



Spring 2020



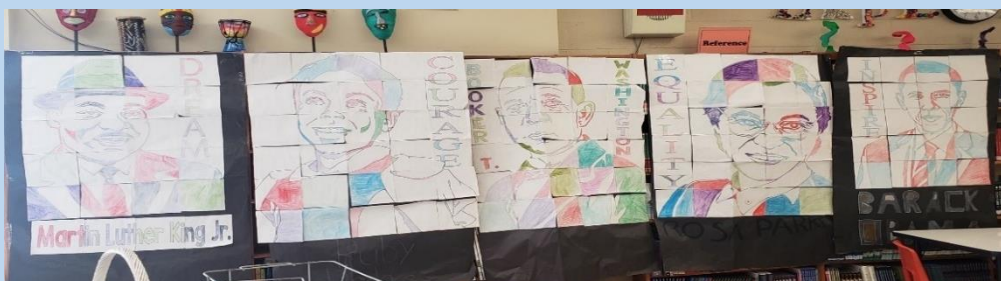
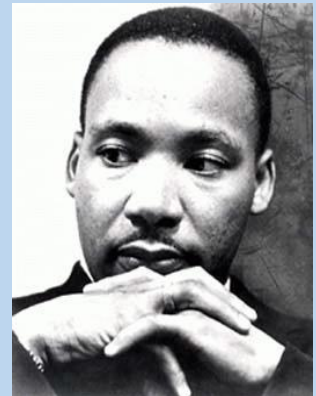
SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

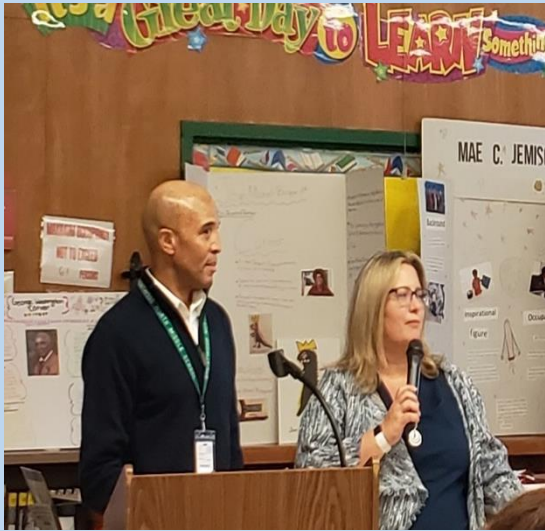
Hello and welcome to the Spring 2020 issue of *Special Happenings*! You will see just some of the many great things going on in Special Services.

Celebrating Black History

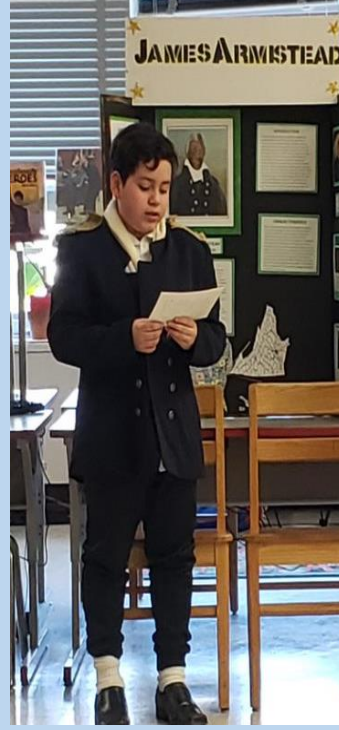
North Middle School's 2nd Annual Black History Showcase Café

North Middle School students and teachers recognized black history with a coming together of student presentations, art, music, dance, poetry, and specialty foods. Students developed an appreciation of America's profound black history. This event was enjoyed and provided a rich cultural, historical, and educational experience for our learning community. A special thank you to The Board of Education, Administrators and Freshman Center's Social Justice Peer Program students for your support. Also, thank you to our keynote speaker, Dr. Corrine Graham and to the event organizers, Ms. Lindsay, and Mr. Moore.



