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THE LITTLE MERMAID JR BY ALEXA LEEK, ELEANOR MCREDMOND & JULIA CAVIEDES

under the sea and behind the scenes

ast Islip Middle School presented The Little Mermaid JR as their 2025 musical on February 7th and 8th. We all had a blast and the musical was spectacular! We made lots of friends along the way. Let's go back to October when the musical first started.

Auditions happened on October 28th and 30th in 2024. After auditions, some people got callbacks (which is a second audition to hear you sing again, sometimes for a different role you didn't try out for). After the callbacks, we waited for the cast list to come out.

We had many rehearsals to prepare. We started out in the chorus room. We would practice singing all the songs and then moved to the auditorium. Rehearsals went from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. As the musical came closer and closer, we had longer rehearsals from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm and sometimes to 5:30 pm. It was slowly coming together. From extra rehearsals on Saturdays to tech week rehearsals till 7 pm on weekdays, we could proudly say it was almost professional!

February 7th, opening night was finally here! We had been working on the musical for months. It was finally time for all of our hard work to pay off - 6:00 was slowly creeping up. Then Mrs. Post said "5 minutes!!!" We did some vocal exercises and shook out all of our pre-show jitters. The show was about to start! But was everyone prepared and confident?

Everyone enjoyed the show! Soon, it came to an end. Sure, some people forgot their lines but that's normal. We had so much fun! Can't wait till next year!!!



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LITTLE MERMAID JR MUSICAL

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SOUPER BOWL BY JAYLIN JAMES

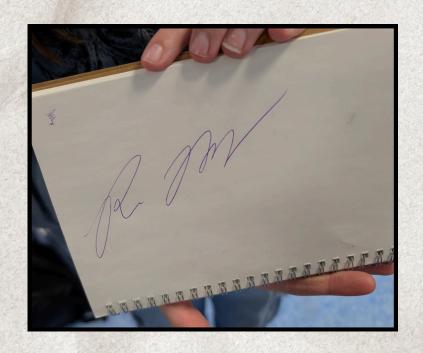
rom Feburary 3rd to 7th, East Islip Middle School asked for food donations towards the Mercy Haven Pantry in Islip Terrace....based on a Super Bowl Prediction. Students placed non-perishable items into whichever team they wanted to win the Super Bowl this year (Eagles or Chiefs). According to the collection boxes in the main lobby, the Eagles were the predicted team to win (which is what happened in the actual game)! The winner of the donation contest was the 7th grade who donated the most items out of the 3 grades.



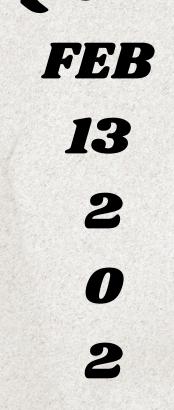
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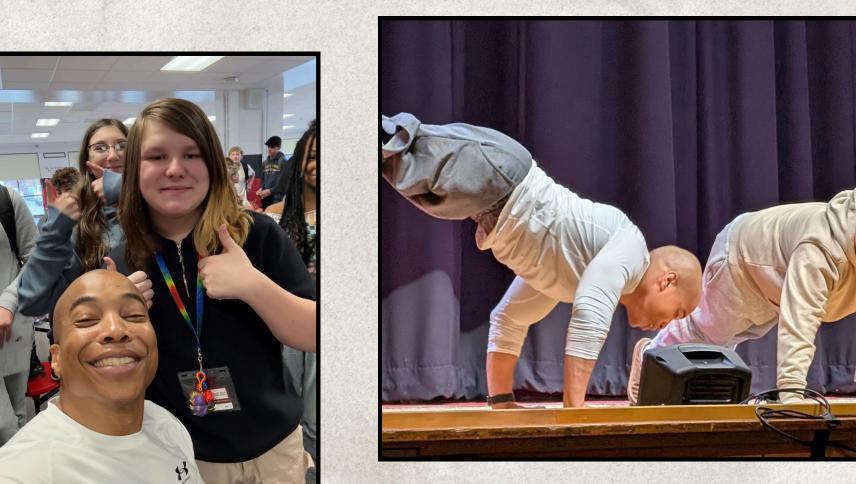
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EAST ISLIP'S OWN ROHAN MURPHY CAME BACK TO TOWN













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Super Bowl LIX By Matthew Rosand

n my last article, I wrote about the NFL playoffs. In this article, I am writing about Super Bowl LIX, which took place at Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, LA. In case you didn't know, the Kansas City Chiefs faced the Philadelphia Eagles on February 9, 2025. The winner was the Philadelphia Eagles. The final score was 40-22 Philadelphia. This was the Eagles' second time winning a Super Bowl.

