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**K**icking off Mental Health Awareness Month, Searingtown Elementary celebrated the grand opening of their brand new Zen Zone and Calming Cart on May 6th. The Zen Zone is a newly crafted space with the aim to foster and promote an environment for relaxation, stress reduction, and mental focus. Ultimately, this project assists with improving both our students' and staff's overall mental wellness and encourages positive social interactions, self-reflection, and emotional regulation.



## CENTER STREET STUDENTS ENJOY "DAY OF PLAY"



As a reward for hitting their Boosterthon fundraising goal, Center Street students got to spend the afternoon of June 11th with outdoor play, ice cream, and...water balloons!



## HERRICKS MIDDLE SCHOOL CELEBRATES AAPI MONTH WITH VISITING AUTHORS

As a part of Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Herricks Middle School students were treated to a special visit by authors Amy Chu and Alexander Chang and artist Louie Chin. These three awesome creators spoke to our 6th graders about their graphic novel *Fighting to Belong! A History of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Vol. 1* and shared keen insights about the process behind creating such a comic!



## Denton Students Strike a Pose at Kindergarten Fashion Show

**O**n May 17th, students from Ms. Topel and Ms. Chu's Denton Avenue kindergarten class put on an amazing fashion show! The industrious ducklings put on the entire show on their own—collecting tickets from and seating guests, walking the stage, and even selling snacks and souvenirs!



# Student Spotlight: Joshua Singh



**Meet Joshua Singh, a 10th grade Herricks High School student who recently took the initiative to take (and pass) one of the SolidWorks Certification Exams—one of the more professional experiences that a student can put on their resume! Read on below to learn more about the process in Joshua's own words!**

"When picking out my electives for freshman year, I saw design and drawing as an interesting choice and wanted to know more about it. Later, I decided to enroll in this class because, upon further research, I recognized that the activities and projects were distinct and more engaging compared to my other courses. I also contemplated the valuable learning opportunities the class could provide, such as: fostering creativity, learning 3D designing, and gaining an introduction to architectural concepts. As the year is concluding, I liked working on TinkerCAD as it explores the design process and translates your ideas into digital models and then into real life models. This kind of practical, project-based learning can be incredibly rewarding and help you de-

velop valuable skills. As the upcoming year was now approaching I was more intrigued about learning more about architectural designing so I chose CAD as my next year course. Throughout my CAD course year CAD has a valuable skill set that is widely applicable across various industries, from engineering and architecture to product design and visual effects. Continuing to develop your CAD expertise can open up many exciting career paths for you in the future. During the end of my year I took the CSWA (Certified solidworks Associate) and CSWP (Certified solidworks Professional) exam. I was initially apprehensive, as I was unsure of what to expect; however, when I loaded up the exam, I was pleasantly surprised by how straightforward it

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was. Thanks to the extensive practice I had undertaken with different design tools—I dedicated countless hours to practicing both within the CAD class and beyond—I was able to become proficient in each like a seasoned professional. The DDP (Design and Drafting for Production) course also provided me with invaluable assistance in preparing for the exam, equipping me with 3D modeling design/drafting skills and a deeper understanding of what was to come. Once I received my results, I was elated to discover that I had successfully passed the exam with flying colors. This achievement not only helps me stand out from the crowd but also enhances my college resume, opening up a vast array of opportunities, such as architectural, engineering, manufacturing, product, construction, landscape, mechanical, electrical, and specialized design industries. A CAD

certificate demonstrates proficiency in using CAD software, such as AutoCAD, SolidWorks, or Revit, and can be a valuable asset for entry-level or technician-level positions in various design, engineering, and technical fields. It can also serve as a stepping stone towards more advanced certifications or degrees in engineering, architecture, or other related disciplines. Embarking on this CAD journey has been a tremendously positive and enriching experience. Exploring different subjects and discovering my passions is an integral part of my educational journey. I highly encourage you to join DDP as it was one of my best experiences throughout high school freshman year, then join CAD to advance your knowledge and expand your 3D experience in the field of engineering. You should continue exploring your interests in the design and CAD community."

