



BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL

2012 SPRING NEWSLETTER

KILLER BEES: *Suffolk County Class D Champions!*

As the newly declared 2012 Suffolk County Class D Champions, the Killer Bees will be adding a new banner to the highly decorated walls of the gymnasium this summer, the first Suffolk County championship banner for the Bees since 2000. After a 7-7 season, the underdog team pulled together to win playoff games against very strong contenders, overpowering both the defending Class D Champions, the Ross Cosmos, at Pierson School, 72-62, and the Greenport Porters at Suffolk Community College, 73-50.

In March, the Bees travelled to the Southeast Regional Class D Championships in New Paltz to face Livingston Manor. The deep bench of Livingston Manor and the relative inexperience of the seven-strong Bridgehampton team led to a Livingston Manor victory, 69-53, and ended the run for the state title.

On April 24th, 2012 at the County Center in Riverhead, the team was honored by Assemblyman Jay Schneider-



Left to right: Assistant Coach Joe Zucker, Scorekeeper Joshua Hostetter, Joshua Lamison, Tylik Furman, Anajae Lamb, Caanan Campbell, Jason Hopson, Brenden Hemby, Coach Carl Johnson, Athletic Director Mary Anne Jules and Legislator Schneiderman. Missing: Zave Brodie.

man, who presented them with a New York State Proclamation. "The coaching and the strategic perception of the players, together with the camaraderie and skill of each team member are to be commended," Legislator Schneiderman said.

Coach Carl Johnson, whose main goal for the year was to make the playoffs, was very pleased with the victorious season and the Class D title. With such a young team--two of the starters, Tylik Furman and Joshua Lamison, were eighth graders--Johnson's new



Caanan Campbell joins the 1000-point club.

goal is to ride the momentum to become next year's state champions. He also expressed his desire to see a new gym for the Killer Bees and Bridgehampton: "Over the last twelve years, I've seen

other local schools make improvements to their facilities and athletic grounds. With the second-most championship titles in New York State, it is time--long overdue, in fact--for Bridgehampton to do the same."

The school and community also wish to congratulate junior Jason Hopson and sophomore Anajae Lamb, and extend our best to seniors Caanan Campbell, Brenden Hemby and Zave Brodie, who will be greatly missed next year. A big highlight of the season included membership in the 1000-point club for lead scorer and rebounder Caanan Campbell, whose skills were instrumental in leading the Bees to victory. Brenden Hemby, a four-year team member, will be remembered for his enthusiastic leadership qualities as team captain for the past two years; and Zave Brodie, who came to every practice ready to contribute in every way, will be remembered for his dedication and great attitude. You've made us proud, Bees!

SAVE THE DATE!

First Annual Bridgehampton School Foundation Dinner
On Friday, June 15th, 2012
At South Fork Kitchen Restaurant
Sag Harbor/Bridgehampton Turnpike, Bridgehampton

See www.bridgehampton.k12.ny.us for details

Upcoming Dates:

PTO BBQ
Friday, June 8th
All are welcome

MOVING UP DAYS
June 20th – 6th-8th grades
June 22nd – K-5th grades

PRE-K GRADUATION
June 21st

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
Sunday, June 24th

From the Desk of the Superintendent

DR. LOIS R. FAVRE

Spring has arrived in all its splendor and promise of renewal, and with it comes much excitement and celebration at the Bridgehampton School. We are ready for our budget hearing, election and vote as this goes to print, and we appreciate the input of our community, the agreement to a zero percent salary increase by our staff (administration, teachers and civil service personnel), and the attention to detail by our Board of Education as we, once again, bring a fiscally sound budget to the community.



Accountability abounds as we complete this round of state tests, akin to driving by braille. We were provided little in the way of what to expect for our K-8 students, and, judging by the many mistakes, misprints, and dilemmas that arose as the tests rolled out, we are not confident that they will provide us with the information the state believes they will in terms of student achievement. In anticipation of the same, Bridgehampton teachers have worked to

develop benchmarks in English Language Arts and Mathematics for 2012-2013 that will enhance our data collection to provide us with exactly what we need to assure progress for our students. During 2012-2013, we will do the same for all other content areas to assure that we know exactly what our students need to meet or exceed state standards.

Our Middle States Accreditation Visit was moved to May 15-17th, when we will host the evaluation team. We look forward to celebrating our many accomplishments as well as our action plans for success. The stakeholder group—administrators, teachers, parents and students who assisted with the completion of the self-review process—is to be commended for its work in seeing this through to fruition. The team has developed a plan that will assist us in moving from “good to great,” and they are to be commended for their efforts. The plan can be reviewed on our website.

