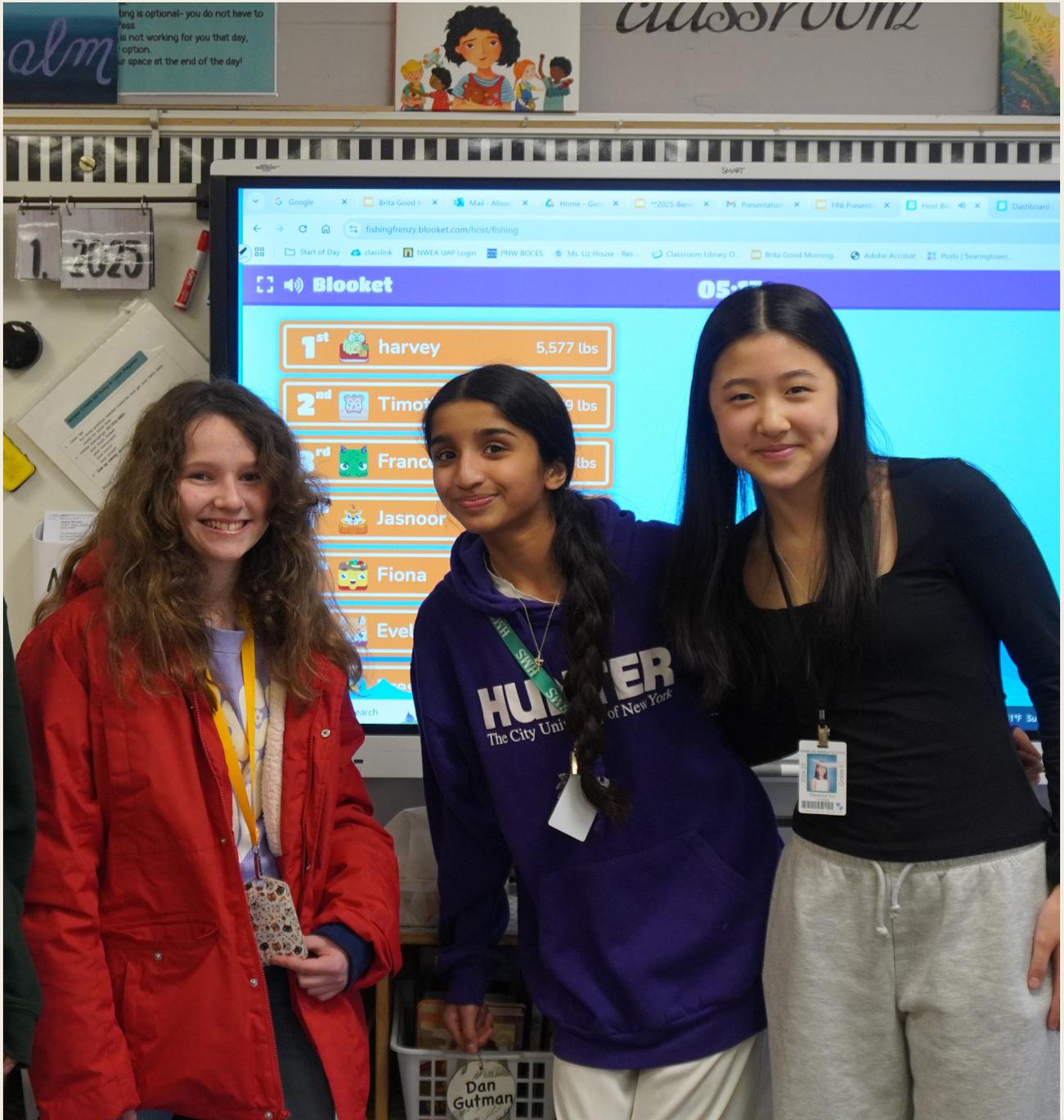




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## DENTON AVENUE PARP WEEK

The Denton Ducks celebrated PARP week by embracing the magic of reading and learning from their teachers, as well as a special guest author!

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL FRENCH PROGRAM VISITS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Students from the Middle School French Program met with 5th graders from Searingtown and Center Street to share their experiences in the program!

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## HIGH SCHOOL LITERATURE CLUB RECEIVES FIRST CLASS DISTINCTION

Herricks High School's literary magazine, OPUS 66 receives highest distinction from the National Council of Teachers of English REALM program!

