



BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOLS

Fall 2021
Newsletter

Community Day Brings in a *New Era!*



The Bridgehampton School hosted a Community Day in mid-October to celebrate the building's voter-approved capital project expansion. Students, administrators, Board of Education members and community members joined in the momentous occasion that included a welcome by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary T. Kelly and a ribbon cutting with Board of Education members, followed by small group, socially distant tours to view the new facilities, additional

academic spaces and renovations.

The festive marimba band performed along with music teacher Mr. David Elliott, and complimentary food and drinks, games, bounce houses and even a dunk tank added to the festivities.

The Bridgehampton School District and the Board of Education thank the local community for supporting our new addition as a supplemental place for our students to thrive, grow and actively participate in the global community.



Wellness Wednesday

Bridgehampton School has a new dynamic duo in school psychologist Ms. Brianna Miller and family and consumer science teacher Mrs. Jenn Pluta. The two take turns each Wednesday on the morning announcement offering tips, Ms. Miller on mental health and Mrs. Pluta on physical health. With a Mindful Board that was created in the guidance suite, students can choose activities

such as mindful breathing, positive self-talk and other strategies to be present in every moment, courtesy of Ms. Miller. Nutritious tips of the week are offered by Mrs. Pluta, including drinking plenty of water and choosing healthy snacks – including the apples that are growing right on the school’s property – on a daily basis.



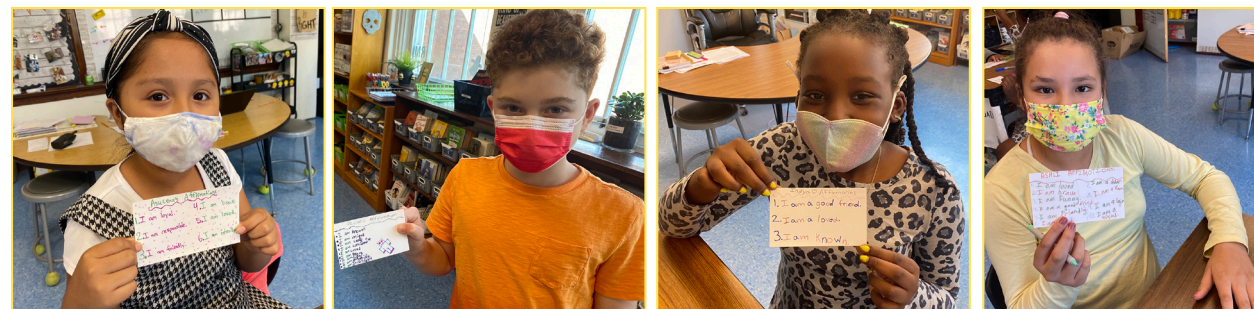
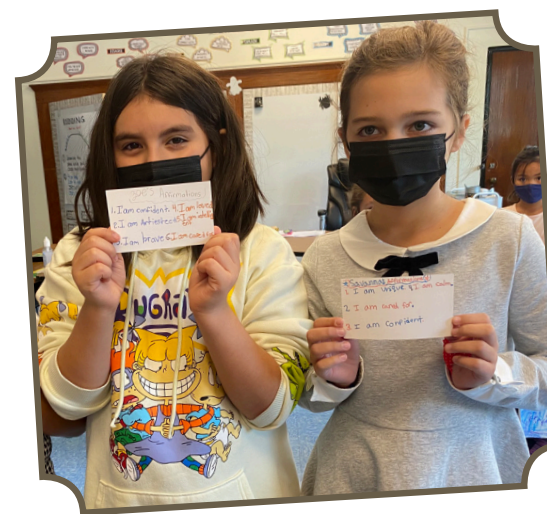
Score for Bridgehampton's New Soccer Club

September brought with it a fun, new club for students in grades 1-6. In a partnership between the Bridgehampton School District and professional coaches from Southampton Town United Soccer Club, the free, engaging, coeducational after-school program was well received in instilling a passion for the game and developing Bridgehampton student-players to their fullest potential.

