

garden," Thureau said.

Each person also received an orange marigold plant — helpful for keeping pests away from the garden.

Jericho Cares started in August 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic to assist families in need. Ellie Musmeci, the organization's vice president, said families are "very excited" when fresh produce is available since most donations are nonperishable items.

Klein reminded the gardeners that even if they may not grow a ton, all of the work collectively makes a difference.

She said as a group it becomes a "bountiful, incredible donation."

Alison Carey, a music teacher at Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Plainview, carried a large tray of plants that she was bringing back to the school for its garden. She also planned to grab another batch for a garden at Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School.

"It's a nice way to engage people," Carey said.

Any unclaimed plants will as be donated to the middle school, said Ann Budano Koch, an Engage Long Island leader.

Samara Feinberg, of Syosset, picked out strawberry, onion, eggplant and pepper plants with her 8-year-old daughter, Kayla.

Feinberg said it's the first time in a few years they'll try a vegetable garden.

"It's a lot of upkeep, but we thought now we have a reason to upkeep it and a mission," she said.

## protests

Under NYPD disciplinary procedures, the CCRB recommended serving those officers with formal charges that could result in administrative departmental trials. The CCRB also recommended a total of 56 officers receive some kind of lesser discipline that could include retraining or lost vacation days.

A statistical chart compiled by the CCRB showed that internal penalties levied by the NYPD for misconduct during the protests ranged from none to a loss of up to 20 vacation days. One police officer resolved his case with a plea bargain that resulted in his dismissal from the force.

In the CCRB cases that have so far gone to administrative trials, records showed that it was difficult for the board to prevail.



Skylar Rogers, 10, left, and her twin sister, Madeleine play Steal the Bacon on Saturday.

# Play is the thing for Baldwin students

## Kids take a break from electronics for fun afternoon

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On a field outside Plaza Elementary School in Baldwin, Simon said to put your hands on your head.

Then, put your finger to your nose.

Nearly 100 students and their parents caught the cue, or lack of it, and didn't move an inch — but a handful weren't so careful.

The game was the first of several large-scale competitions held for Baldwin Street Games, which took place Saturday afternoon for the first time across five elementary schools in the district as an effort to get children playing outside and away from electronic screens.

The goal, school officials said, was to bring the community together and encourage physical activity and social connections.

"It's not only socializing between students, it's parents and their children, it's parents and parents," said Baldwin schools Superintendent Shari Camhi,

who was on hand. "It really is a community event."

After Simon Says, dozens of children and adults played Steal the Bacon, Red Light, Green Light, 1-2-3, as well as kickball, run by volunteer parents. In a separate courtyard, children drew hopscotch grids, hopped over jump-ropes and rolled rubber balls at bowling pins, even amid some drizzle as evening approached.

Jay Biazon, 54, of Baldwin, said the event reminded him of the games he played when he was younger. It was an opportunity to let his son, Ethan, a fourth grader, play with other kids around his age and separate from screens that can sometimes be difficult, even for parents, to limit.

"It's such an addictive thing that kids can't seem to stop, and as parents we sometimes use it as a babysitting tool," Biazon said.

While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests at least one daily hour of physical activity for children and adolescents, the agency said less than a quarter of that group meets that threshold.

Meanwhile, a National Institutes of Health study in 2019 found children's screen time grew significantly as they got older. Other research has tied

excessive screen time to issues like cognitive delays later in childhood.

With her 9-year-old son, Carter, running across the field Saturday, Charisse Civil, 37, of Baldwin, said she enjoys taking advantage of opportunities for him to play among his peers, especially after the pandemic disrupted his early school years.

"His kindergarten year, he switched to remote," Civil said. "It's all the things I was really excited for him to have, but he didn't have initially."

Carter, who plays soccer and is in gymnastics, said "seeing my friends" was the highlight of the day.

Colleen Curtin, 38, of Baldwin, said she liked the idea of "unplugging for a few hours" with her son, Thomas, 7, a second grader at the school.

"You don't really see a lot of kids outside like when we were kids," Curtin said. "It's much different."

For a few hours, stepping through the gates of the school's playground felt like a throwback to that time.

Gavin Gardner, 9, a fourth grader, said Red Light, Green Light, 1-2-3 was his favorite game of the day. Asked if he wanted to go for another round to try to win, he nodded with a smile.

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### CORRECTIONS

Martha M. Stansbury worked as a consultant to Stony Brook University's business incubator in Calverton. Her job title was incorrect in a story on Saturday.

In the School Voters Guide in Sunday's LI Life section, which was printed in advance, two school board candidates were not included. Alisa Clark and Annette Matthew are running for the seat in the Valley Stream 24 school district.

Also, a proposition in the proposed budget for the Smithtown school district listed the wrong amount. Approval is sought to spend \$2,513,000 from Capital Reserve funds. Voters can also cast ballots at Nesconset Elementary School in Nesconset and at Accomsett Elementary School in Smithtown.

In addition, the status of teacher pay in the New Hyde Park-Garden City Park school district is incorrect. The proposed budget includes salary increases.

### CLARIFICATION

The polling site in Herricks is the Herricks Community Center.

### THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**1536** Anne Boleyn, second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded after being convicted of adultery.  
**1967** The Soviet Union ratified a treaty with the United States and Britain, banning nuclear and other weapons from outer space.