



BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL

2012 FALL / 2013 WINTER NEWSLETTER

New and Innovative Programming for the 2012-2013 School Year

Three exciting new courses have debuted at Bridgehampton for both middle and high school students, beginning with a long-desired elective, **Digital Photography**. This half-year course offered by teacher Judiann Carmack-Fayyaz provides students with a hands-on introduction to the elements and practice of digital photography and photographic composition. Students review the history of photography, experiment with exposure, lighting and subject placement, and ultimately demonstrate skills required to compose and produce quality photographs. With practical assignments on composition, positioning, lighting, and special effects, and expert advice from visiting local professionals such as Frank Rocanova, Ellen Watson and Michael Heller from *The Sag Harbor Express*, students learn how to professionally plan, shoot, and process digital images.



Advanced Placement Environmental Science provides students with the principles, concepts, and methodologies required to understand the interrelationships of the natural world, to identify and analyze environmental problems both natural and human made, and to examine alternative solutions for resolving or preventing them. Following curriculum established by the College Board, the course prepares students for the AP Environmental exam. As both labs and field trips are essential to study, AP ES is taught in two-period blocks each day. This fall students toured salt marshes in East Hampton and



The South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center and will return in spring to note seasonal differences in the habitats. A welcome addition to Bridgehampton's array of introductory college-level courses, AP ES is, as teacher Natalie Nichols says, "a good fit for the school. We have the greenhouse here, and SoFo right up the street. The course builds naturally on what we've already begun on campus and can access right in town."

Sixth graders are up to something new this year, meeting upstairs every other day for an interdisciplinary program called **Engineering by Design**, offered by teacher

Carrie McDermott. The International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA), the professional organization for technology, innovation, design, and engineering educators, provides excellent curricula and support for technology and engineering education. Technology education is problem-based learning utilizing math, science and technology principles. We're very excited at the prospects of ITEEA programming at Bridgehampton, with its laudable goal of promoting "technological literacy for all by supporting the teaching of technology and engineering."

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International Week of Peace, January 14th - 18th

Organized by teacher Carrie McDermott, this enlightening and event-filled week, with its theme of "What Does Peace Mean to Me?" culminates with an International Luncheon on January 18th, with a sampling of homemade foods from around the world.

High school activities include an essay contest, poetry readings, and the creation of a banner featuring the word "peace" in many languages by Biana Stepanian's French students. Elementary students prepare international dishes in culinary arts, and create drawings, PowerPoint presentations and posters. Not to mention a special international lunch menu in the school cafeteria for the week!

From the Desk of the Superintendent

DR. LOIS R. FAVRE

Sometimes wonderful surprises evolve from chaos. Anyone who is following education in New York State understands that we are in a state of chaos, of sorts, as this new revolution in education is thrust upon us. Teachers are working through it, administrators are trying to manage it, and students are ultimately affected by it. The character, quality and commitment of Bridgehampton teachers and staff cannot be overstated. Despite changes in state testing, adoption of new standards requiring shifts in instruction, and a teacher evaluation system that judges them according to the students we put in front of them, they worked as a team to accomplish Middle States Accreditation – yes, it is official! The Bridgehampton School District is accredited by the Middle State Commission, validating the important work that our teachers and staff do to meet or exceed the standards



required for accreditation. Through the self-review process we have set a path for continual improvement, with a commitment to excellence – a wonderful surprise out of chaos.

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy and Sandy Hook, we remain a thankful community, and the experience has strengthened our commitment to community service and safety. Our students and staff welcomed a family with open arms who were, sadly, displaced due to the storm. Students and staff traveled to East Rockaway to assist with the relief efforts, and our student government (aptly renamed the Compassion in Action Council – CIA) joined up with Island Harvest for the holiday season – wonderful surprises out of chaos.

Students continue to make honor roll distinctions, and more than half have made commitments to interscholastic sports

teams – despite the chaos!

The 2012-2013 school year will no doubt be one that will go down in history, as the first blows of the 2% tax levy limits are felt far and wide, and Bridgehampton is not exempt. The support of the community will be necessary as we move forward.

Action planning committees remain committed to goals of increased student achievement, improved college and career readiness, and improved and updated facilities. We are small but we are mighty – and despite the chaos, our students deserve the very best that we can give them! Chaos or not, it is no surprise that our teachers and staff remain committed to excellence for our wonderful students and their families.

