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THE COLLEGE Connection

The Copiague School District held its third annual College Day on January 12 to encourage students K-12 to begin exploring post-secondary education options early in their lives.

Learning about careers and college life at the elementary level is a great first step towards creating a college-going culture for young students, and it is never too early to get a jump on the future. "A few years ago, we came to the realization here at Copiague that we could do much more when it comes to inspiring our students to aspire to go to college," said Superintendent Charles A. Leunig. "We decided to create a culture of college aspiration. I spoke to the Board of Education [about creating a College Day], and it was just a tiny seed of an idea at the time, but they enthusiastically supported it."

The District wants every student to learn, achieve to his or her potential, and most importantly, to be ready for college by the time he or she graduates from high school. According to Director of Guidance Dr. Mary Klein, the event has flourished since its inception due to the new concepts and ideas developed by the staff to build on the "Road to College" theme.

This year, College Day kicked off at Walter G. O'Connell High School, with lectures to the students from dozens of Copiague alumni. "Each year we invite back recent Copiague grads who are in college,"

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remarked Mr. Leunig. "This year we had 65 grads come back and go into the classrooms to talk about what it's like in college. We also had a number of Hall of Achievement members come in and talk about their college and career experiences."

Later in the day, the festivities turned to the Susan E. Wiley Elementary School. The Nassau Community College kickline and C.W. Post cheerleaders performed for the students, while the Dowling College Golden Lion mascot made a surprise appearance to give out special prizes to the kids who answered trivia questions about careers. The day also included a "flash mob" at the Great Neck Road Elementary School, a door decorating contest at the Middle School, and a "college schedule" followed by the fifth graders at Deauville Gardens Elementary School.

In the evening, SUNY Stony Brook Associate Dean of Admissions Robert Pertusati gave an inspirational speech to students and parents in the high school auditorium. He informed students of the importance of taking challenging courses whenever possible. "Never take the easy route," Pertusati said. "Always take the more challenging route as long as it's a balanced route that's best suited for you. In life, you're going to be faced with challenges. We want to make sure you have the skills to advocate for yourselves and to master a challenge - not just in school, but for the rest of your lives."

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A Message from the Superintendent

Welcome to our Winter 2012 issue of Copiague Connections, our official district newsletter. As this latest edition hits your mailbox, the first half of the school year will have come to a close. This issue provides highlights of the many activities, initiatives and events that have taken place in our schools over the last few months since our fall newsletter was published. Featured this time are articles about our annual College Day festivities, Unsung Heroes, this year's Top 10 Students from the class of 2012, our annual Senior to Senior Dinner, sports highlights including our Golden Eagle scholar-athletes, this year's Middle School play, *Grease*, and a variety of other great activities involving Copiague students.

Featured on our front page is our annual Road to College Initiative, this year's theme being "The College Connection." As you will read, now in its third year, the Road to College is bigger and better, improving on the promise of getting more students, with the help of their parents, interested and motivated to pursue higher education.

I would also like to draw your attention to the back cover, where we provide the calendar of dates for each of our upcoming budget work sessions for next year's budget. In response to the tough economy, the Board of Education and Administration have taken serious steps over the past three years to control costs wherever possible. The budget has been tightened up considerably, spending has been reduced and labor contracts have been and/or are in the process of being renegotiated. Through these efforts, we have been fortunate to maintain virtually all of our programs for our students up to this point, despite losses of state and federal aid over the last three years. However, we are not out of the woods yet, as we will continue to face these budgetary challenges until we see improvement in the economy. So we encourage you to attend these meetings, which are taking place in the Middle School cafeteria, and share your input as we construct the budget for next year.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Leunig
Superintendent of Schools

Unsung Heroes

During the District's November Superintendent's Conference Day, Superintendent of Schools Charles A. Leunig took a few moments prior to the start of the day's program to honor four members of his staff for their exceptional work. Copiague Middle School Assistant Principal Benjamin Bonaventura and Central Office personnel Nancy Chieco, Mary Ellen Ruppert, and Susan Weisenseel were all recognized for their service as Unsung Heroes.

"The best way to characterize [Mr. Bonaventura] is as someone who treats everyone like family, someone who is there for students, staff, and everyone in between. This is the type of human being who goes the extra mile for anyone and has the keen ability to hold people accountable while maintaining their pride and sense of worth. Simply put, [he] just 'gets it,'" remarked Mr. Leunig.

