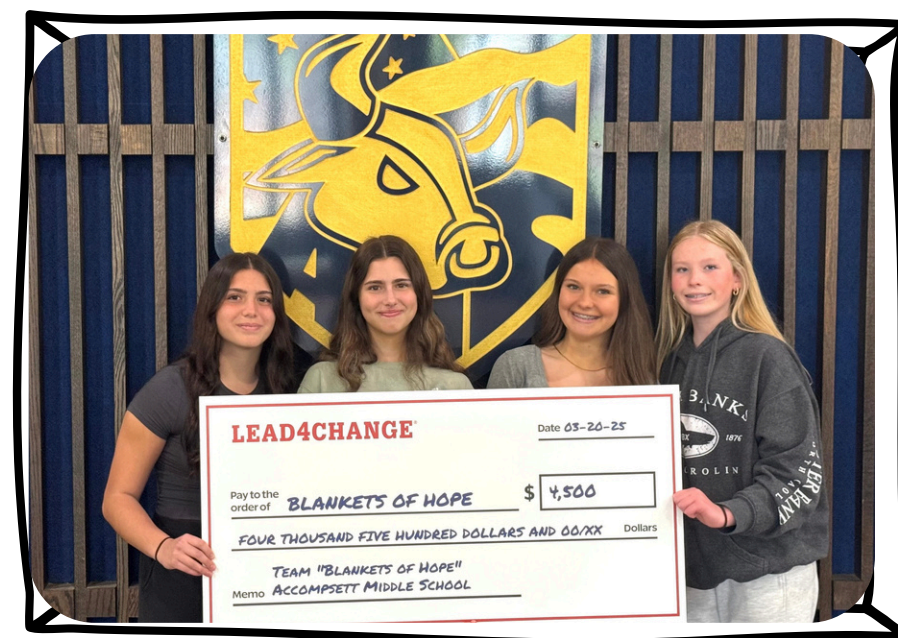
COMMUNITY NEWS

BLANKETS OF HOPE

Four 8th grade students from Accomsett Middle School have successfully completed a powerful community impact project, donating 120 blankets to those in need and securing a \$4,500 grant to the national nonprofit, Blankets of Hope.

Talia Cascione, Mary Perri, Nadia Tomitz and Olivia Read collected 120 blankets, with support from the founders of Blankets of Hope, to support the homeless. Partnering with Blankets of Hope, the students facilitated a 30- minute kindness workshop for 6th graders in their school.

The final donations were delivered to a local women's shelter. In recognition of the project's success and its potential for long-term impact, Lead4Change awarded a \$4,500 grant to Blankets of Hope, enabling Accomsett Middle School students to continue this meaningful partnership in the future.



SURPRISE VISIT!

Long Island Ducks mascot, QuackerJack, visited St. James Elementary School on April 22, to the delight of the students. Students, staff and families attended a Ducks game a few days later! 🙌🍌🕒🎉



JOIN OUR TEAM!!!

There are several openings in the Smithtown Central School District. Those interested can submit a letter, resume, and two professional references to Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Neil Katz at: employment@smithtown.k12.ny.us

**WE ARE
HIRING!**

**JOIN
OUR TEAM**

Special Education Aides: various shifts available for all levels including elementary, middle and high schools.
\$20.39 per hour. Minimum 3 hours per day.

Elementary School Monitors: shifts are 2.25-2.5 hours per day between 11:45 AM-2:15 PM. \$17.00 per hour.

Food Service Worker and Custodial Worker positions also available.

> NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

> WORK THE STUDENT CALENDAR

> SUMMERS, WEEKENDS, NIGHTS AND HOLIDAYS OFF

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SEND A RESUME AND LETTER OF INTEREST TO: EMPLOYMENT@SMITHTOWN.K12.NY.US
TO APPLY OR CALL (631) 892-2170 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



SPORTS ZONE

BOOSTER CLUB

SCHOLAR ATHLETES

They scored in and out of the classroom and now three SCSD teams are Booster Club winners!

The Nesaquake Middle School 7th and 8th grade girls basketball team, the Accomsett Middle School 7th grade volleyball team and the Great Hollow 7th grade girls basketball team have all been honored with the Smithtown Booster Club's Winter Scholar Athlete award!

The teams all scored the highest team GPA in their respective schools. The Nesaquake girls scored a 3.84, the Accomsett girls earned a 3.92 and the Great Hollow girls scored a 3.95!

Congratulations to the team, coaches and all of our parents!

AMS
VOLLEYBALL



GREAT HOLLOW
BASKETBALL



NESAQUAKE
BASKETBALL