We wish our families and our Bridgehampton community all the best that the New Year can offer.

Bridgehampton School and Cornell Cooperative: Outstanding Community Partners

On October 14th, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County presented Bridgehampton Union Free School District with an Outstanding Community Partner Award in recognition of the school's continuing partnership with Cornell in educating students on the benefits of healthy eating, the dangers of energy drinks and lessons to be learned in the school garden. Steve Meyers and Judiann Carmack-Fayyaz, who have worked extensively with Cornell educators, including Maryann Bir-

mingham, Caroline Chiang, Susan Wilke and others, accepted the award on behalf of the school. Cornell professionals have worked with students and faculty in Health and Nutrition/Culinary Arts classes and with members of the Edible School Garden Group, which is comprised of educators, farmers and chefs from both the North and South Forks of Long Island. The school is very appreciative of having Cornell Cooperative as a regularly available, cutting-edge resource and honored to be recognized in this wonderful way.



Bridgehampton School's Mission And Belief Statements

Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the Bridgehampton School to inspire lifelong intellectual curiosity and respectful individual expression by reaching beyond our school community and teaching all students the essential skills to actively participate in the global community and to flourish in the 21st Century.

Belief Statement:

We believe that our children will shape the future by expressing their intelligence, curiosity, compassion, leadership and invention by reaching beyond our small school community and working to their fullest potential to preserve and improve our world.

Principal's Message

by John Pryor



In his 1943 paper "A Theory of Human Motivation," Abraham Maslow established his famous hierarchy of needs, usually presented in the shape of a pyramid with basic Physiological needs at the bottom and Self-Actualization at the top. Before humans could succeed intellectually, he argued, other basic needs had to be in place: Safety, Belongingness and Love, and Esteem. It's important to note that one of the most fundamental needs that must be in place for our students to succeed is Safety. Here at Bridgehampton we are committed to keeping all members of our school family safe. We have reviewed our policies and procedures, and although we feel we do a good job, we also know we can always do a better one. Our Safety Committee is dedicated to finding the very best practices, and we will implement any changes that will improve our current procedures. Know that your child's safety is our number one priority.



Dom Grieco and Judiann Carmack-Fayyaz facilitate small-group anti-bullying workshops. Right, girls in grades 6 – 12 participate in Motiv8, an empowerment program presented by musician Sheira Brayer.

DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS

The Dignity for all Students Act (DASA) is a new, unfunded mandate, requiring schools to assure anti-bullying diversity training for all students. While this type of instruction has been a great part of the fabric of the Bridgehampton School Community through the efforts of our health teacher, Steve Meyers, we have worked together to assure

more opportunities for character education infused throughout the school community. Our elementary teacher, Jessica Rodgers, has been appointed our DASA coordinator and attends area trainings to keep us on track.

Our third- and fourth-grade girls were provided the opportunity to work with Catherine Arcure from Manhattan Manners with funding provided through

the Bridgehampton Education Foundation. Renamed "the ladies who lunch," the students received weekly lessons in the social graces over a lovely snack delivered on fine china. Areas of focus included but were not limited to manners, appropriate behavior and kindness.

Secondary students have participated in monthly workshops on anti-bullying and character

education designed and implemented by our own teachers. Students have had the opportunity to work through bullying and harassment issues, and address topics such as tolerance, respect for others, and dealing with difficult situations that may arise. Students are responsive, and strategies are used to assure that all feel heard and opinions are valued.

PBIS Update

Bridgehampton's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program, rolled out for K-6 students last fall, is now in its second successful year, teaching and rewarding its core value ROCKS themes of Respect, Organization, Cooperation, Kindness and Safety. This year, themes are taught site-specifically, successively underscoring appropriate be-

haviors in locations such as the café, the hallways, the playground or the bus.

New this year is an extension of the program to middle and high school, focusing on core values of Respect, Responsibility, and Ready to Learn. "Swarming" on key behaviors such as keeping lockers closed, being on time to class and using appropriate language, fac-

ulty and staff reward students with tickets for doing the right thing. These tickets are entered into monthly prize drawings—such as lunch generously provided by Candy Kitchen, Mickey B's or The Pizza Place or a \$15 iTunes gift card—or into a big end-of-semester raffle. This semester's lucky winner receives an iPod!

