

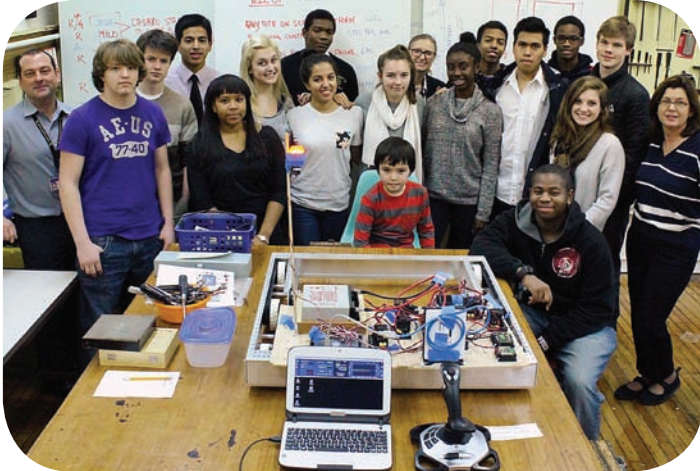


BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL

2015 WINTER NEWSLETTER

EYES ON THE FUTURE:

Innovative 21st-Century Programming at Bridgehampton School



Robotics is all the rage in the Bridgehampton workshop



Isaiah AQUI, Jada Pinckney, Daniel Denton and Dr. Carrie McDermott

Robotics!

Bridgehampton High School's Robotics Club has finished working on *Hugobot*, its unofficially named robot, for the FIRST Robotics Competition at Hofstra University on March 26th to 28th. BHS's 12-member team includes 9th grader Milo Youngerman, 10th grader Madi Koral, 11th graders Isaiah AQUI, Dylan Breault, Harriet DeGroot, Jamarri Gant, Elizabeth Hochstedler, Matthew Hostetter, Michael Smith and Laura Uribe, and 12th graders Claudio Figueroa and Jada Pinckney. The students will have many responsibilities both on and off the tournament court—driving, repairing, programming, cheering,

organizing, scouting and strategizing.

The international competition, which has grown to over 1,300 teams, including those in Israel and Brazil, challenges students and their mentors to design and build a 120-pound robot in 6 weeks, using a standard kit of parts and a common set of rules; the robots are then entered in a series of regional competitions. BHS's Team 5659, aka "Team Supreme," will be competing against 51 others at the SBPLI (School-Business Partnerships of Long Island, Inc.) Regional Championships in the Recycling Rush Competition. It was SBPLI, with its goal of devel-

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Some Very Buzzy Bees

by Daniel Denton

Deep within the hive of Bridgehampton Virtual Enterprises International class, CEO Jada Pinckney, VP of Administration and Sales Daniel Denton (that's me!), Design & IT guru Isaiah AQUI and mentor Dr. Carrie McDermott have been working hard developing their very own buzzing business.

VEI is an in-school, live, global business simulation that offers students a competitive edge through project-based, collaborative learning that develops 21st-century skills in entrepreneurship, global business, problem solving, communication, personal finance and technology. In simpler terms, it provides stu-

dents like Jada, me and Isaiah the keystone for success in the living, breathing world of business. It offers the invaluable skills one needs to hold down a valued position in a business or corporation.

These skills are improved and honed over a year of seminars, workshops, presentations and trade shows. Trips to LIU Post and Farmingdale University have provided us with unbelievable opportunities. On October 8th at LIU, our VEI class had the opportunity to sit in on two of four seminars given by business professionals pertaining to entrepreneurship, technology, fashion or

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SAVE THE DATES!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES - APRIL 2

BUDGET HEARING: APRIL 22, 7PM; BUDGET VOTE: MAY 19, 2 - 8 PM

SPRING CONCERTS: PRE-K to GRADE 5 - MAY 7, 7PM; GRADES 6 to 12 - MAY 14, 7PM

From the Desk of the Superintendent/Principal

DR. LOIS R. FAVRE

Meghan Trainor's hit "All About That Bass" seems to get inside my head whenever I hear it, but I hear, "I'm all about the Bees, bout the bees – no trouble!" Recently it occurred to me that *we are all about the Bees* here at Bridgehampton, and while to many that may mean the basketball team, to the school community it's about the **whole student**. Many may not realize that academics takes the main focus, even above sports. Our students are held to high academic standards, and for athletes at Bridgehampton we expect strong academics as well as strong leadership skills, as we depend on them to serve as strong role models for our younger students.

