



The Beacon of Hope

EAST ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Leading *the Way*

East Islip High School's Class of 2010 was led this year by Valedictorian Nela Tatur (above, left) and Salutatorian Deanna Pandolfo (above, right). Throughout their high school education, Nela and Deanna strove for success in everything that they did. It is with great pride that they serve as role models for all future classes.

Valedictorian Nela Tatur is a member of the Math Honor Society, National Honor Society, Science Honor Society and Language Honor Society. Beyond academics, Nela is also a member of the math team, literary magazine, gay-straight alliance and the drama club. As a well-rounded individual and in anticipation of her major, Nela volunteers at Stony Brook Hospital. She plans to major in Biology (pre-med) at Boston University in the fall.

Also impressive, Deanna Pandolfo is this year's Salutatorian. Planning to attend the University of Pennsylvania to major in Chemistry, she is a member of the National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Science Honor Society and Humanities Honor Society. Deanna is also a member of the math team and STARS, and participates on the school's swimming, kickline and tennis teams. In her spare time, Deanna coaches swimming for the Special Olympics and is employed as a lifeguard and swim instructor.

Congratulations to both young women on these accomplishments, and best of luck in college.

Moving On Up!

Each elementary school throughout the district held a special Moving-Up Ceremony for their students who will be moving on to the next phase of their educational careers. Proud parents and family members filled the auditoriums and wished all of the students the best of luck. Each principal's speech to their class included remarks on the children's improvement, leadership and willingness to learn.

Congratulations to all students on their moving up!

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East Islip Students Embark on **Empire Tour of Europe**

Six chorus students from East Islip High School were selected to perform in the American Music Abroad's Empire Tour of Europe this summer. The Empire Tour was created in 2000 to give



high-end performing high school and college students an opportunity to take part in various concert venues around the world. Students are recommended for participation based upon their All-State or All-County scores, as well as vocal technique, classroom behavior, and having a superior work ethic. In celebration, students were visited by Mr. Ronald Sutherland, who guest-conducted the NYSCAME All-County Band and helped coordinate East Islip students' participation in the program.

Selected students will be rehearsing at East Stroudsburg University in the Poconos (PA) in July and will be leaving for Europe, Italy, Australia, Germany and France during July and August. Congratulations to the following students for their selection to participate: Kerri Becvar (11th grade), Caitlin Condon (12th), Nicholas Converso (11th), Bobby Holliday (12th), Michael Janover (11th), and Monica Lobo (11th).

2 Board of Education Message

Ken Cronin, President



"You say goodbye, and I say hello..." (Paul McCartney)

The end of the 2009-2010 school year brought us many goodbyes and some new hellos. We say goodbye to our senior class, who graduated in June under a beautiful clear sky. The seniors will be embarking on the next phase of their lives. They have spent the last thirteen years, from kindergarten to 12th grade, learning academics and social skills that will help prepare them for

the rest of their lives. The base of the structure is there, now it is their turn to put the final touches on their own personalities and futures.

We say goodbye to some of our teachers, who were excused due to budget cuts. We hope that times will get better, so they may return. In addition, Mike Saidens (Early Childhood Center) and Pete Bleiberg (Athletic Director) have moved on and will be giving their expertise to the Sachem School District. We wish them well, and thank them for their years of service to our children and community.

I would now like to say hello to our new Art and Music Director. He is a familiar face in the music department and is now its Director - Mr. Stephen Guarino. The music department had a terrific year and the students were honored with many awards.

Our new Athletic Director is Mr. Stephen Restivo. Steve knows that the athletic department is a big piece of E.I.'s history. He is looking forward to getting right to work, meeting the coaches and our athletes. His office is in the High School across from the guidance office. If you are in the High School, stop in and say hello.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I wish everyone a safe and healthy summer. We'll see you in September.

Superintendent's Message

Wendell Chu



It's hard to believe that I am now starting my third year as superintendent of East Islip Schools. During my first two years, I developed an understanding of the needs of our children and the East

Islip School District. Several changes have been made such as the start of two career academies, the addition of new computer labs, and having new people in place in a variety of different roles. As I move forward, I would like to share with you my outlook for the future.