In his words regarding Mrs. Chieco, Mrs. Ruppert, and Mrs. Weisenseel, Mr. Leunig stated, "The most common words and phrases used to describe these three deserving 'unsung heroes' by their colleagues from the District over their many years of service include: dependable, flexible, dedicated, strong work ethic, professional, friendly. As far as my experience goes, this is the most cohesive team of professionals I have ever worked with in an office setting."

After brief descriptions were given about what has made these four individuals "unsung heroes," the honorees were each presented with a medallion bearing the District logo and motto. Pictured left to right: Susan Weisenseel, Nancy Chieco, Benjamin Bonaventura, Mary Ellen Ruppert, and Superintendent of Schools Charles A. Leunig.



Musical Meeting

At the December 19th Copiague Board of Education meeting, members of the Susan E. Wiley Elementary School chorus, under the direction of Catherine Leto-Gillespie, gave a special

performance for the Board of Education and administration. The choir sang songs from their winter concert repertoire, including "Winter Wonderland" and "I Hope the Teacher Won't Call on Me."

BOARD HONORS 14 FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Fourteen students in the Copiague School District stood out amongst their peers and were honored for their hard work by the Board of Education at the biannual Student Recognition Awards. This tradition was started by the Board of Education to honor students who make unique contributions to their school community or have succeeded despite personal challenges. The fourteen students were recognized and presented with framed certificates of achievement by Superintendent of Schools Charles A. Leunig, followed by congratulations from the Board.



"Twice a year we seek nominations from principals and teachers. We always get a great group of students, many of whom have overcome obstacles and have inspiring stories," remarked Mr. Leunig.

This January, the Board recognized the following students: Deauville Gardens Elementary School: Radelyn Genao Ramos, Olivia Healy, Kayla Urban; Great Neck Road Elementary School: Dariel Nunez, Ronal Villegas, Guadalupe Vasquez Martinez; Susan E. Wiley Elementary School: Victoria Worry, Alexis Orshowitz; Copiague Middle School: Davina Smith, Karla Lopez, Marcus Weeks; and Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School: Arianna Mohan, Sarwat Saleem, Joel Fernandez Leonardo.



BUSINESS MINDED



Congratulations to the following members of the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School Distributive Education Club of America (D.E.C.A.) for placing first in their categories at the Suffolk County Regional Competition. They qualify to attend the state competition in March.

Tatyana Bellamy-Walker:
Public Speaking Prepared

Joseph Brennan:
Quick Serve Restaurant Management

Isabel Colon:
Sales Demonstration

Zoreia Cuffy:
Public Speaking

Desiree Curcio:
Job Interview

Krystal Howell:
Business Services

Sarah Jordan:
Wholesale Selling

Abigail Keiper:
Advertising Layout

Sasha McKenzie:
Public Speaking

Alison Nahrevar:
Mathematics

Nubia Villatoro:
Visual Advertising Design



Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School Principal Jeanette Altruda (pictured standing, far right) and Director of Guidance Dr. Mary Klein congratulated the Class of 2012 Top Ten (pictured standing, far left). (Sitting l-r) Alison Nahrevar, Diane Lam, Jessica Murphy, Laury Gomez-Pena, Nicole Vogt; (standing l-r) Alexander Taveras, Shannon Blackler, Daniela Rendon, Dilara Altuner, Amanda Haran.

At the Head of the Class

As the weather changed from fall to winter, the seniors at Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School prepared to complete their college applications. This November, following 13 years of dedication, hard work, and perseverance, ten students were honored by being named to the elite Class of 2012 Top 10. High School Principal Jeanette Altruda and Director of Guidance Dr. Mary Klein congratulated each of the students on this accomplishment and wished them the best of luck on their college application process.

Congratulations to the following Top 10 students:

Jessica Murphy –
Valedictorian
Laury Gomez-Pena –
Salutatorian
Diane Lam – *Third*
Nicole Vogt – *Fourth*
Alison Nahrevar – *Fifth*

Daniela Rendon – *Sixth*
Shannon Blackler –
Seventh
Alexander Taveras –
Eighth
Dilara Altuner – *Ninth*
Amanda Haran – *Tenth*

MAKING (BUSINESS) PLANS

Several members of the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School DECA Club and Louise Curci's College & Career class participated in the annual Adelphi Apprentice Competition. The students were grouped with other students from various schools, given a marketing topic, and tasked to create a



marketing plan. Once completed, the groups had to present their plans to a panel of judges, with the top three teams chosen to present to the entire conference. High school sophomore Anthony Melek belonged to one of the final top three teams.

