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2024 REGENERON SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH SCHOLARS

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Searingtown Students Perform Annual Heritage Celebration

Searingtown second graders learn about and celebrate their diverse heritages.



On February 15th, second grade students at Searingtown Elementary School put on a Heritage Celebration show for their families as part of a unit where they learn about their own heritages and those of others. This annual performance sees students dress up in traditional clothing from their respective heritages and sing songs celebrating peace, unity, and diversity!



CENTER STREET SERVICE CLUB VISITS SENIORS

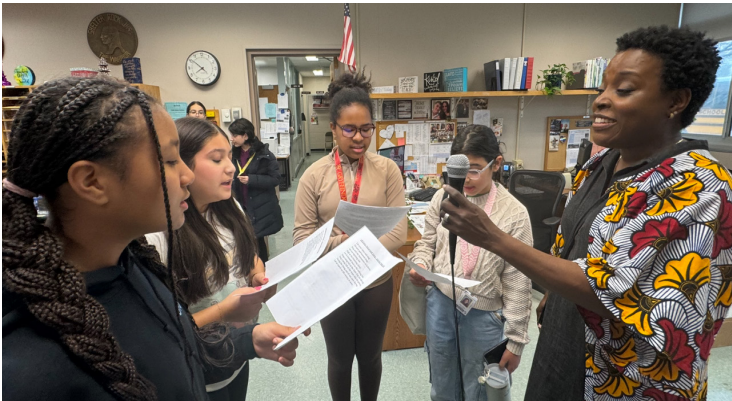


Students from Center Street's Service Club shared their 100th day of school with the senior citizens at the Herricks Community Center! Students performed several songs for the seniors and shared some small gifts that they had prepared ahead of time.

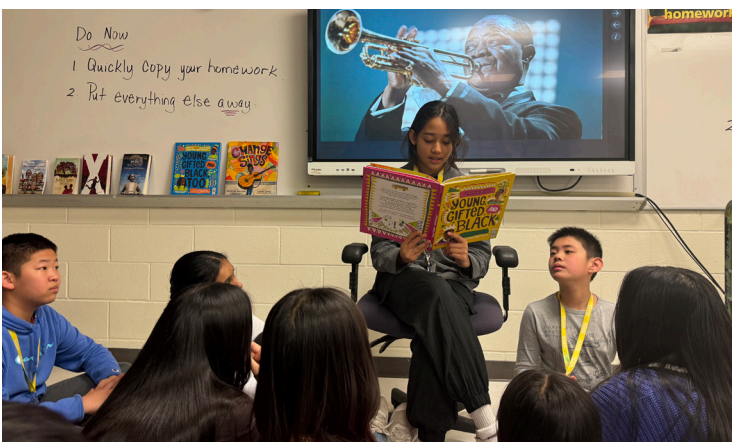


Middle School Celebrates Black History Month

Take a look at these pictures from Herricks Middle School, where students celebrated Black History Month through the lens of "African American Art!"



This February, Herricks Middle School students explored the 2024 theme for Black History Month, "African Americans and the Arts." The Social Just-Us Book Club members and Ms. Quintyne sang James Weldon Johnson's uplifting "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Sixth grader Sharini Nigam did a read-aloud on Louis Armstrong and the history behind his iconic song, "What a Wonderful World."



DENTON CELEBRATES P.S. I LOVE YOU DAY

As part of their celebration of P.S. I Love You Day, students at Denton Avenue spread the love by filling their halls with posters that said "I Love You" in all different languages and by creating a giant purple heart mural featuring messages of positive affirmation.



Herricks Celebrates Lunar New Year

Herricks High School's Asian American Culture Club traveled around the district on February 10th to put on a Lunar New Year show for all of our elementary school students, which included performances of the Lion Dance, Chinese Yo-yo, and a number from the Girls Dance team. Happy Year of the Dragon, Herricks!



HERRICKS STUDENTS "AIME" FOR SUCCESS

Herricks High School students Connie Huang, Fatin Hoque, and Benjamin Ton all qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME) through their success on the AMC 10 or AMC 12! These students all sat down for the AIME on February 1st in hopes of qualifying for the United States of America Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO) and the United States of America Junior Mathematical Olympiad (USAJMO)! Also pictured is 8th grader Aaron Jiang, who finished second on the AMC 10!



Regeneron Scholars

Herricks High School students, Heemali Patel, Hiuyi Cheng, Rebecca Bover, and Kishan Shanmuganathan (pictured below from left-to-right), have all been named 2024 Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars, which is one of the oldest and most prestigious science scholarship competitions in the country.



What does the Regeneron STS Scholarship competition involve?

Students conduct independent research over the summer, oftentimes including a mentor and in-person lab experience, with the chance to win up to \$250,000 in scholarship money. Students follow up their summer research with a 20-page paper explaining what they did, what they found and how it's significant to the world today. Approximately 300 students nationwide--including our four--were named Regeneron STS Scholars, each being awarded \$2,000 for themselves and \$2,000 to support science research at their school.

What is the application process for Regeneron STS like?

Rebecca Bover describes the application as being "basically a college application times ten." It involves submitting as many as four separate essays, answering a great number of specific questions covering every aspect of their research in minute detail, and writing

about what kind of impact they believe their work might have on the world and what their future as a scientist might look like. All-in-all, each application weighed in at over 100 pages long!

What impact has science research had on Herricks' Regeneron STS Scholars?

A common theme brought up by all four students was how being a part of this program has helped to shape them both personally and professionally. In addition to learning about the science research process, they've also developed a number of important skills that they can use in college and beyond, such as: writing, communication, time management, advocating for themselves and having a greater sense of self-confidence.

Keep an eye on our Herricks Public Schools social media pages in the coming weeks for more in-depth conversations with each of the Herricks Regeneron STS Scholars!