



Soaring

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Soaring to Begin New Journeys



As the Rocky Point High School Class of 2014 prepared to embark on their next journey, they gathered together one final time to celebrate their collective achievements. As the sound of “Pomp and Circumstance” resounded in the high school stadium, this year’s 246-member class took a step toward their future during their graduation ceremony.

After seniors Elizabeth Healy, Rachel Parker, Eric Shell and Connor Sick led the audience in “The Star-Spangled Banner,” several esteemed speakers addressed the attendees. Exhortation speaker Troy Richards spoke about the lessons the class has learned throughout their time in the district and how they were well prepared for whatever life has in store. Salutatorian Evan Komorowski

spoke about his passion for science and how, just like the tiny objects that make up the universe, the class has limitless opportunities to make meaningful changes to impact the world, no matter how small. Valedictorian Olivia Elber encouraged her peers to thank those who helped them through their journey, to learn from their life experiences and always remain true to themselves.

After recalling several of the class’ accolades, Principal John DeBenedetto said, “As significant and far-reaching as your accomplishments have been, you have proved that life is not a destination; it’s a journey and your high school careers have demonstrated that there are no boundaries for you.” Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael F. Ring wove several senior’s

yearbook quotes into his address as he reminded the class that no dream is too big, that their drive to succeed will guide them to overcome challenges along the way, and while one can learn from the past, it is important to focus on the future and follow their dreams.

Members of each academic department and several organizations presented the seniors with academic awards and scholarships. Then, one by one, members of the Class of 2014 walked across the stage to be recognized and receive their diplomas. At the conclusion of the official certification of the Class of 2014, caps were ceremoniously tossed into the air, symbolizing the conclusion of one journey and the commencement of another.



A Message from Your Superintendent

DR. MICHAEL F. RING

I hope this edition of Soaring finds you well and that you are enjoying the warm and wonderful days of summer. As our district prepares for the opening of school in September, I find myself, as I often do, taking this time to reflect on the outstanding achievements our students and staff attained during the last school year – honors and distinctions that truly embody our district’s mission and purpose.

In Rocky Point, our community is fortunate to have a well-versed staff who work in tandem with a talented group of learners to excel beyond all expectations. In this edition of Soaring, you will see many examples of these great achievements, which make me so proud every day and which I am confident will bring you joy as you read about them.

It is both our commitment to academic excellence and the successes realized by the whole child that create a resonating feeling of pride in our district. During last month’s moving up and commencement exercises, I was

reminded of the myriad accomplishments attained by so many of our students. Hundreds of students received special recognition and awards for extraordinary achievement in school, citizenship and volunteerism. After each of the ceremonies, I had the pleasure to speak with parents, and so many shared with me their gratitude for the positive influence our teachers and staff members have had in the lives of their children. Even with the ceremonies behind us, I continue to receive numerous letters and emails commending our exceptional professionals for all they do for our students.

From academic initiatives to facilities improvements, we are once again working diligently this summer to ready ourselves for the new school year. Many of our educators are in the midst of preparing new and exciting curricula to inspire our young scholars to even greater levels of inquiry and inspiration. As part of the security initiative I detailed earlier this year, our schools’ entrances are being updated to include a new visitor management system and arrival vestibules. And, as always, our dedicated buildings and grounds staff is working tirelessly to refresh our buildings in preparation for the start of school for students on Sept. 3.

So, while we get everything ready for a new and exciting school year, I wish all in our community a long and enjoyable summer!

Best Wishes

The district extends its best wishes to the following staff members in their retirement. These individuals have dedicated a combined 159 years of service to Rocky Point students and educational community and will be greatly missed.

David Comando

JAE special education teacher, 32 years of service

Kenneth Krapf

JAE elementary education teacher, 28 years of service

Jill Marolla

District office administrative assistant, 14 years of service

Camille Milleisen

JAE elementary education teacher, 20 years of service

Bernard Smigielski

Districtwide groundskeeper, 8 years of service

Mary Vuolo

FJC elementary education teacher, 29 years of service

Patricia Williamson

Special education office principal stenographer, 28 years of service

Honoring Dedication & Professionalism

After exhibiting strong leadership skills and having met the high standards put before them, the Board of Education granted tenure to three professionals this spring. These individuals were

honored and praised during the late May meeting. The district congratulates the following newly tenured professionals:

Melinda Brooks – Instructional Coordinator, Pre-K-12 Social Studies, Business Education and LOTE

