



Inside Our Community

Community News – March 2024

Commack Road Elementary PTA: The Commack Road Elementary School PTA will hold its annual “Blue Jeans Ball” event from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 4th. This year’s Blue Jeans Ball will be a hometown fundraising event held at Harp & Hound (528 Main Street, Islip) and will once again include the ever-popular Raffle Basket Fundraiser! Not only does the Blue Jeans Ball raise funds for cultural arts, technology, and student activities, but it also serves as a community-building event, bringing people from throughout Islip for an evening of fun!

You may purchase tickets to the Blue Jeans Ball for \$60 (\$65 at the door) here: <https://bjb-hometown-edition-2024.cheddarup.com/>. Additionally, CRES PTA appreciates donations of any type for use as door prizes and/or raffles. All donations will be marked with the donor’s name at the event, and donors will also be recognized on the PTA’s Facebook page.

For those looking to provide additional support for the event, several levels of sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact Victoria Hulsen at 516-807-4898 for more information on how you can help!

Islip Chamber of Commerce: The Islip Chamber of Commerce will hold the 24th Annual Main Street Festival on Sunday, May 5, 2024. This event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., rain or shine. Space and sponsorships are available through April 30th. Contact President@islipchamberofcommerce.org for more information.

Residents and businesses are also encouraged to join the Chamber’s Islip Beautification Society, as they are actively seeking new committee members and volunteers to beautify Islip’s downtown, Main Street, and surrounding areas. You may contact this group at islipbeautificationsociety@gmail.com.

Islip Post Prom: Building has begun for this year's Post Prom. The Islip Post Prom Committee has been hard at work creating materials in keeping with the senior class's selected theme, "Casino." While this is the same theme as last year's event, the committee is committed to make the event unique for the Class of 2024.

If you would like to help out or would like more information, please email the Post Prom Committee at islihspostprom@gmail.com.

Islip SEPTA: Islip's Special Education Parent-Teacher Association (SEPTA) hosted the annual Sweetheart Dance on February 2nd, which was a great success! Students in grades K-5 and their families enjoyed a fantastic night of games, dancing, raffles, and more, with the theme "Donut" Go Breaking My Heart. SEPTA thanks the community, local businesses, volunteers, Board of Education members, administration, custodians, and security for their support of this fundraising event.

Fundraising continued in February in conjunction with John's Crazy Socks, which offered families the opportunity to purchase fun socks ahead of Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st.

Looking ahead, SEPTA's workshop with children's author and autism parent Amy McCoy has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 26th. Titled "What About Me? Understanding the Unique Needs of Super Siblings," this workshop will focus on neurotypical children with special needs siblings. To learn more about Ms. McCoy, visit her website, <http://www.littlebigsisterbook.com>. SEPTA will also host a Family Engagement Night, where special needs families can learn more about organizations and services available to them, at Sherwood Elementary School on Friday, April 12th. For more information about any upcoming events and activities, please email IslipSEPTA@gmail.com.

Wing Elementary PTA: Wing students are currently being challenged to read 20 minutes each day as part of the school's Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) celebration. Literacy Night will be held at the school on Wednesday, March 13th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Each student also had the opportunity to shop for books at last week's Spring Book Fair. On the fundraising front, orders are now being collected for the Miss Chocolate Pie sale, with pick up on Monday, March 25th at Wing.

Looking ahead to May, the Wing PTA will celebrate the school's wonderful teachers and staff during the first week of the month. Students will also attend a PTA-sponsored assembly by Nature Nick, and Wing families are invited to participate in the PTA's Family Fun Night on May 17th. Parents should be on the lookout for more information on these events and other end of the year activities.