



BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL

2014 WINTER NEWSLETTER

CHEERS TO BRIDGEHAMPTON HOLIDAYS!



Young Bees grace the Community House stage at Thanksgiving



Getting psyched for the Holiday Luncheon

On the brisk afternoon of Tuesday, November 26, students, faculty, staff, parents and community members gathered at the Bridgehampton Community House for our warm, annual Thanksgiving tradition, The Joyce Manigo Feast, named in honor of Bridgehampton's beloved

and ever-missed District Clerk of many years and devoted organizer of past feasts. Director of RTI Aleta Parker, who worked alongside Joyce for over a decade, coordinated this year's eagerly awaited BHS event, now for the second year. "It's my honor to continue to carry on the tradition that

meant so much to Joyce," Aleta said. "It's my turn to step in." The afternoon festivities included endearing stage performances by Bridgehampton's youngest Bees and a tribute to Albie McCoy of the McCoy Bus Company, in gratitude for his dedicated service to the school and annual donation of turkeys to the feast.

(as well as for the honor of giving Social Studies teacher John Reilly a Mohawk), all to benefit needy families in the district. At the culmination of this school-wide kickoff to holiday recess, seniors emerged victorious in the annual faculty-senior volleyball showdown. Congrats, Class of 2014!

For more on the holidays, concerts and caroling group, see pages 4 and 5.



The 2013 Joyce Manigo Feast

The holiday luncheon for students in grades Pre-K through 12, faculty and staff, sponsored by the Compassion in Action Student Council, took place on Friday, December 20th at noon in the gymnasium. Many thanks to all who kicked in food and valuable time to help provide another terrific meal. The CIA also sponsored a food drive and held raffles for items donated by local merchants



The Ladies of Compassion in Action with a freshly Mohawked Mr. Reilly

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014 – THE 4TH ANNUAL JOSHUA LEVINE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION DINNER

The event, to be held at Dodds & Eder and The American Hotel in Sag Harbor, benefits the Edible School Gardens Program, of which Bridgehampton is a founding member. For reservations or more information,

visit joshualevinefoundation.org or slowfoodeasteand.org

From the Desk of the Superintendent/Principal

DR. LOIS R. FAVRE

It's a great day at the Bridgehampton School District as we embark on the second semester of the 2013-2014 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the New Year.

Beginning in November we shifted our sights to the next budget year. In this era of the 2% tax levy limitations, it is difficult, at best, to determine where the more than \$500,000 in cuts can come from annually. We will host a community forum in the coming weeks, as we have each year since the tax levy limitations came into play. The advice of the community has guided the Board of Education in its decision-making in the past, and each year that guidance becomes even more imperative.

In our decision making, the needs of the students are first and foremost, followed



closely by the needs of staff. Remaining a viable, well-respected educational entity on the South Fork is our major focus in the planning. We continue to work toward attainment of the goals set through the Middle States Accreditation process: increased student achievement; strengthening opportunities that assure college and career readiness for our students; improvement and enhancement of facilities to continue our wellness focus for the students and community; a redesign of space to promote opportunities for the development of 21st-century skills; and ongoing improvement of communication to stakeholders.

We thank you for your support of the recent budget vote to approve the expenditure of funds to assure we complete the repairs

and updates delineated in our five-year plan. Plans for the increased safety of all students and staff have been completed, with updates to the vestibule as you enter the school, and with the distribution of access cards to staff and students in grades 6 through 12 to permit the buildings to be locked at all times. We are currently working to prioritize projects from the five-year plan to be worked on this summer.

Thank you for your commitment to working with us. The Bridgehampton student, staff, parent and community partnership is unsurpassed! Together, our passion for the success of our students will continue to lead us to amazing accomplishments – of this I am certain.

The Common Core Standards at Bridgehampton

While much controversy continues with regard to the implementation of the Common Core Standards throughout the state, Bridgehampton teaching teams are working to assure incremental movement in the right direction. Key to the success of adding rigor and relevance through the common core standards will be the assurance that all we do is based on the readiness of our students.