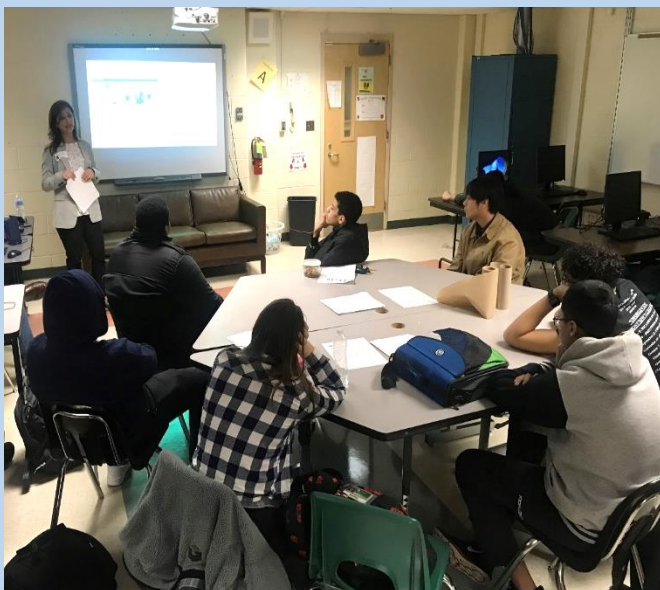


Biographies in Action



Let's Talk Tech!

Representatives from Northwell Health, PSE&G II, and Zebra Technologies discussed how technology applies to various careers with high school students. Business personnel lead small groups on resume writing, interview skills, and the application process for our students that are interested in pursuing careers in the technology, health, and energy sectors.



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Healthy Habits

Freshman Center students in Ms. Gregory's class enjoyed a Health and Nutrition assembly sponsored by the Long Island Nets. The presentation was led by the Fit-Doc, Dr. Michelle Reed. She spoke to students about the importance of nutrition and physical fitness. This was followed by a dance routine by the Long Island Nets Entertainment Team. Thank you to Dr. Akil, Mr. Autera, Ms. Weeks, and Dr. Taylor for supporting this wonderful event.



A Culinary Delight



Brentwood High School students in Mrs. Murphy's ADL life skill classes are learning to identify and prepare basic foods that make up a balanced meal. They have demonstrated knowledge of safety rules when using electrical appliances and tools. Team members enjoyed making and tasting a simple burrito along with easy Tex-Mex tomato soup!



Town of Islip Celebrates Women's History

In honor of Women's History Month, the Town of Islip recognized some of our finest students and administrators for their positive impact on the residents of the Brentwood community. Congratulations Dr. Dashana Dulin, Assistant Principal, Dr. Lolita Mitchner, School Psychologist, Dr. Monique Darrisaw- Akil, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and to all our dedicated students.



Inspiration

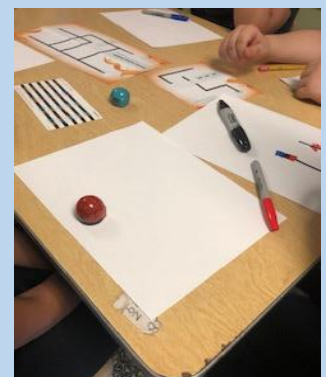
Oak Park Elementary School students in Mrs. Miller's 5th grade created inspirational posters to hang in the 4th and 5th grade bathrooms to let everyone know they are special and important.



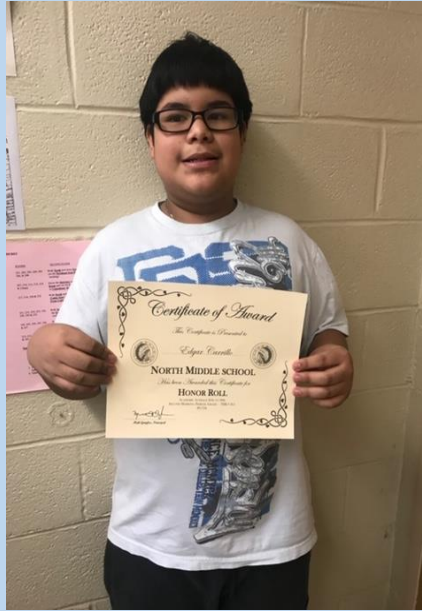
We Can Code!



Mrs. Miller's 5th graders at Oak Park enjoyed coding with their High School STEM buddies!