In this issue of our newsletter, we celebrate PBIS, winter sports, robotics and many other opportunities afforded our students. To be a part of these activities, students must remain "eligible" to participate. To remain eligible means a student must demonstrate good academics and attendance, as well as strong leadership and character that assures no disciplinary referrals. As an educational team,



and through our online PBIS program, we are all in the loop in terms of student academics and appropriate behaviors.

The success of our five years with the Positive Behavioral Supports and Interventions (PBIS) program and our instructional support team process has resulted, after four strong years of implementation, in zero suspensions in the district for the first semester of this school year (data showing the decline in discipline incidences throughout the four years), and a renewed focus on academics and simply doing what is right!

Of our 74 secondary students, during Quarter 1, 64% of them received honors and high honors, and of those students 51% were scholar athletes. Quarter 2 saw 62% receiving honors and high honors, and of those 56% were scholar athletes. These are strong percentages, and we are proud of our athletes. In addition to athletics, we are involved in an international robotics team, have been celebrated regionally for our PBIS efforts, and have had strong showings in our artistic en-

deavors at Guild Hall and the Parrish Art Museum. Our concerts were amazing, always showing improvement, and our band and Marimba ensemble continue to make us proud.

So it's *all about those bees* – and our bees are involved in Advanced Placement courses, international competitions in business (VEI) and robotics (FIRST), writing, acting, and looking to achieve advanced Regents diplomas. They are fundraising to have a chance to see the world, while working to grow and secure their place in some of the finest institutions of higher learning in the country. Our smaller bees look up to them and strive to follow in their footsteps. At the elementary level we celebrate perfect attendance, strong character and positive behaviors, and have a long list of successes there as well.

We are proud of our BEES and all that they do to continually challenge themselves. So next time you hear "Go, Bees!" know that it is basketball and oh so much more.

Out on the Town



Bees in grades 8 through 11 attended a fall performance of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a Literature Live! production at Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor. Students in English teachers **Lenore Wright** and **Tom House's** classes had previously read the play, adapted by William Gibson from Harper Lee's famous novel. Following the performance, a Q-and-A was led by Lucius Ware, president of the Eastern Long Island chapter of the NAACP (center, seated, before the *Mockingbird* set, with actors Chauncey Thomas, left, and Joe Pallister, right).

Winter Health News

For 10 Mondays this semester in Steve Meyers' Health class, Ms. Kim Jones, a Prevention Specialist from Alternatives Counseling Services, implemented a program called Why Try, www.Whytry.org. High school students learned about resilience and how to tap into their inner leaders and set attainable goals for their future. Classes were full of laughter, surprises and deep thoughts that allowed the students to expand their expectations of their ability to handle what life throws at them. Ms.

Jones prepared packets for each student with information on resources and the career paths of their choice; all students met with Ms. Jones with questions and excitement. "These were a great group of students," she said, "and at times the teacher became the student, and I appreciate that because it showed their respect for me, an outsider, on many levels. I see their potential and expect great and amazing things from them." Ms. Jones is working with our 8th grade students in the 2nd semester.

CALLING ALL CLASS OF 1965 GRADUATES

This June marks your 50th reunion! You are cordially invited to attend the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2015 on Sunday, June 28th at 4PM. Please contact Dr. Lois R. Favre, Superintendent, at lfavre@bridgehampton.k12.ny.us or 631-537-0271 ext. 1310.

PBIS Provides Basis for Bridgehampton Programming

Despite extremely cold temperatures, Bridgehampton School continued to heat up this winter, thanks to a generous grant from Paddlers for Humanity (<http://p4h.org>). Grant funds from Paddlers allowed us to continue our PBIS program, honoring positive behavior and citizenship with semester prizes. Students enter Bee tickets they receive for exhibiting respectful, responsible and safe behaviors into a raffle drawing. First semester prizes were awarded to senior **Daniel Denton**, seventh grader **Alanah Johnson**, eighth grader **Monasia Street** and sixth grader **Zoe Lucas**, all of whom received a \$150 gift certificate to a store of their choice.