Kudos to our elementary

Top Bees John Rojas, Julian Oliver, Samantha Udave, and Melanie Braia, and MEGA recess-winning classrooms: Nina Merker's 1st grade, Corinne Neubauer's 4th grade and Jeff Hand's 2-time winning 2nd grade. Big shout-outs, too, for our upstairs-raffle winners Nia Dawson, Henry Kotz, Jennah Hochstedler, Aries Cooks and Monasia Street!

Out on the Town

At Film Fest, Chance to Meet Nobel Laureate

In October, high school students viewed a screening of *A Beautiful Mind*, 2001 Academy Award winner for Best Picture, at the UA Theater in East Hampton. Featured in a Hamptons International Film Festival program in partner-

ship with an exhibition of 20 photographs of Nobel Laureates by Peter Badge, the film, starring Russell Crowe, follows celebrated mathematician John Nash from his prodigy days at Princeton University through his early break-

throughs and charts his lifelong struggle with paranoid schizophrenia. Nash, present for the screening, commented on the film and his life alongside his wife of 50 years, and met with students and faculty.



Vanesa Cruz with John Nash, recipient of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 1994

THIRD ANNUAL RACE AGAINST TIME



On Sunday, October 14, Bridgehampton seniors and staff joined teacher Steve Meyer and his family in Central Park for a show of support for Steve's nephew Owen McGee, who was diagnosed this summer, 3 weeks before his 3rd birthday, with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). Part of New York Road Runner's Greta's Gallop event, Race Against Time includes a 100m troll stroll for kids 2-12, a 1.7 mile run and a half marathon. DMD is the most common fatal genetic disorder affecting boys around the world.

Boys with DMD do not produce dystrophin, a protein required for muscle function; as a result, every muscle in the body begins to deteriorate. At present, most children with DMD are in a wheelchair by 12 years old and will die in their late teens or early twenties. Proceeds from the annual event benefit Charley's Fund (www.charleysfund.org), which specializes in finding a cure for DMD. They make sure money is directed to the right researchers and the right laboratories and have made huge gains in this fight against time.

Students Collect Oral Histories at the Senior Center

In collaboration with the Hampton Library and the Bridgehampton Historical Society, 8 high school students traveled with teacher Tom House to the Senior Center on Thursday, November 29 to collect oral histories of the Hurricane of '38. On hand to coordinate the day were adult outreach librarian Marcia Mitrowski, local history librarian

and archivist Julie Greene, and Senior Center assistant site manager Lorri Schneider. Student interviewers and recorders were Aries Cooks, Josh Lamison, Jhon Matus, Ella Gatfield, Dylan Breault, Juan Yanez, Michael Smith, and Erick Saldivar. A culminating project will be presented in 2013 at Hampton Library on the 75th anniversary of the storm.



Community Theater-Going

Students in grades 8-12 attended special weekday-morning performances of *Inherit the Wind*, directed by Michael Dishner at the Southampton Cultural Center, and *The Crucible*, directed by Murphy Brown for Bay Street Theatre's Literature Live! program. After the performances,

casts and directors of both plays conducted a Q&A with students and gathered on the sets for photo ops. These annual, changing local productions, highlighting important classic texts read and analyzed in school, are highlights of Bridgehampton's English curriculum.

Compassion in Action



The 2012-13 High School Student Government, under the tutelage of faculty advisor Lindsey Sanchez, has been renamed the Compassion in Action Council (CIA), a phrase taken from the Rachel's Challenge program. This fall's election followed a student-and-faculty-endorsed application procedure rather than a ballot system. All approved candidates ran unopposed for their positions, with the exception of Middle School Representative, which had three nominees. A new addition to BHS student government, the MS Rep serves as liaison between grades 6-8 and the CIA officers and faculty/staff. This year's Rep Autumn

Street, along with President Erick Saldivar*, Vice President India Hemby, Treasurer Juan Yanez and Secretary Lizzy Hochstedler are charged, aside from normal Student Government duties, with setting examples to the student body of compassionate and responsible school citizens. Highlights of those regular duties so far this year were the ever-fun and highly successful Halloween Party and Holiday Luncheon. Next up, Karaoke/Game Night in January. Congrats and thanks to this year's high school leaders!