One of the main goals of the two clinics per week, eight-week program was to help foster a club environment that encompassed more than just soccer, but also one that included a culture where learning, fun, growth and a sense of community and pride are all parts of the whole process. In addition to students becoming

acquainted with and practicing the fundamentals of soccer, such as dribbling, passing and shooting, the athletic platform aimed to help build capacity and keep students interested in developing a desire for higher achievement not only in soccer but also in education, citizenship, and physical and mental fitness.

“The high-quality standards of training offered by the coaches is exciting to us as we hope to potentially build a high school team,” Principal Michael Miller said. “Building this strong foundation now goes hand in hand with our vision and mission and is so beneficial to our students to be encouraged to excel to the highest levels of which they are capable.”



POSITIVITY Is a Choice!

“I am friendly. I am confident. I am responsible.” These and many more words of inspiration were written by fourth graders who chose positive affirmations to keep in their lockers and desks. The students got the idea from the mindfulness wall in the Bridgehampton School guidance suite.



Gratitude Challenge ACCEPTED!

What is gratitude? That is the question that Bridgehampton students are answering in various activities throughout a 30 Days of Gratitude Challenge. Some of the suggested items include:

- Write a note to someone special.
- Make a gratitude jar and fill it with what you are grateful for.
- Reflect on a moment of joy and focus on little things that make you happy.
- Learn how to say thank-you in sign language.
- Write a thankful song.
- Take a one-minute meditation break.
- Take time for self-care.
- Take a dance break to release energy.
- Write positive affirmations.

Embracing Hugs

Bridgehampton School students in grades 6-12 welcomed guest Kym Laube to speak in recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month. Laube, the executive director of Westhampton-based Hugs Inc., addressed issues important to teenagers during an outdoor assembly on the school grounds.

After a troubled adolescence, Laube started

volunteering as a teenager at Hugs, an organization that provides individuals, families, schools and communities with prevention education strategies aimed at reducing high-risk behaviors. Her presentation gave students a glimpse into the life of a person in long-term recovery. Her life story is one of challenges and hope, strength, validation and the importance of every human

being. “She was inspiring,” Principal Mike Miller said, “and her focus centered around strategies and positive mindsets to support our students and staff members. It was the perfect fit to be able to open another avenue for our school community to see someone living a healthy lifestyle as a functioning and contributing member to society.”

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Nothing but Net!

Friday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.
Bridgehampton School gymnasium

Mark your calendar for the Bridgehampton School faculty basketball game to raise funds for the Grade 8 Washington, D.C., trip in the spring.

Come out to support your favorite faculty members as they display their skills on the court!

Elementary faculty vs. Secondary faculty

Half-Time Show: An opportunity to pie a teacher!

Admission \$5, must be purchased in advance from the main office.

DAY **BRIGHTENERS!**

Thank you to students Isaiah Brodie, Austin Molina, Makayla Pinckney and Marques Thomas for sharing your energies on WBEE Radio. Before starting their signature dance moves, the four end each segment of the program by encouraging appropriate mask-wearing and hand-washing with Bridgehampton's slogan:

*Learn Well...Stay Safe...
Graduate...Participate...*



In Appreciation

The Bridgehampton School received a generous donation from community member Richard Durkin of a mural painted by artist Paton Miller. Both the artist and benefactor came to visit the school to tour the installation of the mural in the new hallway outside of the gymnasium. The mural focuses on the early fishing and boating industry of the East End of Long Island.

With Gratitude

The Bridgehampton School District thanks Johann Credle for 20 years of exceptional service and dedication to the Bridgehampton School family! The entire school community applauds Mrs. Credle for being a valued staff member and wishes her well in her new endeavors.



Sincere Thanks

The New York State School Board Association's annual awareness campaign for school board recognition spotlights the important role that school board members have within a school district. The Bridgehampton School District thanks our Board of Education members for their efforts on behalf of the students in the district every day of the year.

At the October Board of Education meeting, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary Kelly thanked each trustee, while music teacher Mr. David Elliott led the



marimba band in a celebratory performance to thank President Ron White; Vice President Jennifer Vinski; and trustees Angela Chmielewski, Jo Ann Comfort, Carla Lillie, Kathleen McClelland and Markanthy Verzosa for their efforts on behalf of all Bridgehampton students and their families.



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