The Common Core Standards are national standards that have been adopted by New York State as part of the Race to the Top initiative. It is not a curriculum, but rather a set of standards that encourage shifts in both the curriculum (when and what is being taught)



and in instruction (how the information is being taught). It encourages critical thinking, an essential part of assuring students embrace 21st-century skills through their schooling. It encourages teachers to facilitate learning through inquiry- and project- based units. Strong questioning skills are built into instruction to assure that students know how to find the answers, and also know how to explain how they found the answers. Multiple routes of access to the learning material are provided, so students learn there isn't simply ONE way to solve a problem,

secure an answer, or put together a research report. Common Core Standards in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics are currently our focus, across curriculum areas. Teachers of all content areas are finding a common language that encourages the development of strong literacy and numeracy skills.

Teaching teams at Bridgehampton are reviewing New York State instructional modules, determining gaps in our curriculum and working to fill those gaps for students as they move forward. We are outlining a 3-year plan that will assure all gaps have been filled, and all curriculum and instruction is "common core ready." In Mathematics, we have a consul-

tant, Diana Kolhoff, working with teachers through the major changes and shifts inherent in adopting the common core standards. The training has been well received, and teachers are working together to assure the necessary shifts in instruction and curriculum.

Our teaching team is exceptional and believes in every opportunity to provide state-of-the-art instruction for our students. Through our review and development of a strong common-core-aligned program, we believe that learning will continue to be enhanced at our school. As we did this year, we will continue to update parents to the changes they can expect to see at our annual Open House and Back-to-School Night.

Bridgehampton Union Free School District

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A Message from ... the School Business Administrator, Mr. Robert Hauser, CPA

Have you ever observed a “busy bee”? Well, Bridgehampton UFSD has seventeen of the best busiest bees working non-stop throughout the school year to provide support for our students, parents, community members, aides, teachers, retirees, administrators and Board of Education members. These busy bees don’t all look the same, but they make quite a “buzz” when they’re working from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. In fact, each one of them is a wealth of knowledge, experience and character.



Four of them are BHS graduates and several have grandchildren attending the school.

So, who are we talking about? Well, think of these bees as five “swarms” of bees. They are the Secretarial, Custodial, Business, Cafeteria and Technology bees. By name, they are Jennifir Cunningham, Christine Harrison, Tammy Cavanagh, JohnAnn Credle, Dottie White, Joey Jenkins, Ziggy Lutrzykowski, John Daniels, Clarence Pinckney, Melisa Stiles, Laura Spillane, Sylvia Fridie, Anthony

Dragone, Faye Gholson, Dan Pacella, Sean Sharp and Chris Milian. Each day they strive to maintain and improve the operations and grounds of the school. They are responsible for maintaining sensitive student records, ensuring a safe campus, safeguarding taxpayer dollars, providing a comfortable temperature in the buildings, maintaining clean classrooms, processing payroll, ordering and paying for classroom materials and supplies, programming hundreds of computers and providing healthy meals...all in a busy day.

Out on the Town



On November 20, Grades 7, 8 and 9 attended Bay Street Theatre’s *Literature Live!* production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, a revival of the 1955 Tony-winning drama of the Frank family’s years of hiding in Amsterdam during WWII. After the play, Holocaust survivor Werner Reich gave a moving slide presentation on his experiences at Auschwitz and Mauthausen concentration camps and took questions from the student audience.



Fourth and fifth graders of the Bridgehampton Outdoor Club travelled to New York City on Sunday, December 8th, taking in the tree and skaters at Rockefeller Plaza and the merrily decked windows of Fifth Avenue, stopping to do some browsing and holiday shopping, and—a favorite for many—strolling through Central Park. Sophomore Jamari Gant accompanied the group, on assignment for Photography class.



BANNER CELEBRATIONS

Athletic Director Mary Anne Jules, Superintendent-Principal Dr. Lois Favre and Varsity Field Hockey NYS Class C Champ senior India Hemby proudly display the newest banner to decorate the school gym.



CELEBRATING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Darriane Garcia beside the mural she created this January during Free-Time Draw in Jackie Poole and Jen Partlow’s 2nd Grade class.



