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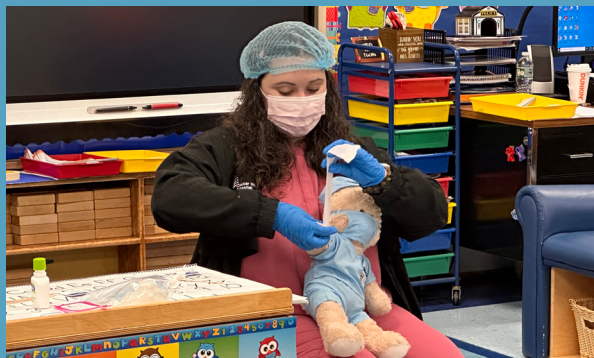


As part of Health & Safety Week at Searingtown Elementary School, Mrs. Hess' first grade class was visited by Mrs. Biondo and Mrs. LaDonna's fourth grade ICT class for a special activity where both classes learned about the importance of mental health, managing "big feelings," and calming strategies. As part of the activity, the students also got to create their own sensory bottles—a plastic bottle filled with water, glue, food coloring, and glitter—which is a soothing tool designed to help kids calm down and focus.

For the past two years, Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Biondo have had their first and fourth grade classes come together once a month for special activities like this one to help encourage a positive relationship between students of different ages and instill social/emotional learning. According to Mrs. Hess, the greatest benefit of an inter-grade buddy program is that it enhances the participating children's cooperative learning behaviors, such as turn-taking and listening to one another—plus, it's a whole lot of fun!

PAGING DR. TEDDY-BEAR TO CENTER STREET ELEMENTARY

One of the many exciting Health & Safety Week programs held at Center Street Elementary School was the "Teddy Bear Clinic," where our kindergarteners were paid a visit by the school nurse and learned about the importance of hand washing, wearing gloves & masks, and how to apply bandages. The kids even got the chance to put those lessons into practice with the help of some fuzzy little friends!



Denton Avenue Named Blue Ribbon School

Denton Avenue Elementary School has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

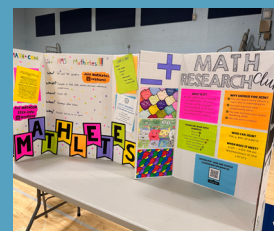
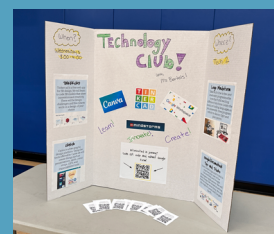
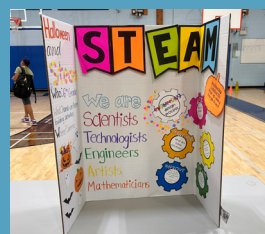


The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program is an initiative established by the U.S. Department of Education in 1982, which is designed to recognize elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or progress in closing achievement gaps among student groups on assessments. The prestigious National Blue Ribbon School award is a symbol which affirms a school's status as a model for exemplary education and a place which leaves an enduring, positive impact on the lives of its students.

Our very own Denton Avenue Elementary School was one of 353 schools honored nationwide this year, having been nominated in the category of "Exemplary High Performing Schools." Denton Avenue was one of only three Long Island schools to receive this incredible honor in 2023.

STUDENTS GO CLUBBING AT HERRICKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Herricks Middle School students were super excited to stop by the annual club fair, where they had the chance to learn about all of the exciting after school clubs that'll be available this year; including Social Justice Club, Technology Club, Italian Club, Video Game Club, and more!

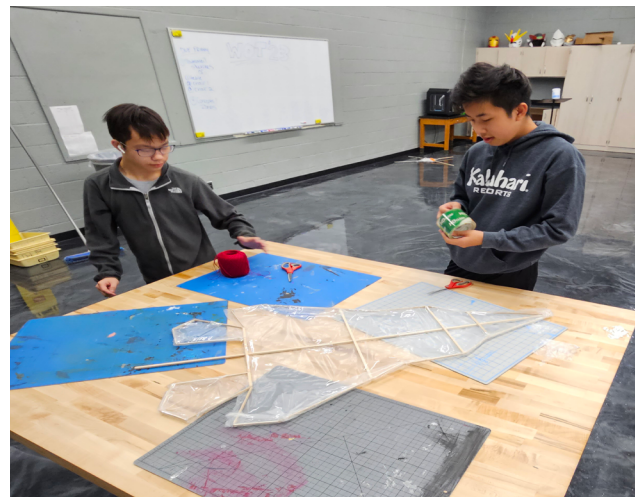
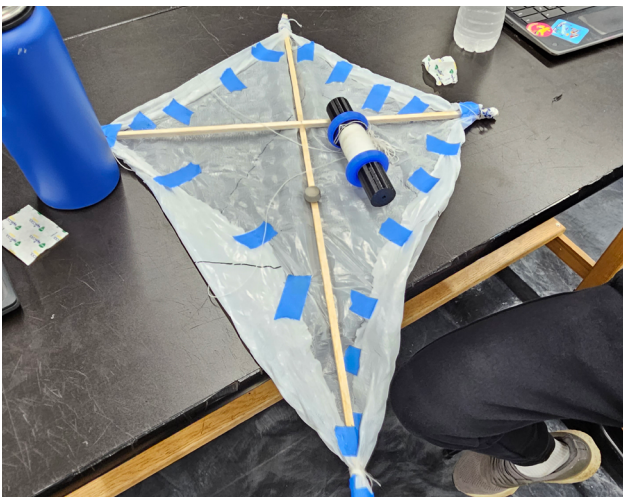


Fly High, Herricks High School

Students in Herricks High Tech Class take to the skies by designing and building their own kites.



Since the start of the new school year, a group of twenty four Herricks high schoolers have been learning to soar in technology teacher Tom Liguori's World of Technology class, as students have been charged with designing and building their own kites from scratch. Most of the kites struggled to take off during their first test flight, so the designers have gone back to the drawing boards in order to focus on the engineering process of planning, prototyping, testing, and readjusting—a valuable lesson in the importance of continuing to refine your project with multiple drafts in the pursuit of achieving a goal.



Newsday TOP STUDENT ATHLETES

Congratulations to the seven Herricks High Schoolers who were recognized by Newsday as some of the top student athletes on Long Island!

Newsday Top 100 | Girls Soccer
Ella Ledwith | Junior #14
Kristiana Kolega | Senior #10
Maggie Ledwith | Senior #4

Newsday Top 50 | Boys Volleyball
Devon Lee | Senior #10
Evan Liao | Senior #15

Newsday Top 30 | Girls Tennis
Angel Walia | Junior

Newsday Top 25 | Girls Swimming
Natalie Wu | Sophomore



Polyphony Lit



Senior Aieshah Ashfer's poem "onam's legend" will be published in *Polyphony Lit* Volume 19 and was selected as a finalist in their seasonal contest. *Polyphony Lit* is a prestigious student-run international literary magazine that receives thousands of submissions from around the world for its contests and calls for work. The issue featuring "onam's legend" will come out sometime next year—Congratulations Aieshah!