All of our children will need a solid education to take their place in the adult world. A high school diploma is an important milestone in that process. Our goal should be for every child to graduate. We need robust coursework, curriculum, and programs to maintain student interest and prepare them for the future they want. This means offering

rigorous courses including more college-level programs similar to Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and other accelerated options. Part of this plan includes examining the programs and areas that have been cut in the past and restoring programs to the extent possible. Our children will enter a technologically rich world and we must provide them with the abilities demanded by that world. Moving forward to make mobility, constant connectivity, and flexibility the cornerstones of our technology plan is essential. We will move towards a wireless campus and provide students with access to their work and the information they need to succeed all the time throughout our area. Staying connected and being able to publish, critique, and have a real audience for student work is another critical step in the learning process.

I am mindful of the need for fiscal

responsibility. We know that as Long Islanders, we all have heavy property tax loads to bear. The school district is the largest portion of this responsibility, so as a school leader, I endeavor to accomplish what needs to be done with the smallest fiscal impact. High-quality products and service for each dollar spent is always the goal. We have created financial plans that put the district in a strong position for the future. Information like the fixed asset inventory guide for the replacement of equipment provides a thoughtful and well-reasoned approach to the planning process. Long-range planning in areas such as energy efficiency are part of the ongoing discussion to hold or reduce costs. Routine examination of the physical plant and planned replacement of large capital items allow for fairly level budget increases.

It is my hope that the initial measures I have taken and the plans that we have developed and begun to put into place will serve the district well, and give our community confidence in our schools and its leadership.

Asst. Superintendent's Message

Alise Becker-Santa (Instruction & Personnel)



Dear Parents and Community Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to apprise you of some information that relates to the new school year ahead. A committee of teachers and support personnel from across our district met this past school year to review how the anniversary of September 11, 2001 is addressed in each of our elementary schools.

As a result of several meetings, the committee established that each year this anniversary will be commemorated as "Patriot Day" in all of our elementary buildings. "Symbols of Citizenship", which are appropriate for each grade level, will be

integrated into the curriculum during the week of September 11th each year. A moment of silence will take place in each of our schools in memory of those who tragically lost their lives on that fateful day, when September 11th falls on a school day. When September 11th falls on a weekend, this day will be observed on the preceding Friday.

Each of our schools' libraries has developed a list of books appropriate for each grade level on a variety of related themes, in order to assist you. If you choose to discuss this event and its significance at home with your children, you can find a list of appropriate books on our website under the "Parent" section at www.eischools.org.

You may have already seen in the news that the N.Y.S. Education Department is in the process of revising the New York State

grade 3-8 testing program and looking at cost-saving measures. As of this date, we have been advised of their decision to eliminate the N.Y.S. Social Studies Assessments for students in grades 5 and 8. I will continue to update our community with any other changes as we are informed of them.

During the summer months, teachers from across our district will be working on strengthening our English Language Arts Curriculum through curriculum writing for grades K-8. This is a culmination of the professional development our teachers have had in the area of balanced literacy over the years. This work will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the instruction that our students receive.

I look forward to working with our students, staff and all of you in the coming school year. Warmest wishes to all for a healthy and enjoyable summer.

Career Academy Explores the Florida Keys

Over the April break, East Islip High School's Career Academy had the unique opportunity of expanding their environmental learning with a visit to the Florida Keys. Twenty-one students in the program fundraised for the chance to embark on the four-day trip, during which students were expected to apply many of the skills they had learned in the classroom to the real-life settings of the Keys. The trip also provided the students with historical references for many important events.

On their arrival in the Keys, students toured the Everglades and learned about Indian huts and indigenous animals. Their second day was spent enhancing their marine life studies at the Discovery Center and receiving tours of the U.S.S. Mohawk, Fort Zachary Taylor, and the Hemingway House. Day three included kayaking to the mangroves, where they conducted a full environmental tour of the mangroves and sea life, as well as a nature walk and visit to a nautical museum. Prior to departing on the fourth day, students took a sailing tour of Miami Bay and had the opportunity to do some dolphin

watching.

"It brought us out of the classroom and exposed us to nature," senior Ryan Kelly said of his experience on the trip. Fellow senior Gabrielle Alper added,

"Seeing how much people care about the environment down there made me realize what we are trying to accomplish here {through the Career Academy}."

Career Academy students are pictured in Key West at the location marking "90 miles from Cuba." They are pictured with Career Academy advisor Israel Malinowitzer.



Settling the Score

Members of the East Islip Girls Varsity Bowling team recently held a friendly bowling match against WFAN radio personality Craig Carton. As a result of East Islip's much-deserved local press during the bowling season, Craig had made a series of good-natured jokes on air about how he could "beat the girls in a game without any practice or effort."