At the elementary level, a classroom semester prize was awarded to Mr. Byrne and Mr. Giosi's fifth-grade class, who earned a frosty walk to Starbucks for hot chocolate treats. Individual elementary class leader awards went to fifth grader **Perla Cruz**, fourth grader **Scott Vinski**, third grader **Maxwell Gomberg**, second grader **Sarah Kapon**, first graders **Yolanda Lazaro** and **Elbert Browning** and kindergartener **Summer Lillie**. The MEGA (Music, Entertainment, Games and Activities) Recess winner in February was Mrs. Schwab's first grade.

The PBIS team meets weekly to



Mell Goldman, CEO of Allboro, presented strategies for students to envision their futures in his *JUICED UP!* presentation in March, as part of our Character Education series.

analyze and summarize behavioral data to look for trends that connect instruction and achievement. One of their findings was a full semester with no school suspensions or significant behavioral issues. The use of the data permits the educational team to intervene when patterns of misbehavior arise. With a focus on rewarding timeliness, a decrease in students arriving late to school and class was evident first semester. All we do aligns with our commitment to positive behavioral supports and interventions that support students in achieving their academic endeavors through assuring them that we notice when they do what is right. And it's evident that many more students are on board with increases in achievement and ac-

tivity level and commitment to athletics and clubs.

At our February 25th board meeting, teacher Jeff Neubauer, a key PBIS facilitator, gave a presentation explaining our evolving program of all aspects of teaching and learning at Bridgehampton, couched within the tenets of a strong positive atmosphere that's been accomplished through the PBIS program. Jeff aligned how our move toward technology, engineering and robotics aligns with the future goals of our educational mission and vision, culminating in a strong preparation for career and college for our students. He spoke of the importance of differentiating instruction and assuring that the atmosphere where learning occurs remains positive.

In addition to, and hand in hand with, PBIS, we've focused this year on a Character Education Program provided by school psychologist Lauren Sebor. A format called "Character Counts!" with its "6 Pillars" of good character, is implemented weekly with related lessons, fun activities and topical discussions. The program has explored the character traits that make up the pillars of Trustworthiness and Caring, and is presently focusing on Respect. The remaining 3 Pillars—Responsibility, Fairness and Citizenship—will be explored in the spring. The definition for the currently highlighted character trait is read every morning on WBEE, with an encouraging reminder to students to share the trait the best they can. Bees receive "Character Counts!" reminder bracelets and are given recognition awards when they are observed to have exemplified good character.

These programs have renewed a focus on academics, excellence and the importance of a positive attitude in life, which is best realized through daily practice in school. We are proud of our programs, and look forward to continually enhancing positive opportunities for students and staff.

—with contributions by
Dr. Lois Favre, Jessica Rodgers
and Lauren Sebor

QUARTER 2 HONOR ROLL

To qualify for high honors, students must maintain an overall grade point average of 90, and for honors, a GPA of 85. Congrats to all!

HIGH HONORS

Daniel Denton
Claudio Figueroa
Hayley Lund
Jada Pinckney
Isaiah Aquí
Giselle Carmona
Harriet De Groot
Jamari Gant
Elizabeth Hochstedler
Matthew Hostetter
Laura Uribe

Max Cheng
Nia Dawson
Rachel Hoyt
Sarahi Negrete
Cristina Paucar
Keeley Tomlinson
Claudia Patterson
Autumn Street
Milo Youngerman
Autumn Coffey
Nathaniel Depasquale
Franky Bonilla

Jaden Campbell
Caleigh Hochstedler
Destiny Hodge
Maximus Tiska
Elijah White
Zoe Lucas

HONORS

Joshua Lamison
Charles Manning Jr.
Michael Smith
Ameer Brunson
Cecilia Calieca

Madeleine Koral
Shyla Berkeley
Montserrat Udave
Aziza Brunson
Jonathan De Groot
Paige Hoyt
Kwame Yirenkyi
Alanah Johnson
Kimberly Rojas Cortes
Estefany Bonilla
Gylia Dryden
Susana Rodríguez

BRIDGEHAMPTON ARTS, PERFORMANCE,

Young Playwrights



Hayley Lund and Elizabeth Hochstedler.

