



BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL



2013 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

BRIDGEHAMPTON SUMMER PROGRAMMING ROCKS!

This July and August the 2013 Summer Program continued its expanded offerings for elementary, middle and high school students, most offered free of charge to local residents or for a nominal fee to those of the greater East End community. In addition to four popular continuing programs—Drama, Junior Tennis, JumpStart and the Young Farmers Initiative—we welcomed an exciting new one, **Rock Camp**.



Elijah White and Max Tiska, Bridgehampton percussionists getting a bang out of Rock Camp.

Hudson Music Studios' 5th Annual Rock Camp for beginner and advanced vocalists and instrumentalists ages 7 – 19 took place the second two weeks of July. Students learned newfound skills, made friends and gained confidence in their instruments in a fun and supportive environment with master teachers.

On July 19th, camp culminated with a concert on the gym stage, with students performing songs by The Beatles, Oasis, Coldplay and others.



The cast of Stone Soup in the Middle School Nutrition and Culinary Room merrily making...stone soup.

Under the expert tutelage of Choral Director Lindsey Sanchez, K-6 **Summer Drama Program** students produced and participated in Bridgehampton's third live summer student theater performance, the second to take place on our home stage. At the end of four crazy-fun weeks of acting and

singing practice, stage directing and costume making, set designing and all else that goes into staging a musical performance, the troupe delighted parents, friends and community members with a matinee performance of the tongue-in-cheekily-titled *Stone Soup: a Rock Opera* on July 18th. And you did rock, young summer thespians!

Once again this summer, the pros at Hamptons Tennis Company offered a free 10-week **Junior Tennis Program** for Bridgehampton and Sag Harbor students entering grades 5 through 8, right here on our school courts. Bud-

ding athletes built their skills and had lots of healthy fun on Monday through Thursday afternoons from June 24th through the end of August.

And exciting news for the school year! Buckskill Tennis Club will host the new Bridge-

hampton School-sponsored **7th and 8th Grade Girls Tennis Team**, beginning in September, and a **7th and 8th Grade Boys Tennis Team** this spring, open to students in Bridgehampton and Sag Har-

bor school districts. Practice and home matches for both teams will be at Buckskill Tennis Club in East Hampton. To get in on the fun, call the club for more details at 631-324-2243.

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Goodbye and Good Luck to the Class of 2013!

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

DR. LOIS R. FAVRE

The summer months fly by here at the school. The summer team works tirelessly to ready the buildings and grounds for the return of students and staff. Teachers work to update curriculum and enhance current programs, such as PBIS. We update student/parent packets to assure communication of revised policies and procedures, plan for staff training at our Superintendent Conference Days, and get ready to welcome back students for the school year, which begins on September 9th. This all happens amid summer programming for students, including Rock Camp, Tennis and Drama Programs, Young Farmer's Initiative and JumpStart.

The Superintendent/Principal's office has been moved to the main floor of the school building, and the guidance office remains on the second floor. We have updated the school entryway to align with the beauty of our building and to provide a vestibule that



adds to the assurance of safety in the school.

Following through on our promise of safety updates, we now have a single entry to our schools. This permits us to adhere to our safety policy and will require ALL parents and visitors to enter and sign in through the main building. We are also working on updates to our District Safety Plan in light of the safety improvements and will present key points of that plan to parents at our Back to School Night on September 26th.

We have reviewed our data from the state and are ready with plans to assure continued growth for our students in this age of great reform of the educational program. This year our commitment will be to assure differentiation through attention to student learning styles. We will work to infuse the curriculum with meaningful questioning techniques as we continue to move in the direction of the Common Core Standards. This shift in

teaching and learning is important and will take time and practice to accomplish.

Attendance will be an area of focus for this administrator. Students who miss vital instruction are never successful in their undertakings. We will be following the attendance policy and meeting with students and families when necessary to address excessive absences and tardiness. The attendance policy and updates to the Code of Conduct will be reviewed with students in grades 6-12 on opening day, and again with parents at Back to School Night.

Summer brings a time for restoration and regrouping. We have done just that here at Bridgehampton this July and August. We look forward to greeting our staff and students in the coming weeks and are excited about the promise of the 2013-2014 school year.