Celebrating Student Achievements



Congratulations North Middle School students, Andrew Nolasco, Edgar Carrillo and Tameya Cabacungan. We are very proud of your academic accomplishments!

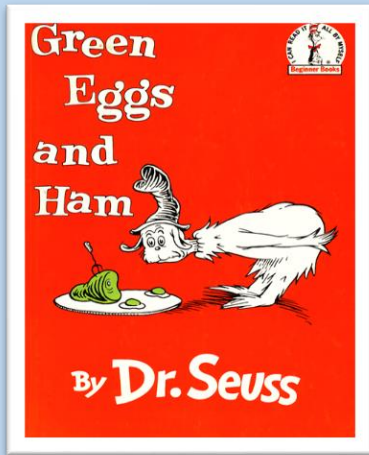
Special education students took an active role in deciding upon and fundraising for a school beautification project.



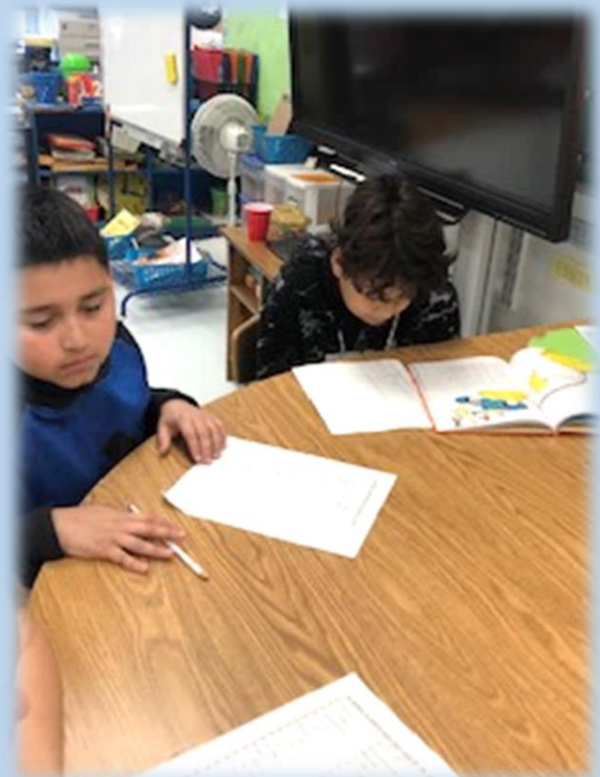
Read Across America Day

Oak Park students in Mrs. Caramico, Ms. Krumholz, Mrs. Moreau and Mrs. Swedborg classes celebrated Read Across America Day. They celebrated Dr. Seuss Day by reading together, practicing their rhyming words, and making delicious Green Eggs and Ham!





Oak Park students in Mrs. Miller's class participated in a group activity to find 50 words that make up the book Green Eggs and Ham. Students also read aloud from their favorite Dr. Seuss books.



Into the Woods

Therapeutic Day at Blydenburgh County Park

Brentwood High School psychologists, Dr. Adaki and Ms. DiDomenico led students through a therapeutic nature walk. Students were exposed to eco-therapy and movement therapy. Click the link below to view more of their special day together.



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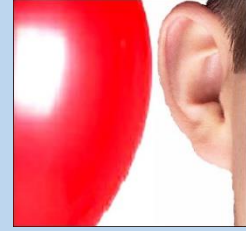
Long Island Children's Museum

A Great Fieldtrip!

Southwest Elementary School students in Ms. Giuliani's class visited the Long Island Children's Museum. Students had a great time exploring the museum and participating in hands on activities!



What's All the Buzz About?



First grade Southwest Elementary School students in Mr. Murray and Mrs. Mantione classes learned about sound vibrations. Students took turns with a partner talking into a balloon while their partner felt the vibrations through the balloon. Students learned sound is created because of the vibration of an object or a few objects and that sound has energy. Students had a great time experimenting with sound waves!

Fieldtrips to Remember



Oak Park Elementary School students in Ms. Brophy's class enjoyed learning about science and nature at the Brookhaven National Laboratory and the Long Island Aquarium!