In passing, Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts was better, completing 17 of 22 passes with 221 yards, 2 touchdown passes and 1 interception. Hurts had a passer rating of 119.7. Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes completed 21 out of 32 of his passes with 257 yards, 3 touchdown passes and 2 interceptions. Mahomes had a passer rating of 95.4.

In rushing, Hurts led both teams with 11 carries, 72 rushing yards and 1 rushing touchdown. Mahomes led his team with 4 carries and 25 yards and 0 touchdowns. In receiving, Xavier Worthy led both teams, having 157 yards, 8 receptions and 2 touchdowns. DeVonta Smith had 69 yards, 4 receptions and 1 touchdown.

Other highlights include Josh Sweat who had 2.5 sacks. Drue Tranquill had 1 sack and 1 TFL (tackle for loss). Cooper DeJean had 1 interception. Bryan Cook had 1 interception.

In the next issue of the Redmen Reporter, I will review the NFL draft.







New *Cookie Run: Kingdom* Update By Elena Aurrecoechea

hat is *Cookie Run: Kingdom*? Well basically it's a game where you use different gingerbread cookies to fight enemies and bosses. You start with the main cookie, GingerBrave. You can unlock more cookies from gachas and get Rares, Epics, Super Epics, Legendaries, Ancients, and the most powerful, Beasts.

Recently, there was a new update, the Light of Absolute Truth Gacha. With this gacha, you can awaken Pure Vanilla Cookie. Pure Vanilla is an ancient healer cookie. You can awaken ancients to make them more powerful. You can awaken Pure Vanilla after 150 pulls on his gacha. The things you can use to pull in the Gacha are called Light of Absolute Truth. You can unlock them with missions from the event.

New Beast-Yeast episodes have also been released and it has lots of lore. New Legendary costumes for Pure Vanilla, and Shadow Milk Cookie, a beast cookie, were released recently. Pure Vanilla's costume, "Truthless Recluse" is personally my favorite costume but I still don't have it yet.





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VALENTINE'S DAY!! BY AALIYAH HARDY



Valentine's day. A couple's favorite day together. A single person's least favorite day of the year.

Now, it's a day that couples or family spend time together and show how much they love each other!

It is believed that it started in the 8th century with a celebration feast of Saint Valentine on February 14th. Some historians believe it began as a way to honor two Christian men, both named Valentine, who were executed by Emperor Claudius II on February 14th in different years of the 3rd century. It's now associated with love between couples





Photo by Mrs. Avella

"P.S. I Love You Day" on February 14th
to spread love around the school.
Students and staff participated by
wearing purple. Student government
members put hearts on lockers saying
nice things to brighten
someone's day. This action
could help people more
than you know!

Always treat others with love!!

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Sergei Andreyevich Aleshkov: The youngest soldier in WWII By Katherine Li

hink back to when you were five or six years old. What were you doing? You might answer with "munching crayons" or something like that. While you were taking a nap at that age, Sergei was running and dodging bombs.

Sergei Andreyevich Aleshkov was born on February 15, 1936. Many children were orphans during WWII, including Sergei. One day, German soldiers arrived at his village killing the USSR soldiers. For the troubles the villagers caused, all of them were sentenced to death. This included Sergei's ten-year-old brother who was hanged. His loving mother was shot and died trying to protect him.

Wandering through the forest he was starving, exhausted, and covered in bug bites. Luckily, a group of army scouts stumbled upon the pitiful child. A man named Mikhail Vorobyov later adopted Sergei, deciding that Sergei would be safer staying at the military regiment. Subsequently, Mikhail would marry Nina Bedova after a discussion with Sergei. At the regiment, Sergei delivered newspapers and letters.

One day, their shelter for the regiment's commander was destroyed. His father was trapped under all the rubble. Sergei rescued his father by moving the rocks away. For his bravery, he was awarded the Combat Merit medal.

Sergei soon realized the severity of being under constant danger. For example, he fell down under mortar fire. He was injured in his leg and admitted to the hospital. A little while after that, the people in the area were freed. The officers explained to the officials how Sergei ended up at the regiment. They sent Sergei back to school.

Sergei graduated in 1954 from Tula Suvorov Military School. He later married and had a daughter and a son. Sergei Andreyevich Aleshkov died on February 1, 1990 from a heart attack.

For more information visit: https://www.warhistoryonline.com/world-war-ii/youngest-soldier-of-wwii.html



WALK THE WALK CHALLENGE

UPDATE from Mrs. Avella:
In December, staff members signed up in teams of 4 for the "Walk the Walk" challenge. They kept track of their steps from Monday to Friday for 3 weeks. Congratulations to the "Walkie Talkies" who walked a total of 1,544, 3256 steps and won a gift card to East Islip Nutrition.

