

Highlights

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of the Sayville School District

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NEWSWORTHY

2006 SERIES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The NYS Education Department has awarded scholarships to the following Seniors for their academic excellence throughout their high school careers.

Amanda Asaro	Daniel Hahn
Daniel Capurso	Andrew Brooks
Bryan Bernard	Amanda Jacob
Michael DeLuca	Rebecca Burns
Gillian Bialer	Trevor Sergison

National Merit Scholarship Candidates Selected

Congratulations to the six Class of 2007 members who were selected for the National Merit Scholarship Program for their outstanding performances on the 2005 PSAT exam. They are: William Beck, Trevor Caverly, Michelle De Bonis, Caryn Rosenberg, April Rueb, and Lara Schmitt!

Reminder to the parents of Special Education students:

YOUR SURVEYS NEEDED!

Please remember to complete A.S.A.P. the **New York State Education Department** surveys that were mailed home in early May. Answering the questionnaires for each child will provide NYSED with important information that will help improve services and results for our students with disabilities. This survey is being conducted statewide, so **DO NOT** return it to Sayville. Rather, mail your completed questionnaire in the included postage paid envelope directly to Cyberdata Inc. You can also go online to complete your questionnaire at www.vesidsurvey.com/parent.

If you have any questions, call the Special Education Office at 244-6545.

Announcing Accomplishments

With so many student achievements and accolades being acknowledged Districtwide, here's just a sampling...

Naming The Mercedes G. Astor Scholarship Winner and Alternate

When Dowling College Benefactor John Astor established the annual Mercedes G. Astor Memorial Scholarship in September 1968, it was to honor his late wife, Mercedes. Since that time, Sayville Seniors from the top twenty students in the graduating class each year submit their applications in anonymity, bidding for the scholarship, valued at \$4,000 (\$1,000 per college year). Each student must be nominated by a school authority and had to have demonstrated excellence in scholastics, character, leadership qualities, extracurricular participation, social behavior, exemplary citizenship, and the ability to get along well with others. Additionally, the candidates are asked to write letters explaining what makes them deserving of this award. The winner is required to attend a four-year college or university in the United States.

Congratulations to Class of 2006 Seniors Amanda Asaro for winning this year's Mercedes G. Astor Memorial Scholarship and to Andrew Brooks who was named the alternate.



Superintendent Dr. Rosemary Jones and Principal Joseph Buderman congratulate scholarship winner Amanda Asaro and alternate Andrew Brooks.

Lottery Scholarship Winner

Sayville Senior Bryan Bernard has been selected as this year's 2006 Lottery Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship recipient, offered by the New York State Lottery. In addition to his academic standing, he is being recognized as a well-rounded student with accomplishments in community service, leadership, and citizenship.

Since 1967, the New York Lottery has generated \$27 billion in aid to education, has sponsored educational programs, and under the leadership of Governor Pataki, created the LOT Scholarships. Awarded to one exceptional senior from participating high schools throughout New York, this honor includes a \$4,000 scholarship, paid in \$1,000 annual increments, to be applied toward the cost of attending an accredited New York College, university, or trade school. Congratulations to Bryan for achieving this honor.

Awards & Honors

- For their outstanding commitment to protecting and enhancing environmental quality, Sayville High SWEEP Club members, under the direction of Mrs. Maria Brown, have been selected for the 2006 U.S. EPA Environmental Quality Award.



- The Milliken Technical Center Awards went to Sayville students who achieved Honor Roll and/or Perfect Attendance Awards for the third quarter of the 2005-2006 school year: **Honor Roll:** Elizabeth Christensen, Michael Haas, Lyndsay Kollegger, Alec Reutter, & **Perfect Attendance:** Nicholas DeRosa.