Virginia Kelly-Gibbons – Principal, Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School

Daniel Spallina – Physical Education Teacher, Rocky Point High School



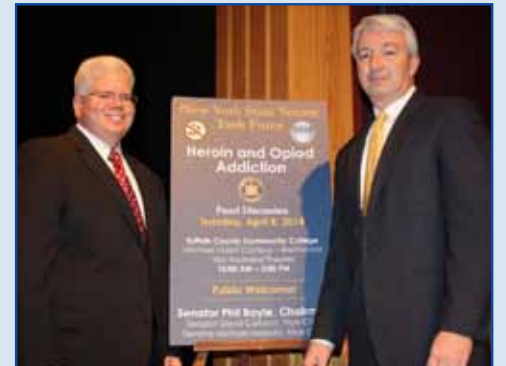
Assistant Superintendent Dr. Deborah De Luca (left) and Superintendent Dr. Michael F. Ring (right) congratulate newly tenured staff members Melinda Brooks, Daniel Spallina and Virginia Kelly-Gibbons.

Joining Forces Statewide

In recognition of the district’s ongoing efforts to increase community awareness of substance abuse, collaborate with support organizations and thwart dangerous behaviors in students, Rocky Point Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael F. Ring was selected by Sen. Phil Boyle to participate in one of New York State’s Heroin Task Force forums.

During the forum, which centered on three main points – prevention, treatment and criminal penalties for those engaging in such behaviors – Dr. Ring represented the region’s educational community and spoke about the topic’s connection to education. Other state legislators and experts in the fields of law enforcement, treatment, recovery and prevention, civic groups, medicine and pharmaceuticals, parents, and those challenged with personal addiction recovery were also present.

Additionally, in recognition of the district’s continuing proactive efforts to mitigate teen substance use and abuse, Rocky Point was selected by Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone to pilot a countywide drug awareness program earlier this year. As part of this initiative, members of the school district and community collaborated with the county executive’s office to create a public service announcement aimed at increasing awareness of this growing epidemic. The PSA, which runs approximately three to four minutes in length, can be seen on the district’s website and Facebook page.



Dedicated to Service

After six years of service, the district bid a fond farewell to exiting Board of Education President Michael Nofi and Vice President Diane Burke. During its late June meeting, the district presented each member with a token of appreciation, thanking them for their years of service and dedication to the students and Rocky Point community.

During its annual reorganization meeting in July, the district welcomed two new trustees to the Board of Education. Melissa Brown and Sean P. Callahan were sworn in and began serving their three-year terms of office, while Susan Sullivan and Scott Reh were elected as president and vice president.



Soaring Graduation Results

The district has maintained a staunch commitment to fiscal oversight of district operations and the development of a multiyear financial plan to address the growing educational needs of students. Over the past four years, it has not only created additional educational opportunities for high-achieving scholars, but has also put support services in place for those in need of academic assistance, all while holding the line on expenses to fiscally responsible levels.

As a testament to the success of the support programs in place, the district has achieved a notable increase in its high school graduation rates. The overall rate has risen from 85 percent in 2010 to 92 percent in 2013. There has been an

equally impressive increase in the graduation rate for students with disabilities, from 54 percent in 2010 to 74 percent in 2013.

“We are extremely proud of the gains that have been made over the past several years and are focused on continuing to offer these support initiatives for our students in the future,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael F. Ring. “It is through our multi-tiered approach to instruction – not only assisting those struggling in their senior year but throughout the primary grades – that we ensure we are best servicing today’s scholars and preparing them for a successful future.”

The district’s SHARP (Striving for Higher

Achievement at Rocky Point – grades K-5) and ICARE (Individualized Comprehensive Academic Response for Excellence – grades 6-12) service hundreds of students K-12 and are in place for all 12 months of the calendar year. Students receive academic support and specialized intervention services to better ensure improved outcomes for all students. Additionally, students are eligible for credit recovery and test prep programs. Enhancing SHARP and ICARE, district-hosted READ 180 and System 44 programs are designed for struggling students in grades 4-12 who are reading significantly below grade level. These programs are currently used to bring more than 100 students up to grade level.

Transitioning to High School

Under particularly sunny skies, Rocky Point Middle School eighth-graders took part in a moving up ceremony on the backfield of the campus. Surrounded by parents, teachers and administrators, the students processed into the ceremony amid applause and words of congratulations.