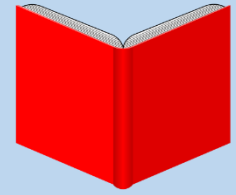
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NATIONAL LABORATORY

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aquarium

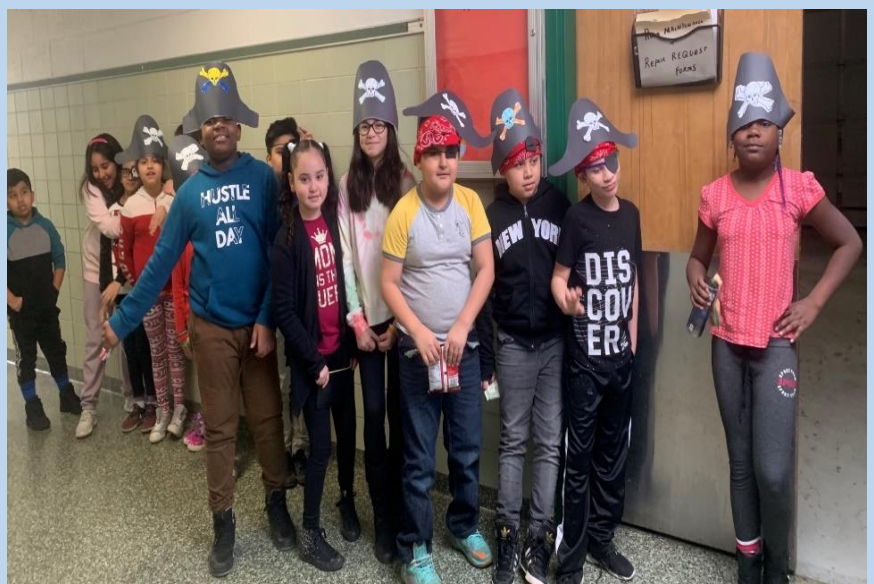
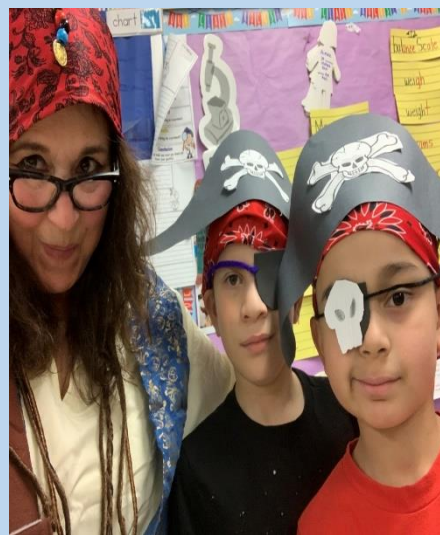
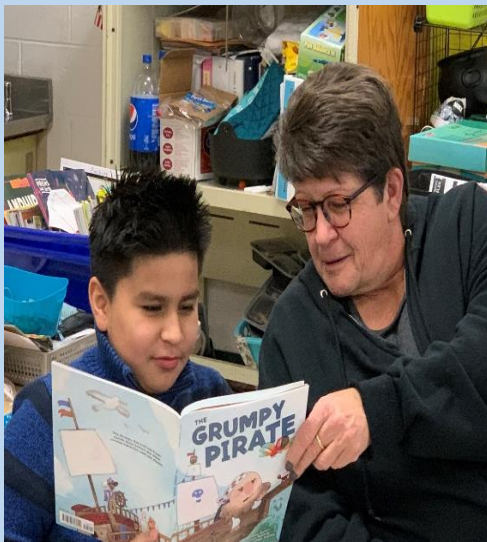




Guest Reader



Hemlock Park Elementary School students in Ms. Budnik's class celebrated Reading Stampede Week with a guest reader. Students enjoyed the story *The Grumpy Pirate* by Corinne Demasto and creating their own pirate hats!