The elementary chorus performed the holiday classic “Jolly Old Saint Nicholas” in two-part harmony on soprano recorder.



A clarinet quartet performance by sophomores Harriet DeGroot, Elizabeth Hochstedler and Laura Uribe and junior Hayley Lund.

CONCERTS AND CAROLING D

In the December weeks leading up to holiday recess, Bridgehampton School celebrated the season with two Thursday evening Winter Concerts. On December 5, Pre-K through 5th grade students took the stage before a jam-packed gymnasium, giving terrific performances led by Choral Teacher Lindsey Sanchez. Accompanying them were Karen Hochstedler on piano, Secondary Chorus backup, and seniors Jennah Hochstedler and Jerome Walker and freshman Nia Dawson on percussion for the Disney favorite “Under the Sea.” In the audience, countless phones and cameras hummed and clicked away, documenting the event for perpetuity. We were lucky enough to warrant a visit by the famed Man-in-Red, who jovially weathered a crush of wish lists



Proud parents.

and photo requests in a tight spot in the northeast corner of the gym. Thanks, Man!

Members of the Concert Band and Secondary Chorus in grades 6 through 12 were in the spotlight the next Thursday, December 12. Highlights of the evening included a clarinet quartet and an a cappella barber-shop version of “I’m Dreaming of a White Christ-

mas” that the three Hochstedler sisters—Caileigh, Elizabeth and Jennah—had taught themselves.

The Instrumental Caroling Group had a very busy season indeed. In addition to performing in the school lobby at both concerts, this 12-member group of 6th through 12th graders played seven other venues in early December, including the Wolffer Estate, the Madoo Conservancy, the Topping Rose House and the Hampton Library. Then a tour on December 19th made stops at the Bridgehampton Post Office, the Senior Center and the Bridgehampton National Bank. Finally the carolers wrapped it up the next day, providing music during the Nature Tree Decorating festivities on the front lawn before the Holiday Luncheon.

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.



Both concerts featured the Marimba Band led by Music Director Dave Elliot, performing favorites “Kunan” and “Wave,” and, at the Secondary concert, a new work, “Nelson,” a tribute to the late Nelson Mandela.



So excited!

RIVE THE COLD WINTER AWAY



An after-performance Santa Crush.



The Instrumental Caroling Group performing in the school lobby.



India Hemby and Jennah Hochstedler (left and right) performed a one-act play by Tatyana Dawson (center), chosen for production at this year’s high school Young American Writers Program.

YOUNG WRITERS

Congratulations to English Teacher Lenore Wright’s 12th grade class who worked with Stony Brook Southampton’s Young American Writers Program (YAWP) to create original one-act plays. Tatyana Dawson, Henry Kotz and Jerome Walker successfully completed the playwriting program, and Tatyana’s play, a comedy called “Girl Code,” was splendidly performed by classmates Jennah Hochstedler and India Hemby on the Avram Theater stage on Saturday, December 14th. Eleventh grader Hayley Lund had the job of stage manager. High school students traveled to the theater in Southampton to view the Friday, December 13th daytime dress rehearsal.



The Hampton Library is now open till 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and till 6 p.m. on Friday.

Hampton Library's Student-Friendly Expanded Hours and Services

Exciting new developments have debuted at The Hampton Library this fall and winter, many geared to better serving students and their families, beginning with expanded weekday hours. Now open till 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 6 p.m. on Friday, the library's services are available in the evenings for those whose afternoons are taken up with after-school programs and sports. The ever-growing schedule of programs has also begun to extend to evening hours, and Director Kelly Harris is eager to take patrons' suggestions for future activities.

"We want to see you," Harris says. "Your tax dollars pay for the library, and we want to make sure we're providing the services and materials you want to come in and use."

Also increasing the library's reach is the new mobile app, available in both the Apple and Android markets—the first bilingual English-and-Spanish library app anywhere. In addition to connecting patrons to their accounts or the library's catalog and calendars, it functions as a digital library card and can even scan a book's ISBN to check its local availability.



Young adult librarian Kim Zettwoch, head of children's and family services Josh Perry, and director Kelly Harris.