"Students were able to put their creativity to the test and sharpen their presentation skills while networking with the business department at Adelphi University," stated Mrs. Curci. "The conference is a great way for our students to put into action the things they are learning in their business classes!"

SCIENCE Smart

Congratulations to Copiague Middle School student Marcus Weeks, who was selected as a finalist in a national science essay contest. For the contest, which was sponsored by the American Geosciences Institute, Marcus, a student in Allison Barone's class, was tasked with writing an essay in 300 words or less addressing the theme "How Change Shapes Our Planet" in celebration of Earth Science Week. Marcus crafted an essay about the interaction between people and the earth and how these interactions affect our planet.



According to the Institute, the purpose of Earth Science Week is to engage students in discovering the earth sciences, remind people that earth science is all around us, encourage earth stewardship through understanding, and motivate geoscientists to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about the earth.

Kids in Action

Members of the Copiague Middle School Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, and Builder's Club attended the Kids in Action Conference on Friday, December 2, at Farmingdale State College. The theme of this year's conference was "Anti-Bullying," and more than 2,500 students from over 40 districts were represented.

Prior to the December 2nd conference, a writing contest was held in which students were asked to give their opinion on the subject of bullying and how they thought it could be ended. Student Council President Karla Lopez was awarded second place in the writing competition. She received a medal and certificate of achievement, which was presented to her by Senator Owen Johnson.

"Our students did such an amazing job representing Copiague," remarked school counselor Francesca Spinelli.





Long Distance *Learning*

Fifth-grade students in Nicole Alamia's and Dawn Masure's classes at Deauville Gardens Elementary School took their lesson on rocks and minerals virtual. Utilizing the District's videoconferencing technology and programs free to educational facilities, the students participated in the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center's "Everyday Geology" program.

The forty-minute presentation showcased the science concepts using hands-on, group explorations. During the videoconference, students expanded their knowledge on the properties of rocks and minerals, the different types of rock, and the Earth's layers. They also took part in group experiments in metamorphic marshmallows, where they demonstrated the act of a rock being transformed into a metamorphic rock, and plate tectonics, which taught the fifth graders about continental drift and sea-floor spreading.

Taking the Bait

Junior and senior students in Jonathan Krawchuk's marine science class at Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School have been studying "class chondrichthyes," or more simply, the cartilaginous fish that include sharks and rays. To culminate the unit, the students worked in groups to dissect dogfish sharks, which were injected with three different colors of latex to represent the various blood vessels (red for arteries, blue for veins, yellow for the hepatic system).

"Using sharks injected with various colored dyes allowed students to observe the different blood vessels for comparison to human anatomy," explained Mr. Krawchuk. "The objective of the dissection was for the students to explore and determine the functions of body structures in the sharks. The key objective was for them to locate and compare the liver, stomach, intestines, heart, blood flow and brain to those of other organisms which we've discussed in the course."

This is only the second year that the marine science students have performed the dissection, which is, other than those done in an advanced placement biology class, the only dissection performed in the High School.

"It is my hope that they first of all enjoyed the experience, and secondly were able to obtain an understanding of differences among living things in the marine world when compared to familiar anatomies, such as the human one," Mr. Krawchuk stated. "I truly hope this activity has sparked an interest in science that the students may not have had previously."



Bridging Generations

Generations were brought together and bonds were strengthened as the fourth-grade students in Christopher Uccellini's class at Susan E. Wiley Elementary School created a multigenerational quilt. Working with their classmates in school and their relatives at home, the students wrote about their favorite family memories, while their relatives shared their own favorites.

"This project was a great way of bringing everyone together by sharing memories while showcasing the students' writing abilities," remarked Mr. Uccellini. "It was also an opportunity for the students to strengthen



their knowledge of one another and build relationships through shared experiences."

To celebrate the completion of the project, the students invited their relatives into the classroom to share their memories and reinforce their public speaking skills. The quilt was created during American Education Week, which is sponsored by the National Education Association. This nationally recognized week spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great.



Bullying Awareness Day

On Monday, November 14, the Copiague Middle School held a Bullying Awareness Day. Organized by the Guidance Department, the students and staff at the school were encouraged to wear purple to take a stand against bullying.

The highlight of the day was a presentation by Jamie Isaacs. Jamie is a tenth-grade student at a private school on Long Island. Throughout her elementary and middle school years attending public school, Jamie was the victim of intense bullying. During her time at the school, Jamie was harassed by more than twenty fellow peers, which eventually led to the creation of the Jamie Isaacs Foundation for Anti-Bullying.

