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# SUPERINTENDENT NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Elmsford Community,

What a whirlwind these past few weeks have been! June is a month of celebrations, filled with Moving Up ceremonies, graduations, award presentations, and moments of joy shared throughout our schools.

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Alexander Hamilton High School Class of 2026! They are an amazing, hardworking, and fun group of students, and I truly enjoyed getting to know them and supporting them throughout the year. It was wonderful to see them come together to celebrate their accomplishments as a class. I wish each of them the very best as they begin this exciting new chapter.

Our younger students also had wonderful celebrations of their own. Our first graders at Dixson celebrated a year of learning, growing, and preparing for elementary school. In the fall, they will arrive at Grady ready to continue their educational journey. While there will undoubtedly be some adjustments as they become familiar with a new school, new teachers, and new routines, I know they will settle in beautifully and continue to be the amazing, hardworking students I know them to be.

And I certainly cannot forget our rising seventh graders! They, too, were honored during a special Moving Up ceremony as they transition from elementary school to middle school. While this is another important milestone that brings new experiences and challenges, they have built a strong foundation, and I am confident they will continue to grow and achieve academic success.

As our students work hard to learn and grow, none of it would be possible without the extraordinary faculty and staff who support them every day. I continue to be inspired by the dedication, compassion, and professionalism of our teachers and staff, who work tirelessly to educate, encourage, and support every child. I thank each of them for their unwavering commitment and for inspiring our students each and every day.




Finally, I would like to wish the entire Elmsford community a happy, healthy, and safe summer. I hope everyone has the opportunity to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another wonderful school year in September!

*Sincerely,*

*Susan Yom*
*Superintendent of Schools*

## HAPPY SUMMER!



*We wish you a safe and wonderful summer break!*

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## *Two New Principals Named to EUFSD Schools*

The Elmsford Union Free School District has named Dr. Jeffrey Capuano as principal of Alexander Hamilton High School and Jason Martín as principal of Alice E. Grady Elementary School. Both will begin their new roles at the start of the 2026–2027 school year.

### *Dr. Jeffrey Capuano – Alexander Hamilton High School*

Dr. Capuano officially takes the helm at Alexander Hamilton High School after serving as the school's Interim Principal since January 2025.

During his interim tenure, he has been dedicated to promoting a shared vision for academic, athletic, artistic, and civic excellence among students, staff, parents, and community members, ensuring that Elmsford students learn how to become both scholars and people of character.

Prior to his arrival in the Elmsford Union Free School District, Dr. Capuano built a distinguished reputation over 21 years as the principal of Eastchester High School in Eastchester, New York. Throughout his administrative career, he has led successful efforts to expand academic offerings for students, including significantly increasing the number of Advanced Placement and college-level courses, while consistently emphasizing rigorous academic expectations.

He began his career in education as a biology teacher in Mayfield, New York. He also served as House Principal at Mahopac High School in Putnam County.

He earned his doctorate from the State University of New York at Albany, a Master of Science in Education from The College of Saint Rose, and a bachelor's degree in Biology from The King's College.

### *Jason Martín – Alice E. Grady Elementary School*

Additionally, a new face has been named principal of the Alice E. Grady Elementary School.

Jason Martín currently serves as principal of Riverside School in the Greenwich Public Schools district in Greenwich, Conn. Riverside School has approximately 400 students and was recently named a #1 elementary school in Connecticut, according to U.S. News & World Report.

Mr. Martín has extensive administrative experience, having previously served as the principal of West Gate K-8 School in Port Saint Lucie, FL, Rippowam Middle School and assistant principal at Westhill High School in Stamford, Connecticut, as well as holding site administrator and principal roles across New York, Connecticut, and Florida. He began his teaching career in Baltimore County, Maryland, where he taught physics in 2002.

Mr. Martín's references across multiple states describe him as an individual who is highly respected by staff, students, and families alike for the way that he listens intently, collaborates and seeks input, and sets a positive pathway for all students to achieve individual excellence. He is recognized for being highly visible during student arrivals and departures, visiting classrooms daily, supporting faculty and staff, and establishing a joyful learning culture coupled with outstanding teaching and high levels of learning growth.