Out on the Town



For the second year, middle schoolers spent the last afternoon of school at Hampton Library, enjoying a pizza lunch and receiving free summer reading books, thanks to the continued generosity of Hudson City Savings Bank. After viewing *Oz the Great and Powerful* in the program room, we walked back to school in time for the bell that ushered in the summer. Pictured with gift books in tow: Aziza Brunson, Autumn Coffey, Monasia Street, Jalyn Hopson and Jahdeba Williams.



Last-week field trips included a walk to the South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center. Students toured the grounds, cozied up to the Montauk seal diorama, and had up close and personal encounters with live native reptiles and amphibians—turtles, frogs, toads and salamanders. But everyone's favorite activity was reaching into the touch tank and holding marine animals collected from the nearby ocean and bays. In the pic above, SoFo Executive Director Frank Quevedo instructs students in the fine art of creature-handling.

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A Message from ... Newsletter Editor, Tom House



Summer has two ends, an unofficial one marked by the beginning of school, and—lucky for those reluctant to see it go—the astronomical one which won't occur until the autumnal equinox on September 22nd. The summer newsletter, arriving as the season is setting, is technically under the gun, but even so, I apologize for its delayed arrival, partly due to printing issues beyond our control. In these pages, you'll find highlights of what's transpired at school since spring, along with our traditional end-of-year honoring of graduates, National Honor Society members, and retirees.

In the coming year, this space, once reserved for the principal, will be a forum for administrators, staff, teachers and school officials who have important information to communicate to the district. We'll begin with a message in the fall from our Business Administrator, Mr. Robert Hauser.

It's my goal and privilege as editor to produce a newsletter that's an inclusive, supportive and celebratory portrait of our school community, documenting past activities and announcing future ones. What better way to accomplish that than to include as many of your voices, pictures and interests as possible? Going forward, as always, your feedback and contributions are welcome and encouraged. What did you enjoy? What would you like to read more about? Do you have pictures or stories you'd like to submit? The best parts of the newsletters are often products of communal effort—when teachers, parents, staff, students and other community members take time to participate. I look forward to hearing from you throughout the year at thouse@bridgehampton.k12.ny.us and 631-537-0271 ext. 171. Enjoy the end of summer!

BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL HOSTS RELAY FOR LIFE

Lovely spring weather graced the third annual South Fork Relay for Life, proudly hosted here in Bridgehampton's backyard on May 31 and June 1. The nearly 300 participants together raised \$75,000 to fight cancer during the 12-hour overnight event. Thirty-one relay teams kept at least one member on the track at a time, walking or running, from 6 PM Friday to 6 AM Saturday, while others shared meals or rested in tents, socialized with friends and family, or paused to remember loved ones.

During the Luminaria Ceremony -- in which candles are lit inside personalized bags and placed around the track as glowing tributes to those who've been affected by cancer -- Spanish teacher Nancy Bagshaw honored her niece, Katy Stewart. "Katy's light - her sweet, curious, caring and brave spirit - continues to be bright and is remembered, as it will be always. Katy touched the lives of many people, and tonight we can commit to helping find answers for the questions surrounding cancer. Relay for Life is our opportunity to shine."

Superintendent Dr. Lois Favre -- a member of the event's planning committee, a team captain and herself a cancer survivor -- spoke



Team Fighting Angels of the Hamptons, in loving memory of Bridgehampton alumna, Shonda Pettaway, before a blanket made by team member Marie Cummings.



Luminaria tributes included this one to Katy Stewart, beloved niece of teacher Nancy Bagshaw.



Jennah Hochstedler and India Hemby singing the National Anthem.



Minervar Perez and Melanie LaPointe sport Relay logo, "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back."



An early performance by the Marimba Band.

for many when she said, "This is an important event for me personally, as my family has survivors to be celebrated and loved ones to be honored. My team has three members on it who were diagnosed before the age of 50 with cancer, and who are currently cancer free." As

the large glowing sign near the event's entrance emphasized, Relay is for many a celebration of hope.

For information on the 2014 Relay, to be held on May 30th and 31st at Southampton School, visit www.relayforlife.org/southforkny.