Young Adult Librarian Kim Zettwoch is always on the lookout for new materials and programs that will appeal to middle and high school students. Adjacent to the computer area is a revamped test-prep and college-and-career collection, and, in the YA section, iPads and Alienware laptops. Check the library's website or app for an array of YA programs, many of which are available on a drop-in basis to accommodate different schedules.

This fall's highly enjoyed library-sponsored trip to the American Museum of Natural History was Zettwoch's brainchild. On the tail of that success a grade-7-and-up Day at the Bronx Zoo has been planned for Saturday, April 26th. For the nominal fee of \$20, charter bus transportation, lunch and a Total Experience ticket to the

park will be provided. (Inquire at the library or see English teacher Tom House for information.) And...stay tuned for a debuting series of YA author visits this winter and spring! First up, a visit from Tonya Hurley, the *New York Times* bestselling author of the book series *Ghostgirl*.

Tweens and children are the focus of Librarian Josh Perry, Head of Children's and Family Services, and Reference Librarian Amy Wahl. Among the many child- and family-centered programs on the lower level are the new Minecraft Club, dedicated to lovers of the game, who snack, play and build as they make new friends and explore new worlds; the monthly Rainbow Loom Rubber Band Bracelet Bonanza, with bands provided for participants to use

on their own looms (next meeting Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.); and Lego Mania, every Thursday at 3:30 p.m., where participants who meet the weekly challenge have their creations displayed for the month.

For adults and families, the popularity of the Museum Passes service is snowballing. Check out tickets, like books or DVDs, for free to a growing list of terrific local and city museums, now including The Frick; Guggenheim; Museum of Modern Art; Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum; American Museum of Natural History; Children's Museum of Manhattan; Children's Museum of the East End; and the South Fork Natural History Museum. And don't miss, downstairs in the library's Geri Bauer Gallery, an exhibit of 19th-century photographs of Bridgehampton by George Bradford Brainerd, beautifully curated and displayed by Local History Librarian Julie Greene.

Last but not least, a Makerbot 3D printer and digitizer has arrived, bound to be of interest to the designing- and engineering-minded in the community. The library is looking to create new programs to utilize this amazing new technology. Any ideas? Stop in and share them on a day—or evening—soon.

WINTER SPORTS SEASON 2013-2014

Thirty-eight students—over half of grades 7 through 12—are participating in 5 team sports at Bridgehampton, Pierson and East Hampton Schools this season.

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Anajae Lamb
Max Cheng
Jerome Walker
Elijah Jackson
Henry Kotz
Matthew Hostetter
Kevin Feliciano
Isaiah AQUI
Michael Smith
Josh Lamison
Ameer Brunson

BOYS VARSITY SWIMMING

Claudio Figueroa

GIRLS VARSITY CHEERLEADING

Tyler Stephens
Cecilia Calieca
Hayley Lund
Tatyana Dawson
Jada Pinckney
Laura Uribe
Sarahi Negrete
Nia Dawson
Jennah Hochstedler
Elizabeth Hochstedler
Madi Koral
Aries Cooks
India Hemby
Rachel Hoyt

BOYS 7 & 8 BASKETBALL

Justin LaPointe
Jonathan DeGroot
Nathaniel Depasquale
Jahqur Carr
Jesus Reyes
Talon Indilla
Janatan Braia

GIRLS 7 & 8 VOLLEYBALL

Aziza Brunson
Autumn Coffey
Jalyn Hopson
Jalisa Hopson
Montserrat Udave



The Boys 7th and 8th Grade Basketball Team finished a successful season this January, despite injuries in the last two games. With a core of four seventh-graders in this year's seven-member team returning, Coach David Holmes is expecting their improvement may lead to an even stronger 2014-2015 season. Pictured above, from left, are: eighth-grade scorekeeper Patricia Figueroa; eighth-grade forward Talon Indilla; seventh-grade forward Nate Depasquale; eighth-grade center Justin Lapointe; eighth-grade guard Jesus Reyes; seventh grade guards Jahqur Carr and Jonathan DeGroot; and seventh-grade forward Janatan Braia.



Justin Lapointe was the team's lead scorer, averaging 19 points a game.