Reflecting on the students’ time in the district, Principal Dr. Scott O’Brien noted that while the ceremony was filled with tradition, it also marked several “firsts” for the students. Having served as their principal in the primary years, he noted, “I remember commending this particular group of students for their outstanding achievements and undeniable sense of character. It was evident then that this was a special group of students destined for greatness. As a class, your affinity for greatness continued...you are well prepared and we wish you success in high school and beyond.”

During the ceremony, students were presented with departmental awards and the first-ever Rocky Point PRIDE award, which encompasses the founding traits of the building’s character education program. Each student also received a commemorative moving up certificate and drawstring bag, compliments of the PTA.



Moving Up to New Adventures

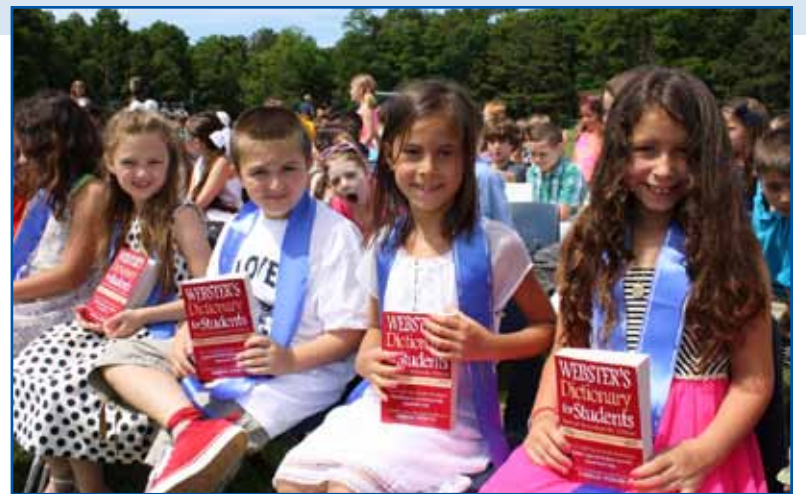
The collective achievements of this year’s fifth-grade class at Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School were celebrated during this year’s moving up ceremony.

After a welcome address from Principal Linda Towlen, the audience enjoyed several musical selections by the school’s award-winning fifth-grade select chorus “High Notes,” who performed under the direction of Craig Knapp. From heartwarming selections of “It’s Our Time” and “Memories” to an inspirational selection called “Onward!” the singers lead the audience on a symbolic walk through their past three years at JAE and assured them they were well prepared for the adventures awaiting them in middle school.

Before the students received their moving up certificates from their classroom



teachers, two special awards were presented. Teacher Mark Yashowitz recognized fifth-grade members of the school’s student council and those honored for academic leadership, while teacher Laurie Varriale helped honor members of the Technology Club.



JAE Bound

Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School second-graders marked their promotion to the intermediate school through song, written reflections and a sash presentation.

“This is a celebration in every sense of the word,” said Principal Virginia Gibbons. “We at FJC have had the pleasure and honor to introduce your children to their first experience as students and watch as they become readers, writers and thinkers and as they matured into the wonderful children before us.”

During the ceremony, students were recognized for their participation in the National Geography Challenge, the second-grade service squad and for being selected as “moving up” authors. Each student was presented with a commemorative moving up sash and a dictionary from the Rocky Point Rotary Club. In closing, the class sang “Leaving on a School Bus” in unison.

OLIVIA ELBER

Olivia Elber, this year's valedictorian, has undertaken the most demanding and balanced program of studies, which included every honors and AP course available to her, all while maintaining a weighted average of 104.90. Olivia's excellent NY State Regents exam grades, her SAT I score of 1400, and her ACT composite score of 32 are all positive indicators of her academic potential. She has been recognized as an AP Scholar and has been named to the principal's honor roll since 2010. She is a member of the school's National Honor Society, New York State Math Honor Society and is an active within the community, volunteering as a peer tutor and mentor for younger students and volunteering at the North Shore Public Library. She will be attending Stony Brook University in the fall.



State Scholarship Award Winners

After 13 years of hard work and dedication to achieving academic success, eight Rocky Point High School seniors were named New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence



winner. This award was bestowed upon the students based on their grades and performance on certain Regents exams.

Annually, the program provides some 8,000 scholarships to eligible New York State high school graduates. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,500 per year for up to five years of undergraduate study in New York State. This year's Rocky Point recipients were: Shannon Abernethy, Ashley Anthony, Philip Buzzanca, Olivia Elber, Anmol Ghavri, Evan Komorowski, Troy Richards and Connor Sick.