Spring is the time for celebrations, and

Bridgehampton will have many throughout the spring. In May we honor excellence in athletics in grades 7-12 and academics in grades 9-12 at our Annual Day of Achievement and host the induction ceremony for the National Honor Society; next month we will celebrate moving up for students in Pre-K through 8th grade. Field day contests, a PTO Barbecue and Talent Show, as well as a Senior Citizen Luncheon help to round out our season of celebrations!

College acceptances are outstanding for our senior class; we are so proud of their many accomplishments. The year ends with a wonderful Baccalaureate Dinner celebration and a graduation ceremony on June 24th.

We wish you the best for the upcoming summer season, and hope you will join in to support the initiatives at the Bridgehampton School.

Out on the Town



Students in grade 6-8, who visited the beautiful Longhouse Reserve in East Hampton this May, admiring the sculpture and plantings on a docent-led tour of the grounds, are creating poetry and art work inspired by their trip. There were photo ops galore at the reserve, including this last stop beneath the geodesic Fish Eye Dome.



Bridgehampton students in grades 1-7 were well-represented at Hampton Library's Budding Authors, a program that has been celebrating creativity in local schools for 20 years. Students enjoyed a reception in March at the library, where their work was displayed, and posed for a photo with local children's author Emma Walton Hamilton.



Nia Dawson and Madi Koral were among 7th graders wowed by a visit to the Dan Flavin Art Institute during a walking field trip through Bridgehampton Town in April.

Principal's Message

by John Pryor



"Success in business requires training and discipline and hard work. But if you are not frightened by these things, the opportunities are just as great today as they ever were." — David Rockefeller

I have a deep affinity for this year's graduating class. Over the past seven years, I have watched them grow and mature to become educated, compassionate and giving members of our Bridgehampton School Family. They are well-prepared for the challenges and joy that await them. I wish them all good things in life and thank them for making Bridgehampton a better school and for the smiles they put on my face.



Mr. Pryor congratulates Jessica Rodgers for her Top Teacher award in May. Right, Kudos to May Top Bee Jennifer Garcia!

PBIS Update

A shout out to the leading teachers, students and classrooms of this spring's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. The newest award for Top Teacher—honoring those who have demonstrated exceptional spirit and support for the implementation of the program—has gone to Marie Hand, Jeff Hand, Jessica Rodgers, John Reilly, Patrick Aiello, Mike Bryne and Johann

Credle. Our latest Top Bees, earning the most ROCKS tickets each two weeks, were Aziza Brunson, Jennifer Garcia, Estefany Bonilla, Montse Udave, and Marcele Davis. And we're happy to report that by now every classroom has won MEGA recess, the most recent recipients Anette Rivera's fourth grade and Michelle Scaramucci's kindergarten. You ROCK!

Bridgehampton School Accepts Pay Freezes

This spring, in a show of solidarity with an administration struggling to draft a budget that would stay within the new, state-mandated 2 percent tax-levy cap, and keep programs and staffing levels intact for 2012-13, teachers and staff agreed to pay freezes.

Bridgehampton Teachers Association and the Civil Services Employee Association will extend their current contracts for one year, and freeze cost-of-living increases. Teachers also have agreed to freeze their step increases. Savings from freezing teacher salaries alone will save the district approximately \$100,000. Total savings to the district will be even more

substantial when the foregone salary increases of staff and administration, who also agreed to a one-year freeze, are calculated.

"I am just so proud of the Bridgehampton community, which locked arms and came together civilly on both sides of the table," Superintendent Dr. Favre said. "I am proud that the BTA and the CSEA have agreed to support us and get us through this first year." District business administrator Robert Hauser added, "It's important from a solidarity point of view, that we are united going into this. And from an instructional point of view, it puts the students first."

Rachel's Challenge Comes to Bridgehampton

On May 4th the Bridgehampton School Community began a chain reaction of kindness and compassion by hosting Rachel's Challenge (www.rachelschallenge.org). This was a kick-off for an anti-bullying campaign that will continue for many years to come as part of our re-

sponsibility under the new Dignity for All Students Act. Rachel's Challenge, along with our commitment to PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) will continue to enhance a family atmosphere of support for our students and their families.