THE CLASS OF 2013



Samantha Broadmeadow



Vanesa Cruz



Christian Figueroa



Alvaro Garcia



Jason Hopson



Jacob Hostetter



Joshua Hostetter



Brian Minchala



Adit Nugraha
Valedictorian



Bryzeida Perez
Salutatorian



Angelica Uribe



Samuel Vallejo



FREE AT LAST!

Schoolmates, teachers and staff lined the halls and main entrance for the traditional sendoff, cheering and high-fiving the seniors as they fled the building at the end of their last day of classes.

GRADUATION DAY

JUNE 23, 2013



Christian with a handful of scholarships, sister Patricia, brother Claudio, and mother Patricia.



Seniors gathered before the school entrance in mid-June for their official informal Class of 2013 photo.



For those who still haven't gotten it down, that's Jacob to the left and Joshua to the right, with their father Tac, mother Leanne and brother Matthew.



"Farmer Jeff" Negron delivering the keynote speech.



Time for that all-important adjustment; let me see if I can get this right...



Sammy mans up and graduates.



PreK grads with teacher Jackie Poole at the June 20th ceremony.

...AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRE-KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2013/2026!

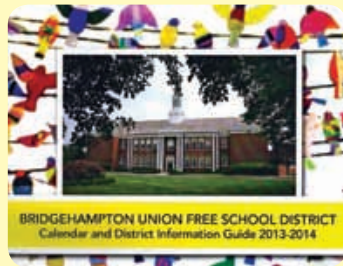
Octavia Bailey • Alex Davis • Tyler Fitzgerald • Samantha Huartan
Yolanda Lazaro • Milagros Mendez • Adrian Molina
Luis Penafiel • John Rodriguez • Citaly Trinidad



Strong Showing at LongHouse Reserve 2013 Student Annual VI

Nine works by Bridgehampton students received awards and honorable mentions at the June 8th ceremony at the Reserve. Justin Lapointe, Patricia Figueroa and Talon Indilla took second and third prizes in the Middle School Drawing category, while Rob Rewinski and Jada Pinckney placed first and second, respectively, in High School Ceramics. In High School Photography, Vanesa Cruz took first place, with honorable mentions going to Bryzeida Perez and Robert Rewinski, and Jennah Hochstedler placed first in Digi-

tally Generated Photography. We couldn't be more proud of our talented artists!



This year's district calendar celebrates the artwork of Bridgehampton students, each month showcasing projects created in Art teacher Robin Gianis' busy



Patricia Figueroa, Justin LaPointe and Talon Indilla with their winning drawings and teacher Robin Gianis.

classroom. You can link to a pdf of the calendar from the school site, or go directly to: <http://www.bridgehampton.k12.ny.us/wp-content/uploads/docs/2013-14-calendar-forweb.pdf>.

Plastic Bag Challenge Champions

Bridgehampton School and the school Environmental Club were recognized this June as the winner of Southampton Town's 2013 "Plastic Bag Challenge," a recycling competition jointly sponsored by the town, the Plastic Bag Education Task Force and Trex Company. As a prize for "hard work, dedication, and commitment to the local environment," the school was presented with a personalized bench made entirely of recycled plastic bags at a dedication ceremony attended by Councilman Chris Nuzzi.

The objective of the competition between local schools, now in its second year, is to collect at least 15,000 bags, as well as newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags,

boat wrap, and coverings found on water cases and paper towels. "Single-use plastic bags," the proclamation given to the school reads, "harm the environment by not completely degrading, entering the food chain of marine animals, and causing visual blight. However, education of the public and businesses on these possible negative impacts can produce voluntary reduction and eventual elimination of single-use plastic bags as consumers switch to reusable ones." As part of the "A Greener Southampton: The Solution Is in the Bag" campaign, the town established the Task Force, which partnered with Trex Company, the nation's largest manufacturer of wood-alternative decking and railing. From Janu-



Councilman Chris Nuzzi; Environmental Club students; and teachers Judiann Carmack-Fayyaz and Helen Wolfe, coordinators of the Environmental Club.

ary through April, 6 participating schools collected the equivalent of over 27,000 bags weighing 385 pounds, far exceeding the year's goal. Based on population size and total intake, Bridgehampton School turned in the most eligible

recyclables: 5,296 bags weighing 113 pounds, an average of 39 bags per student. In applauding the school, Councilman Nuzzi urged us to "continue to encourage our youth and offer an enduring example for the entire community."