Bilingual in English and Spanish, Mr. Martín earned a Bachelor of Science in Physics and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Towson University, as well as a Master of Science in Building Leadership from Mercy College.



*Dr. Jeffrey Capuano*



*Jason Martín*

"We are thrilled to welcome two deeply passionate and highly experienced school administrators to these vital leadership roles within our district," Superintendent Susan Yom said.

"They both thoroughly impressed our interview committees—which consisted of senior administrators, teachers, staff, and parents—with their ability to lead, meet and exceed short and long-term academic goals, and align with district priorities. Our staff, parents, and students can expect Dr. Capuano and Mr. Martín to be highly visible and deeply engaged as they begin on July 1."

## *District celebrates retirees and tenured personnel*

It was a night of celebration when several of our faculty and staff were recognized for their hard work and dedication. During the June 10 Board of Education meeting, several staff members who are retiring were honored and even more were celebrated for having earned tenure.

This year, retirees include Lillian Alicea, Teaching Assistant at Dixson, Lynn Jacoby, Senior Office Assistant at Grady, Veronica Lederman, Nurse at AHHS and Sonia Rosello, Social Worker.

"Lilian has dedicated her career to supporting students, teachers, and families with kindness, a lot of patience and unwavering commitment," said Dixson Principal Debbie Earle of Teaching Assistant Lillian Alicea.

"While her title may have been Teaching Assistant her impact has been so much greater. She has been a mentor, a source of comfort, a team player and trusted colleague to everyone," she continued.

"Her presence will be greatly missed," Ms. Earle said.

Although Lynn Jacoby was unable to attend the celebration, Grady Interim Principal James Yap noted her long-time commitment to the school and district.

"Anyone who knows how a school operates, while a school principal may lead, a school secretary keeps the heart of the building beating. Lynn has been that heartbeat," Mr. Yap said.

Mr. Yap noted how her work extended well beyond her desk in the office.

"What truly sets Lynn apart is her commitment to the people around her," he said.

"Her contributions have consistently been above and beyond. She will be sorely missed by the students and staff and the entire Elmsford community."

AHHS School Nurse, Veronica Lederman, was also unable to attend the meeting, however her contributions to student health did not go unrecognized.

AHHS Interim Principal Jeffrey Capuano noted how Ms. Lederman has worked in the district for 20 years, at Grady and Hamilton.

"When asked what she was proud of, she said I love to see how the students grow and mature," Dr. Capuano said.

"And when asked what she will miss, she said 'the buzz.'"

"The nurse's office was always, always busy, she is going to miss the comraderie and laughter," he continued.

Dr. Capuano also shared how Social Worker Sonia Rosella assisted in many ways, including translations for parents along with family outreach and counseling.

"Her role has evolved," Dr. Capuano said. "She is very, very flexible, whatever it was, she was willing to meet it. She was always willing to do whatever was asked of her."

Ms. Rosello was also not able to be at the celebration in person, however after speaking to her, Dr. Capuano said she's proud of the connections she made with district families and will miss the relationships with her students and colleagues.

"She's been a vital part of our team and we wish her well," he said.



*Teaching Assistant Lillian Alicea was one of the retirees celebrated at the June 10, Board of Education Meeting.*



*Among the teachers who received tenure were Natalie Bolden, Jhoana Segarra, Marlix Hernandez and Michael Webb.*

Four teachers were honored for earning tenure: AHHS Art Teacher Natalie Bolden, Teacher Jhoana Segarra, Band Teacher Michael Webb and Teacher Marlix Hernandez.

"Tenure is an acknowledgment of excellence, dedication and sustained commitment to students, colleagues, families and community," Ms. Yom said.

"Tonight we honor our teachers who exemplify these exemplary qualities," she said. "Their hard work and commitment to Elmsford excellence is to be applauded."

"Ms. Bolden models kindness and community," Dr. Capuano said of Ms. Bolden's work.

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"She emphasizes in her classroom that mistakes are OK and that art is a process. That's something that a lot of our kids don't understand that it's OK to make mistakes, when they look back at art, they can apply that to their whole lives."

