

# BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL

2012 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



## SHAKESPEARE ON THE LAWN: *A Midsummer Night's Dream Becomes an August Reality*

Two years ago, Joshua Perl, founder and artistic director of Hamptons Independent Theatre Festival (HITFest.org) – the same group that built the black box theatre at the Bridgehampton Community House – got his first glimpse at Bridgehampton School's sprawling "backyard" and imagined Shakespeare on the Lawn.

That dream became a reality this summer with the production of one of The Bard's most beloved plays, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a clever, hilarious tale of shifting love triangles, full of mix-ups, magic, misunderstandings, mistaken identities and gen-

eral mayhem. But not to worry, in Shakespearean comedy all ends well, as did this first outdoor theater venture for HITFest and Bridgehampton. With generous and essential support from Wolfer Estate Vineyard, this joint endeavor between the district, community members, local businesses, 17 exuberant and talented cast members (including 3 Equity actors), and a dedicated crew resulted in what Newsday called, "a romp from top to Bottom."

Nearly seven hundred people attended the eleven performances of the play's three-week, Thursday-through-Sunday run



Josh Perl rehearsing the cast.

from August 2nd to 19th. Not only did residents of Bridgehampton and other East End towns get to enjoy a professional Shakespearean production right in our own "backyard," but it was a rare and exciting opportunity for students and locals to act and work with professional artists

and crew from New York City.

The colorful, ingenious stage was ideally situated directly behind the school, with the brick wall reflecting the actors' voices and beautifully enhancing the play's audibility. The gently sloping lawn provided an ideal amphitheater-like arrangement for bleachers, chairs, blankets, and picnics, the unobstructed view beyond – including a serendipitous full moon on opening night – enchanting audiences.

HITFest's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was just the beginning of what is hoped to become an annual tradition of Shakespeare on the Lawn.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2012!

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## From the Desk of the Superintendent

DR. LOIS R. FAVRE

Summer months are hectic for the small team of district staff left behind once teachers, support staff and students depart for the summer hiatus. The dedication of our support staff cannot be understated. In a short ten weeks they have assured that the buildings are ready, the supplies are ordered for students, payroll and staffing changes have been made, attendance is recorded and up-to-date, grants are closed out, grants are written, calendars are put together, and notification packets for staff and families are sent to all. New registrants have been entered, enrollment lists checked, and staff development needs for the school year have been outlined.

Data from the 2011-2012 school year has been crunched, so we know where to begin with our students in the fall, and we have updated policies to align with the new Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) requirements mandated for this new school year (see complete code of conduct on the website). Our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) Team has been



hard at work developing and enhancing our program to assure alignment with DASA and Rachel's Challenge, a program that we brought to our students in the spring ([www.rachelschallenge.org](http://www.rachelschallenge.org)).

Behind the scenes, teachers have written and designed curriculum projects and assured that students had exciting summer program opportunities (Young Farmer's, Drama, JumpStart, Conversational Spanish and Tennis). The administrative team has attended much training to assist with implementation of the new requirements for the Annual Professional Performance Review of teachers and principal, the requirements for student learning objectives, and the new alignment to the common core standards. Parents will notice the change in rigor and student expectations as we move forward - continually improving teaching and learning.

We await the arrival of Middle States notification but are moving forward with the action plans delineated by the Strategic Planning Counsel: improving communications, improving facilities, assuring college

and career readiness, and improving outcomes for our students. While the pace is rapid, the requirements many, and the fear of change a big elephant in the room, we are at an exciting time in the field of education - in the midst of a revolution of sorts - that will forever change the educational system.

As always, I look forward to welcoming our students, staff, and families back for the 2012-2013 school year. I encourage your involvement in our school community through attending Board meetings, joining Board committees (contact me directly if you are interested!), attendance at parent/community trainings on new initiatives, and by supporting the **Bridgehampton School Foundation** through funding that will assist in bringing programs and improvements to the Bridgehampton Union Free School District. As summer quickly becomes a fond memory, I wish you the best for the fall season, and look forward to our continued work together.

## Out on the Town



A special thank you and farewell dinner was held at B. Smith's Restaurant in Sag Harbor on Friday, June 15th for our beloved secretary of nearly 16 years, Linda Kenney. Faculty and staff enjoyed a joyous evening with a wonderful performance by Linda's favorite, our very own Marimba Band. In a letter to staff on her last day, she wrote, "I just want to thank you all for being who you are and for all the many memories. I have a special bond with each of you and I will never forget that. Not only are you my co-workers, but you are my friends, you are my family. I love you all and always will." These late summer days find her resting in her garden in Riverhead. "I think about everybody, and I miss everybody," she says. "And I love love love being retired!" Love and misses to you, too, Linda!

### *Bridgehampton School's 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.



# Principal's Message

by John Pryor



*"Compassion brings us to a stop, and for a moment we rise above ourselves."*

—Mason Cooley

We have all felt that warm feeling of inner joy when we have stopped to help someone. That inner peace of knowing we did the right thing and made someone else's day better, makes us feel special. What a wonderful gesture kindness is.

