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Homecoming Celebration

Connects School, Community

Copiague Schools and the surrounding community connected for a celebration of school spirit during homecoming on Sept. 16. Eagle pride was soaring as the day kicked off with a parade, followed by homecoming festivities, football game and Hall of Achievement induction.

Starting with a parade at Great Neck Road Elementary, each of the district's schools, community clubs and organizations – as well as athletic teams and musicians – marched down Great Neck Road en route to Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School.

Floats from the senior, junior, sophomore and freshman classes also lined the roadway in this year's theme of "Through the Decades." The homecoming court – including king Josh Taveras and queen Kathy Rosado – rode atop convertible cars and waved to the crowd down the parade route.

Following the parade, Board of Education members, administrators and local government officials gathered on the school's new turf field to welcome the community. Members of the homecoming court were introduced before the Eagles took on the Huntington Blue Devils, and the cheerleaders and marching band entertained the crowd during halftime.

To cap off the day, Copiague celebrated the 20th anniversary of its Hall of Achievement, inducting four new members into the ranks. This year's honorees were Dave Colford, Class of 1994; Silas W. Kelly, Class of 1971; Dr. Corinthia Price, Class of 1993; and Ken Urban, Class of 1993.



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Bond Work Progressing

It's been a busy summer around the Copiague School District as construction has begun – and in some cases completed – at schools around the district. Renovations are being made as part of the community-approved bond in 2015. Work will continue in some buildings throughout the school year while other construction will resume during school breaks and next summer. Here's a breakdown of projects and their current status:



The tennis courts at the middle school were completed.

Summer 2017 Completion:

- Middle school bus loop
- Athletic fields
- High school/middle school tennis courts
- Middle school renovations
- Great Neck Road renovations

Ongoing Projects:

- Deauville Gardens East and West additions
- Deauville Gardens East and West renovations of classrooms (seven classrooms at a time for two month phases)
- High school addition

Summer 2018:

- High school renovation
- Susan E. Wiley renovation
- Deauville Gardens East and West addition/renovations (completion)



A new synthetic turf athletic field has been completed at Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School.

Update on BOND PROJECTS



Renovations were made to the Great Neck Road Elementary School music room (shown here) as well as the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School chorus room.



The tennis courts at Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School received new concrete curbs, asphalt paving and fencing.



The new bus loop at the middle school has created a smooth flow of bus traffic, as well as efficient arrival and dismissal procedures.



Concrete was poured for the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School addition, which will be renovated during the summer break in 2018. Heating and cooling work was also completed in the locker rooms.



A new canopy ceiling has been installed at Great Neck Road Elementary School.



Some of the exterior work at Deauville Gardens East and Deauville Gardens West included the demolition of the existing playground and temporary classroom spaces, excavation and pouring of the concrete foundation. During the summer months, mechanical and ductwork, electrical wiring and fire alarms and construction in the central corridor were completed. Shown are two classrooms under renovation.



New terrazzo floors were installed during the summer at Copiague Middle School. Other work included new piping and ductwork outside the chorus room as well as renovations to the science rooms.

Did *you* know?



While completing work underground at Great Neck Road Elementary School, a fallout shelter was discovered with items dating back to the early 1960s. Desks and chairs for several hundred students were located in the shelter, as well as survival supplies furnished by the Office of Civil Defense, including biscuits, drinking water and sanitary supplies.