A Night on Broadway Wins a Teeny

Congratulations to Choral Teacher Lindsey Sanchez; performers India Hemby, Elizabeth Hochstedler, Jennah Hochstedler, and Laura Uribe; and pianist Karen Hochstedler on winning the East End Arts Council's INNOVATIONS IN THEATRE EDUCATION Teeny. The Teenys, local theatre awards modelled on the Tonys, recognize the efforts of schools that go above and beyond to support exceptional theatre arts education.

This year, Bridgehampton School was honored for its production of A Night on Broadway: A Musical Revue, a non-book musical written, performed and produced by its students and volunteer staff. In the very spirit of innovation, the four stars accepted their award with an original song in lieu of a speech, to much applause and praise. "This is the first theatrical production in the school," the Council said, adding that they hope—as do we—"it will be the first of many."



Scintillating in their red-carpet finest, Laura Uribe, India Hemby, Elizabeth Hochstedler, Choral Teacher Lindsey Sanchez and Jennah Hochstedler accepted their Teeny at Southold Junior-Senior High School on June 9th.

A FOND FAREWELL TO JOANNE PALISI

Much-beloved Business and Career Education teacher and colleague Joanne Palisi brought a highly accomplished 33-year career in education and a 22-year tenure at Bridgehampton School to a close this June when she bade us her bittersweet goodbyes on graduation day. One of Joanne's primary focuses at school was getting students ready for the workplace by inculcating in them a sense of financial responsibility. Nudging students toward career and college readiness, she introduced them

to countless important, practical skills. "Everyone knows how much I love accounting," Joanne said when asked what her favorite course had been to teach. "And QuickBooks," a class integrated with the accounting program.

What are Joanne's plans for the future? Some things won't change. She's still a part-time adjunct professor at Suffolk County Community College's Eastern Campus, where she teaches Freshman Seminar. And she will continue to volunteer at both the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eastport Fire Depart-

ment and at her church. She does, however, plan on traveling—a lot. "I've never been outside the Americas," she said, quickly following this with an immediate remedy: This August, she booked a trip to Dublin, where she ran in the Rock 'n Roll Half Marathon with her running club. Joanne may be amping up her fitness routine all around, it seems, to meet her goal within the next few years of completing an Ironman. You go, Jo!

"I will miss the Bridgehampton Community," she said in parting. "I've spent 22 wonderful years



Joanne Palisi all decked out at B. Smith's, where family, friends and colleagues gathered to celebrate her retirement this June.

here, and I hold you all dear to my heart." How we'll miss you, too, Joanne! All happiness and good fortune to you!

Colorful Café Mural Encourages Respect and Positive Behavior

This spring, groups of students worked together to create posters illustrating the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program's core values of *respect*, *responsibility* and *ready to learn*, and these posters, in turn, were used to design the café mural, which was finished at the end of the year. As AIS Teacher Jessica Rodgers explained, "The project was a combination of increasing awareness and building tolerance among students in a collaborative way. It was valuable to me as I feel all students should have an opportunity to express themselves through the arts; it was through



Aries Cooks and Tyler Stephens complete the café mural with artist Joyce Raimondo and AIS teacher Jessica Rodgers.

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the Dignity for All Students Act that they were able to work together to create this beautiful mural for Bridgehampton

School." Artist and writer Joyce Raimondo, founding director of Imagine That! Art Education, has conducted creative pro-

grams such as this one at schools throughout the United States. "The idea behind the mural," she stressed, "was to replace negative bullying behavior with positive teamwork through art. It was wonderful to see Bridgehampton character education slogans such as *be kind*, *show respect*, and *be cooperative* come to life with art by kids for kids." She hopes the mural will serve as a daily reminder of how we're supposed to act toward each other, a depiction of the kind of world we'd like to create and live in. We're so grateful to Joyce, Jessica, and the students who made this lively and joyous addition to our school possible.

