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SCHOOLS

Masiel Gomez leads her dual language class in a song that teaches the days of the week in Spanish.



These pre-K students at Meadow Drive are participating in a Money Run during gym class to reinforce their counting and money skills.



During center time in pre-K at Hampton, students reinforce functional skills through creative play. Here at the sand table center, students have to sift through the "sand" to uncover the alphabet.

Mineola Union Free School District 121 Jackson Avenue Mineola, New York 11501



Since opening Long Island's first full-day pre-K program for all of our 4-year-olds in 2019-2020, Mineola has continued to expand and improve the program.

New this year, Mineola has become one of the only school districts on Long Island to offer full-day pre-K to all residents with an option for dual language. For the approximately 40 students who opted in to the dual language class, the program includes half the day taught in English and half the day taught in Spanish.

The two dual language classes are housed at the Harbor Program at the Willis Avenue School and prepares students to continue into the dual language classes offered in the district from kindergarten through high school.

The district continues to offer comprehensive full-day pre-K for all 4-year-old residents at Willis Avenue, Hampton Street and Meadow Drive schools. The curriculum throughout all three buildings is based on experiential learning, or learning through play. It features a creative curriculum with thematic

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PAID <u>Mineola U.F.S.D</u>. units such as community and self-understanding For a period of time each day, pre-K students rotate through centers that are established to reinforce functional skills through creative play. This includes honing in on fine motor skills, coloring, block building, matching games, sensory bins and sand tables.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for our parents to have full-day pre-K," said Matthew Gaven, deputy superintendent. "Our learners are excited to engage each day. There are so many benefits to pre-K for students, as they absorb everything and develop better language, math and literacy skills just from this one extra year in the classroom. And now that we have added the option for dual language, it is truly amazing to see how rapidly our 4-year-olds are learning another language. But most of all, we want to see our youngest learners having fun every day."

There are approximately 175 students taking advantage of the district's full-day, pre-K program.

"I like the number som Spanish the -Ailish, dual lat *"I like teaching my family the cookie monster song with letters."* - Zachary, dual language pre-K











MS Gym Balcony Demolition

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to budgeting as per our five-year plan and the continued support of our community, the district has been able to complete a number of improvements to our buildings without the need for a bond or attempting to pierce our tax levy cap. These upgrades create not only safer spaces, but provide a plethora of opportunities for our students.

HIGH SCHOOL

- New bathrooms and locker rooms.
- Enlarged coach's office.
- Cafeteria hallway bathrooms.
- FabLab Conversion of storage room to welding classroom; venting for spray booth, welding machines and plasma cutter; and new electrical panel for welding machines.
- Replace fence behind baseball dugout.
- Replace storm damaged classroom wing
- Roof

JACKSON AVENUE

- Four new bathrooms.
- Cafeteria and kitchen addition.
- Site work completed: new parking lot drainage, retaining walls, sidewalks; move on-street parking on Saville inside of property.
- Outdoor science classroom added with pond.
- Painting, floors and ceilings in select spaces.
- Interior door replacement.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Replacement of wall and floor mats in small wrestling room.
- Gym balcony demolition completed.

- Locker room renovations in process.
- Auditorium ceiling repair.
- Installation of discus and shotput ring.
- Finalizing door replacement project.
- Painting, floors and ceilings in select spaces, plus installation of window screens.

MEADOW DRIVE

- Corridor bathroom renovation.
- Playground upgrades additional surfacing and benches; spin-with-me installation.
- Site work including sidewalk and fencing replacement.
- Painting, floors and ceilings in select spaces.

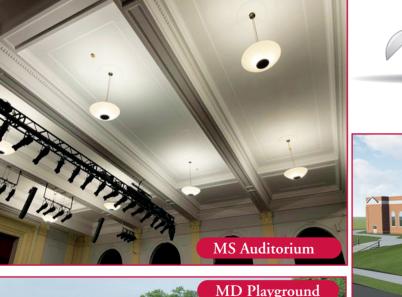
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS WORK

- Hampton Field press box wiring for livestream.
- Hampton upgrading hot water loop for new kitchen.
- Swing removal at Cross Street.
- Coming Soon...
- o BMS controls at Hampton, Jackson and Meadow.
- o Unit ventilator upgrades at high school.





Jackson Avenue Rendering of Additions





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