Mr. Spiegler noted "As a group, 10 teams walked over 7.9 million steps, the equivalent of 3,950 miles or the distance from East Islip to Lisbon, Portugal!"



Congratulations to:

Mr. James Ryan
Ms. Maureen Brown
Mr. Carlos Rivera
Ms. Jolene Pellettiere

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MY TOWN'S CAFE By A.M.

y Town's Café is a super nice and yummy place to go with great reviews and a well deserved 4.9 star rating on Google reviews. They make you feel right at home with a cozy feeling when you first enter the café.

They have a lot of delicious meals that are perfect for any time of the day. For Valentine's week, they decided to do something special by hosting an event to show teachers and staff some love and kindness. They offered local teachers and staff ONE free drink with a cute, custom-made holder made by our EIMS students! It was a really nice way to spread some good vibes to the school staff.

Even though the event is over, I think you and your family should definitely check out the café. They have awesome breakfast and lunch options. One of my favorites is the Oreo pancakes with home fries. And if you're there, I totally recommend getting a cup of coffee or a glass of chocolate milk. Oh, and their milkshakes are amazing too! It's a great place to hang out and grab something tasty. They are located at 51 W Main St in East Islip.



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EIMS club decorated

coffee sleeves:
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Best Buddies
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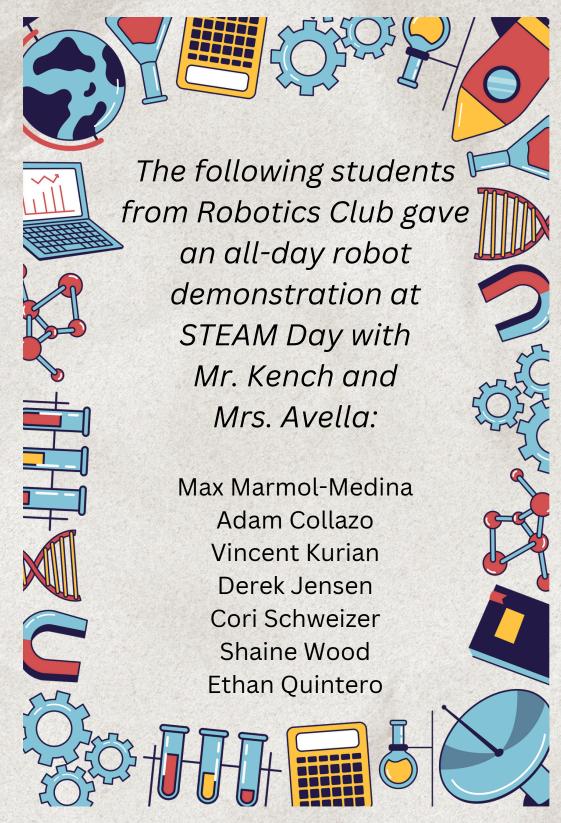




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Breakfast of Champions March 20, 2025

Students who demonstrate good character traits were nominated by teachers to be honored at this ceremony. Congratulations!

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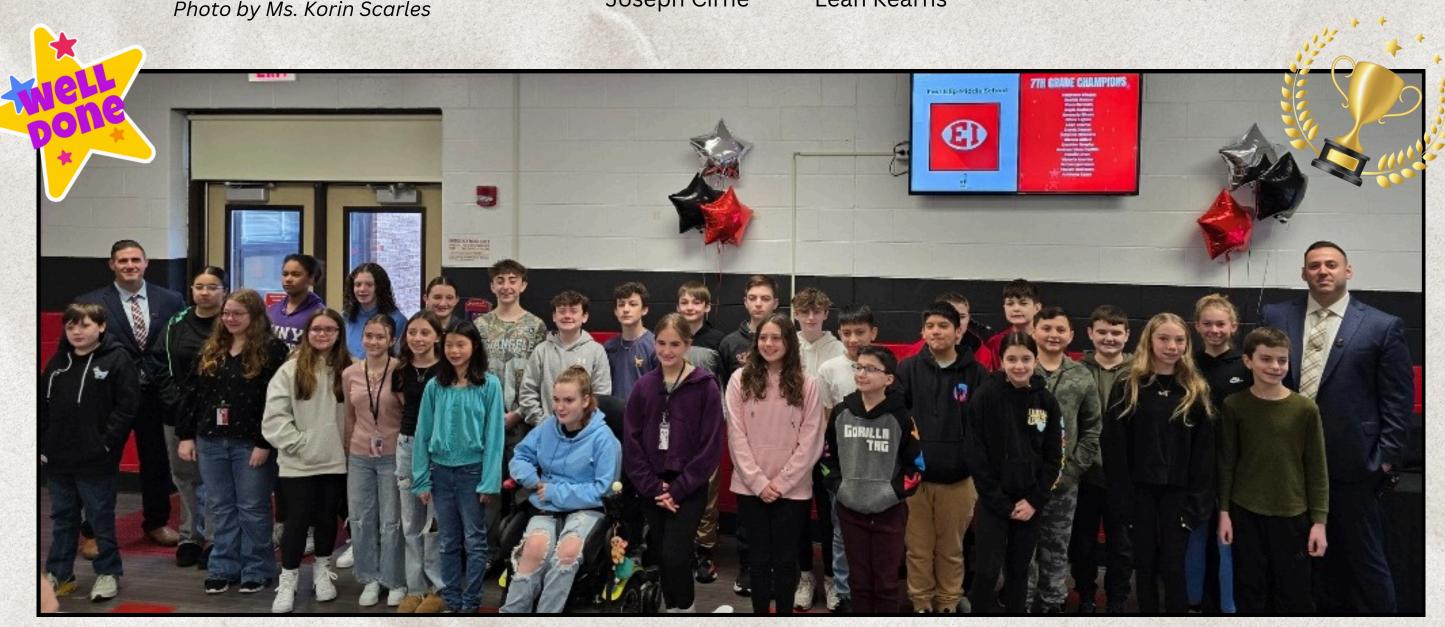
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Official Character Guide By Salvatore Tringali