On Friday, December 12, 9th through 12th grade classes traveled to the Avram Theatre on the Southampton Stony Brook campus to see a dress rehearsal of 7 student one-act plays written in the Young Artists and Writers Project. A public performance was given the next evening, Saturday, December 13. For the first time, two BHS plays, written by seniors in English teacher Lenore Wright's class, were staged.

Hayley Lund's "What We Learn in History Books," performed by Hayley and junior Elizabeth Hochstedler, was directed by Tina Jones, while Jada Pinckney's "Untold Secrets," starred Jada with junior Matthew Hostetter in a performance directed by Tom Gustin. Students worked with teaching artists Chris Byrd and Tristan Vaughan and were ably assisted by sophomore stage managers Madi Koral and Cecilia Calieca.



Jada Pinckney and Matthew Hostetter. YAWP photos by Bill Burford

PARRISH STUDENT EXHIBITION

Bridgehampton was one of over 20 local schools participating in the Parrish Museum's 2015 Annual Student Exhibition, an exceptional opportunity for art students in Pre-K through high school to have their work showcased in a professional venue. This year's exhibit featured a collaborative work by artists-in-residence Steven and William Ladd, who engaged with 1,100 students from the East End—our own Bees among them—to produce an abstract scrolled landscape. An entire gallery was dedicated to the collaborative piece, with a photographic mural of portraits of over a thousand student participants.

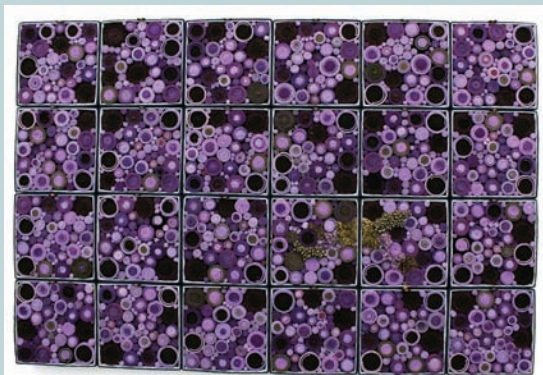


Jennifer Vinski with daughter Kathleen before an assemblage of Pre-K 4 snow globes

Two celebratory receptions were held on January 31 and February 7, with refreshments and entertainment. The student exhibition remained on display throughout the month of February.



Art teacher Robin Gianis beneath Bridgehampton's collaborative Chinese dragon, a formidable star of the exhibition



1960s TV Dinner, a collaborative sculpture created by 1,100 East End students



Can you spot the Bee collaborators in this section of the photographic mural?

COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



Bridgehampton Food Pantry volunteers Helen Smith and Joan Marcincuk and the 7th-grade Family Consumer Science class display their reusable finished projects.



Joan Marcincuk instructs 7th-graders Max Tiska and Jaden Campbell.

Family Consumer Science

Joan Marcincuk, retired educator from Southampton, and Helen Smith, former BHS Guidance Counselor, teamed up with library media specialist David Holmes' Family Consumer Science class this winter to create reusable fabric bags for the Bridgehampton Food Pantry. With the Town of Southampton soon to be instituting a ban on plastic bags, the pantry is taking the proactive step of weeding itself from the practice of

using them when giving away food. Ms. Marcincuk and Ms. Smith, pantry volunteers, came up with the idea of recruiting Bridgehampton students to help make the reusable bags that are replacing them. The 7th graders, who worked in teams, cutting patterns, measuring handles and stitching materials together, had an all-hands-on lesson in community service, while adding a few new sewing techniques to their basket of skills.