EVAN KOMOROWSKI

Evan Komorowski, this year's salutatorian, has taken the most rigorous courses available to him, enrolling in six Advanced Placement courses in his senior year alone. He has maintained a weighted GPA of 104.56 while also engaging in various co-curricular and extracurricular offerings. He has been recognized by American MENSA, served as the president of the National Honor Society and was a member of the New York State Math Honor Society. Evan was named an AP Scholar of Distinction, National Hispanic Scholar and National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist, as well as a National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award winner. He is also an extremely talented musician and thespian, as well as contributing to community service. Evan will be attending Harvard University in the fall to major in chemical and physical biology.



TROY RICHARDS

Troy Richards, this year's exhortation speaker, is a well-rounded scholar who has committed himself academically, athletically and philanthropically. He has maintained a 103.29 weighted GPA while enrolled in the school's most challenging academic offerings, including 18 Advanced Placement and honors courses. He was an AP Scholar with Honors and named to the principal's list throughout high school. Troy is a star varsity athlete – serving as captain of the varsity soccer team and member of the varsity track team. He is also an Eagle Scout, a member of the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and the New York State Math Honor Society. He was a founding member of the school's Robotics Club and a member of the building's math team. Troy will be attending Binghamton University in the fall to major in engineering.



COLLEGE-BOUND Top 10

The Class of 2014 Top 10 students will be attending some of the most prestigious colleges and universities this fall. Below is a listing of where they will continue their journey:

Olivia Elber
Stony Brook University

Evan Komorowski
Harvard University

Troy Richards
Binghamton University

Connor Sick
Fordham University

Elizabeth Healy
Hunter College

Ashley Anthony
State University of New York at Albany

Thomas Gohn
St. Joseph's College

Julianne Martin
Stony Brook University

Sarah Walsh
Gettysburg College

Philip Buzzanca
Stony Brook University



ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL

2014 Graduates


Stephanie Aanonsen
 Shannon Abernethy
 Cody Abt
 Dennis Ak
 Paul Aliperti
 Antonia Aloizos
 Todd Altan
 Paul Altieri
 Damon Alvarez
 Katherine Amato
 Ashley Anthony
 Megan Armstrong
 Jokubas Balciunas
 Nicholas Balint
 Jade Batal
 Fatmagul Bektas
 Erik Belcastro
 Cole Biondo
 Kyle Blessing
 Ashley Braun
 Kevin Brown
 Liam Bryan
 Philip Buzzanca
 Charles Canepa
 Gregory Carotenuto
 Jacqueline Casey
 Nina Casey
 Alexis Celentano
 Jason Cervello
 Sara Charmack
 William Charmack
 Jacob Clark
 Jasmine Cohen
 Courtney Coleman
 Kevin Coleman
 Peter Costa
 Christina Craig
 William Crews
 Tyler Crowley
 Patrick Dallon
 Allison D'Andrea
 Leigh D'Angelo
 Tyler Danielsen
 William Danisi
 Bailey Darrow
 Dominique DeBernardi
 Margaret DeFrank
 Tristan Delfox
 Rachel DiCandia
 Courtney Digirolomo
 Alyssa Dilger
 Rachel Dwyer
 Zachary Dyer
 Brittany Egenberger
 Olivia Elber
 Ashley Faulhaber
 Eric Fenoy
 Sean Ferguson
 Louis Ferrari
 Jordan Fertig
 Dana Fey
 Gabrielle Firrello

Andre Fischer
 Kelly Fitzpatrick
 Ryan Fleury
 Kelly Florio
 James Forbes
 Joshua Fox
 Michael Franks
 Abigail Frosina
 Connor Gargan
 Brianna Genova
 Kristina Geraci
 Anmol Ghavri
 Kayla Gleason
 Thomas Gohn
 Ashley Goldstein
 Alyssa Golik
 Michelle Gonzalez
 Dylan Goodman
 Josef Gratzler
 Michael Greenberg
 Deanna Greene
 Catherine Gugler-Vogel
 Brianna Hallock
 Jake Hansen
 Charlotte Hatzel
 Elizabeth Healy
 Marlin Heely
 Jillian Heil
 Taylor Heinz
 Nicholas Hellem
 Jenna Hengen
 Nicholas Henninger
 David Henriksen
 Mariah Hepburn
 Giselle Hernandez
 Jonathon Hernandez
 Scott Hill
 Colin Holsinger
 Hali Holtzman
 Ronald Howell
 Cory Hurlock
 Miranda Hyams
 Douglas Iasimone
 Antonio Ivone
 Jesse Jaramillo
 Quinn Johansson
 Amanda Johnson
 Christopher Johnson
 Mark Johnston
 William Judd
 Christopher Jurgens
 Ashley Kaleita
 James Keegan
 Culin Keenan
 Anne Kennedy
 Kristin Kiefer
 Joseph Kienzle
 Jeremy Kimball
 Kayla Kirk
 Eric Klemm
 Evan Komorowski
 Joshua Krase