While at the Middle School, Jamie shared her horrific story with the six, seventh, and eighth-grade students who were in attendance. She employed student volunteers to perform a short skit that reinforced the devastating effects of bullying, and showed the trailer to the documentary *Bullycide: The Voice of Complicity*.

Leading up to Bullying Awareness Day, the faculty and staff signed an anti-bullying pledge that was on display for the students to see. "We believe that everybody should enjoy



our school equally and feel safe, secure, and accepted regardless of color, race, gender, popularity, athletic ability, intelligence, religion, and nationality," remarked Principal Andrew Lagnado.

Additionally, the Home and Careers Club set up a table during lunch periods that gave students the opportunity to "graffiti" something nice on a piece of paper to make someone feel good about themselves.

SENIOR TO SENIOR

Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School continued its yearly tradition of hosting a Senior-to-Senior Dinner in the school cafeteria for local senior citizens and twelfth-grade students. Weeks of preparation by the senior class, including their advisors Kerri Costadura and Cheryl Feldman, as well as assistance from Student Activities Coordinator Toni McIntosh, went into making this an unforgettable event for the more than 300 local senior citizen residents in attendance. The Senior-to-Senior Dinner provides an opportunity for the District and the senior class to thank local senior citizens for their continued support.



During the dinner, the Madrigal Choir treated everyone in attendance to a rousing performance. Under the direction of Gina Occhiogrosso, the students performed selections from their winter concert program and led the guests in a sing-along of seasonal favorites such as "Jingle Bells" and "Let It Snow." Funds for the night, which included dinner and a DJ, were raised through various projects by the Class of 2012, including the ever-popular students versus staff volleyball game.

"Tonight is one of the most important community outreach programs our senior class is involved with," remarked Ms. Costadura. "It allows our seniors to keep a connection with the local senior citizens, as well as provides a great opportunity for our students to take pride in themselves and in their school by acting as hosts."

Walking in a Winter Wonderland

It was a winter wonderland at Great Neck Road Elementary School as physical education teachers William Bennett and Rachel Cone transformed the gymnasium into an oasis of winter-themed activities.

The students increased their heart rates as they skied down the Great Neck Road Mountain utilizing the Nintendo Wii game system and skated around the ice rink with the help of carpet squares. Their brains were put to the test as they were tasked with putting together the polar puzzle and spelling winter-related words at the letter scramble. The toy toss, holiday hockey and holiday bowling worked on the students' hand-eye coordination.

"We do the wonderland each year for the students as a culminating event before the holiday break," stated Mr. Bennett. "We utilize a lot of the skills we teach over the course of the school year and turn them into winter-based theme activities. Most of all, we want to offer something special for the students of this building. We hope that this is a positive experience for them, and that one day they will look back and remember how much fun they had as elementary students."





Music Stars

The Copiague School District proudly announces that a remarkable 27 students were selected as All-County musicians during the 2011-2012 school year. Members of the band, chorus, and orchestra were selected as All-County musicians in recognition of their solo performances for the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) program.

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen:

Chorus

Duvanny Banegas (Alto)
 Shiilon Barrett (Soprano)
 Marcus Beazer (Tenor)
 Tatyana Bellamy-Walker (Alto)
 Corrine Colasanto (Soprano)
 Jade Dickenson (Soprano)
 Stephanie Fischer (Soprano)
 Victoria Grinthal (Alto)
 Kasandra Hanson (Alto)
 Bryan Johnson (Bass)
 Rachel Korba (Soprano)
 Skylah McBean (Alto)
 Peter McKenzie (Baritone)
 Andre Morgan (Baritone)
 Janiece Morgan (Alto)

Vincent Paterno (Baritone)
 David Szabo (Bass)
 Steven Szabo (Baritone)
 Alexandra Urban (Soprano)
 Kristopher Walker (Alto)

Band

DeAnna Duryea (Trumpet)
 Aaron Eng (Trombone)
 Aryes Garrett (Alto Sax)
 Vanessa Gonzalez (Trumpet)
 Belen Morote (Trumpet)
 Skylah McBean (Clarinet)
 Justin Taveras
 (Baritone/Euphonium)
 Sofie Wilson (Bass Clarinet)



Grease Is THE WORD

Grease was the word at Copiague Middle School as Rydell High came to life during the Middle School's fall production of the hit Broadway and movie musical. The students performed four shows of the popular musical following three months of rehearsals, set building, and costume designing. *Grease* is a tale of teenage rebellion, love, and friendship, set in the 1950s.