Guild Hall Student Arts Festival

For 23 years, schools from Bridgehampton to Montauk have participated in inspiring student exhibitions at famed Guild Hall in East Hampton. This year the museum featured more than 3,500 works of student art that covered the gallery walls floor to ceiling, salon-style. Part I of the exhibition, with a reception on January 24, featured works by students in pre-school, elementary and middle schools, while Part II, opening on March 7, featured the work of our talented high school students. Bridgehampton's Marimba Ensemble was a featured performer on the Guild Hall stage at both receptions.



The Brunson Family with daughter Ayanna below swirling seas of 5th-grade sharks



The 8th Grade Marimba Ensemble with Music teacher Dave Elliot at Guild Hall in January. The High School Ensemble took the same stage in March and looks forward to spring and summer performances at Hofstra University, CMEE, the Longhouse Reserve, the Mosaic Street Fair in Riverhead, Bridge Gardens, Red Creek Park, Splish Splash and NYC. The Marimba Ensemble is now in its 7th year of performances.



For the second year, Social Studies teacher John Reilly graciously put his hair on the line to help a local family in need. For a month leading up to the post-Pep Rally event in February, students, faculty and community members purchased raffle tickets for a

chance to wield the buzzer that would shear Reilly's resplendent locks. Four lucky students began the process, which was finished by the senior class. Thanks go out to all who donated, and to those who jumped in to raise some last-minute money, including Superintendent

Dr. Favre and Athletic Director Eric Bramoff. The event was organized by Bridgehampton Student Government Advisor, Chorus Teacher Lindsey Sanchez and Council Members Elizabeth Hochstedler, Jada Pinckney, Hayley Lund, Nia Dawson and Elijah White.

SCOPE 2015 Awards for Excellence

On March 23rd at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook, 5 Bridgehampton staff, faculty and community members will be among the nominees from Nassau and Suffolk county schools honored with Awards for Excellence at SCOPE Education Services' 14th Annual School District Awards Dinner. Congratulations to this year's Shining Stars!

School Board Service: Lillian Tyree-Johnson has served on the Board of Education since 2009 and is currently in her third year of service as Vice President. During that time, she has worked to strengthen the PTO, build the greenhouse and deepen school pride with tireless efforts to circulate Bee Gear. Lillian uses her strong community ties to forge relationships between the school and town, such as assuring we became connected with Paddlers for Humanity, which enables us to forge ahead with character education and PBIS programming. She has served



on our Wellness Committee, Budget Advisory Committee, and numerous other committee assignments and serves as our main cheerleader at basketball games. Lillian is a student advocate who makes all decisions with her Bees at heart.

Teacher Service: Jeff Neubauer, Math and Science Special Education Teacher, has worked on a Positive Behavioral Supports and Intervention web-based program that has had a wonderfully positive impact on students and staff. It provides feedback to administrators and teachers on discipline referrals, keeps data organized for ease of use at meetings and state reporting, and, most importantly, keeps everyone focused on "catching students being good." Jeff also provides staff development to teachers on Google platforms, helping facilitate a one-to-one laptop initiative now in its beginning stages. He continually supports our students and is co-advisor to this year's senior class.



Administrator Service: Julie Waller, in addition to her role as a special education teacher, serves as Chairperson on our Committee on Preschool Special Education. She works diligently to assure supports and services for Bridgehampton's youngest learners, and carefully works with parents as their children transition into school-age programs. Julie's dedication to our preschool special education students is unprecedented. Her commitment to families is also unsurpassed, as she assures that students have what they need to meet with success in the educational setting. Julie goes above and beyond for our students, daily, always shining above the rest.



Community Service: James Kapon is a parent volunteer for the Bridgehampton Parent Teacher Organization, on which he has served for four years and is currently co-president. He is the father of 3 children in the district and also serves on Bridgehampton's Budget Advisory



Committee and Wellness Committee. He gives freely of his time and energy to the staff and is a student advocate, with innovative ideas to share, always with their best interests at heart. It takes a village and thankfully James Kapon is part of the Bridgehampton Village. For his dedication to the Bridgehampton school community, he shines above the rest.

Support Staff: Dorothy White has served as a custodian since 1996. She is attentive to the students and staff and takes great pride in her building. She greets all students and staff each morning, assists with lunch for our youngest learners, and assures that the school always shines. In this time of school cut-backs, she has taken on more responsibility and is always ready to lend a hand. Dorothy checks in with students, helps us to know when families are in need, and often helps those families after hours, on her own time. She cares deeply for all that is Bridgehampton, and her pride in the school is evident in all that she does. Thank you!