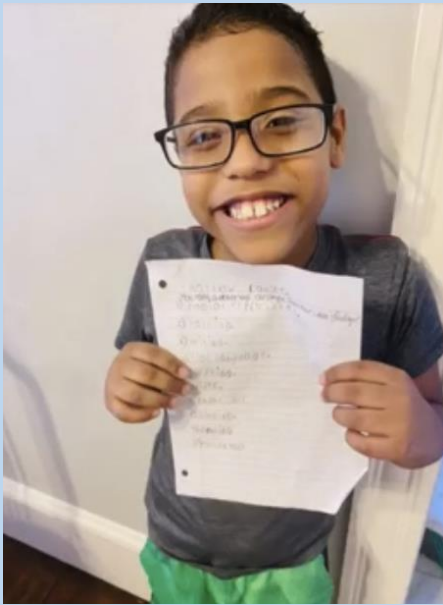




Junior Mechanic Club Sparks Great Interest

Many East Middle School students are showing great interest in Mr. Stone's after-school Junior Mechanic Club. Students are learning about shop safety and how to dismantle, examine, and reassemble small gasoline engines and automotive parts. Students are assigned to a group, and each has a job within their group. Roles such as group foreman, tool supervisor, planner, and safety officer are rotated each week. This club is much more than learning about a trade. Students are excited to be involved as they are building upon their social skills and their ability to collaborate and work with others as a team.





Each May, Better Hearing & Speech Month (BHSM) provides an opportunity to raise awareness about communication disorders and the role of ASHA members in providing life-altering treatment.

For 2020, our theme is "Communication at Work."

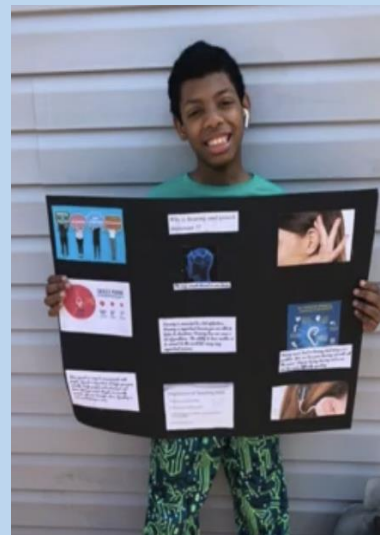
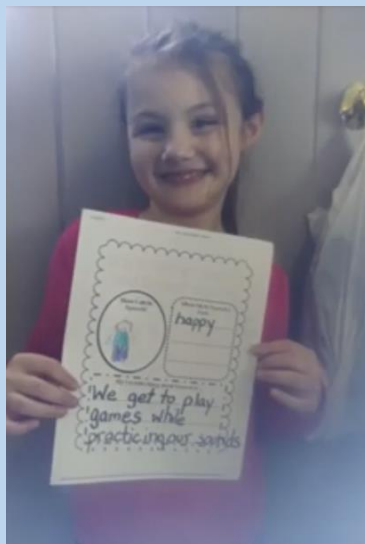


**The Speech & Hearing Department
welcomes you to watch our students hard
at work.**

****A video from our students to the Brentwood School Community!****

Enjoy!

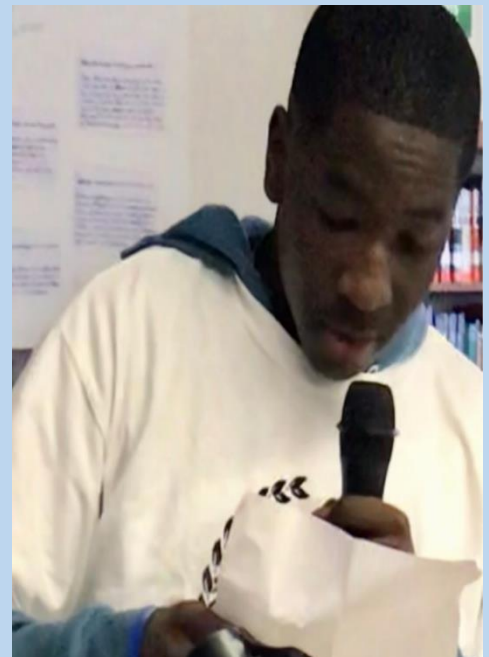
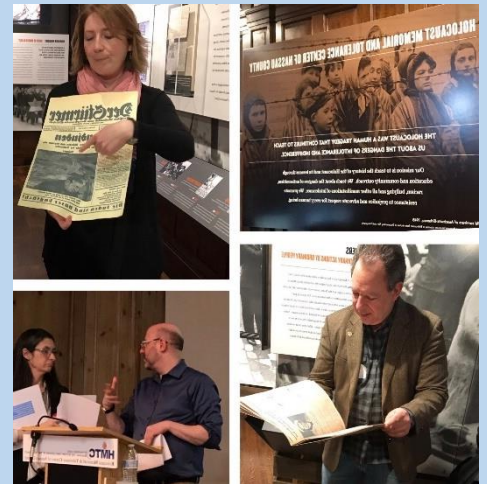
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Being the Change

Social Justice Peer Program

Freshman Center Social Justice Peer Program students joined in community conversations across Long Island to increase a shared understanding of racism and prejudices. Students discussed ideas on what can be done to achieve the many benefits of more inclusive communities.



