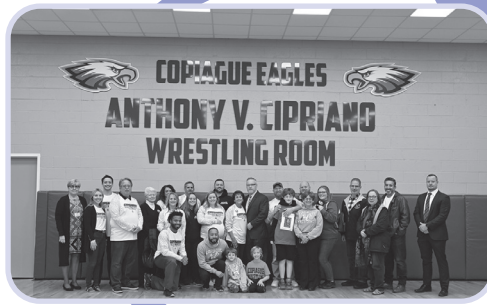


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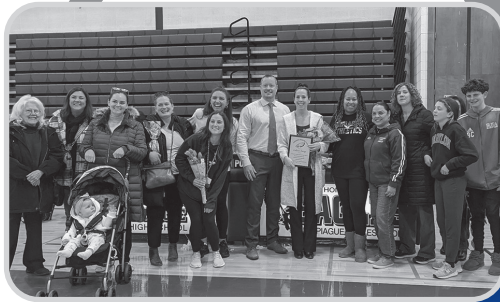


The district honored the legacy of longtime wrestling coach and physical education teacher Anthony Cipriano during a dedication of the wrestling room named in his honor on March 10. Board of Education members, administrators, family, friends, colleagues, student-athletes and community members gathered together to remember the late coach.

The Copiague athletic department unveiled its upgraded fitness center at Walter G. O'Connell High School. The new state-of-the-art equipment will allow students to exercise in a safe and healthy environment. Most of the equipment features the school's colors or has been branded with the eagle logo.



The Copiague athletic department and the Copiague Booster Club recognized all of their female athletes for their hard work and dedication to the sports they love on National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The Copiague athletic department and Booster Club honored Colleen Darge. A plaque was presented to Ms. Darge for her outstanding contribution and commitment to shaping the lives of young female athletes in Copiague.



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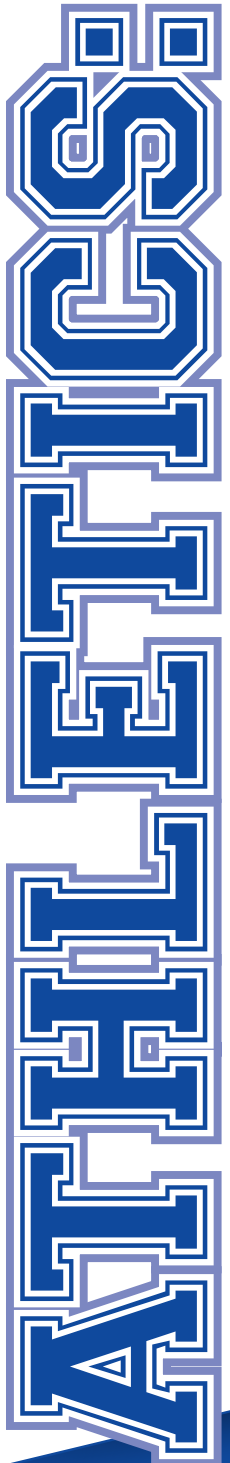
HIGHLIGHTING ALL-AROUND Accomplishments

It's been an exceptional year so far for the students and staff throughout the Copiague School District. In the classroom, on the athletic fields, on stage or working to better the community, the district is proud of the many accolades received this year. Acknowledging these accomplishments is just one way to show our pride in the Copiague School District.

Four students from Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School recently attended the Angelo Del Toro Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute. Hadasa Argueta, Giselle Peralta, Jorge Villatoro and Jose Villatoro were invited to travel to Albany for the Institute.



Two Copiague School District teachers have been recognized with the Distinguished Teacher Award for 2023 by the Harvard Club of Long Island. Copiague Middle School science chairperson Dr. Daniel Leccese and Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School social studies chairperson Michelle Peny are two of the 12 teachers who will be honored by the Harvard Club of Long Island this year.



The Arts



Two high school students have been named All-State musicians by the New York State School Music Association. Logan Madden and Anthony Woods were both chosen for the chorus and performed in Rochester, New York.

The high school Madrigals and middle school wind ensemble will attend NYSSMA Majors in June and May, respectively.

The district hosted the All-County Division III rehearsals in March.

More than 200 students districtwide will attend the NYSSMA Solo and Small Ensemble Festival at Amityville High School.



Third grade student-artists in Mrs. Embleton's class at Deauville Gardens East Elementary School used markers, patterns and their imagination to design their own creative creatures, while students in Mrs. Layden's workshop class at the high school put their newly learned sewing skills to the test by recreating the drawings into three-dimensional works of art.

Students from Mr. Genua's high school electronic music lab class and Ms. Davidson's class at Susan E. Wiley collaborated on a project using SoundTrap. The students were paired as "pen pals" and the high school students provided helpful suggestions and comment on the elementary students' work.

The high school presented "Little Shop of Horrors" to audiences in mid-March.



As part of New York State's civic-readiness initiative, the district is one of a few select schools in the state that is now offering the Seal of Civic Readiness distinction on high school diplomas. As part of this initiative, all seventh graders and select eighth graders in Copiague Middle School will work toward completing a civics capstone project in their social studies classes.

Great Neck Road Elementary School held a ribbon-cutting in each classroom to officially open each new classroom library. Great Neck Road staff and students all celebrated the new books that were added to their classroom libraries this year.

Every month, students in Mrs. Gurtner's class at the high school connect for an online lesson with kindergarten students in Dr. Pino's class at Deauville Gardens East Elementary School. The high school students read a special book to the class and planned an activity that coincides with the book. Since Dr. Pino's class is composed of bilingual learners, the high school students made the extra effort to also read to the class in Spanish.

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the high school has formed a mock trial team this school year. The team also has a new mock trial room recently completed at the high school and just held its first mock trial competition. Copiague students worked with a volunteer lawyer in preparation to compete with other teams in Suffolk County. As students learned about the judicial system, they also increased their interpersonal, public speaking and research skills, as well as their abilities to formulate and defend legal arguments.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Fourth graders at Susan E. Wiley participated in the Kindness Challenge organized by the office of Councilman Terence McSweeney. Students crafted thank-you cards for local heroes, including firefighters, police officers and 911 dispatchers.



The high school SOUL Community Outreach Club ran a homeroom food drive at the school to help replenish the Eagle's Nest food pantry.



The middle school Builders Club focused its fundraising efforts and activities on the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The club raised and donated \$600 to the organization. The club also visited the senior center at Tanner Park for a Valentine's Day celebration.



The middle school student council collected and donated Blessings in a Box for Keep Your Change in Amityville. The boxes were decorated shoe boxes filled with hygiene products, winter wear, gift cards, toys, etc.



Students were recognized by members of the Knights of Columbus for their participation in the organization's annual poster and essay contests at the Board of Education meeting. The poster contest, now in its 13th year, garnered more than 150 entries to tackle the issue of substance abuse.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Deauville Gardens East Elementary School counselor Lysa Mullady was recognized as the American School Counselor of the Year 2023 for New York. She recently visited Washington, D.C., where she met with members of the U.S. Department of Education to discuss school safety and special education.



The district's food and nutrition program is now participating in a New York State initiative to provide locally sourced produce and meat from New York State farms. On New York State Thursdays, the cafeterias have several menu items that are from local New York State farms.