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.

Some Very Busy Bees

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sports. Following the discussions, we gave 30-second pitches about our company to more than 600 students and a panel of judges in LIU's auditorium, in hopes that we would win the grand prize of \$1000. Unfortunately we were unable to bring home the prize. On December 18, 2015 at The 19th Hole Restaurant at Cherry Creek Golf Links in Riverhead, we were given time to network with other local firms, distributing fliers and purchasing products, along with the opportunity to collaborate and create business alliances. Recently at Farmingdale State College, we participated in the January 16th Business Plan competition and trade show,

where students were tasked with presenting their business plan and future goals for the company. The financials (prepared by Jada Pinckney), the competitive analysis (by me) and the product (Isaiah) were assessed and graded on overall coherence and quality. Firms were also given the chance to profit, selling product to other firms, judges, teachers and students. At the culmination of the event an awards ceremony was held. At the end of the day Bridgehampton students edged out the competition, bringing home 3rd place in apparel.

Founded September 9, 2013, OneOne932 aspires to combine a taste of "The Hamptons" with a twist of youth street style to the clothing industry. All right, now

what about the company name? Pop quiz! What's the Bridgehampton area code? 11932--you guessed it! 11932 means a lot to any Bridgehamptonite. If you ask any student what it is to be from Bridgehampton, they'll tell you it's pride, respect, caring. It's a community that will focus to get the job done. All these qualities are not only community virtues but business necessities. What better way to success than a quality name?

OneOne932's primary product line consists of branded logoed OneOne932 t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants and other casual attire. This year Isaiah, along with the help of his colleagues, has worked on expanding last year's line, creating new t-shirts and

developing products that previously didn't exist, like sweatshirts and sweatpants. OneOne932 has also improved its prominence in the virtual industry at www.oneone932ny.wix.com/11932 and within the local community. Campaigning for partnerships and drawing in new clientele with fresh designs has helped the company claim its stake.

Somewhere in the hive, we busy bees are working away, possibly at this very moment, preparing the company for our next challenge, the April 15th International Trade Show at the New York City 69th Regiment Armory. However, we're not only preparing and grooming a business, we're preparing and grooming ourselves for success.

Robotics!

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oping partnerships between local high schools and businesses, that brought the FIRST Robotics Competition to Long Island in 1999.

A not-for-profit public charity, FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, www.usfirst.org), was founded in 1989 by Dean Kamen to "inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities, including self-confidence, communication, and leadership." It strives to design innovative programs that motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math.

While Robotics, taught by Technology Teacher Judiann Carmack-Fayyaz, has been part of the middle school program at Bridgehampton for two years, a high school elective was add-

ed this year at students' request. In the fall, Ms. Fayyaz partnered with CSE Chairperson Ken Giosi to advise the Robotics Club, and it was through one of Mr. Giosi's contacts, Debra Winters, that they found mentor Mark McLeod and learned about an available Rookie Grant. They applied for and were awarded the 2-year grant of \$6000, allowing Bridgehampton to become one of two rookie teams competing in the regional SBPLI competition.

Robotics has been all the rage this fall and winter, with students staying after school daily to work on *Hugobot*. What's the draw? "One of the mottoes of the FRC," Ms. Fayyaz explained,

"is 'this is the hardest fun you'll ever have,' and it couldn't be more true. The learning curve is enormous. There's mechanical fabrication, programming, electronics, pneumatics, prototyping, strategy, business and spirit, all on an extremely high level. It's so amazing to create something that actually performs a worthwhile task. Using all of the tools in the shop, problem solving by the minute, finding your strengths and playing a key role in the project—it's all incredibly exciting and educational. FIRST's principle of 'gracious professionalism' makes it even more compelling. Though the aim is to win, it is never at the expense of your op-

ponent. Whenever possible, you are encouraged to help your opponent in whatever way you can. As a result, we've developed a wonderful relationship with the Sag Harbor team. They've visited our tech lab and helped us with programming, and we practiced together on their field over February break."