**For the second semester Erick Saldivar has stepped down, and India Hemby will be taking over the office of president for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year.*



Not all the student governing is upstairs. Fifth-grade teacher Mike Byrnes, Elementary Student Council Advisor, gave students the opportunity to write a speech on why they would make a good student council member. Those who presented speeches to their peers automatically qualified. Stepping up were fourth graders Jurisha Ross, Akayda Grizzle and Melissa Villa, and fifth-graders Yennifer Garcia, Caleigh Hochstedler, Kimberly Rojas, Nicole Williams, Zaria Williams-Oliver and Jaden Campbell. A highlight

of the Council's work this fall was a canned food drive for victims of Hurricane Sandy. Yennifer said, "I feel good because they're not like us, who didn't have much damage. On the news I heard they needed food and clothes and toy donations, and that's what we got for them." The Council has also just finished a coat drive for local families in need. Jaden Campbell is proud to be a council member: "I feel like I can help more people." Bravo to all these girls taking the lead in caring for our local and up-island neighbors in need!



Happy Halloween party-goers Perla Cruz, Alexis Jeffers and Kayla Stallings



Merriment abounds at the annual Holiday Luncheon. Below, BHS young'uns wait their turn for the traditional Seniors vs. Faculty/Staff volleyball game.



Bridgehampton Holidays



Stephen Tiska with son, Max, Principal Jack Pryor, Ralph Salamon, Merrall Hildreth, Walter Stewart and his daughter, Nancy Bagshaw, Clarence Pinckney, State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr. and David Holmes



Bridgehampton School observed Veterans Day with a ceremony in the gymnasium on November 9. This annual event organized by Library Media Specialist David Holmes and featuring an address by State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr. honored local veterans Ralph Salamon, Stephen Tiska, Merrall Hildreth, Russell M. White Jr., Clarence Pinckney and Walter Stewart. Highlights of the ceremony included a performance by the high school band, a rendition of Taps by junior India Hemby,



Ninth-grader Aries Cooks and her cousin, fifth-grader Elijah White, pay tribute to their grandfather, veteran Russell M. White Jr.

and a conversation via Skype with 2009 graduate Ala Pinckney, now serving in the Army and stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

In the weeks leading up to the student council luncheon and holiday recess, Bridgehampton School marked the holiday season with three of its favorite things: two Thursday evenings of wondrous Winter Concerts and a Caroling Tour. On December 6, grades Pre-K to 5 took the stage, delighting a packed gymnasium with fine performances led by Choral Teacher Lindsey Sanchez. Accompanying them were Karen Hochstedler on piano,

middle and high school chorus backup, and Music Director Dave Elliot, Jennah Hochstedler and Tatyana Dawson on percussion. Grades 6 to 12 band and chorus took the stage the next week, and both concerts featured performances by the Marimba Band. On December 20th, the Instrumental Caroling Group, caught in action outside the Bridgehampton Post Office below, spread even more cheer at the Senior Center and Bridgehampton National Bank.



Students, faculty, staff, parents and community members gathered at the Bridgehampton Community House for the annual Thanksgiving feast, renamed last year The Joyce Manigo Feast in honor of Bridgehampton's beloved

District Clerk of many years and devoted feast organizer. Director of RTI Aleta Parker, who worked closely with Joyce through her years of service, has stepped up as coordinator of this favorite BHS event, including warm tributes to Joyce and the Manigo family.



LENDING A HAND IN EAST ROCKAWAY

On Thanksgiving Eve, 31 Bridgehampton students, staff and faculty members devoted the first day of the long weekend to a relief effort in a hurricane-devastated hamlet of East Rockaway known as Bay Park, 80 miles west of school. The trip, organized by David Holmes, aided four venues—three private homes, including that of Linda and George D’Agostino, and the Bay Park Civic Center. Teams of volunteers removed moldy drywall from flood-ravaged first-floor walls, emptied rooms and a ga-

rage of ruined furniture and appliances, and sodden books, files and photographs, hauled 8 x 4 panels of new Sheetrock into a gutted basement, and raked the ground beneath exposed floorboards free of debris.