Additionally, Ms. Bolden is a "go-to," person, her room is a welcoming space for students, he said.

Ms. Bolden was also instrumental in bringing her art students to the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art and executed the first ever art show this year.

Dr. Capuano also celebrated Jhoana Segarra.

"She supports our students in and out of school, attending non-school-related events involving her students and helps parents with their needs," he said.

"That's one of the things that is not just special about Jhoana, but many of our staff at Hamilton," Dr. Capuano said.

"Her classroom is warm, welcoming and joyful," he continued. "All the kids are smiling when they are there. She serves as an anchor for the ENL students in our school."

She also shares a message with her students — they can make mistakes, but they must keep getting up.

"Her goal is to change the life of one student," he said. "What I can tell you is she has changed the lives of every student she has worked with."

Grady Interim Principal James Yap described Marlix Hernandez as "a truly exceptional educator and a cornerstone of our school community."

"When you look at Marlix's résumé it shows her dedication to education," he said, she has multiple master's degrees and advanced certificates in educational leadership.

"Clearly she does not believe in taking a break," he said. "She is completing her doctorate in transformational leadership."

"What makes Marlix truly irreplaceable is who she is as she walks through the halls of our school every single day," Mr. Yap said. "She's the definition of a community builder."

She greets each student each day, organizes building-wide initiatives and organizes school spirit days.

"She's always the first to raise her hand to help," he said. "Marlix has never stopped evolving, she has grown tremendously. Marlix knows what it means to be a lifelong learner."

Mr. Yap also shared his congratulations for Band Teacher Michael Webb, referring to him as "a composer, arranger and expert in his craft."

"Michael's true impact is felt in the culture he has built in Elmsford," Mr. Yap said, adding that has revitalized the band program.

He offers his students patience and inspires a genuine love and appreciation of music, Mr. Yap continued, adding that he also has shared his students work with the community at events like the Village Tree Lighting and marching in the Memorial Day Parade.

"Michael, your patience transforms squeaks and squawks into beautiful music, your dedication transforms the school program into a community treasure," he said.











## *AHHS Class of 2026 celebrates commencement*

Members of the Class of 2026 first gathered in the school gym to get organized and ready themselves to receive their diplomas.

As a breeze blew through the Michael Arciola Field where the celebration took place, students were reminded how life will change but they are ready.

Interim Principal Jeffrey Capuano reminded graduates that focusing on the externals is fine, but they should be aware that there is more to appearance and wealth.

"I would emphatically say yes, there is more," he said. "But a successful and meaningful life is not really about how you look, the kind of car you drive or the house you purchase. Life is not the clothes you wear, the image you create or the things you acquire. These actually turn out to be hollow and empty."

"Class of 2026, if you remember just one thing, I say to you as you leave our school, it's not about what is on the outside that matters. It's about what you are about on the inside. Real meaning in life is about relationships, how you treat others. Be humble, be kind, be unselfish, always be truthful. If you do these things well, you will be a true friend to many and you will be seen as having a meaningful and impactful life."

Salutatorian Joseph Salhab said he was honored to have grown up alongside his classmates.

He focused on the small class size of 97 seniors and noted that just because they come from a smaller school and village, they can have an impact.

"In just a few weeks we will be in schools or workplaces with many more people. Although we come from a tiny village this does not mean our individual impacts on the world will be smaller than others. Today marks the start of something new. Today marks the first time we begin writing our own narratives and writing our own stories."

"Through time you will be known by the story you choose as you grow," he said. "Don't be afraid of change, change is simply your story being written in real time."

Superintendent of Schools Susan Yom, in her address to the class, invoked the recent success of the champion team New York Knicks. As a fan, she said she has waited a long time to celebrate such a win.

She reminded the class that superstar Jalen Brunson was not a first-round draft pick, and people questioned his abilities to play in the NBA.

"What set Jalen apart," she said, "was his work ethic."

"Greatness is built in the unseen moments when no one is looking," she said. "It's built when you continue to work after setbacks, it's built when no one is applauding or recognizing your efforts."