## Searingtown Elementary Supermarket Science Show

Searingtown students attended the Supermarket Science assembly!



**T**hroughout the show, experiments were conducted using everyday items commonly found in grocery stores, all of which can be easily recreated at home with adult supervision. The assembly's goal was to inspire students to explore the wonders of science and foster a sense of curiosity. It was such a fun and enriching experience for the Scotties!



## Denton Avenue PARP Week



Denton Avenue's PARP Week was a success! Author Dr. Baweja visited as the special guest, sharing her book *Shawn's What-Ifs* with the students. During her visit, she taught strategies for coping with emotions and stress, helping them build resilience. Throughout the week, our students also learned about authors and illustrators, while celebrating the magic of reading!



# Center Street Grand Openings

Center Street Elementary opens up two new spaces that will support our students well-being and foster their growth as students and individuals!



**T**he Center Street Cub Cave and Cub Corner are officially open! Rooted in our Six Competencies: Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, Critical Thinking, Compassion, and Confidence, the Cub Cave is designed to support students' well-being while fostering their academic, social, and emotional growth. Inclusive of all students, this new space offers a variety of resources to help them relax and reset during challenging or overwhelming days. The Cub Corner is a place where students can connect, learn, and engage in meaningful activities. The Makerspace Collegial Circle has done an outstanding job creating a variety of challenges and lessons in the Cub Corner, all centered around the Six Competencies. Classes are welcome to come together in the Cub Corner to participate in combined challenges, which not only enhance students' ability to collaborate, but also provide opportunities to make new friends across different classes and grades, further strengthening the Center Street Community!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL FRENCH PROGRAM VISITS SEARINGTOWN AND CENTER STREET

Herricks Middle School 8th graders visited Searingtown and Center Street Elementary Schools to share their experiences in the French Program with 5th graders. They discussed what they've learned, class expectations, and their love for French, while answering questions about middle school. They even brought the class mascot and played trivia on Blooket to teach about France! It was a fun way to help 5th graders choose which language to study in middle school.



# Herricks High School OPUS 66 Receive First Class Distinction

**C**ongratulations to Herricks High School's literary magazine, OPUS 66, for receiving the highest distinction of **FIRST CLASS** from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Recognizing Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines (REALM) program.

OPUS is a student-run literary journal at Herricks High School that accepts all types of writing, including short prose, poetry, essays, as well as visual art and photography. It serves as a platform for the creative voices of the school community and is a testament to the dedication our students invest in both writing and editing the magazine. The result is a sophisticated and thoughtfully curated publication.

Students Vivian Huang, Shristi Nigam, and Enya Sakhrani all agreed that being a part of OPUS is a rewarding and fulfilling experience, especially for those interested in writing or editing. They explained that it provides a firsthand look at what goes into creating a magazine and offers the opportunity to gain different perspectives from peers. Shristi shared, "There's a lot of creativity that happens down in the basement on Mondays, and I think it's just a

really amazing part of Herricks High School."

The mission of NCTE's REALM program is to publicly recognize outstanding literary magazines produced by students with the support of their teachers. This year, schools from 46 states and five countries nominated 422 student magazines. Magazines from middle schools, high schools, and higher education institutions were eligible for the 2024 contest. A total of 125 magazines received the contest's highest honor, the REALM First Class distinction.

Congratulations to our editorial staff, student writers, and faculty advisor, Alan Semerdjian, for their outstanding work! To check out OPUS 66, and learn more about the OPUS Literature Club, visit [opusherricks.wixsite.com/opus](http://opusherricks.wixsite.com/opus)



## HERRICKS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SUCCEED AT THE 65TH ANNUAL NY DECA STATE CAREER CONFERENCE

Congratulations to our students who participated in this year's NY DECA State Career Conference held in Rochester, NY! The dedication and hard work our students put into their projects, both at school and at home, have paid off. As a result, 11 students now have the opportunity to attend the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida!

A special congratulations to Amy Owsiany, Radhika Shah, Joshua Mathew, Ali Abdelsadek, Julia Jusiega, Manishita Das, Sanvi Patel, Khushi Shah, Alina Chacko, Kayla Hsu, and Rebecca Song, who will be advancing. Best of luck!

A big thank you to Liam O'Brien, Chris Botta, Stephanie Nelson, and Scott Wilkolaski for ensuring that our students had a safe and memorable experience at the conference.