East Middle School Delivers

East Middle School teachers, Mr. Stone, Ms. Carpenter and Ms. Correa- Bustos delivered food to the men and women at the Brentwood Covid-19 drive through testing facility. We are all very proud of the hard work and dedication to the Brentwood community and frontline workers!



<https://www.newsday.com/news/health/coronavirus/brentwood-front-lines-food-1.43998305>



Tools for Success

Oak Park Elementary School special education teachers received a generous donation from Dan and Lisa Scott, owners of Sammie the therapy dog. This donation helped to provide needed school supplies for distance learning. Sammie frequently visited Oak Park to provide love and encouragement during reading activities. Students received pencils, sharpeners, crayons, glue sticks, scissors, notebooks whiteboards and a bag of yummy treats. Everyone at Oak Park are truly grateful for the generosity of the Scott's and for Ms. Swedborg, Ms. Caramico and Ms. Krumholtz for organizing this give-away.

We wanted you all to know that Sammie misses you so much and can't wait to read with you again. Be Safe, Wash Your Hands, and Read Every day! Enjoy these gifts and remember... We Are All in this Together.



Love,
Your friends Sammie the Dog
Ms. Lisa and Mr. Don

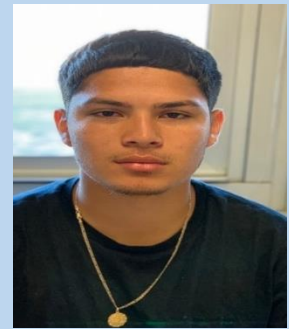


Brentwood Administrators Congratulate the Class of 2020!



Recognizing & Celebrating Seniors!

Featured below is Ms. Paris's students.



Congratulations 2020 Graduates!

A. Zavala, Lisbeth Solis, L. Rivera, A. Rivera, J. Collazo



CONGRATULATIONS!

A visit from Ms. Seneus, Department Head Special Education



Exciting News!



Congratulations Charlotte! Charlotte Silagyi received a scholarship to attend St. Joseph College in the fall. Charlotte will be majoring in special education and would like to one day to teach at Brentwood High School.



Congratulations Diana! Diana Gallo plans to attend college in the fall to become a professional aesthetician and makeup artist.



Congratulation Anya! Anya Vulpis will be attending Suffolk County Community College. She will be to be majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Star Students!



Congratulations Connor Mooney! Connor was accepted to SUNY Utica and will be playing football. Connor attended Southwest Elementary School, West Middle School, Freshman Center, and the Sonderling Center at Brentwood High School. A special thank you to Ms. Lanzetta, School Counselor, and all the educators that helped him achieve this accomplishment.



Congratulations Henrye! Henrye Richardson will be continuing his Electrician Apprentice program this Fall through BOCES. Henrye is currently a Junior Fireman with the Brentwood Fire Department, an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for Boy Scout Troop 25 and is working towards becoming an Eagle Scout. Henrye earned the Town of Islip Award for Service to People in Need (2019) as well as the Suffolk County Youth Award (2019) by Legislature 16th District Susan Berland. Thank you to Dawn Lanzetta (BHS Counselor) and all the educators that guided him along the way. Henrye attended East Middle school, Freshman Center, and the Sonderling Center at Brentwood High School.



Scholarship Winners!