The musical, which was presented by the Fine and Performing Arts Department, is based on the stage musical created by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey and was directed by Marc Levenson. The production included support from Choreographer Sylvia Walsh, Costumer Jessica Sneider, Scenic Designer Lauren Lefkowitz, and Producer Jennifer E. Pierre-Louis. Additionally, student-interns from the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School assisted behind the scenes.



Festival OF THE FLUTES

Susan E. Wiley Elementary School students Arlene Taveras, Ariana Almonte, Samanta Modeste, Arelee Ramirez, Samantha Sattler, and Katherine Burgos and Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School senior Cassandra Riggio, along with their music teacher, Karen Swenson, attended Adelphi University's Annual Long Island Flute Festival. During the festival, they worked on solo and small ensemble music with students from across Long Island. Additionally, the students had the opportunity to hear performances by professional and collegiate groups.



FALL ALL-STARS

Fall Sport	Name	Award
Boys Soccer	Jeyson Ayala	All-Conference
Boys Soccer	Sergio Pretell	All-League
Field Hockey	Ashley Arquer	All-County Honorable Mention
Field Hockey	Jacqueline Clemens	All-Division
Field Hockey	Samantha Perez	All-Conference
Football	Justin Boone	2nd Team All-Division
Football	Timothy Cunningham	1st Team All-Division
Football	Willie McFadden	2nd Team All-Division
Football	Christopher Smith	2nd Team All-Division
Gymnastics	Dawn Dickson	All-League
Gymnastics	Stephanie Knoble	All-League
Gymnastics	Mimi Swenton	All-League
Girls Tennis	Nicole Alvarez	All-Division
Girls Tennis	Regine Garrett	All-League
Girls Tennis	Katie Molina	All-League
Girls Tennis	Janiece Morgan	All-Division
Girls Volleyball	Alison Nahrevar	All-League, All-Conference All-County Academic, Suffolk Top 50
Girls Volleyball	Nicole Vogt	All-League, All-County Academic, Suffolk Top 50
Boys Cross Country	DJ Brown	2nd Team All-League
Boys Cross Country	Wesley Merriwether	All-League 1st Team, All-Division
Boys Cross Country	Juan Taveras	All-League 1st Team, All-Division
Girls Soccer	Jacqueline Kagiwada	All-League, All-Conference
Girls Soccer	Wendy Reyes	All-League



Pictured left to right: Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School physical education teachers Antoinette Spencer and Patricia Stein, Suffolk Zone recipients Jessica Murphy and Gregory Lane, and Director of Physical Education and Athletics Peter Cesare.

ZONED FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

On December 7, two Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School seniors were presented with the New York State Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Suffolk Zone Award. Jessica Murphy and Gregory Lane were awarded certificates and gold medals recognizing their outstanding achievement as physical education students, scholars, and citizens. The ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency Wind Watch in Hauppauge.

"Dedication, hard work and determination are all qualities that make up the type of person Jessica Murphy is," stated Director of Physical Education and Athletics Peter Cesare. "She is always enthusiastic about anything she does, which carries out and influences others to have a positive outlook." Jessica plans to study law in college.

Gregory Lane has been an ambitious and accomplished student-athlete for all four years of high school. "Because of his competitive spirit, he never settles for less than the best," remarked Mr. Cesare. Greg is looking forward to earning a degree in mechanical engineering technology after graduation.

These Eagles Are Golden

The Copiague School District takes great pride in its students and all of their achievements in the classroom and on the playing field. To award its athletically and academically inclined students, the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School created the Golden Eagle Award. At the conclusion of every athletic season, the top scholar-athlete on each sports team given for the quarter is awarded the Golden Eagle Award.



Congratulations to the winners of the prestigious Golden Eagle Award for the Fall 2011 athletic season. Pictured left to right: Robert Vogt (football), Director of Physical Education and Athletics Peter Cesare, Christina Pedersen (cheerleading), Josh Outsen (boys soccer), Lizbelle Taveras (volleyball), Jessica Murphy (girls soccer), Melanie Barreiro (gymnastics), Chris Maldonado (cross country), Diane Lam (field hockey), Janiece Morgan (tennis), and High School Principal Jeanette Altruda.

Copiague Honors Fall Athletes

Continuing its thrice-yearly tradition of honoring its student-athletes, the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School held its annual Varsity Sports Awards Dinner. The Booster Club-sponsored event celebrated the fall sports season by taking a night to recognize the school's gymnastics, cross-country, boys and girls soccer, field hockey, girls tennis, volleyball, and football teams.