Bridgehampton School's Mission and Belief Statements and Profile of a Graduate

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.

Profile of the Bridgehampton School Graduate:

The Bridgehampton graduate will be a reflective, compassionate and motivated individual who combines academic prowess and social tolerance in order to become a successful member of society. The following attributes shall be indicative of the Bridgehampton graduate:

- An effective communicator in written and oral expression;
- An analytic problem solver – resourceful and efficient when addressing local and global issues;
- A technologically-advanced individual, able to meet the challenges of 21st century society;
- An individual who will face life's challenges responsibly;
- An intrinsically-motivated citizen who inspires others to work for the greater good;
- An individual who effectively uses time management and organizational skills;
- A critical thinker who blends life experiences with intellectual scholarship;
- A creative thinker who welcomes opportunities to engage their curiosity of the arts, sciences and humanities;
- A respectful and willing individual who embraces cultural diversity; and,
- An individual who actively pursues foreign languages to effectively and diplomatically communicate the exchange of ideas in our global environment.



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Current and newly inducted NHS and NJHS members were honored at the annual May ceremony presented by English teacher and NHS Advisor Lenore Wright. Pictured on left are Dr. Jack Pryor, Ms. Lenore Wright, Nia Dawson, Madeleine Koral, Autumn Street, Laura Uribe, Elizabeth Hochstedler, Giselle Carmona, Harriet DeGroot, Daniel Denton, (kneeling) Isaiah AQUI, Matthew Hostetter; and on right (back row), Hayley Lund, Tatyana Dawson, Jennah Hochstedler, Christian Figueroa, (front row) Vanesa Cruz, Bryzeida Perez, Adit Nugraha, Angelica Uribe, Joshua Hostetter and Dr. Lois Favre.



Special congratulations to Hayley Lund, who moved up from NJHS to NHS, and to new NJHS inductee Autumn Street.



At the May 16th Day of Achievement ceremony, Athletic Director Mary Anne Jules presented the "Attitude Is Everything" award to Vanesa Cruz and the Gold Key award to Christian Figueroa. Adit Nugraha was the recipient of the Scholar Athlete Award, presented by Jack Zito of the Bridgehampton Fire Department. Pictured left, Ms. Jules with Christian Figueroa, who also took home the day's highest honor, the John Niles Award.

HIGH HONORS

Congratulations to the students who maintained an average of 90 or above for at least two quarters of the 2012-2013 school year.

Jonathan DeGroot
Paige Hoyt
Autumn Street
Nia Dawson
Robert AQUI
Giselle Carmona

Harriet DeGroot
Elizabeth Hochstedler
Matthew Hostetter
Laura Uribe
Daniel Denton
Hayley Lund

Jada Pinckney
Tatyana Dawson
Jennah Hochstedler
Vanesa Cruz
Joshua Hostetter
Aditya Nugraha

Summer Programming

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Summer 2013's JumpStart class had so much fun learning together, they vowed to return next summer.

Nancy Moloney taught K-6 students in the highly successful JumpStart program from Aug. 12th to 19th. After focusing on reading, writing and mathematics, and sharpening their academic skills for the upcoming school year, these diligent Early Bees wrapped things up with a big ice cream party and game day.

"Farm to Table" was the theme of 2013's Young Farmers Initiative, which met for 3 weeks in July. Returning from Germany on summer holiday, former exchange student Jolene Rassing helped campers plant seeds, tend the garden and harvest vegetables and herbs for a daily communal meal. Campers painted signs, planted fall crops and learned about their environment and the importance of preserving habitats. A walking trip to South Fork Museum revealed how our local community evolved over the ages, stressed the importance of all elements of the environment, and included a



Lucy Mansfield among campers who prepared a delicious feast using freshly harvested vegetables from the school garden.

view of the South Fork purple martin birdhouse, a replica of the one donated by the class of 2013 to the school. Camp ended with a wonderful meal of vegetable curry with chicken (Dante's favorite), farro with fresh basil/kale pesto, salad and watermelon balls—all prepared by campers and shared with parents.

SAVE THE DATE!
PTO BARBECUE & BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH