



November Newsletter
2018



SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

Hello and welcome to the first 2018-19 issue of **Special Happenings!** You will see just some of the many great things going on in Special Education.

The Skill-It Café is Open for Business!



The Skill-It Café at Sonderling High School is in full work mode! The ADL students in Ms. Lijoi's class are taking lunch orders, collecting money, preparing meals and delivering food to staff members. This program allows students to learn to follow recipes and learn about ingredients. The Café offers the opportunity to practice math and communication skills.





A Heart-Felt Appreciation

Dear Mr. Stone,

9/18/2018

Hi Mr. Stone, it's me Maynor and I just wanted to greet you and make sure everything's going great with your new class this year. I think about how you helped me become the person I am today. Without your help, I wouldn't be at the Freshman Center, I'd be in Boces. I think of that every day for a whole period in school.

It motivates me to know that such an amazing man like you was there to support me. Thank you very much for what you said. I almost teared up but you'll always be my favorite teacher no matter what. I will visit you one day. Me and my family are extremely grateful for you existing on this planet we call Earth. I hope God gives you many strengths and bring peace and happiness to your life. Thank you for everything you've done.

I hope everything goes well and God bless you and your family. I'll always love you Mr. Stone, take care.

God Bless you and your family,

Maynor

SAVE THE DATE!

A message you must hear!

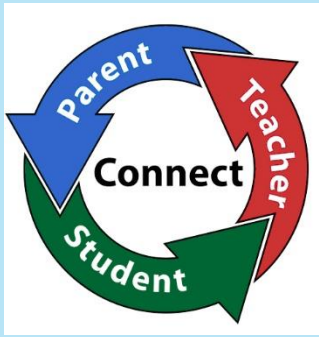
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December 11th

***Pine Park Elementary
Gymnasium 6pm to 8pm***



Hot chocolate and cookies will be served!



SEPTA's First Parent Workshop

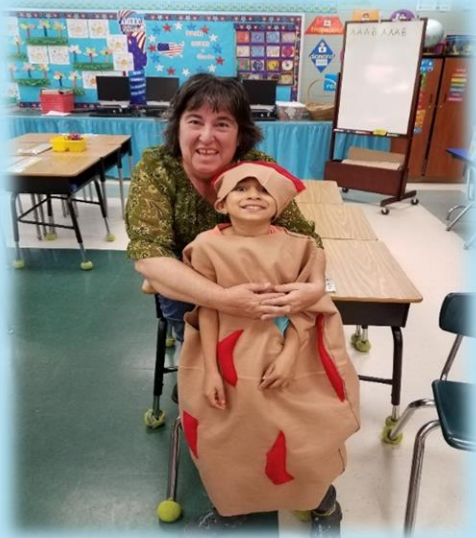
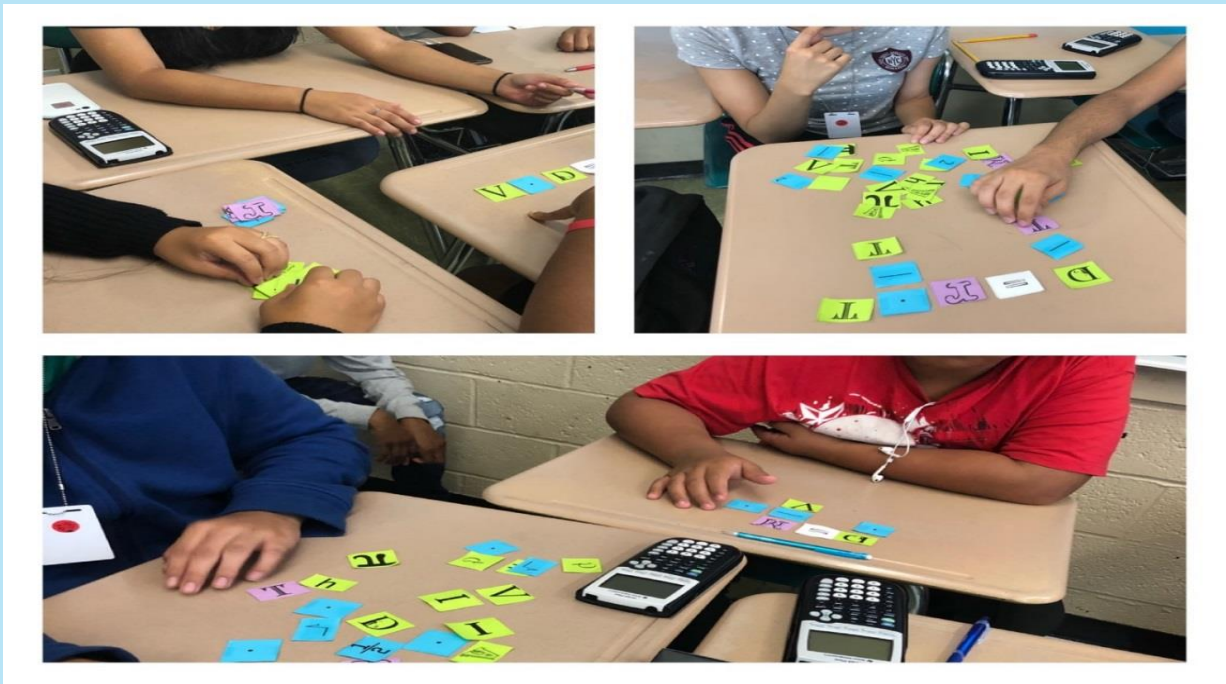
A shared enthusiasm to provide the best for our children.