Bees were able to do the most good at the Civic Center, which hadn’t been opened since the storm. The town’s residents had taken great pride in the center; it was the heart and soul of the community. One team spent hours disassembling its demolished stairs and entrance ramp into pieces that could be dragged



Jhon Matutue and Isaiiah AQUI outside the Bay Park Civic Center

to the street, while another worked inside, emptying the office and rooms of appliances, file

cabinets, and other destroyed furnishings. The D’Agostinos and the president of the Bay Park Civic Association, Rich Brennan, surveyed the extent of the work accomplished in four hours and were, in their own words, “amazed” and “boundlessly grateful.” Linda stressed just how important the work at the center had been. “The few of us here have been concentrating on our own homes. But the Center was the community’s home.” Bridgehampton had gotten its cleanup started for them, and it would be an encouragement to the other residents to come back.

Detailed stories of the trip by teacher Tom House, appearing in the December 6th *Southampton Press* and January 10th *East Hampton Star*, are accessible online.

Seniors Take the Avram Stage

In December, grades 9 to 12 traveled to Avram Theatre in Southampton for a dress rehearsal of the 2012 High School Playwrights Performance of the Young American Writers Program. Representing Bridgehampton, senior wordsmith Samantha Broadmeadow’s poignant play “Cutting Deeper,” written in Lenore Wright’s 12th grade English class, was beautifully performed by juniors India Hemby and Jennah Hochstedler under the direction of talented working artist



Playwright Samantha Broadmeadow and actors Jennah Hochstedler and India Hemby take their bows at Avram Theater

Morgan Vaughn. A free, expertly produced public performance of the plays was given the next evening, Saturday, December 8th.

Congratulations to Samantha, India, Jennah and all the seniors who wrote plays this year in the YAWP program!

The Scholastic Book Fair Returns to Bridgehampton

Bridgehampton was eager to welcome the Scholastic Book Fair back to the district this fall with the theme *Reading All-Stars!* As Chairperson Aleta Parker eloquently put it, “In the spirit of promoting literacy and encouraging a joy of reading,” students were offered a variety of “just right” books that included chapter books, nonfiction, fiction and more. Parents enjoyed Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads as they perused the fair’s selections with their children. Although the schedule of events



Book- and Bieber-loving Bees with teacher Jessica Rodgers

was interrupted by Hurricane Sandy, the fair resulted in record-setting participation and profit when

the district reopened. We look forward to hosting the fair again next year!

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FALL AND WINTER SPORTS 2012 - 2013

This fall and winter, 41 Bridgehampton student athletes participate in over 20 team sports at Bridgehampton, Pierson, and East Hampton schools.

FALL

FOOTBALL – VARSITY

Anajae Lamb

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Vanesa Cruz
Hayley Lund

GIRLS 7&8 SOCCER

Nia Dawson

FIELD HOCKEY – VARSITY

India Hemby

FIELD HOCKEY – 7&8

Paulina Bravo
Cecilia Calieca
Patricia Figueroa
Jalyn Hopson
Claudia Patterson
Tyler Stephens
Autumn Street
Montse Udave

GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS

Harriet DeGroot
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Madeleine Koral
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Robert Rewinski
Jerome Walker

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Tatyana Dawson
Jannah Hochstedler

GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Jada Pinckney

BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY GOLF

Henry Kotz

WINTER

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Devin Brevard
Tylik Furman
Jason Hopson
Anajae Lamb
Joshua Lamison
Aditya Nugraha
John Matute
Brian Piña
Jerome Walker

BOYS 7&8 BASKETBALL

Juan Alejandro Yanez
Isaiah Aquí
Ameer Brunson
Kevin Feliciano
Matthew Hostetter
Justin LaPointe
Michael Smith

BOYS VARSITY SWIMMING

Christian Figueroa
Claudio Figueroa
Robert Rewinski

JV/V WRESTLING

Henry Kotz



GIRLS VARSITY CHEERLEADING

Aries Cooks
Tatyana Dawson
India Hemby
Elizabeth Hochstedler
Jannah Hochstedler
Hayley Lund
Jada Pinckney
Angelica Uribe

GIRLS 7&8 VOLLEYBALL

Paulina Bravo
Cecilia Calieca
Jalyn Hopson
Tyler Stephens
Autumn Street
Montse Udave

GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Nia Dawson

**IT'S OFFICIAL! BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL RECEIVES
MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION!**

See inside for details...