She noted that their diplomas were not earned this year, but over thousands of days, hours, lessons learned, challenges overcome and study circles, mistakes that turned into opportunities, and goals pursued one step at a time.

"Success does not happen overnight. It is a product of hard work, commitment and never losing sight of your vision of a future yet to come."

"Keep working when no one is watching, there is something beautiful that is about to happen," she said. "Know you will reap what you sow when no one is looking."







Valedictorian Joshuanaveen Naveenatharaja joked that he and his classmates have met their legal requirements and are off to a good start.

"Today is about looking ahead," he said. "If there is one thing I've learned going through high school is that growth starts by willing to look a little bit stupid. Ask the dumb questions. Some of the most valuable lessons from asking questions may make you feel dumb in the moment but who cares."

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"Life is full of answers, but they are not handed to you, you have to go out and find them," he said. "And the only way to find them is to be curious and humble enough to ask."

"My challenge to you Class of 2026 is simple: Try things that scare you."

Once Vice President of the Board of Education, Alfredo Lezama, officially declared the class were graduates, it was just a matter of time. Diplomas were conferred, tassels moved and the celebration as AHHS alumni began!



















## *Grady sixth graders move on up*

Alice E. Grady Elementary School celebrated its sixth grade students during the annual Moving Up Ceremony, held Tuesday, June 23 in the school gymnasium. The event brought together families, staff, and district leaders to recognize the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 as they prepare for the next chapter of their academic journey.

Assistant Principal Dr. Ashley Cruz opened the ceremony and introduced the Grady Chorus, whose performances of the National Anthem and "For Good" from the Broadway musical "Wicked" set a heartfelt tone for the celebration.

Student Leadership Council President Madeline Leano then delivered welcoming remarks.

"As we leave Grady, we will never forget the experiences we had here," Leano said to her classmates. "Because of all of the great people in our lives, we are prepared for the challenges before us. Continue to strive for success and enjoy this new journey. Good luck, Class of 2026."

The program continued with a musical performance by the Grady Band, which played "Peace" under the direction of teacher Michael Webb, showcasing the talents and growth of the student musicians.

Superintendent Ms. Susan Yom addressed the graduates, offering words of encouragement and reflection on their time at Grady.

"As you begin middle school, you won't have all the answers and you certainly don't need to," Ms. Yom told the students. "I want to encourage you to be curious, be committed to your studies, be kind, stick to it even when it's difficult. Your character will always matter more than popularity, and your effort will always matter more than results."

Ms. Yom, joined by Mayor Robert Williams and Deputy Superintendent James Yap, then presented student awards, recognizing outstanding achievements across academics, leadership, and character.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of certificates by Ms. Penelope Ferreras, alongside fellow sixth-grade teachers and school and district administrators, as each student was individually recognized.

Throughout the event, families looked on with delighted smiles, many holding colorful balloons or capturing the moment on their phones as students crossed the stage. Applause and cheers echoed throughout the space, marking both a celebration of accomplishments and a fond farewell to elementary school for our sixth graders.











## *Dixson first graders ready to blast off into second grade*

There were giggles, mortar board adjustments and lots of balloons all in anticipation of a new adventure during the Carl L. Dixson First Grade Moving Up ceremony.

Students were ready to "blast off" into second grade, as per the matching t-shirts they were wearing and teachers and staff, along with family and friends were ready to support them on their adventure.

Gathering in the Grady gym, rising second graders were reminded how much they had learned and what a great foundation they have for when they return to school in the fall.

"Today is a very special day as we come together to celebrate our incredible first graders and all they have accomplished this school year," said Principal Debbie Earle.

"I want you to know how proud I am of each and every one of you. This year you have grown in so many ways. You've become stronger readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, artists, and problem solvers," Ms. Earle continued.

She noted too how the students had developed new skills and showed kindness to one another along with perseverance and determination.

The principal explained how she too was learning right along with the students, as it was her first year as principal of their school.

"One of my greatest joys was standing outside each morning and seeing your smiling faces arrive at school," she said. "You all brightened my day."