The girls took him up on the challenge and held the deciding game at East Islip Lanes. In a head-to-head match, Craig took on high-scoring freshman Lena Sorrentino and won by 7 pins. However, Craig was allowed to play with bumpers, while Lena was not, and he also received a 100-pin handicap. "She was a really great sport," Craig said of Lena after the match. "She definitely would have beaten me if it weren't for bumpers, but she was very gracious in her defeat."

Craig's on-air partner is East Islip alumnus Boomer Esiason.

Teeny Award Winners in East Islip

Several East Islip High School students were honored by the Islip Arts Council for their participation in one of the school's musical or dramatic productions. The following students received Teeny Awards from the Council for 2010:

For the musical production of *Kiss Me Kate*:

Larry Banks – Outstanding Male Performance in a Musical

Bobby Holliday – Set Design in a Musical

Stage Crew – Excellence in Stage Crew

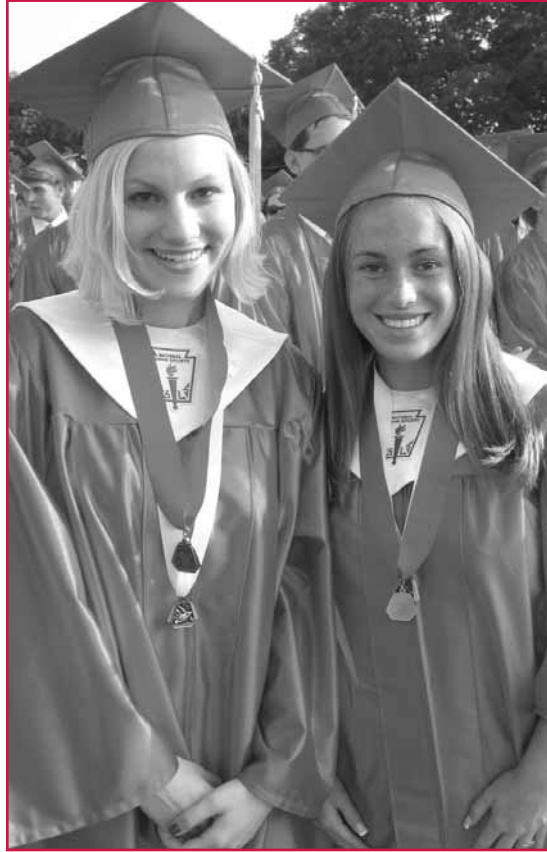
For the drama production of *All in the Timing*:

Clayton Howe – Best Supporting Male in a Comedy

Nicole Fragala – Best Supporting Female in a Comedy

All Teeny Award recipients were honored with a red-carpet ceremony in May. Congratulations to all nominees and winners.

⁴ 83rd Commencement Brings Sunshine for *Class of 2010*



Much like the smiles on the graduates' faces, the sun was radiant on the 25th day of June, which marked the final chapter for the Class of 2010's education at East Islip High School. With mixed emotions of excitement and sadness, the graduates and their families gathered to celebrate this momentous occasion. "Our journey to this day has been an incredible experience... one we will never forget," summarized Salutatorian

Deanna Pandolfo on her time in the East Islip schools.

The ceremony, which included a special presentation of honorary diplomas to members of the Class of 1960, also featured musical performances from members of the senior class. With his son among the graduates, Board trustee Glenn Reed had the honor of addressing the crowd. He advised the class to always follow these five tips for life: look for someone to say thank you to, look for ways to volunteer, look for friendship, look for challenge, and always look for knowledge and never stop learning. Valedictorian Nela Tatur elaborated on this advice and urged her classmates, "As we all part ways, the most important thing is to not take life for granted. Enjoy life and love what you do." The ceremony concluded with the traditional tossing of the hats and a recessional march.

