



Masthead Design by Anthony Mormile

SALUTE TO RETIREES!

The Redmen Reporter would like to salute these EIMS staff members who are retiring after many years of dedication to our community. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many students. We will miss you! Congratulations!



Mrs. Finnegan

Reading Teacher

28 years in East Islip

11 years at the MS

Also worked at TP

Future Plans:

Travel, spend time with family and friends



Mrs. Maye

Paraprofessional

13 years at East Islip

12 years at the MS

Worked at all other buildings in EI

Future Plans:

To travel the world



Mrs. Falacara

Music Teacher

27 years in East Islip

19 years at the MS

Also worked at TP, HS

Future Plans:

Family time!

Traveling! Acting, singing, more!

Working with animals!



Mr. Kench

Technology Teacher

27 years in East Islip

25 years at the MS

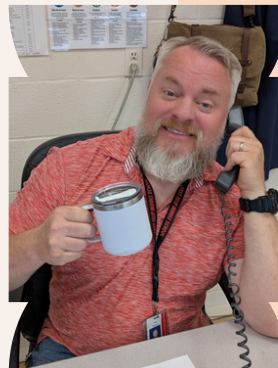
Also worked at EIHS

Future Plans:

Operate our haunted

B&B upstate NY

(The Claire House)



MORE RETIREES 2025



Mrs. Henderson



Social Studies Teacher

32 years in East Islip
32 years at the MS

Future Plans:
Travel and figure out what I want to be when I grow up!



Mr. Ludlow



Guidance Counselor

29 years in East Islip
29 years at the MS

Future Plans:
Golf, skiing, boating, travel, yard work



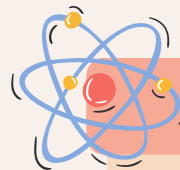
Mrs. Emmons-Fritz



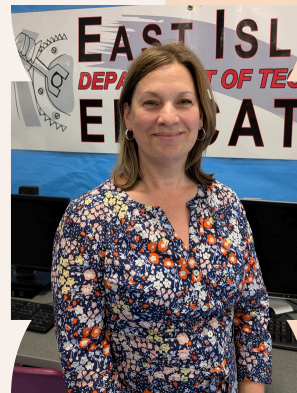
Family and Consumer Science Teacher

27 years in East Islip
25 years the MS
Also worked at EIHS

Future Plans:
Snowbird between FL, NY, and CT;
beach, golf, pickleball, work with animal rescues



Mrs. DiNapoli



Math/Science Teacher

33 years in East Islip
20 years the MS
Also worked at CES

Future Plans:
Unwrap each day as the gift it is with family and friends



Mrs. Ruggiero



School Psychologist

29 years in East Islip
3 years the MS
Also worked at EIHS, TP, District Office

Future Plans:
Move to FL, spend time with children in Texas and Ohio



Mrs. Butler



Special Education Teacher

23 years in East Islip
23 years the MS

Future Plans:
Travel, beach, volunteer, time with grandchildren





Why Teachers Love to Teach You

BY ELEANOR MCREDMOND &
SALVATORE TRINGALI

Have you ever wondered why that teacher hasn't quit teaching because of that one annoying kid that never stops distracting the entire class? Well, we interviewed 5 teachers and asked them what their favorite subjects were when they were growing up and why they love to teach so much. Here are the results of our poll:

Ms. Smith (FACS): "My favorite thing about teaching is being able to make a difference in students' days, being able to do something as simple as making a student smile. I love hearing stories of students coming back and telling me they use the skills they learned in my class at home or in their real life somehow." (Favorite subject: ELA)

Ms. Paules (Spanish/Italian): "My favorite thing about teaching is watching how much you guys learn and all the progress you make." (Favorite subject: Spanish)

Ms. DiGiorgio (Science): "My favorite thing about teaching is seeing when the lightbulb clicks." (Favorite subject: Gym)

Mr. Fussa (ELA): "My favorite part of teaching is engaging students and making the material fun." (Favorite subject: ELA)

Mrs. Avella (Technology): "My favorite part of teaching is getting to know my students throughout the year. It is fun to see students' enthusiasm for technology projects!" (Favorite subject: Math)

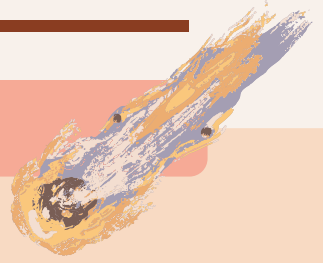
Students' Favorite Class

Madison Thorp: Italian
Michael Schiro: Italian
Hadley Maher: Lunch
Grace Maher: Gym
Madison Torres: English
Patricia Kasten: Lunch
Jayne Elliott: Math
Braelynn Cook: Social Studies
Kimberly Masaya: Art
Jaylin James: ALL SUBJECTS
Matthew Rosand: Social Studies
Katherine Li: French
Alexa Leek: FACS





Astronomical Events



By Geovanni Valenti

The months of May and June have many astronomical events. The early hours of May 5th and 6th were peak times to view the Aquariid meteor shower. This meteor shower happens when Earth passes through the debris trail left by Halley's Comet. As the tiny particles enter the atmosphere, they start to burn up and create visible meteors.