Ms. Earle thanked her "amazing staff" along with the families she worked with.

"Always be kind," she told students, and said they should never stop asking questions or be afraid to make mistakes.

"I cannot wait to hear about your adventures in second grade and how much more you will grow in the years to come," Ms. Earle said.

Deputy Superintendent and Grady Interim Principal James Yap said in his role as deputy superintendent he visits many classrooms and told students they should be proud of themselves and the learning they had done throughout the school.

"You learned how to be great students," he said.

On a personal note, he reminded parents that they should treasure this time with their children, as he knows how quickly time passes, as his daughter just graduated from high school.

"It feels like just yesterday she was sitting exactly where your children are sitting," he said. "My advice to parents and students sitting here today is to enjoy the ride."

"The years ahead will be filled with so much discovery, new friendships, and incredible learning, don't rush through it," he said.

The excitement is building, Mr. Yap said to welcome these young students to Grady in the fall.

"Keep shining, keep learning," he told them.









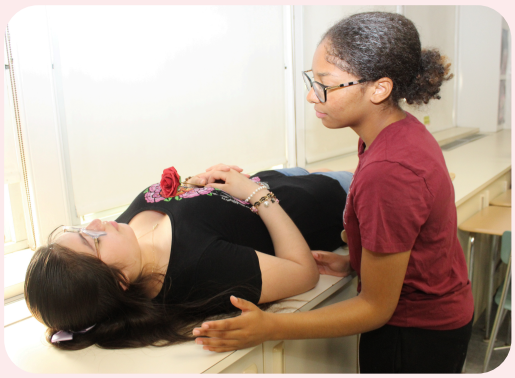






## *Romeo & Juliet*

Freshmen in Keith Egan's English class recently took a deep dive into Shakespeare! After reading "Romeo and Juliet," students worked in groups to reenact scenes and performed them for their classmates.
Students also watched two movie versions of the play, the 1968 Franco Zeffirelli version as well as the 1996 version starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes. Students Victoria Ponce, as Juliet, Samantha Sanchez as Romeo and Valentina Vasquez as Friar Lawrence, shared an emotional scene, when Romeo finds his love in the tomb, from Act 5, Scene 3.





## *8th Grade Science Fair*

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Science Fair Winners!
1st Place- ***Layla Davis***
2nd Place (Tie)- **Karla Caceres & Annabelle Roca**
3rd Place (Tie)- ***Shonn Dutan & Jack Rodriguez***

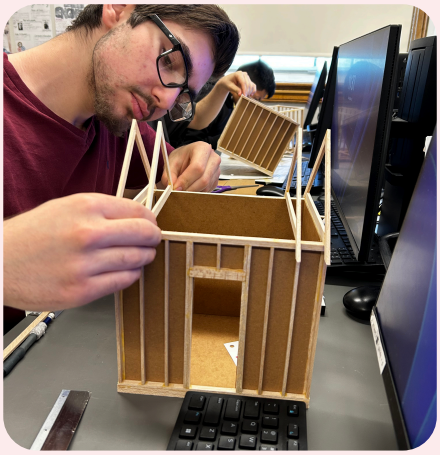


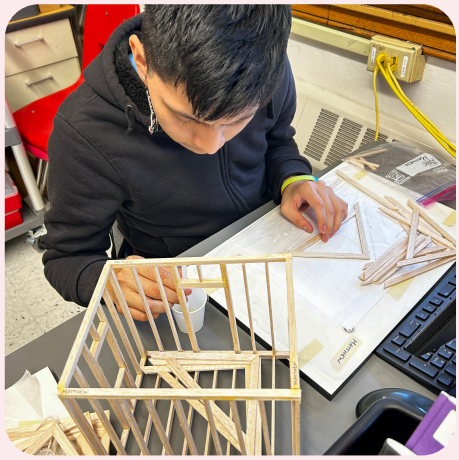
## *Building & Design*

Students in the AHHS Civil Engineering and Architecture class wrapped up their Residential House Framing Project. Following the unit on residential construction, students built scale-model houses using balsa wood and hand tools. A few areas of focus included wall framing, floor joists, roof rafters, windows, and siding, as well as construction techniques and model building.