Middle School's Turn to Shine at Avram Theatre

Students in 7th Grade English worked with a stellar cast of theater professionals from Stony Brook University's Young American Writer's Project (YAWP) this winter. During a seven-week writing and acting workshop, students created, as seniors did last fall, their own original one-act plays. Madi Koral's best-friends drama "So Far Away," which addressed the heartbreaking emotions that surround the death of a parent, was among those staged at Avram Theatre in Southampton on March 23 and 24. Madi performed in her own play beside fellow student Tyler Stephens, and Cecilia Martinez Calieca contributed as student assistant director to Naimi Hackett. The Friday matinee dress rehearsal was enthusiastically attended by Bridgehampton students in grades 6-9, and the outstanding public, Saturday evening performance is viewable on YAWP's YouTube channel and Facebook page. Congrats to Madi, Tyler, Cecilia, and all the 7th-graders who wrote one-act plays!



YAWP working artists Victor Giannini and Ashleigh Smith (left and center) stop for an after-play photo-op outside Avram Theater with (from left) actress Tyler Stephens, actress and playwright Madi Koral and student assistant director Cecilia Martinez Calieca.



Exploravision participants from left: Xander Schindler, Jerome Walker, Anajae lamb and Brian Pina

Exploravision

Aditya Nugraha, Jack Janson, Alexander Schindler, Anajae lamb, Jerome Walker, Brian Pina and Yuan Gan were awarded Certificates of Achievement by the Toshiba Corporation for their participation in Exploravision 2011, a fun science competition that encourages students of all grade levels to imagine what a specific technology might be like twenty years from now. Student initiated projects included: MASS (Mobile Atmospheric Sequestration Station), Solar Roadways and a Food Pathogen Biosensor.

Focus on Student Athlete Rob Rewinski

Ninth grader Rob Rewinski had an impressive first year on East Hampton High School's Boys Swimming. The team, which finished at 3-2 in League III, good for third place, more than doubled in size this year, and consisted of mostly freshman and sophomores, which bodes well for next season. Rob, whose events include the 50 and 100 meter freestyle, the 200 and 400 meter freestyle relays, and the 200 medley, qualified in the 100 freestyle and the 400 freestyle relay to compete in the Suffolk County (Section XI) meet at Suffolk County Community Col-



lege in Brentwood, and his squad placed fourth in Leagues for the 400 relay. Rob now holds the 19th fastest 100 freestyle time in Suffolk County at 54:82. Congratulations on a great season, Rob!

HITFest BRINGS SHAKESPEARE TO BR

Josh Perl of Hampton Independent Theatre Festival (HITFest) will direct Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Bridgehampton School from August 1 – 19th. Performers aged 13 and up are encouraged to apply.

We also need crew members, interns, staff and musicians. For more information, visit www.hitfest.org



The Power of One Decision

Bobby Petrocelli, a motivational speaker who shares with youth the power of their decisions and how to build a strong foundation for their lives, came to Bridgehampton this March to tell his story of personal triumph and hope following a devastating tragedy in his life. Students were enthralled by his powerful presentation and message, and had the opportunity to speak with the former teacher and coach after the assembly. More on Bobby Petrocelli and his "power of one decision" can be found at www.10seconds.org.



Chefs Move to Schools

Bryan Futerman, who is Bridgehampton's new Chefs Move to Schools chef, gave cooking demonstrations to the high school Nutrition and Culinary Arts students and elementary students in the ASPIRE program last week. Bryan showed students how to prepare two salad dressings, an Asian and a balsamic vinaigrette, and then served them with a romaine salad harvested from the school greenhouse.

Below, Botany students plant a strawberry patch with EECO farm coordinator Ian Calder-Piedmonte and pick kale for the Josh Levine Foundation Memorial Dinner, held at the American Hotel on April 1st.



BRIDGEHAMPTON! AUDITIONS THIS MAY!

Our hilarious comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, to be performed outdoors on the grounds, is open to audition at the Bridgehampton Community House on May 19 or 26 from 12-3 PM. For more information or to make an audition appointment, email Josh@HITFest.org.



Bridgehampton's Edible School Garden and Greenhouse Project Wins Honorable Mention in 2012 Magna Awards

Bridgehampton School received an honorable mention for the district's Edible School Garden and Greenhouse Project in the American School Board Journal's (ASBJ) 18th annual Magna Awards program. The Magna Awards recognize districts across the country for outstanding programs that advance student learning and encourage community involvement in schools.

The Edible School Garden Project teaches students in elementary through high school about what real food is, where it comes



from, and how to grow it. Students grow vegetables and fresh produce for the school cafeteria and for area restaurants. The greenhouse, along with a sus-

tainable garden, provides hands-on student learning opportunities in botany, horticulture, nutrition and culinary arts and has led to the development of a cur-

riculum focused on related careers. The greenhouse and garden have produced healthier meal options in the cafeteria and have led to an increased awareness of healthy eating practices.

ASBJ initiated the Magna Awards in 1995 to recognize school boards for taking bold and innovative steps to improve their educational programs. The 2012 winners, who were formally recognized on April 21st at the Best Practices for School Leaders Luncheon, were selected from over 300 submissions from 44 states.



BUILDING BETTER BRAINS AT BRIDGEHAMPTON

A recent *New York Times* article by Gretchen Reynolds, *How Exercise Can Lead to a Better Brain*, recounts how in the past few months neuroscientists have discovered that exercise "builds a brain that resists physical shrinkage and enhances cognitive flexibility." Since building better brains is our job at Bridgehampton, the athletic department, headed by Mary Anne Jules and Steve Meyers, initiated a

three-week "Step into Spring Challenge," in which faculty and students paired up to compete for the most steps. Equipped with HealthCorps pedometers, participants in the Challenge were encouraged to walk a minimum of 10,000 steps each day, the recommended amount. All that exercise produced many endorphins and invigorated brains. Great smart fun was had by all!

Winners of "Step Into Spring Challenge" were:

1st place: Laura Uribe and Robin Gianis with a total of 632,717 steps or 316.35 miles.

2nd place: Juan Jimenez and Jodi Zulkofske with a total of 622,574 steps or 311.29 miles.

3rd place: Matthew Hostetter and Tom Stevenson with a total of 462,510 steps or 231.25 miles.

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.

Building Works: Sunny Days Ahead as Bridgehampton Goes Solar

A 10K photovoltaic (PV) energy system was installed on the south-facing roof of the administration building last month, culminating a project by students Ben McLaughlin, Jack Janson and Zave Brodie and energy consultant Brian Tymann of SunStream USA. Two years ago, the students were asked to design a solar-powered irrigation system to water the vegetable beds and field behind the school for their Advanced Environmental Design Projects class. With great instructional assistance from Tymann, Ben, Jack and Zave determined that tying a solar power or PV system to the LIPA grid would be much more economical than directly powering an appliance, as LIPA offers substantial rebates to systems that can feed unused electricity generated by the panels back into the "grid" system for others to use.

With a very generous donation of labor from SunStream,

a \$5,000 Toolbox grant from Loew's Corporation, LIPA rebates and a school district contribution of \$4,500, the installation of the 10K system became possible this past winter. As a result, the district will save approximately \$2,500 a year in electrical costs for the next twenty to thirty years and will more than recover its initial investment in under two. Not only will there be financial savings, but the inverter and meters have been located at ground level outside the administration building, so they can serve as future educational tools for our students.

At present, the irrigation system, funded by a grant from BOCES and a donation of labor from Steve McGarry Sprinklers, is up and running, irrigating the produce grown for the school cafeteria. And the meters are spinning forward, creating energy whenever the sun shines brightly.



FOCUS ON FACULTY

David Holmes, Bridgehampton's School Library Media Specialist for the past fifteen years, is the Administrator of ASPIRE, the After School Program for Inquiry, Research and Enrichment, that was introduced at the beginning of this academic year. David, who received his administrative degree from Stony Brook University, maintains that the program should have



a "hands-on, experiential learning approach that builds on the regular school day while using different learning methods and styles that engage diverse students in many ways." From examining insects to virtually traveling around the world, the after school students have had an adventurous, edifying experience this year. Thanks for all your hard work, David!

Lenore Wright will receive the prestigious Dr. Deborah C. Hecht Award for her Project Seminar paper, "Channeling Shakespeare: The Validity and Viability of Drama in the Classroom," which she wrote at Stony Brook University this year. In a blind review of all submissions, Lenore's paper was chosen for excellence in research, style, insight, and complexity of topic. She has been invited to sit on stage with faculty and other award recipients at SBU's School of Professional Develop-



ment's 2012 Commencement Celebration on May 17, where she will be presented with a plaque and a check. Lenore derived much of her inspiration for writing the paper from Bridgehampton students; "their theatricality, their need for hands-on activities, and their visceral response to drama" motivated her to keep delving into performance-based learning and to find those exercises that would keep them engaged with Shakespeare--literally standing on their feet. Congratulations, Lenore!

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SPRING SPORTS 2012

Our students participated on five different spring sports teams this year at Bridgehampton, Sag Harbor and East Hampton Schools.

BASEBALL – BOYS VARSITY

Brenden Hemby

BASEBALL – BOYS 7 & 8

Kevin Feliciano

LACROSSE – BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY

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