Congratulations Graduates

Lauren Accardi	Marissa Confredo	John Glock	Megan Lemon	Jacquelyn S. O'Hare	Brett Slack
Ashley Acoella	Brianne Connors	Jonathan Glueckert	Mark Leonard	Stephanie J. Ognibene	Stephanie Sladky
Nicole Aguila	Thomas Connors	Taylor J. Gonzalez	Jordan Levy	Jessica Olivieri	Andrew E. Slawson
Catherine Alfieri	Michael Cowdell	Kurt Grathwohl	Danielle Lieder	Nicole Olsen	Jennifer Smalls
Gabrielle Alper	Cameron Cullen	Kimberly Gratzter	Anthony Lojo	Kelly Omland	Colleen Smith
Jory J. Alvarado	James Cummings	Stephen Graybosch	Christopher M. Lynch	Michael Orlando	Megan L. Smith
Kyle Andersen	Adam D. Amato	Steven Graziano	Kaitlyn Lyons	Emilio Ortiz	Shawn Smith
Erin Anderson	Samantha Daley	Richard Guadagno	Robert Mackey	Jordan C. Osburn	Diana Solomon
Jennifer Aponte	Scott Daley	Philip Haines	Lauren Maddock	Eric M. Oswald	Miranda Specht
Michael Apuzzo	Daniel Damore	Alexander E. Hall	Daniel Maffei	Kathleen Oterson	Eitan Stant
Anthony M. Argenti	Katie Danz	Michael Halliday	Raisa Makarow	Amanda S. Ovalle	Margaret Anne Stanton
Nicholas Arma	Alyssa DeCarmine	Meagan N. Hamanjan	Jessica Malloy	Devin Ovalle	Dalton Stroehlein
Colm Ashe	Lucas Deland	Edward J. Hamel	Jason Maltman	Samantha Ozegovich	Corey Sudano
Lauren Aulet	Patrick Delaney	John Harris	Michelle Mandile	Fallon Padro	Paul Svenson
Nicole Axelrad	Rachel Dell Orto	Matthew Harris	Matthew Maryanov	Anthony Pafundi	Lawrence Swanberg
Larry B. Banks	Joseph John DeLuca	Samantha Harrison	Lauren Masiar	Deanna Pandolfo	Courtney Taft
Joseph B. Barclay	Brooke R. Dennis	Lynda Hartley	Brittany A. Mastrangelo	Kaitlin Panzer	Hakan Takir
Eric Basso	Daniel DeSimone	Daniel Healy	Robert Maxner	Martin Paolino	Casey Tallarico
Daniel Bauer	Declan G. DeVito	Brett Heller	Evan Mazza	Steven J. Parker	Alexandra C. Tarduno
Madison Bayer	Meghan Diggett	Krysta Henneborn	Katie McAuliffe	Michael Passalacqua	Nela Tatur
Patrick Bedell	Michael DiLiello	Ryan Henry	Angela McBride	Jennifer Paterno	James Tavella
Peter Belesis	Matthew Dobkowski	Steven R. Herr	Robert McConnell	Jared Patterson	Kaitlyn Tejada
Brittany Bell	Colleen Dooley	Daniel Hickson	Connor McCue	Ariel C. Paz	John Teknus
Frank Benedetto	Nicole Doyle Kane	Michael Hillenbrand	Stephen McGarity	Kelsey Peacock	Jennifer A. Terrio
Christopher Benitez	Samantha Drywa	Maxx Hoge	Alex McGovern	Jenna Pearsall	Karalyn Tetelman
Christopher Berdini	Khayri DuBarry	Robert Holliday	Paul McHugh	Nicolette Peluso	Alex Thall
Kyle Berry	John Duffy	Gregory Hovestadt	Tyler McHugh	Melody Jane Penny	Heather Thomas
Alexandra Biondi	Kirstyn M. Dunn	Clayton Howe	Connor McKelvey	Michael P. Phillips	Elizabeth Tohill
Katherine Bishop	Christina L. Dussel	Robert W. Hutchinson	Michelle Marie	Nicholas Pizzuto	Chelsea Touhy
Patrick Bishop	Rebecca M. Echevarria	Stephanie Ilasi	McKinnon	Amanda P. Pomerantz	Luz L. Trigos
Chelsi H. Biskup	Kayla Ehlich	Gary Ippolito	Kathryn McLasky	Kerri Potter	Kaitlyn Tuna
Sarah Bjorkgren	Ahmed E. Elshorebagy	Scott Itrace	Rebecca Meade	Thomas Pozzuto	Hector Valderrama
Joseph Bogdanowich	James D. Eldora	Derrick Jabs	Matthew Meagher	Courtney Quinn	Megan Valenson
Nora Bolin	Brian Engeldrum	Michelle Lynn Jack	Richard A. Meehan	Kellen Quinn	Alexandra VanDerlofske
Zachary Bonamassa	Cassandra Equale	Katie L. Jackson	Brendan Meier	Anthony J.	Aileen Vanek
Jamie Boroden	Juan C. Escobar	Vincent Jennosa	Brittany Meloni	Raccomandato	Vincent J. Velez
Erik Braun	Andrew Evseanko	Catherine Johnson	Alison Menken	Rebecca Michele Rainis	Cody Ventimiglia
Matthew Bregartner	Sean M. Fagan	Jennifer Jordan	Anthony Messina	Andrew Raitz	Jeffrey Verde
Rachel E. Brehm	Jacqueline Faggiani	Christopher Joseph	Keith A. Miller	Christian Reed	Brian Verdino
Alexander Brown	Danielle M. Falci	Kaczynski	Laura A. Minniti	Samantha C. Regan	Amy L. Vereline
Victor J. Bruno	Rhiannon Fanning	Dilpreet K. Kainth	Meaghan Minogue	Oscar V. Reyes	Alexandra Verzyl
Thomas Bruzzo	Joseph Fazio	Katherine Karalis	Michael Mojica	John Rice	Mary Vetter
Kevin Bryant	Mateusz Ferenc	Nicole Kavanaugh	Sean P. Moller	Brian Richards	Erik Vik
Rebecca Buckner	Evan J. Ferrara	Ryan J. Kelly	James Montague	Ryan T. Riley	Jeremy Vogel
Anthony J. Buffolino	Anna Finger	Steven Kersting	Kaitlyn Montague	Gilberto Rivera	Kristin Vogel
Matthew Bullis	Michael Fitzmaurice	Anviksha Khajuria	Frederick Montalto	Yahlana Roberts	Shannon Vogel
Victoria Burns	Marissa Fitzpatrick	John S. Kidwell	Nicholas Montanino	Michael Robinson	Brianna Walsh
Nicholas Byrnes	Caitlin Marie Flynn	Nicole A. Kinkade	Samantha Mooney	Kristyn Roccaro	Daniel Walsh
Vincent Calautti	Lauren Fox	Stephanie Marie Kissoon	Jake Moran	Jacqueline Rocco	Morgan Walsh
Robert Campbell	Nicole Fragala	John Knieriemen	Brooke Morrell	Michael Rooney	Maggie Ward
Michael A. Candela	Gregory Frampton	Maybeth Koehler	Joseph Moyles	Stephanie Rosand	Jacqueline Warren
Diane Canzoneri	Ashley Francisco	Kristen M. Komulainen	Christopher Murino	Matthew Rossi	Justin R. Washer
Michael V. Carretto	Sarah Frank	Julia Koncelik	Dylan Murino	Alfred James	Andrew Waterbury
Nicole Carroll	Lauren Frisina	Samantha Kovalevich	Nicholas Muroff	Sammartino	Kaitlyn Watson
Beth Cash	Brendon Fusco	Taylor Kowanetz	Patrick Murphy	Danielle Sannito	Robert Watson
Erika P. Castillo	John S. Fuzia	Alexander Kramarcik	Luke Najdek	Anthony Santaniello	Samantha Wharry
Jonathan Catrona	Maria C. Galarza	Jonathan Krebs	Matthew Nappi	Tyler Sawyer	Dayna White
Vincent Cerniglia	Matthew Gallino	Valerie Kutzler	Nichol Emmanuel	Alexandria M. Schimmel	Nichole Wilson
Vincent Chambers	Mackenzie Anne Gallo	Christopher John LaFata	Navarro	Eric Schmidt	Jennifer L. Wilvert
Edmund Chwalisz	Sean Geddes	Amanda LaFemina	Jaclyn Newman	Kyle Schnitzer	Benjamin Wolfe
Jaclyn Cinquemani	Amy E. Gesslein	Christina Lagudi	Alexa Niciforo	Kathryn Schwedes	Christine Woodrick
Matthew Cohen	Michael Giacomazza	Dane R. Lahrman	Kayla Nixdorf	Kimberly Sciacca	Kennith Woolard
Chelsea Colagioia	Anthony Giaquinto	Andrea B. Landaverde	Jennifer Noller	Adam Scrio	Amber Wright
Stephen P. Cole	Anthony J. Gibson	Michael Larkin	Samantha Norton	Krysta Sendel	Kristopher Yim
Austin Collein	Breanna Gibson	Sara Laudani	Allison O'Brien	Kevin L. Serina	Cassandra M. Yoder
Jake Connor Comiskey	Matthew P. Gill	Andrew J. Lauro	Kassandra O'Brien	Danielle Sheridan	Hanane K. Zayer
Corry Comstock	Joseph Ging	Cory Lecce	Kristen O'Brien	Christine Sidoti	Dylan Zenk
Caitlin T. Condon	Rebecca Giove	Brittany Leisner	Erin O'Halloran	Tara Skehan	

NEWS AROUND OUR

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

A Musical Ending



Kindergarten students at the Early Childhood Center celebrated the close of the school year and their final days at the school with a special End-of-the-Year Concert. Family, friends and special guests were invited to hear the class sing a variety of songs, including patriotic numbers in honor of Flag Day. The concert also serves to commemorate the kindergarten class moving up to the elementary school buildings.



CONNETOQUOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Town of Islip *Achievement Award Winners*

Heidi Keil and Jackie Ginty, fifth-grade students at Connetquot Elementary School, have been selected for 2010 Achievement Awards

from the Town of Islip. Nominated by their music teachers, Heidi and Jackie were chosen based upon their excellence in the performing arts. They were honored with the Achievement Award for the Performing Arts at a special ceremony held by the Town in May.



Congratulating Heidi and Jackie are (L-R) music teachers Jaime DeMaria and Eileen Egbert, Connetquot Principal Dr. Lisa Belz, and District Director for Music and Fine Arts John Spiezio III.

JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Green Art

Throughout the school year, Mrs. Bernard's art students at John F. Kennedy Elementary School have been recycling various items for use in their art projects. Supporting the "Green Art" theme of this year's art show, children created egg carton school buses, cereal box collages, trash bag wreaths and water bottle butterflies, among other projects. The students researched each item used for their projects. They discovered how many years they were saving that item from rotting in a landfill. For example, instead of throwing out plastic bags, students created holiday wreaths to decorate their homes; those same bags, which would have been thrown out, take 10-20 years to completely decompose. Green artwork was displayed in the main lobby at JFK School.

Select fourth and fifth-grade students are pictured below with their green art projects: (L-R) Molly O'Neill, Kent Hlavac, John Camlet, Adam Blibaum and Joey Corrao.



Money Doesn't Grow On Trees

It's never too early to learn to save! Second-grade students in Ms. Marshall's class at John F. Kennedy Elementary School received a lesson in spending and saving money from representatives of Astoria Federal Savings Bank. During the workshop, students created a money tree and put leaves of money on the tree as a symbol of the amount of money they can save. Students then went through items they typically purchase and realized how quickly their tree had shed all of its leaves. Bank representatives stressed the importance of saving money and spending wisely.



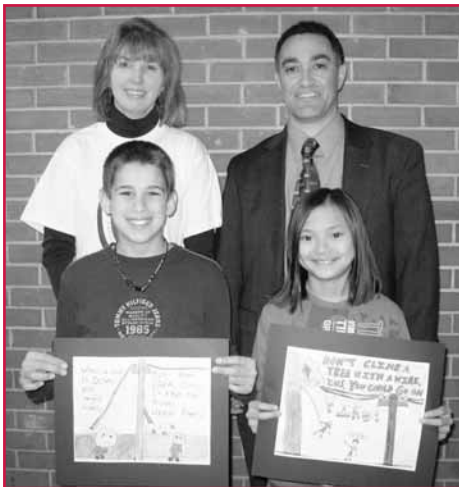
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RUTH C. KINNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Light's On for Safety

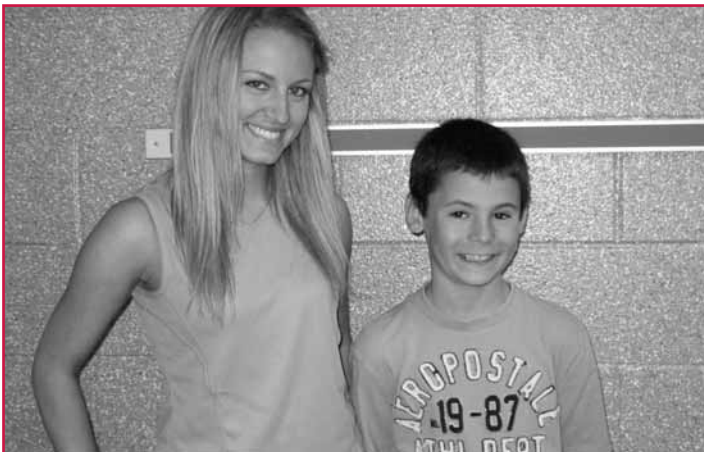
For the fourth consecutive year, Ruth C. Kinney Elementary School had students chosen as winners in the Long Island Power Authority's (LIPA) annual Safety Poster Contest. With entries from across the Island, LIPA picked four winners from each grade level from 3-5. This year, Ruth C. Kinney had two winners in the competition: fourth-grade student Kira Westgate-Adessi and fifth-grade student