## *Rotarian Awards*

Several AHHS seniors were recently recognized for their academic achievements during the annual Elmsford Rotary Club Scholarship luncheon. We thank the Elmsford Rotary Club for acknowledging our seniors and for their generous scholarships.

***Gabrielle Harper***
Camp and Greenburgh Community Center

***Matthews Angela Matthews***
Burke Rehab center

***Keily Cabrera***
John Jay College







## *Grady on a Roll*

Congratulations to our Grady students for their achievements! Students were recently honored for their work throughout the third trimester during the "Grady On a Roll," awards ceremony.

Awards were given out for:
**Academic Achievement:** A student who has consistently demonstrated academic success in their learning throughout the trimester.
**Academic Effort:** A student who consistently works hard and shows persistence in completing their schoolwork.
**Citizenship:** A student who demonstrates a positive attitude towards classmates and school community. They embody what it means to be a Grady Citizen.
**On a Roll:** A student who has been working hard and making great progress in class.



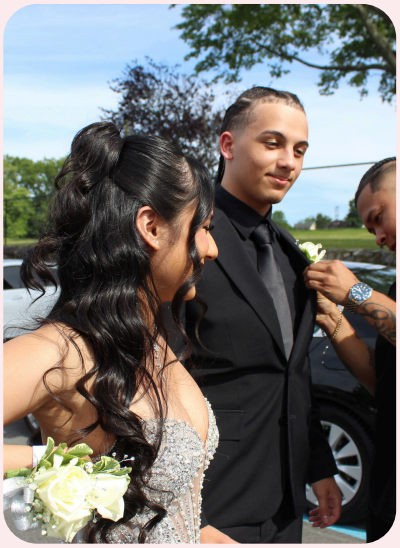






*What an amazing looking group of prom-goers! Attendees gathered at AHHS along with family and friends for photos before being whisked away to Prom 2026!*























## *All's Good*

*The Dixson Drama Club presented "It's All Good in the Neighborhood!!" Audience members met the very cool "Pete the Cat," who in a series of vignettes shared how easy it can be to stay cool when things don't go your way! Students presented "I Love My White Shoes," "Four Groovy Buttons," "Crayons Rock!" "The Magic Sunglasses," along with "And the New Guy."*














## *Let's get moving!*

Grady Field Day was a blast! Students enjoyed all kinds of fun, some inspired by the World Cup Soccer matches and the championship NY Knicks, and others because they were just plain fun! Students enjoyed a dance party, soccer, basketball, a Battle of the Pizzas, some yard games, running adventures, sack races, tug-of-war and more!























***Students head out on various adventures***

*Grady Third Graders had a wild time at the Bronx Zoo!*













*The Grady Drama Club went to see “Wicked”*













## *Special Breakfast Celebration*

*Just in time for Father's Day, Dixson celebrated "Donuts for Grownups," inviting Dads and very special friends to come join students for a sweet treat before school started!*























## *Congratulations to our Red Raiders on their Signing Day!*

Congratulations to our student athletes!

Several members of the Class of 2026 recently celebrated "Commitment Day," signing their intentions to play their sport of choice for their school of choice!

We wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

***Justin Acevedo***
SUNY Purchase, Baseball

***Jeremy Gonzalez***
Dominican University, Track & Field

***Jaya Oliva***
Mount Saint Vincent University, Basketball

***Gerry Pompilus***
SUNY Herkimer, Basketball









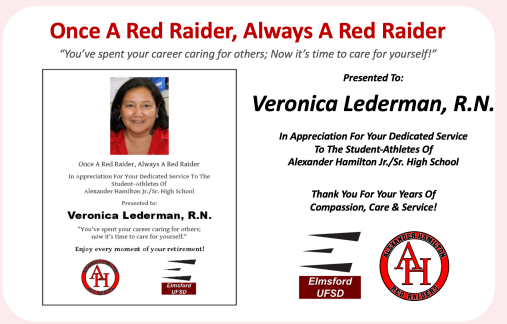



*Congratulations to our Student Athletes for all their hard work and dedication!*