Save Robloxia is a multiplayer PVE demo that I developed on Roblox, inspired by games like Combat Initiation, PHIGHTING! and more. It is a game where you pick a character and use their abilities to fend off waves of enemies and bosses on various stages. Here is a guide to all the characters currently in the game as of 2/27/2025.



Shedletsky is a melee character based on one of the first employees at Roblox, John Shedletsky. He has a white tee-shirt with his iconic "Blame John" graphic on it and blue beach shorts. He wears the glasses from the David Bazooka bundle. He wields the classic turkey leg gear and the linked sword.

SHEDLETSKY

Walking speed: 13 Running speed: 19.5 Base damage: 25 Base cooldown: 0.5

Abilities:

SWING – Shedletsky swings his sword, which can damage enemies and parry, or reverse projectiles. TURKEY LEG – Shedletsky pulls out a turkey leg, which heals 40 HP.

SPIN DASH – Shedletsky spins around with his sword, projecting him forward and damaging any enemies he hits. This also can reflect/parry bullets.



BLOXXER

Walking speed: 10 Running speed: 15 Base damage: 25 Base cooldown: 1.35

Abilities:

SHOOT - Bloxxer shoots his rocket launcher, which creates an AOE explosion where it lands. ROCKET JUMP – Bloxxer shoots his rocket launcher at the ground, propelling him at the cost of 15 health. SPEED COIL – Bloxxer activates his speed coil for a short time, letting him briefly dash forward.



Bloxxer is a ranged AOE character based on the classic Roblox achievement of the same name. He wears a white ripped tee-shirt with the Bloxxer badge's icon in the middle. His hat also displays this graphic. He has black pants. He wields the classic rocket launcher tool and a speed coil on his right arm.

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Guest is a ranged/support character based on the classic Roblox guest accounts. He has an X for a mouth because guests were unable to speak. He has the classic guest clothes, a bandage around his right arm, a classic Roblox R hat, and a red scarf. He wields a revolver and the classic med-kit gear.

GUEST

Walking speed: 14 Running speed: 21 Base damage: 25

Headshot damage: 35 Base cooldown: 0.5

Abilities:

SHOOT – Guest shoots his revolver, dealing damage to enemies it hits. This will deal extra damage for headshots.

HEALING CIRCLE – Guest spawns a healing circle, healing teammates that stand in it.

SLIDE – Guest slides on the ground, assisting him in making a quick escape from hordes of

enemies following him.



BUILDERMAN

Walking speed: 12 Running speed: 17 Base damage: 28 Base cooldown: 0.8

Abilities:

SWING - Builderman swings his banhammer, which can damage multiple enemies and parry/reverse projectiles. GROUND SLAM – Builderman jumps and slams his banhammer, creating a huge shockwave. TROWEL – Builderman builds a wall in front of him, shielding him from projectiles.



Builderman is an AOE tank character based on David Baszucki's account of the same name. He appears with the iconic Builders Club hat, his iconic jacket (modified), a necklace with the classic Roblox hammer hanging from it, the same glasses as Shedletsky, and the classic Builderman jeans. He wields the classic trowel and the banhammer gear.

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