Continuing a time-honored tradition, six special memorial awards were handed to outstanding athletes for demonstrating leadership on and off the field. This year Daniela Rendon (Girls Soccer) was awarded the Michael S. Cohen Award, Matessa Turner (Gymnastics) was the recipient of the Dolores Sandefur Award, Michael Benson (Boys Soccer) was presented with the Anthony Lombardo Award, Jacqueline Clemens (Field Hockey) received the Barbara Day Award, Alison Nahrevar (Volleyball) received the Deborah Tekosky Award, and Desmond Guidroz (cross country) was the recipient of the second annual Christopher Urban Award.

Honored for SPORTSMANSHIP

The Copiague School District is pleased to announce that four teams have been commended by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) for having best exemplified the spirit of sportsmanship during the fall 2011 sports season. The promotion of good sportsmanship is one of the major goals of NYSPHSAA, which recognizes schools annually for their commitment to building exemplary sportsmanship programs. A Sportsmanship Committee established by NYSPHSAA selects teams for this prestigious distinction.

Teams:
JV Girls Volleyball
Varsity Football
Varsity Boys Soccer
Varsity Field Hockey



THE COLLEGE Connection

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To cap off the event, the High School hosted a college fair with over 40 esteemed colleges and universities in attendance. "We also had a community service fair," noted Dr. Klein. "We really want to show how important it is for students to give back to their community and to volunteer. It looks great on a college resume, and scholarships are always looking for students who give back to their community. We had 22 not-for-profit organizations from around Suffolk County come and take down the names of some of our students, ages 13 and older, who can do some volunteer work on weekends or after school hours."

Lastly, 12 organizations came to the High School in the evening hours for a Financial Fitness Fair, to help parents learn about saving for and financing college, as well as ways to access scholarship monies that may be available.



Dates to REMEMBER

February 13

Budget Work Session/Long-Range Planning
First Draft (3-part format) of Proposed
Expenditure Budget to Board of Education
@ Copiague Middle School West Cafeteria
7:30 pm

February 20-24

Winter Recess
Schools Closed

March 7

Budget Work Session/Long-Range Planning
@ Copiague Middle School West Cafeteria
7:30 pm

March 19

Budget Work Session/Long-Range Planning
@ Copiague Middle School West Cafeteria
7:30 pm

March 29-31

High School Musical
7:00 pm

April 2

Budget Work Session/Long-Range Planning
@ Copiague Middle School West Cafeteria
7:30 pm

April 9-13

Spring Recess
Schools Closed

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the Copiague Union Free School District will be held at the District Administrative Office located in the Middle School on Great Neck Road from FEBRUARY 6-10, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Children who have turned age five on or before December 1, 2012, are eligible to attend school in September 2012. Registration requirements include proof of the child's age, residence within the boundaries of the Copiague School District, and immunizations against polio, measles, rubella (German measles), mumps, diphtheria and hepatitis B. Additional information on immunizations should be requested from your child's

physician. A law recently enacted in 2008 expands a physical to include a Dental Health Screening.

For registration information, call (631) 842-4015 ext. 538. Those who do not plan to register their children at this time should also call school officials to assist in the district's planning.

EN ESPAÑOL

Niños que cumplen 5 años de edad antes del primero de diciembre de 2012 deben matricularse para kindergarten en la oficina administrativa central localizada en el 2650 Great Neck Road en Copiague comenzando el 6-10 de febrero, 2012 por favor de llamar al (631) 842-4015 x538 para hacer una cita.

Emergency School Closings

In the event that it becomes necessary to close the schools because of inclement weather or an emergency situation, a districtwide automated telephone call will be made to all parents and staff. In addition, the following radio and television stations and website will broadcast the closing of our schools.

WHLI - 1100 AM	WCBS - 880 AM	WBAB - 102.3 FM
WALK - 97.5 FM	WALK - 1370 AM	WKJY - 98.3 FM
WBZO - 103.1 FM	WBLI - 106.1 FM	WMJC - 94.3 FM
News 12 Long Island	Website: www.copiague.k12.ny.us	

Transportation Reminder

All requests for transportation to private and parochial schools must be made in writing on or before April 1st of the previous school year. Required information includes the student's name, grade, address, telephone number, date of birth, and the name and address of the private or parochial school for which transportation is requested.

Requests should be submitted to Copiague Public Schools, c/o Transportation Office, 2650 Great Neck Road, Copiague, New York 11726.

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