An opportunity to discuss parents' questions and concerns.



What is Kinesthetic Learning?

Kinesthetic learning is a learning style in which learning takes place by the students carrying out physical activities, rather than listening to a lecture or watching demonstrations. Ross High School students in Ms. DeSantis' Algebra class practice kinesthetic learning to prepare for Regents level questions.



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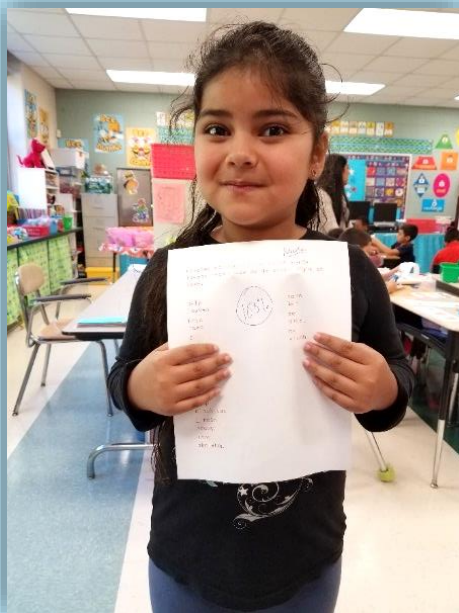
Miss Sibel created an amazing chicken nugget costume for Oak Park student, Justin Rubi. A great time was had by Mrs. Caramico's whole class!

**TRICK
OR
TREAT**

Supporting the Sandy Hook Initiative



"Start with Hello" initiative raffle winner, Jasmine Castaneda was presented with a prize from the Freshman Center principal, Vincent Autera. During the week of September 24-28th, 2018, the Freshmen Center along with hundreds of schools and youth organizations across the United States participated in *Start with Hello Week*. It teaches students in grades 2-12 the skills they need to create a culture of inclusion and connectedness. Planned events are put forth to encourage students to reach out to and include those who may be dealing with chronic social isolation.



Practice Practice Practice!

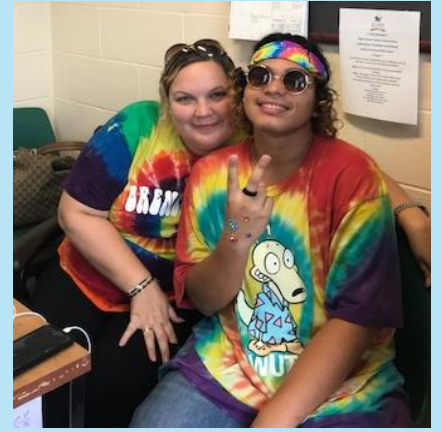
Nicole Alvarez can read all her October vocabulary words!



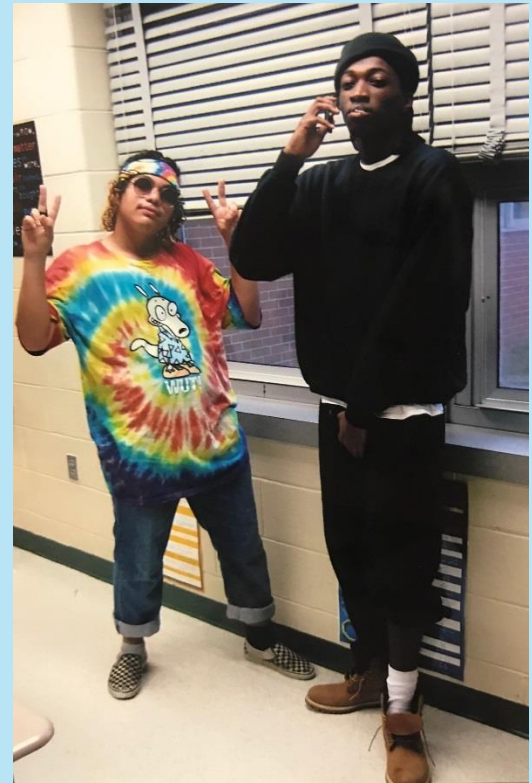
Brentwood High School Students in Ms. Debernardo's Class Celebrated Spirit Week



Green and White Day



Twin Day



Decades Day



Spirit Week at South Middle

Social studies teacher, Greg Walter, science teacher, Kristin Gorman and math teacher and Karina Fuentes happily pose for Spirit Week photos. They enjoyed surprising their students with cleverly decorated classroom doors.



Spirit Week at Sonderling

Students Destiny Nesmith and Angie Gonzalez in Ms. Halton's life skills class joined in the fun on twin day.





Our Students are Making a Difference

West Middle School students in Ms. Kuhn's and Ms. Rottmund's classes helped to collect and organize donated food items. Students were also responsible for checking expiration dates to make sure items were safe to give away. At the end of each day they filled in a graph to show what was collected so others knew what items were still needed. The children worked hard and absolutely enjoyed helping with the food drive. We are all so proud of their service.



Students at North Middle School are doing their part too.



Students in Ms. Lindsay's class along with the NMS Student Council helped to collect 27 boxes of food to donate to Pronto. Board Members from Pronto, Mr. McElroy, Ms. Weissman, Mr. Bennet, and Mr. Sinisi, visited North Middle School to personally thank students for their compassion and willingness to serve others.



Pronto proudly serves Brentwood, Bay Shore, Central Islip and other neighboring communities.



Youth Bureau Awards Ceremony

Service Initiative: Students are using their time to serve others and their community at large.

Personal Development: Students are developing their own personal interests, social and/or employment.

Exploration: Students are exploring Suffolk County parks.

Physical Fitness: Students are improving their quality of life and health through fitness activities.



Extending the Reading Experience

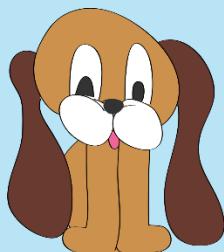


Sonderling High School Students in Ms. Halton's life skills class read a non-fiction Newsela article about spiders and enjoyed creating their own creepy crawlers!



A Loyal Friend

Oak Park student, Sammy Reyes loves spending time with the therapy dog in Ms. Caramico's class.



****SAVE THE DATE****



*Brentwood High School's
5th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting
Ceremony*

Di Pietro and Puleo Lecture Hall

Friday, December 7, 2018

5:30pm - 8:00pm



For a Family Fun Activity!

Open to all Brentwood students and their families!

Caroling, Music, Holiday Displays, Crafts and Much More!

*For more information, please contact
Ms. Rhonda Young at Special Services or
Ms. Seneus at Sonderling High School*

434-2424





Please join us for a

TRANSITION FAIR

Smithtown School District

This is an opportunity for families to meet representatives from various agencies and organizations in the areas of recreation, employment, and education, to assist you in planning for your child's future.

PRESENTATION by

Regina Brandow, Esq. &

Brian McIlvain (SILO)

Understanding Eligibility and the Application Process for Adult Services while Protecting Family Assets Legally and Financially

TRANSITIONING FROM HIGH SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- Job Placement
- Adult Service Agencies
- Supported Employment
- Recreation
- Benefits Advisement
- Guardianship
- Work Readiness
- Transition Services



December 13, 2018

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Smithtown High

School West

100 Central Road



SEPTA

Special Education Parent Teacher Association

President: Ms. Jill Wolynetz

Recording Secretary: Ms. Beth Law

Treasurer: Ms. Rosanna Mendola

- 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 2018-2019 school year.

http://www.brentwood.k12.ny.us/HTMLpages/Parent_info/PTSA_Home.html#septa



Volunteers Needed!



Be sure to check out this great community resource.

<http://brentwoodnylibrary.org>



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