Francis Cairns
Memorial Scholarship
Anthony Alvarenga

Guinette E. Dugger
Memorial Scholarship **Joseph**
Felix and Charlotte Silagyi

Howard Brodsky
Memorial Scholarship
Kimberly Hidalgo

In Memory of Howard
Brodsky Scholarship **Daniel**
Sanchez

Jerold Steiner
Memorial Scholarship **Connor**
Mooney

Anne Saltzman (Behrens)
Memorial Scholarship **Daniel**
Sanchez

Joseph Francis Frino
Memorial Scholarship **Carlos**
Martinez, Jose Cordova, Kevin
Mayen

Victoria Regan Scholarship
Elmer Villanueva

Paul Leary
Memorial Scholarship **Kristina**
Thanhauser

Robert Bronzo Scholarship
Henrye Richardson

Career Employment Options
Inc. **Diego Agreda**

Douglas E. Walters
Memorial Scholarship **Jason**
Collazo

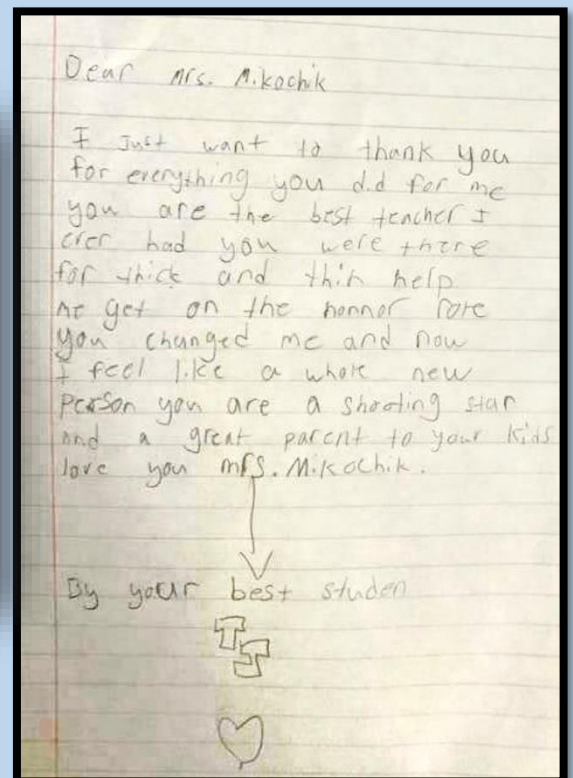
Edith R. Perrin **Joseph Felix**

Signs of Appreciation

North Middle School teacher, Ms. Phillips received a special gesture of appreciation.



North Middle School teacher, Diana Mikochik received a heartwarming letter.



BrentwoodStrong

A Special Tribute to Our Students

The Brentwood High School Special Education Department sends this message from our hearts to yours! We look forward to a time when we are together again!

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*Thank you for your years of service to the Brentwood School District.
May you be proud of the work you have done and the difference you
have made in the lives of our students.*

Migdalia Fox

David Goldfarb

Lorraine Hacker

Mary Judge

Carolyn Lapham

Andrea Malafis

Angelina Martino-Burke

Cathy Pelletier

Barbara Pisani

Jeri Ann Ramos

Placida Randall

Carol Salvo

Milagros Santiago

Liliana South

Maureen Treston



SEPTA

Special Education Parent Teacher Association

President: Ms. Jill Wolynetz

Recording Secretary: Ms. Laura Durante

Treasurer: Ms. Mara Kasdan

- Contact Ms. Jill Wolynetz at Jill.Wolynetz@bufsd.org for information or questions.
- Join our Facebook group "SEPTA of Brentwood" for parent information, meetings, and events for the 2020-2021 school year.



https://www.bufsd.org/parent_guardian/ptsa_septa



Volunteers are always welcome!

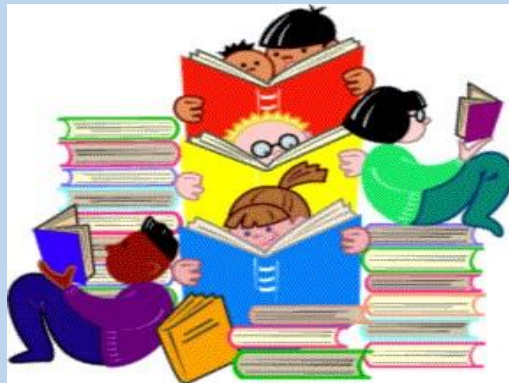


Be sure to check out this great community resource!

<http://brentwoodnylibrary.org>

The following YouTube video explains how to apply for a Brentwood Public Library card online. The temporary library card provides access to eBooks, audiobooks, and online databases.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=9GCUxAYVQIg&feature=youtu.be>



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