On Friday, March 27th, students in grades 6-12 will travel to Hofstra to watch the team compete. Our Marimba Band will perform at lunch, and there will be lots of technology and science exhibitors in the building. We wish Team Supreme the best of luck on what should be a very exciting and eventful day.

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Winter Sports Update

by Eric Bramoff, *Athletic Director*

With spring hopefully just around the corner, most of the Bridgehampton winter sports seasons are winding down with playoffs kicking into full gear. Forty-two students—over 60% of grades 7-12—participated in 7 team sports at Bridgehampton, Pierson and East Hampton Schools this season. The Modified Boys Basketball team coached by Mr. Holmes ended with a very impressive 7-3 record. The team consisted of 7th graders Franky Bonilla, Max Tiska, Nae'jon Ward, and Elijah White and 8th graders Jonatan Braia, Jahqur Carr, Jonathan DeGroot, and Nathaniel Depasquale. Coach Johnson thinks the future is looking very bright.

The brand new Modified Girls Basketball team is off to a great start. The team includes 7th graders Destiny Hodge, Alanah Johnson, Angela Men-

dez and Jurisha Ross and 8th graders Aziza Brunson, Aniya Coffey, Autumn Coffey, Jalisa Hopson, and Monasia Street. The girls have a tremendous sense of pride playing in the Beehive and wearing the black and yellow. Many of the girls on the basketball team also played Volleyball earlier in the winter. Destiny Hodge, Caleigh Hochstedler, Jaden Campbell, and Jurisha Ross played for the 7th grade team, and Aziza Brunson, Autumn Coffey, Jalisa Hopson, and Paige Hoyt played for 8th. Paige highlighted the season with a match-winning serve in overtime.

Claudio Figueroa was on the combined Varsity Boys Swimming team. He swam in four different events this year, setting personal records in the 100 Free and 100 Backstroke at the league championships. Coach Brian Cunningham said he was a leader on the team and a plea-

sure to coach. Claudio will be a three-sport scholar athlete in his senior year, a tremendous accomplishment.

This year we had one Girls Varsity Basketball player on the combined team with Pierson, Nia Dawson. What a year Nia is having! She led her team to the Class C Section XI Championship and was named to the All-League team, the only first-year player to receive this honor this year, making her the top rookie in League 8. The season had to be highlighted by the game in the Beehive when Nia dropped 31 points in front of a very large Bridgehampton crowd. The Southeast Regional Championship game will be played on 3/12 at Mount St. Mary's College in Newburgh.

The Varsity Cheerleading team has 10 girls this year: Hayley Lund, Jada Pinckney, Arises Cooks, Keeley Tomlinson, Cristina Paucar, Sarah Negrete,

Cecilia Calieca, Maria Chavez, Montserrat Udave, and Jalyn Hopson. The cheerleaders put on an amazing pep-rally for the winter sports teams before the last basketball home game against Stony Brook.

That leaves the Varsity Boys Basketball team: Justin LaPointe, Ameer Brunson, Max Cheng, Kevin Feliciano, Elijah Jackson, Robert Aqui, Tylik Furman, Matt Hostetter, Josh Lamison, and Charles Manning. A big highlight of the regular season was Josh scoring his 1000th career point as a junior in front of a packed house at the Beehive. With a #1 state ranking, Coach Johnson has the boys eyeing a run at the state championship. The New York State Southeast Regional Championship will be played on 3/13 at Suffolk Community College in Selden at 5:00 pm. Good luck to all the teams in the playoffs! GO, BEES!



SEND A STUDENT TO EUROPE! Come to the Bridgehampton Culture Club's BON VOYAGE CABARET & AUCTION

featuring a performance by

MAMALEE ROSE & FRIENDS

Wed, March 25, 6-9 PM at the school

For more information, please visit

www.BridgehamptonCultureClub.com

It's happening! Fifteen of our high school students are headed on a 10-day educational tour of London, Paris and Barcelona on April 3rd. Come out on March 25th to help send them off, and follow their on-tour posts at

www.facebook.com/bridgehamptoncultureclub. Ciao!