Elementary After-School Intramurals



This January and February, 2nd through 5th graders are ice skating at Buckskill Winter Club, with all ice time donated by the DeGroot Family. Pictured here are second graders on their first day of skating. They'll get the hang of it...



Physical Education and Health teacher Steve Meyers and 3rd and 4th-Grade teacher Annette Rivera accompanied 3rd, 4th and 5th graders to a 5-week, 10-class swimming program held at the East Hampton YMCA in November and December. Students were assessed on their swimming levels and broken into smaller groups to work on skills. In addition to learning and improving upon various strokes, they learned pool rules and water and boating safety.



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The Season So Far

by Rachel Hoyt

This year's Boys Varsity Basketball season has been "an emotional rollercoaster," said Head Coach Carl Johnson. As of Friday, January 24th, the boys are 4-6, with a Smithtown Christian game in the evening, where they hope to make a strong showing.

Bridgehampton is a small school, with over seventy percent of high school students involved in basketball this year, either as players or cheerleaders, and with many rookies on both teams. New to basketball, we have senior Henry Kotz; sophomores Isaiah Aqui, Michael Smith and Matthew Hostetter; and freshmen Kevin Feliciano, Max Cheng, Ameer Brunson and Elijah Jackson. Although not all these boys are new to the game, they are new to the level and expectation Varsity sports demand.

Joining the boys on the sidelines at every game are the Bridgehampton Cheerleaders, of whom seven are new: sophomore Laura Uribe; freshmen Madi Koral, Sarah Negrete, Cecilia Calieca, Tyler Stephens, Nia Dawson and myself, Rachel Hoyt. We join returning seniors Jennah Hochstedler, Tatyana Dawson and India Hemby; juniors Hayley Lund and Jada Pinckney; and sophomores Elizabeth Hochstedler and Aries Cooks. Bringing the number of cheerleaders from 7 to 14, the team has not only doubled in number but in pride and sound!

The whole school works together to motivate one another,



The 2013-2014 Varsity Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Carl Johnson, flanked by Assistant Coach Joe Zucker (left) and, new this year, Assistant Coach Kevin McConville (right). Missing: Jerome Walker.

since basketball is the one sport Bridgehampton has to its own. The season brings school spirit to everyone, including the teachers. Sadly, this rollercoaster ride has gotten pretty bumpy. Constantly having injured players takes its toll on the Killer Bees. One of our vital assets, sophomore point guard Tylik Furman, missed multiple games in the beginning of the season due to a knee injury, but has finally returned to help pull the team together. Senior power forward Jerome Walker has been in and out with the flu and a mild concussion, and freshman shooting guard Elijah Jackson fractured his growth plate in his ankle during a home game against Stony Brook on January 23rd. The other two starters, sophomore center Joshua Lamison and senior forward Anajae Lamb, have had a great influence on the rest of the boys, keeping them motivated and playing their hardest.

Students have great things



The Varsity Cheerleaders with their coach, Dr. Latisha Ellis. Missing: Tyler Stephens.

to say about each player, new or returning. Basketball brings Bridgehampton together as the family it is. Of his first season not only as a new player but a new student to the school itself, Max Cheng said, "I love it! We have a great team and great players. It's been up and down for us, but we faced adversity. I love the cheerleaders, as well; they motivate us. This team has a great bond." On the other end of the spectrum, veteran senior captain Anajae Lamb said, "The season is going well. I expect to be in playoffs and hope to win more games. The new players are

a good contribution to the team, and they're willing to learn. We needed Tylik, and we worried for the first few weeks, but we're happy he's back. We need Jerome for our offense and defense as well." Coach Johnson agreed: "We started out not winning or playing too well, but then we got a 4-game winning streak." He hopes, as we all do, that we finish on a good note. "If we stay healthy and play as a team, we should make it to playoffs."

Look for an update in the spring newsletter, which will hopefully bear great news for the Bridgies' end of season.

SAVE THE DATE!
MID-WINTER RECESS: FEBRUARY 17 - 21
SCMEA ALL-COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL: MARCH 7 - 9
HAMPTON BAYS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE: MARCH 22