- As a result of their hard work, commitment, and dedication, Sayville High School students Jamie Kaminsky, Victoria Finger, and Jessica Santiago were selected to the **National Technical Honor Society at Brookhaven Technical Center.**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

KEVIN L. SPELMAN, PRESIDENT
 DEBORAH VAN ESSENDELFT, VICE PRESIDENT
 ALLISON J. CRUZ
 NORMAN DEVENAU
 MAUREEN DOLAN
 RAYMOND J. NELSON
 JOHN VERDONE



BOARD NOTES

AT THE MAY 11TH BOE MEETING

Recognition was given to

- Brian Denton, Chief Custodian, High School, 30 Years
- Tenure Candidates (page 3)
- District Volunteers (page 2, below)
- Students (page 2, right)

DR. ROSEMARY F. JONES,
 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
 REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. **Department Chairperson's Report**
 - Music Department: Bernstein/Hoffman
2. **Overview: 2006-2007 Proposed Budget**
 - a) Budget Vote & Election, May 16, 7am to 9pm, High School Lobby
3. **Reading Adoption Presentation**
 - Stimmel/Greenwald
4. **Sayville Library Board**

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION
 • Athletic Foundation Proposals

THE PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET PASSED WITH 2,006 yes; 1,066 no

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Sayville School District would like to thank the community for your continued support of our children's education.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 29 Schools Closed: Memorial Day

- June 1 Board of Education Workshop Meeting, 7pm, Admin. Bldg.
- June 2 SAVA All-District Art Show, Middle School Commons, 7-9pm
- June 7 All-District Elementary Band/Orchestra Concert, Middle School, 7:30pm
- June 8 Board of Education Meeting, 8 pm, Old Junior High Auditorium

BOE Citations Awarded to Students:

Awards were presented by Principal Rose Castello, BOE President Kevin L. Spelman, BOE Vice President Deborah Van Essendelft, BOE Trustees Maureen Dolan, Norm deVenau, Raymond J. Nelson, and John Verdone.

PILOT CLUB ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS (presented by Laurie Kaye, & Joanne Hamilton):
 Tad Dieckhoff (Lincoln), Christopher McGrath (Sunrise), Caroline Greco (Cherry)

SD MATH OLYMPIAD)

Steven Smith, Rachael Wachter, Matthew Stephan, Curran Boyce, Connor Mulry, and Courtney Takats.

The Team will compete in the First Annual Math Tournament, College of Old Westbury, June 9th

SD WINNER OF THE TOWN OF ISLIP STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Emma Prokesch (for her service for People in Need/Locks of Love)

SD FIRST-PLACE WINNERS NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

Matthew Stephan (5th) and Julia Cameron (4th),

SUFFOLK ZONE AWARD WINNERS:

Samantha Schenkel and Dylan Bonacore

SHARPSHOOTER CONTEST WINNERS:

Kyle Murray (5th), Justin Siracusa (4th), Sabrina Mayrose (4th), and Caroline DeLuca (5th)

LOCKS OF LOVE BOE CITATION: Bridget Read

RECOGNIZING DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS

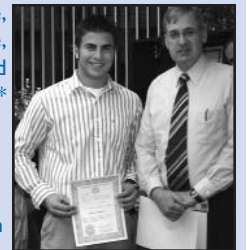
Although not all District volunteers could be present for the photos, the BOE acknowledged the following for their service throughout the academic year.

(* indicates present for photo)

DISTRICT SITE-BASED TEAM • Karen Murphy, Rhonda Saltzman
COORDINATING COUNCIL OF PTAs • Ken Kranz
MS/HS PTA • Jean Christensen
SUNRISE DRIVE PTA • Cindie Kolacz, Linda Zambaras, Kelle Knopf
WELLNESS COMMITTEE • Kathy Lawrence, Maria Macarle, Denise White, and Richard Pellegrini*



PARENT MEMBERS CSE • Dari Creglia, Susan Fitzgerald, Debbie Gatta, Suzanne Castagna*, Eileen McElroy, Gus Merced, Karyn Russo, Jennifer Ferremi*, Amy Hutchison*, Janet Ibanez, Nancy Schaefer, Susan Waters



CHERRY AVENUE PTA
 Denise Wolmart*, Kelly Baldo, Karen Chamberlain



LINCOLN AVENUE PTA
 Ginny Sullivan*, GERALYN Panzarino*, Gina Minoguo



SEPTA
 Eileen Tyznar*, Nancy Clarke



SMBA
 Michael Bialer*

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Various Venues for Award-Winning Artists

Sayville High School and Middle School students presented their art portfolios for adjudication at the New York State Art Teachers Association annual Portfolio Project. Seven out of the eight Sayville students received the highest ranking of Distinguished Artist for their work. Special note: Jason Cromwell received a perfect score for his art portfolio.

Congratulations to Samantha Russ, Jason Cromwell, Angela Link, Mike Cetta, and Jillian Catapano, along with SMS students Johnny Bavaro, Wyatt Terwilliger, and Julia MacDonell. Several Sayville art teachers, Art Department Chair Julia Lang Shapiro, John Verschure (Cherry Avenue), and Jacqueline Tabacco (MS Art substitute), participated in the adjudication and judged the portfolios of other schools in Suffolk County.

A Good Showing at the BAFFA Awards

At the Bay Area Friends of the Fine Arts (BAFFA) annual High School Student Invitational Art Exhibit, eight out of the ten Sayville students received awards. Congratulations to our talented artists (listed below) and their teachers Evan Hammer, Kim Kamensky, and Bobbie Dalpiaz.

FIRST PLACE:

Kristina Stucklen, drawing/pen & ink
Erica VanEssendelft, painting/oil

SECOND PLACE:

Maggie Cerveny, drawing/pen & ink
Lindsey Feeley, painting/watercolor
Brianna Lind, drawing/colored pencil
KT Martucci, sculpture/clay

THIRD PLACE:

Jessica Geraci, drawing/charcoal
Zach Stewart, drawing/pen & ink

Kudos to students Michelle DeBonis and Kerri Dougherty, whose artwork was also showcased.

Congressional Showcase of Sayville Artists



Congressman Steve Israel and Art Dept. Chair Julia Lang-Shapiro admire student Kerri Dougherty's work at the Congressional District Art Competition. Congratulations to all the Sayville High School students listed below who displayed their artwork:

Sarah Bartlett	Kerri Dougherty
Angela Link	Erika Schreiber
Jillian Catapano	Elizabeth Green
Jillian McManus	Brianna Soldano
Michelle DeBonis	Kristen Guadagni
Alyson Rofrano	Erica VanEssendelft

Administrative Accolades

Congratulations to Sayville Superintendent Dr. Rosemary F. Jones for her appointment by New York State Commissioner of Education Richard P. Mills to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Frederick D. Volp on the ten-member board of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System. (Board members serve without compensation and represent diverse constituents that comprise NYSTRS.) Dr. Jones will participate in setting board policy and overseeing operations for the nearly 400,000-member Retirement System which manages an \$89 billion fund. In addition to her appointment, Dr. Jones will serve as President-elect of the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association (SCSSA) for the 2006-2007 school year.

In addition, Dr. Rosemary Jones conducted an Aspiring Administrators workshop, sponsored by the SCSSA. During the workshop, Dr. Jones engaged the assembly with a light-hearted movie presentation that offered words of advice regarding professional practices.

Congratulations to Sayville Board Member Deborah Van Essendelft and Sayville

Administrators Assistant Superintendent for Business John J. Belmonte and Middle School Principal Dr. Walter Schartner, who were recognized by SCOPE Education Services. (Each recipient was nominated by Sayville Superintendent Dr. Rosemary F. Jones.)

• SCOPE Education Services presented Deborah Van Essendelft with the *School Board Award of Excellence* for her thirteen years of dedication as a Sayville Board of Education Member. Four times elected to three-year terms, Debbie has been a **volunteer** who represents the community and is **actively** involved in the decision-making process of the School District. Nominated for her dedication and fairness in advocating for all Sayville students, Mrs. Van Essendelft has been especially passionate about preserving and expanding programs in the arts.

• Superintendent for Business John J. Belmonte and Principal Dr. Walter Schartner were each recipients of the SCOPE Education Services *Instructional Leadership and Inspiration Award*. Mr. John Belmonte has managed the Business Office for nearly seven years in a highly professional and efficient manner. Sayville School District has profited from his excellent work ethic, financial acumen, and professional integrity.

Since joining Sayville School District in September of 1978, Dr. Walter Schartner rose to the position of principal of the Middle School in 1994, and his leadership has cultivated an outstanding culture at the Middle School in which student achievement has flourished.

SCOPE Photo: (l-r) Dr. Rosemary Jones, John Belmonte, Deborah Van Essendelft, and Dr. Walter Schartner.



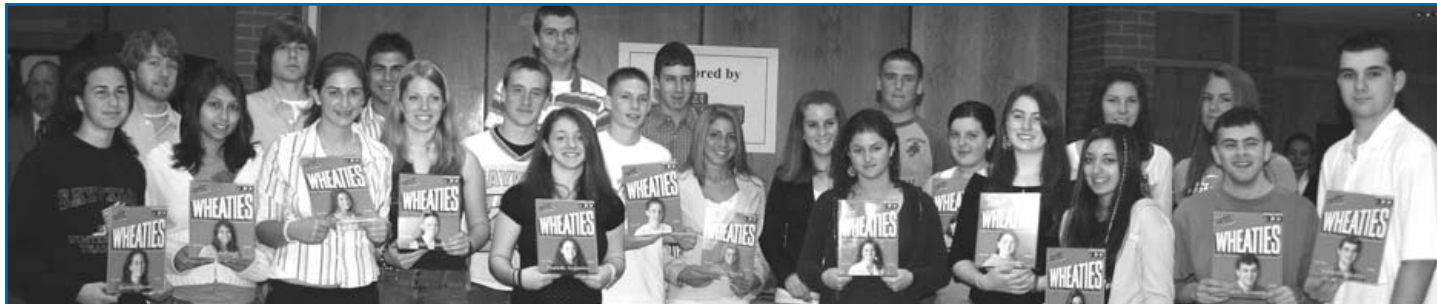
NEWLY TENURED

Congratulations to the staff members who achieved tenure this year.

- Ms. JEANETTE AINSLE** Middle School & Elementary Art
- Ms. KERI ATHAN** Sunrise Drive Elementary Education
- Mr. RYAN COX** Sunrise Drive Physical Education
- Ms. TONI FABIAN** Sunrise Drive School Social Worker
- Mr. LOUIS GITTLER** High School Science
- Ms. MICHELE GUNTHER** Lincoln Avenue Principal
- Ms. ALEXIS KISTER** High School Special Education
- Mr. RICHARD MARI** Cherry Ave Elementary Education
- Ms. ALISON MC DERMOTT** CA & SD School Media Specialist
- Mr. THOMAS MEIER** CA & MS Physical Education
- Ms. DONNA MORISIE** Sunrise Drive Elementary Education
- Mr. JOHN STIMMEL** Cherry Ave Principal
- Dr. GERALDINE SULLIVAN KECK** District Office Assist. Superintendent for Instruction
- Ms. DONNA TRPICOVSKY** Sunrise Drive Special Education
- Ms. DEBRA URSO** Middle School Art Education
- Ms. KATERI VOLPE** LA & SD School Media Specialist
- Ms. AMY WALSH** High School English

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TRADITION HONORS CHAMPS at Breakfast



Nominated by Sayville staff or community members for their qualities of character, twenty-five High School Breakfast of Champions candidates and their families were invited to an awards ceremony in their honor. These “enthusiastic,” “hardworking,” “cheerful,”

“focused,” and “honest” students were commended during a brief ceremony at which each recipient received a citation and a framed self-portrait set in a Wheaties Box background. Thanks to the generosity of 21 Main, the students and families enjoyed a delicious breakfast of eggs, bacon,

sausage, home fries, pancakes, fruit juices, and hot beverages.

The following Breakfast of Champions have been extolled as role models who are a “successful component of the Sayville High School Community:”

Danielle Argentina
Karyn Carey
Bridget Corso
Lauren Dodaro
Shannon Frappied

Garrett Fujarski
Kristen Guadagni
David Hartman
Christina Hesse
Michael Iorio

Christopher Kucera
Raymond Kuhn
Jesse Lane
Christopher MacLellan
Dayna Montalto

Megha Marwaha
Garet Newman
Lauren Paciorek
Richard Pellegrini
Palak Patel

Jamie Piccola
Matthew Quarte
Brittany Rende
Lorelei Schreiber
Kaitlyn Weber

CAST CALL FOR SYPOW's Magic Flute

Performances:
August 16, 17 & 18,
Sayville Middle
School Auditorium

- Auditions for SYPOW's summer workshop *The Magic Flute* are Tuesday, June 27 and Wednesday, June 28, 7 to 9pm at Sayville Middle School.
- Auditions open to young vocalists currently 6th grade & older.
- Auditioners must provide own music. An accompaniment tape or CD is recommended, although an accompanist will be available.

Fostering Creative Thinkers



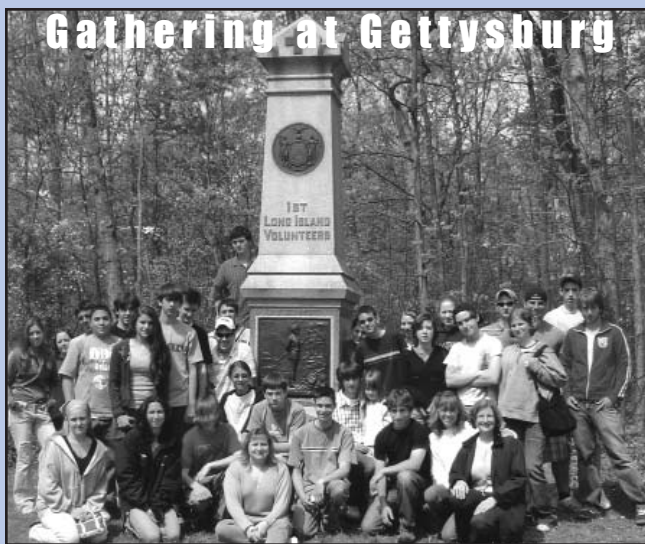
Sayville High School English teacher Tammy Sinishtaj and her students presented at the Long Island Language Arts Council

It was such a huge success, the audience had to bring in additional chairs.

Sayville English Department teacher Tammy Sinishtaj presented “Thinking Out of the Box: Fostering Aware, Creative Thinkers,” at a Long Island Language Arts Council Workshop, held at the Marriott in Melville. This convention for hundreds of English teachers on Long Island was the perfect venue to showcase her criteria for creativity in the classroom.

Ms. Sinishtaj's workshop included a PowerPoint presentation on the subject. She

was accompanied by some of her students who shared their own classroom experiences with “Think Out of the Box.” Dan Capurso, Sarah Paul, and Katie Buono presented different projects, and while Evan Martel was unable to attend in person, he appeared in a videotaped portion of the PowerPoint—talk about being creative inside the box of a movie screen! Ms. Sinishtaj and her students, along with Sayville English Department Chairperson Ann Duncan sat with Suffolk County Poet Laureate Daniel Thomas Moran at the head table during the luncheon.



Thirty History Club members, along with teachers Mrs. Sue Hart, Debra Armendinger, and Mrs. Donna Gist, took an informative and fun weekend tour of Lancaster County and Gettysburg National Military Park. At the 1st Long Island Volunteers Monument, raised to honor all who died in the bloodiest battle of the Civil War, the History Club members paused for a photo.

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Time ^{For} A Cure! Through Ride For Life

To the chant of this year's theme: "What Time Is It? Time For A Cure!" the 9th Annual Ride For Life, the journey of hope to fight ALS, made special stops at Sayville schools.

First stop was the High School. Preparing for the event weeks in advance, Student Assistance Counselor Shawn Foster enlisted the support of Junior class advisors Ms. Sinishtaj, Ms. Censoplano, and Mr. Nani, as well as Mrs. Donna Gist's Girls' Peer Leadership class, to raise money. On the day of the Ride For Life, the participants—many of whom were wheelchair bound—were greeted by a sizeable turnout of High School students gathered outside the school. Everyone cheered when Ms. Foster gave the ALS-Awareness Advocates, including Chris Pendergast who was stricken by ALS nine years ago, a check for \$500, collected through student and faculty donations and coin drives.

Cherry Avenue students were chanting when the Ride For Life made its second stop. As the members approached, they saw how the school windows were filled with hundreds of sneaker-shaped cutouts that contained the names of each Cherry Avenue Ride For



Life supporter. A heartwarming ceremony was held in their honor, the result of a collaboration of Cherry Avenue families, teachers, and staff. After Principal John Stimmel expressed inspiring thoughts of hope, the Riders

were introduced, including Dave Deutsch (*photo top right*) who has ALS, the father of Kindergartener Andrew. Andrew's Kindergarten teacher Dorothy Coyle was able to hand over a check totaling \$1,500 thanks to the generosity of the entire Cherry Avenue community who contributed to the sneaker cutouts fundraiser.

The Ride For Life travelers turned up Johnson Avenue and were welcomed by the excited crowd of Middle School students. Sixth-grader and Student Council member Taylor Callis, whose uncle also happens to be Dave Deutsch, was instrumental in making the arrangements. Through her direction and the efforts of the student council, the Middle School raised over \$1,000 for the worthy cause. After briefly delivering their message of awareness, the Riders expressed their appreciation and thanks to the

Middle School community for its support. Moments later, they continued on their trek across Long Island as the students hollered their goodbyes.



Sharing Information in Current Issues

Fascinating technological innovations used by the military were some of the topics in Mr. Tim Southerton's and Ms. Jeanette Ainslie's Current Issues classes at the Middle School. Speaking with authority, Michael Huggins, one of our Social Studies teachers at Sayville High School, was invited to share with the Middle School students his firsthand experience as an Air Force officer deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan. A New York Air National Guardsman called to duty by the U.S. Air Force, 1st Lieutenant Huggins recently completed a tour of duty supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Answering many insightful student questions about living conditions in the desert, he explained how the military packages food for travel, teaches military personnel to negotiate safely around rats, scorpions, and poisonous snakes, and how the military uses technology to fight terrorism. 1st Lt. Huggins also spoke of his most favorite part of his last tour: supporting the military to help the Afghan people to help themselves with medical treatments and establish democracy. 1st Lt. Huggins also mentioned that Major John Schultz, a Sayville resident whose children go to Sayville schools, was a real hero for flying rescue helicopters in Afghanistan.



Sayville's 4TH ANNUAL IRONMAN TRIATHLON

For students in
Grades Five-Twelve
Saturday, June 3rd,
7:30 AM
100-meter Swim
5K (3.1 mile) Bicycle Ride
1-Mile Run

All students (grades five through twelve) need to get an entry packet from their Physical Education Teachers. The fee for this event is \$5. Award shirts will be given to the First-Place Finisher in each Category and Finisher Shirts will be distributed to each participant who finishes the race.

Attention All Residents: Certain streets surrounding the Middle School will be closed off to all traffic from 8 AM to 10 AM, June 4th, the Day of the Race. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

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SEEDS of Einstein at the Elementary Schools

For several months, the Sayville SEED students in all three elementary schools engaged in an amazing districtwide project that gave them a firsthand appreciation for Albert Einstein's genius. By adapting a program offered through the American Physical Society for Middle School students, SEED teacher Mrs. Cindy MacDonell recognized an opportunity to embark her Fourth and Fifth-grade students on an enjoyable, age-appropriate journey of experimentation with different principles of physics. There was an entertaining objective to this study as well. Each experiment would offer data that converted to clues—clues to a “treasure box” that was “virtually buried” on the grounds of Princeton University where Einstein spent his last 23 years.

First the students learned a little history. The year 2005 was named the International Year of Physics to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Einstein's four publications that revolutionized modern physics—referred to as “*Annus mirabilis*” (meaning miracle year). When the SEED students made the comparison that it was as phenomenal as if one person had invented the car, the computer, the television, and the airplane all in one year, they were enthused to learn more.

As an introduction to Einstein's theory of relativity: “time is relative and related to speed,” the students pondered Einstein's “thought experiment” called the Twin Paradox. (One twin, approaching the speed of light while traveling to a distant star and back, would only have aged a few months, while the twin who remained on earth would have aged decades.) Next, they divided into teams to begin their “query,” a

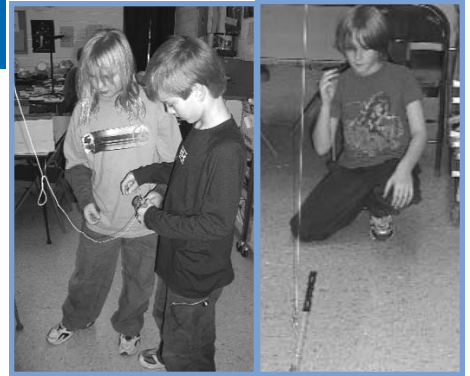
series of experiments which would aid them on their search for clues. Mrs. MacDonell's inventive supervision kept her students inquisitive and eager to explore the following:

- the structure of soapy films and how bubbles interface, to learn about the law of minimization.
- the investigation of light by measuring the angles between bright beams formed when a laser beam was diffracted.
- their own experiments that they designed and performed with pendulums, graphing the results, making “best-fit” line predictions, and discussing theoretical changes that might occur in different gravitational fields.
- magnetic attractions by mapping the invisible field lines. (Einstein's boyhood fascination for his compass, a gift from his father, was the inspiration for this experiment.)

Finally, the students collected their data from their three-month query, wrote their results and conclusions, and faxed this information to Princeton. If they were successful, their results would have mapped the location of a virtual treasure box.

When the large package arrived one day, the wide-eyed students were thrilled. The class session was spent investigating the scientific treasures contained in the box: books related to their experiments; a polyhedra kit for building, testing, and observing how soapy films interact with these shapes; and even an Einstein “action figure”!

The SEED students concluded their Einstein session with Mrs. MacDonell by guessing the answers to some Einstein candy riddles.



EINSTEIN CANDY RIDDLES:

- Einstein theorized that light bends around stars. Scientists later proved this during what solar event? (Eclipse mints)
- Einstein must have eaten these to cause his hair to stand on end. (Shockers tarts)

Uncle Ken's Kitchen at Sunrise Drive



Encouraging students to make healthy food choices, Uncle Ken's Kitchen visited Sunrise Drive. News 12 reporter Ken Grimball “served up” good habits as spokesperson of the traveling kitchen, equipped with a chef who shared healthy recipes and a physical trainer who got the students hopping for exercise.

Pirates Ahoy at Cherry

Kindergarten classes at Cherry Avenue ended their Social Studies unit on mapping with “Pirates Day.” This unique celebration, organized by Kindergarten teachers Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. Flynn, and Ms. Nacional, with the assistance of Kindergarten Aides Mrs. Redding and Mrs. Dulmovitz, transformed the children into hearty mates ready for adventure.

On this exciting day, the Kindergarteners came to school dressed as pirates and each received an eye patch. After playing innovative games entitled *Walk the Plank*, *Musical Islands*, *Pass the Pirate Hat*, *Mop the Poop Deck*, *Pin the Eye Patch on the Pirate*, and even *Tick! Tock! Find the Crock*,

the pirates had to face a real challenge—the treasure hunt. By applying their knowledge of cardinal directions (North, South, East, and West), they followed the treasure map that would lead to the pirate's chest hidden on the playground. The clever buccaneers located the chest filled with mini telescopes, enough spoils for everyone. Since no pirate would feel complete without a parrot and Jolly Roger flag, the Kindergarteners made their own while

listening to pirate sea chanties.

Homeward bound, the adventurers returned clutching booty bags filled with telescopes, eye patches, parrots, goldfish crackers, and chocolate “jewels.”



The Emperor's New Outfit An updated fairytale

“Long ago in the Early 1990s the Emperor of Lincoln ruled the land. He did not bother with day-to-day events in the Empire, but rather, he was more involved in his appearance.”

Mrs. Whitehurst's Third graders wrote and performed a class play dealing with an Emperor whose priorities—alas—were not balanced. In the story, the children of Lincoln must teach him, through example, that it is not how a person looks, but the way he or she behaves that makes for a successful life.

As the story unfolds, the character-education lesson is dramatized by the Emperor's foolish vanity. In this updated version, the weavers still deceive the Emperor, who thinks his citizens will respect him because of his spectacular outfits. Yet, the Emperor's misplaced trust in his weavers teaches the children of Lincoln an important message: it's not what you wear (and in this

case, what you are NOT wearing), but your character—strong, wise, or kind—that's important. The children convince the Emperor that he is a strong leader because of his strength of character and the fact that he is a willing listener, not because of what he wears, and so ends the tale on character. The two Lincoln Avenue performances, for both the students and the parents, were delights to behold.



Jump Roping Hits the Mark on Physical Fitness

Professional rope jumper Mark Rothstein had the elementary students hopping with enthusiasm during his motivational school assembly against drugs. Showing the children that fitness can be fun, Mark gave an entertaining demonstration as he educated them about positive attitudes, goal setting, friendliness, decision making, and teamwork. Enlisting the “assistance” of Physical Education teachers and students, his rope jumping skills wowed the crowds. Sayville Elementary school Physical Education educators were thrilled to have Mark enhance their health lessons about being drug free.



Learning about the Tropical Rain Forest

For the past four years, Sunrise Drive First-grade students in Mrs. Bonnie Glenn's classes have become Tropical Rain Forest experts.

In conjunction with Earth Day again this year, Mrs. Glenn assigned research projects to her students on a Tropical Rain Forest animal of their choice. In class, the students read books, made several rain forest animals for a bulletin board, learned about the products of the rain forest, and discussed the importance of keeping the rain forests flourishing. In addition to creating either a graphic organizer or writing a report, each student made a diorama or a poster. Their visually amazing productions provided a wealth of information about specific topics.

This monthlong class project culminated with a “Rain Forest

Celebration” to which parents were invited to see all the wonderful projects. Mrs. Glenn served ice-cream sundaes, containing rain forest products, such as bananas, pineapples, coconuts, chocolate, vanilla, and nuts. After the children sang a rain forest song they had prepared for the celebration, the parents listened to some

student poetry and played an assortment of math games that the children learned in the Every Day Math Program. By the end of the celebration, the students' enthusiasm about their Rain Forest projects was an enjoyable learning experience for their guests and fellow students!



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SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
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Celebrating with SMBA

• Congratulations to all the students in grades 5-12 who were recognized for their talents during the Evening in Celebration, SMBA's largest fundraiser. SMBA volunteers coordinated their efforts with the various Departments to arrange this delightful evening.

SMBA Educator Award



Mrs. Betsy Cohen received a special SMBA Excellence in Education Award

SMBA Celebration photos courtesy of Tove Abrams



(photo left)

SMBA Senior Awards

COLSON VISUAL ARTS AWARD:

Margaret Cerveny

GEORGE SEYFERT MUSIC AWARD:

Katherine Donals

RED COBB THEATER AWARD:

Jillian McManus

Brittney Soldano—Literary Arts

Kathryn Yusko—Dance

Michael Cashman—Voice

Lauren Bilich—Theatre

Jeffrey Manno—Voice

Gillian Bialer—Voice

Brianna Soldano—Dance

Meredith O'Connor—Voice

Cathleen Cook—Woodwind

Kerry Dougherty—Visual Arts

Special SMBA Award: JAMES LAWLOR MEMORIAL AWARD



(photo left)

Katherine Donals was the recipient of the James Lawlor Memorial Award. (l-r) SMBA President Michael Bialer, Katherine Donals, Marcia Lawlor, and Amy McGrath (presenter)

SMBA High School Grant Winners

(photo below)

Katherine Buono—Voice

Christina Hesse—Instrumental

Music-Strings-Viola

Bishnu Panigrahi—Keyboard

Stephen Tuozzolo—Instrumental

Music-Woodwind-Sax

Cory Muscara—Brass

Kristina Schroeter—Voice

Allison Bohman—Theatre

Lea Johnson—Voice

Trevor Caverly—Keyboard

Joseph Hailey—Theatre

Erika Schreiber—Visual Arts

Conrad Jones—Brass

Patrick McNeill—Instrumental

Music:Woodwind-Oboe

Kieran Siao—Theatre

Roxanne York—Voice

SMBA Middle School Award Winners

(photo below)



Andrew Hartman—Instrumental

Joseph McNulty—Instrumental

Michael Miller—Voice

Anthony Argentina—Visual Arts

Aline Koinoglou—Dance

Julie MacDonell—Instrumental

Kyle Tieman-Strauss—Instrumental

James Harlin—Voice

Alexis Minogue—Literary

Kassandra Golka—Voice

Rachel Ali—Instrumental

Zachary Stephan—Instrumental

Johnny Bavaro—Instrumental

Anna Marie Ambrose—Visual Arts

Andrew Lotto—Instrumental

Casey Jarvis—Voice

Kenny Murray—Theatre

Madeline Thayer—Instrumental

Kevin Siao—Voice

Michael La Pinta—Instrumental

SMBA sponsored the following Cultural Arts programs for each Sayville school:

- Squeaky Clean (Elementary)
- Ear Theatre (Middle)
- Alvin Ailey Student Performers (High)



Trumpeting MORE Musical Triumphs

The talented student musicians of the Sayville High School Wind Ensemble earned the "gold medal with distinction award," the highest award possible, for their performance under the direction of Mr. DeSalvo at the State Evaluation Festival.

The Jazz Ensemble, the Jazz Choir, under the direction of their respective conductors, Mr. Giammalvo, and Mr. Hoffman, won the following awards at the

competitive Festival of Music:

Jazz Ensemble 1st Place

Jazz Choir 1st Place

**Jazz Swing Choir 1st Place
Overall Chorus**

Adam Rizzo was selected "Best Vocal Soloist" and Conrad Jones was named "The Best Instrumental Soloist." Congratulations to you all on your extraordinary success.