# FALL

## Boys Varsity Soccer

Outstanding Performer:
**Sebastian Castro**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Keylan Mitchell**

Most Improved:
**Bryan Banos**

S1 Sportsmanship Award:
**Edwin Gonzalez**

## Girls Varsity Soccer

Outstanding Performer:
**Karen Mosquera**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Daisy Garita**

Most Improved:
**Domenica Romero-Sanchez**

S1 Sportsmanship Award:
**Daisy Garita**

## Varsity Football

Outstanding Performer:
**William Burch**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Edwin Godineaux**

Most Improved:
**Kyle Gibbons**

S1 Sportsmanship Award:
**Matthew Elike**

## Boys Cross Country

Outstanding Performer:
**Jayden Delgado**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Christopher Sanchez**

Most Improved:
**Brandon Orellana**

## Girls Cross Country

Outstanding Performer:
**N/A**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**N/A**

Most Improved:
**N/A**

## Varsity Volleyball

Outstanding Performer:
**Jennifer Barrios**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Gabrielle Harper**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Taryn Ganpat**







# WINTER

## Boys Varsity Basketball

Outstanding Performer:
**Gerry Pompilus**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Ethan Tinsley**
**& Matthew Elike**

Most Improved:
**Matthew Elike**

S1 Sportsmanship Award:
**Ethan Tinsley**

## Girls Varsity Basketball

Outstanding Performer:
**Jaya Oliva**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Kiara Surrell**

Most Improved:
**Somaya Blackman**
**Cassidy Williams**
**& Seniyah Nichols**

S1 Sportsmanship Award:
**Gabrielle Harper**

## Boys Winter Track

Outstanding Performer:
**Casey Wright-Mensah**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Angel Hidalgo**

Most Improved:
**Christopher Pitterson**

S1 Sportsmanship Award:
**Chandy Alexander**

## Girls Winter Track

Outstanding Performer:
**Taryn Ganpat**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Phoebe Nelson**

Most Improved:
**Sabrina Fernandez**

S1 Sportsmanship Award:
**Janita Gregorious**

# SPRING

**Boys Varsity Baseball**

Outstanding Performer:
**Edwin Godineaux**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Sebastian Alvarez**

Most Improved:
**Alexis Torres**

S1 Sportsmanship Award:
**Justin Acevedo**

**Girls Varsity Softball**

Outstanding Performer:
**Gabrielle Harper**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**JaLeah Nichols**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Melissa Arteaga**

S1 Sportsmanship Award:
**Taryn Ganpat**

**Boys Spring Track**

Outstanding Performer:
**Josiah Williams-Thomas**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Jeremy Gonzalez**

Most Improved:
**Chandy Aleander**

S1 Sportsmanship Award:
**Matthew Elike**

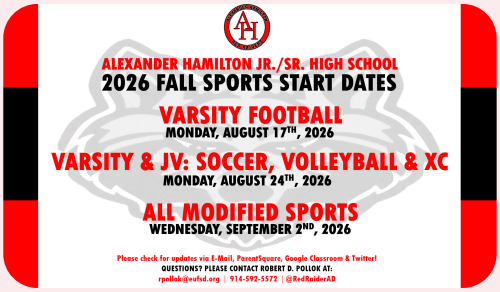
**Girls Spring Track**

Outstanding Performer:
**Isabella Torres**

MA SS / Coaches Award:
**Janelle Mensah (MGR)**

Most Improved:
**Isabelle Dowd**

S1 Sportsmanship Award:
**Renee Murphy**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*September 2, First Day of School*
*Sept. 7, Labor Day, Schools are Closed*
*Sept. 21, Yom Kippur, Schools are Closed*

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### *Author Visit*

Author Lauren Tarshis recently visited Grady fourth- and fifth-grade students for an exciting and engaging discussion.
Ms. Tarshis, author of the popular "I Survived" series, shared how she brings historical events to life through stories that follow fictional children navigating extraordinary challenges and adventures.
Students also had the opportunity to ask questions and have their books signed by the author.