On June 1st, Venus was at the greatest point west in its orbit, making it visible in the early morning. June 21st is the summer solstice, the official start of summer and the longest day of the year. And on June 30th, a lunar occlusion will occur when Earth's moon temporarily passes in front of Mars, obscuring it from view.

On July 11th and 12th, Manhattanhenge will occur. Manhattanhenge is a phenomenon where the sunset aligns perfectly with Manhattan's east-west street grid. And during the evening of August 12th and the early hours of the 13th, the Perseid meteor shower, considered the best meteor shower of the year, reaches its peak.

**BY ELENA
AURRECOECHEA**

The Minecraft Movie Experience



I went to see *A Minecraft Movie* back in April. My experience was great, but some other people didn't have the best time. I've seen numerous TikTok videos of people having bad experiences at the movie theater while watching *A Minecraft Movie*. People cheered for funny lines from the trailer like "I am Steve" or "This is a crafting table" and I cheered too because it's funny.

Some movie fans went too far by throwing popcorn and soda at the theater. It's really disrespectful to the people who got drenched in soda and it's just a waste of money at this point. Someone even brought a chicken to the theater.

My experience wasn't like this. It was much better than it was on TikTok. No one threw soda and only some people threw popcorn but not the whole bucket. They just yelled a lot and it was fine because it was really funny.



More Rest, More Success

The Push for Later School Start Times



By Anthony Mormile and Ailish Cosgrove

Every kid knows the struggle of waking up early in the morning for school, feeling exhausted as they start the day, and the difficulties concentrating during classes. This is why schools should implement later start times, as scientific research has shown that early start times disrupt adolescents' natural sleep cycles and negatively impact their mental health and academic performance.

Adolescents go through many changes that can affect them personally, mentally, and chemically. Their biological clocks, or Circadian rhythms are completely off, and naturally starts later due to a delayed release of melatonin. Adolescents' bodies require more energy to grow, and sleep is an essential ingredient. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), teens require at least 8-10 hours of sleep, but scientific research shows that 70% of adolescents are not meeting those requirements. Scientific research from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine revealed that, over the last 25 years, only 500 schools have implemented later start times.

Studies have shown that schools with later start times have more positive effects on student outcomes than schools with earlier start times. Some of these benefits include improved learning and focus, better attendance, better academic performance, and overall better health for adolescents. Studies conducted by the University of Minnesota discovered that students in schools with later start times scored higher on tests compared to those in schools with earlier schedules.

Another benefit of later start times is that students who get more sleep experience less mental health issues and have a positive increase with their overall health. Some reasons for sleep deprivation in adolescents might include the overly high amount of homework that teachers assign. The average amount of time homework takes is around 2.7 hours which can cut into much needed sleep time.

One problem that most adults argue about with later start times are the problems with later scheduling for after school sports and extracurricular activities. According to the United States Wellness Department, many adolescents would not be affected by the push back. They found that adolescents with later school start times who participate in after school sports and extracurricular activities are more focused and experience less injuries.





Which Music Artist is YOUR favorite?

By Alexa Leek

Everyone loves their own music but which music artist is the BEST? I'm asking students all around the school to tell me whose music is the absolute greatest... is it Taylor Swift or Olivia Rodrigo? Drake or Kendrick Lamar? We're going to find out.

Here are the results out of 24 students polled:

Kendrick Lamar: 3
Coldplay: 1
Green Day: 1
Olivia Rodrigo: 4
Billie Eilish: 2
Taylor Swift: 4
Sabrina Carpenter: 3
Drake: 2
Melanie Martinez: 3
Tyler the Creator: 2

And the winners are...

TAYLOR SWIFT AND OLIVIA RODRIGO



Tiny Sculptures

By Katherine Li

What's the smallest thing you've ever drawn? A pencil dot or speck? Now, imagine drawing with a speck of dust. Sounds impossible, but not for Willard Wigan, a British sculptor who has been creating microscopic sculptures for over 50 years.

As a child, Wigan faced many troubles in school due to learning difficulties. Teachers said he would amount to nothing in life, using him as an example of failure. He felt like an outcast and so he escaped to microscopic sculpture.

His mother, Zeta Wigan, supported him, trusting that his work would go big. Wigan created sculptures that represented his teachers, who made him feel small. "So I wanted to make them look small in my child's mind," he states.

Willard worked in a Birmingham factory for twenty years. At night, he put in a lot of hard work perfecting his work. Eventually, he opened a studio in Birmingham, England.

His works spread a message: "Small things matter, and the smallest things make the biggest impacts." Highlights of his creations he made include William Shakespeare, the Queen's Coronation carriage, and The Last Supper.





The NFL Draft By Matthew Rosand



This year's NFL draft happened on Thursday, April 24, 2025. The draft, also known as the Annual Player Selection Meeting, has happened annually since 1936. The team with the worst record gets the 1st pick. So let's recap what happened this year with every team's first pick.

For the 1st overall pick, the Tennessee Titans selected Cam Ward, quarterback.
2nd pick: Jacksonville Jaguars selected Travis Hunter, wide receiver/cornerback
3rd pick: New York Giants selected Abdul Carter, edge rusher
4th pick: New England Patriots selected Will Campbell, offensive tackle
5th pick: Cleveland Browns selected Mason Gram, defensive tackle
6th pick: Las Vegas Raiders selected Ashton Jeanty, running back
7th pick: New York Jets selected Armand Membou, offensive tackle
8th pick: Carolina Panthers selected Tetairoa McMillan wide receiver
9th pick: New Orleans Sats selected Kev Banks Jr., offensive tackle
10th pick: Chicago Bears selected Colston Loveland, tight end
11th pick: San Francisco 49ers selected Mykel Williams, edge rusher
12th pick: Dallas Cowboys selected Tyler Booker, guard
13th pick: Miami Dolphins selected Kenneth Grant, defensive tackle
14th pick: Indianapolis Colts selected Tyler Warren, tight end
15th pick: Atlanta Falcons selected Jalon Walker, edge rusher
16th pick: Arizona Cardinals selected Walter Nolen, defensive tackle
17th pick: Cincinnati Bengals selected Shemar Stewart, edge rusher
18th pick: Seattle Seahawks selected Grey Zabel, guard
19th pick: Tampa Bay Buccaneers selected Emeka Egbuka, wide receiver
20th pick: Denver Broncos selected Jahdae Barron, cornerback
21st pick: Pittsburgh Steelers selected Derrick Harmon, defensive tackle
22nd pick: Los Angeles Chargers selected Omarion Hampton, running back
23rd pick: Green Bay Packers selected Matthew Golden, wide receiver
24th pick: Minnesota Vikings selected Donovan Jackson, guard
27th pick: Baltimore Ravens selected Malaki Starks, safety
28th pick: Detroit Lions selected Tyleik Williams, defensive tackle
29th pick: Washington Commanders selected Josh Conerly Jr., offensive tackle
30th pick: Buffalo Bills selected Maxwell Hairston, cornerback
31st pick: Philadelphia Eagles selected Jihaad Campbell, linebacker
32nd pick: Kansas City Chiefs selected Josh Simmons, offensive tackle
34th pick: Houston Texans selected Jayden Higgs, wide receiver
46th pick: Los Angeles Rams selected Terrace Ferguson, tight end



As we head to summer, the NFL season nears closer and that will bring a lot more fun football articles in next year's school newspaper.



Flowerpot Decorating Contest Winners

Most Original - Katherine Li



Mom's Favorite - Ashley Pumay

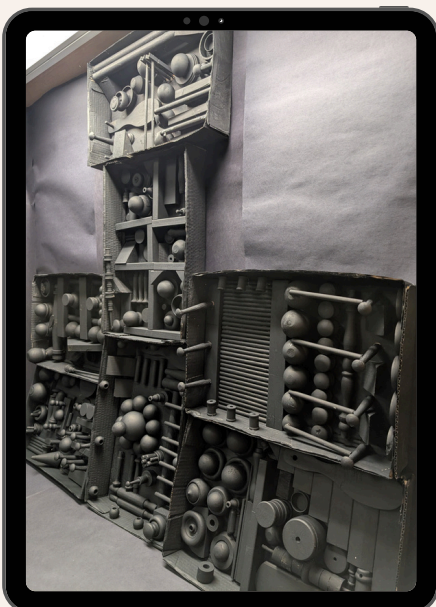
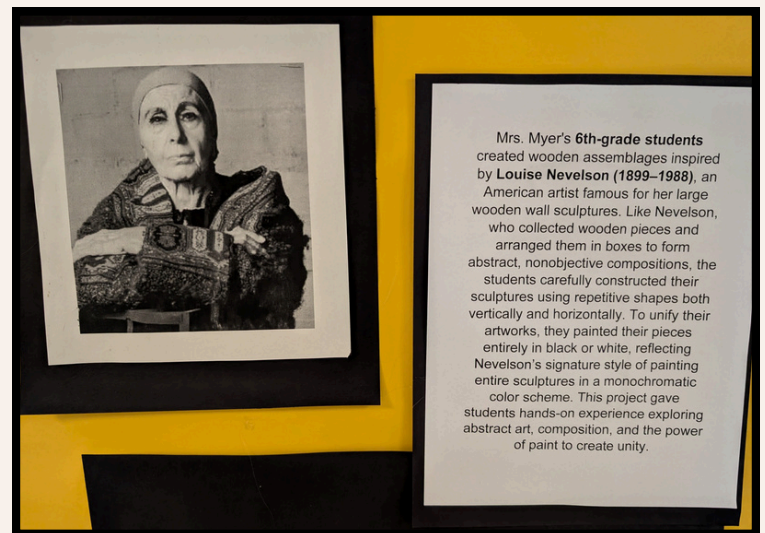


Best Overall - Alexa Broderick





East Islip HS and MS Art and Music Festival May 29, 2025





Washington DC 8th Grade Trip: May 20-22, 2025





Washington DC 8th Grade Trip:
May 20-22, 2025 (cont'd)





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***Ducks in the
Courtyard***