Can we all strive to be better people? Of course we can, and in doing so we make the people around us better. This school year let's make one of our goals compassion for others. Let's try to be a little kinder to our schoolmates. What you give out, you will receive. By being kinder, you will receive kindness; by being compassionate, you will receive compassion.

By reaching out, you will be taken in.



Lindsey Sanchez with the cast of *Welcome to the Jungle*. Right, Talon Indilla and Jacob Hostetter paint signs for the garden.

## Summer Program 2012 at Bridgehampton

This summer Bridgehampton School was again abuzz with continuing and expanded programming for elementary, middle and high school students, offered free of charge to Bridgehampton residents and for a nominal fee to the greater East End community.

Directed by teacher Lindsey Sanchez, elementary students produced and participated in their second live theatre performance as part of the **Summer Drama Program**. After weeks of singing and acting practice, and costume and set design, the troupe treated parents, friends and community members to

a hugely entertaining performance of *Welcome to the Jungle*, a mini-musical based on Aesop's fable "The Lion and the Mouse," on the gym stage on July 19th.

**The Young Farmers Initiative** had its second successful season with students from grades 3-6 working in the Edible School Garden and greenhouse for three weeks in July and August. Teacher Judiann Carmack-Fayyaz, Farmer Peter Priolo and student counselors Jacob and Josh Hostetter worked hand-in-hand with students, planting, painting signs, building birdhouses and preparing the large vegetable garden for fall production.

Students gained a sense of their role in nature and learned where food comes from, how to grow it and how to prepare delicious meals with fresh local fare. The garden is looking for community members who are interested in learning about gardening and lending a hand throughout the coming school year.

A new addition to summer programming this year was **Conversational Spanish**, taught by Ninfa Boyd, the first week devoted to grades K-2 and the second to grades 3-5. Topics covered included basic vocabulary, how to introduce oneself, pronouns and the verb to be, "things I like to do," and favorite sports.

The second welcome addition was **Beginning Tennis Instruction**, which was offered for a week in June and the last two weeks of August. This program, sponsored by Hamptons Tennis Company, provided a tennis pro who worked with early elementary students on basic skills and knowledge of the game.

The 2012 Summer Program Series ended with **JumpStart**, taught by teachers Jessica Rodgers, Nancy Moloney and Corinne Neubauer. During the last two weeks of August, elementary students focused on reading, writing and mathematics, sharpening their academic skills for the new school year.

# THE CLASS OF 2012



**Gabriel Bonilla**



**Zave Brodie**



**Caanan Campbell**



**Tanethea Clark**



**Victoria de Lesseps**



**Ned Haweeli**



**Brenden Hemby**



**Anika Jade Hochstedier**  
*Salutatorian*



**Jack Janson**



**Genevieve Kotz**  
*Valedictorian*



**Allison Koral**



**Benjamin McLaughlin**



**Refugio Mendez**



**Jessica Perez**



**Ciena Quinn**



**Xander Schindler**





# GRADUATION DAY

JUNE 24, 2012



Keynote Speaker John McLaughlin





# STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

This June at the 51st Annual American Amateur Karate Federation's National Tournament, incoming sophomore **Hayley Lund** achieved third place in the 2nd Junior National Championships held at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Southampton Youth Services at the Southampton Town Recreation Center sponsored her trip to California. Hayley's third place qualifies her to compete in the International Traditional Karate Federation's Junior World Championships this October in Poland. Both the AAKF and ITKF just recently included junior competitors, and it's a great achievement to place in these events. Hayley plans to participate in the next national tournament to be held in St Louis, Missouri in June 2013.



travelling five times to Panama to train. Hayley earned her 1st degree black belt (shodan) at age 12. She helps regularly with karate camp at SYS and instructs classes in the absence of Sensei Ely. Studying karate, Hayley says, builds confidence and strength and improves focus. She has learned responsibility and has made many friends from all over the country.

Hayley started karate with Sensei Helene Ely at SYS when she was 7 years old, and has continued to train consistently for the past 8 years in the Shotokan karate tradition. She has trained with many internationally recognized senseis and kyoshis and has

Hayley is a high honor roll student and scholar athlete, participates in cheerleading, track and field, and soccer, and also works at the American Hotel in Sag Harbor. Kudos to busy, talented Hayley, and good luck in Poland!

This year, incoming senior **Joshua Hostetter** was made Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts. All Eagle Scout candidates are required to demonstrate leadership by completing a project with special benefits to the community. Joshua chose to beautify the grounds of the Bridgehampton Senior Center, an important meeting place, where local seniors socialize and have a noon meal together. It also hosts a program once a week for mentally disabled children, who play games, make crafts and have fun.