Weston Osburn. Kira and Weston each developed a slogan regarding electric safety and then created their poster around the theme. They are congratulated here by their art teacher Ms. Weller, and District Director of Music and Fine Arts John Spiezio III.



Crossing the Finish Line

Anthony Palma, a fourth-grade student at Ruth C. Kinney Elementary School, has been selected for a 2010 Achievement Award from the Town of Islip. Nominated by his gym teacher, Bonnie Rabin, Anthony was chosen based upon his excellence in both athletics and academics, as well as his sportsmanship in team activities. He received the Achievement Award for Scholarship and Athletics at a special ceremony held by the Town in May.



TIMBER POINT ELEMENTARY

Proclamation for Helping Others with Organic Garden



Fifth-grade students in Mr. Blackford's class at Timber Point Elementary School were honored with a special plaque by Town Councilman John Edwards. Recognized for their commitment to assisting others with their organic garden, the students received certificates of appreciation, as well as a class plaque, for their efforts. In April, Mr. Blackford's class, together with students from East Islip High School's Career Academy Program, planted an organic garden, which will benefit a local soup kitchen once cultivated. "Not only are you learning about organics and the importance of helping our environment," Councilman Edwards said in his presentation to students, "but you are helping those who are in need of food and assistance."

Mr. Blackford's class is pictured with members of the Career Academy and Councilman John Edwards.

Pen Pal Party

First-grade students from Timber Point Elementary School recently met their pen pals from the North Babylon School District. Throughout the



year, first graders in Mrs. Porcelli's and Mrs. Welton's classes at Timber Point corresponded with first graders in Mrs. Kreuscher's and Ms. Pluchinotta's classes from North Babylon. The children wrote letters and shared pictures and artwork throughout the year, which enhanced their reading and language arts skills in a fun way. To conclude the school year, the North Babylon children visited Timber Point and the students had a chance to meet in person, play together, and share snacks. Pictured are some highlights from the pen pal party.



A Focus on Fine Arts

Students Honored at LI Media Art Show

Several students from East Islip High School received accolades at the Long Island Arts Show held at Five Towns College. Sponsored by the State Education Department, over 1,000 students from 30 high schools on Long Island submitted work for the show. East Islip's Broadcast TV and Indie Film students presented at the event and several of the students placed in their category. Tenth through twelfth graders in the Broadcast TV class earned a "Best In Show" designation for their collaborative effort in the production of a video titled "Action News Now." Two seniors, Adam Scrio and AJ Sammartino from the Indie Class, also won "Best In Show" for their film "Talk, Talk, Talking," for which they expertly used an iMax program to produce their winning work. In addition, three students were designated "Best In Show" for their pieces submitted to the Computer-Generated Digital Art category – Kristen Vogel, Shannon Vogel and Allison O'Brien.

Congratulations to all of these students on their artistic abilities.

Students Place in Art Competition

Three East Islip High School students from Ms. Nelson's art class had their work selected for participation in the 2010 Face & Figure Juried Competition and Exhibition.

Sponsored by the Art Guild of Port Washington, the competition was held at the Gallery at Elderfields and was open to artists throughout the United States. This professional show featured ten student selections per subject matter. Katie Casal, Shawn Smith and Marissa Caico (pictured) each submitted a CD of their work and were chosen for participation. Both Marissa and Shawn received an honorable mention in the face and figure category, a distinction granted to only two people per area.



Festival of the Fine Arts

Art students at East Islip High School recently hosted a Festival of the Fine Arts, during which students enrolled in an art course at the school devoted an entire day to producing works of art. Each class worked on a project relevant to their course of study, while also benefitting another cause. For example, computer design students custom designed T-shirts for anyone willing to donate money toward student scholarships, while others painted garbage bins to benefit the Keep Islip Clean program. Pictured are highlights from the festival.