The grounds of the center had long been a neglected eyesore without many plants, deer having eaten much of what was edible. There was nothing to break up the long white wall in front, and the outdoor benches were in disrepair. The beautifying project, paid for in part by a fundraiser Joshua hosted, and to which local businesses donated time and products, required taking out 3 - 4" of dirt and designing and planting gardens with 73 assorted deer-resistant plants, bushes and trees. The wood on the existent benches

were replaced, three rose trellises were created, the entire grounds were cleaned up, and new mulch was laid down. The seniors and community love the new grounds, and the Southampton Garden Club has asked Joshua to give a presentation on his project. He will be honored at the Eagle Court of Honor on September 16.

Joshua is an honors student with a special interest in history. He has been a scorekeeper for the school's basketball team, a participant in the Southampton Youth Court Program, and an instructor at the Bridgehampton Presbyterian Church's Summer Camp. Congratulations, Joshua, on your many achievements.

## Bula Sendoff and Update

On a sunny, exciting morning in May, Bridgehampton School watched and waved as the portable computer classroom alumnus Ben McLaughlin had built inside a shipping container, nicknamed Bula-1, was hoisted onto a truck and carted away in preparation for its long voyage to the Yasawa Islands of Fiji. The colorfully painted container, filled to capacity with crates of school supplies, traveled for over eight weeks by water, going

through the Panama Canal and down to New Zealand before being transferred to another ship which took it to Fiji. It is now at Fijian Customs, awaiting clearance, before it will travel to Bukama Village School, on one of the outer islands. The solar-powered classroom, when it arrives at its final destination, will not only provide critical educational resources to students in Yasawa, but may ultimately result in students at Bridgehampton



and Yasawa communicating via satellite video, and increasing awareness about the effects of global

warming on island nations like Fiji. Stay tuned for the next exciting chapter of Bula!

## Spotlight on Alumni: Tripoli Patterson and Family

Walk down Jobs Lane in Southampton and you will find the Tripoli Gallery of Contemporary Art nestled in a deep long space on the south side of the street. Former Bridgehampton student Tripoli Patterson opened the gallery in 2009 to feature contemporary art of emerging and established artists. The Patterson family has long been involved in the local and international art scene: father Leonardo is a collector of pre-Columbian art, mother Terry is a watercolor painter, Lisa de Kooning is Tripoli's godmother, siblings Yung Jake and Matisse are both successful emerging artists who have had solo shows at the gal-

lery, and sister Ruby periodically helps Tripoli with the business of the gallery.

Despite traveling to many exotic and remote areas of the world in pursuit of art and surfing titles, the Pattersons have made Bridgehampton their home base. Tripoli attended Bridgehampton School in elementary school and for two years in high school and Ruby, Matisse and Yung Jake are all BHS graduates. Tripoli fondly remembers Bridgehampton's very intimate and wonderful environment and its incredibly sincere, honest and dedicated teachers. Of all the schools that he attended in his travels, he thinks of Bridgehampton as



his principal school.

Tripoli's main inspirations in life have been the many fascinating individuals in remote and culturally diverse places with whom he has had the privilege to interact and his deep love and respect for nature, primarily the ocean. As a professional surfer who holds many titles, he has spent over twenty years in oceans around the world. Surfing has been instrumental in forming the way Tripoli sees the world and conducts his life. The ocean, he says, is very visual; the horizon is infinite and the periphery is all important. When riding a wave, what happens on the left hand side is connected to what happens on the right side and, taking both into account, you must alter your position. The movement made determines the consequences. This deep connection to the ocean has taught



Tripoli to be open to last minute changes and to be able to deal with unexpected moments. It has helped him develop a vision for his gallery and has given him the perspective, resilience and humility to appreciate art, artists and the business of art in a true Hamptonesque way.



## Building Works: Fresh and Direct at Bridgehampton School

Delicious and nutritious breakfasts and lunches will be the order of the day in Bridgehampton's brand new cafeteria this year with veteran chefs Daniel Pacella and Fay Gholson taking over the helm from Whitsons Culinary Group. The expanded cafe and brand new commercial kitchen will hold more students and allow Dan and Fay, who have worked at the school for over four years with Whitsons, to prepare a wider range of healthy meal options.



Daniel Pacella

design of the new cafeteria, is excited that the better equipped kitchen will provide greater opportunities for creative menu planning. Equipment was once spread out on the school stage, and storage areas were located in the basement. This will now change; the new kitchen greatly improves accessibility and efficiency. Previously, there was no stove to prepare soups, sauces and sauteed veggies. Now, the new stove and Health Department-compliant kitchen will greatly expand Dan and Fay's ability to prepare de-

licious food. Healthier lunches will include more soups, vegetables, whole grains, fresh fruit and vegetarian options, and healthier breakfasts, whole wheat bagels, oatmeal, nutritious cereals and fresh eggs. Pancakes, turkey bacon and French toast will appear infrequently on the menu, and syrup will be eliminated.

Dan and Fay are looking forward to becoming more connected to the school and more involved in the school garden. "You pick it, you cook it. Can't get better than that!" says Dan. We couldn't agree more!

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*\*Congratulations to our new inductees*

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