Christine Kratzel
 Maria Kruzic
 Steven Kucharczyk
 Angelina LaGala
 Jaclyn Lang
 Justin Lattman
 Alexandra Lester
 Caitlin Loeser
 Kristen LoManto
 Steven Lopiccolo
 Megan Loughran
 Danielle Lozito
 Reagan Lynch
 Robert Lysen
 Ryan Macuska
 Matthew Manna
 Michael Margulies
 Andrew Marino
 Kieran Maroney
 Julianne Martin
 Alexa Mastando
 Alison Mayer
 Sommer Mazzarone
 Gerard McCabe
 Robert McCann
 Brian McCauley
 James McCormack
 Amanda McDonald
 Kaitlyn McDonald
 Renee McEvoy
 Brendan McGovern
 Christopher McGreevy
 Brianna McLaughlin
 Madison McManus
 Craig McNabb
 Erin McQuade
 Kaitlyn Meehan
 Miranda Meola
 Julia Merkel
 James Mettrock
 Brianna Micallef
 Lauren Molloy
 Taylor Moon
 Camille Morelli
 Frank Moscatiello
 Mary Murphy
 Max Myslinski
 Kristi Nagengast
 Vincent Napolitano
 Andrew Netusil
 Charles Noto
 Evan Oatis
 Lordiah Obas
 Hiiragi Okamura
 Danielle Ortolani
 Kasey Palmer
 Angela Panettiere
 Rachel Parker
 Jacob Pena
 Cooper Pietramala
 Travis Poulos
 Denae Puccio

Samuel Raleigh (Wente)
 Raymond Reardon
 Justin Reh
 Troy Reh
 Troy Richards
 Kody Riffle
 Jacqueline Riley
 Patrick Rogers
 Christina Romano
 Tiana Rooney
 Michael Rotunno
 Brendan Rowan
 Joseph Russo
 Aisha Sajjad
 Andrew Salamone
 Eric Schell
 Cameron Schmidt
 Addison Schmitt
 Alexis Scida
 Kyle Seda
 Caitlin Shanahan
 Connor Sick
 Stephanie Smelewski
 Derrick Stankiewicz
 Kiersten Stoddard
 Thomas Strazzeri
 Kristina Strong
 Brennan Strovink
 Patrick Sweeney
 Paige Swensen
 Thomas Swenson

Michael Tanzi
 Amanda Tascarella
 Steven Tavolaro
 Colleen Taylor
 Matthew Taylor
 Julia Townsend
 James Triail
 Christopher Tucker
 Darren Urcuiolio
 Jennifer Vankesteren
 Anthony Vassallo
 Bianca Velasquez
 Yensi Vilorio
 Sarah Viola
 Tyler Visintin
 Raeann Voboril
 Cheyenne Voigt
 Sean Vosper
 Sarah Walsh
 Amanda Wells
 Sarah Whitworth
 Laura Wiggs
 Marie Wiggs
 Andrew Wind
 Dana Wolf
 Jessica Wooley
 Michelle Wooley
 Brendan Yilmaz
 Joseph Zabbara



Senior Snapshot

Over the past 13 years, the Class of 2014 has earned numerous awards and commendable accolades. Below are some statistics on this impressive group of graduates:

Post High School Plans:

- 53% of graduates will be attending a four-year college
- 36% of graduates will be attending a two-year college
- 1.5% of graduates will be enrolling in a vocational school
- 1.5% of graduates will be joining the military
- 8% of graduates will enter the workforce

Types of Diplomas Awarded:

- 11% received an Advanced Regents with Honors diploma
- 31% received an Advanced Regents diploma
- 1% received a Regents diploma with Honors
- 48% received a Regents diploma
- 9% received a local or commencement credential diploma



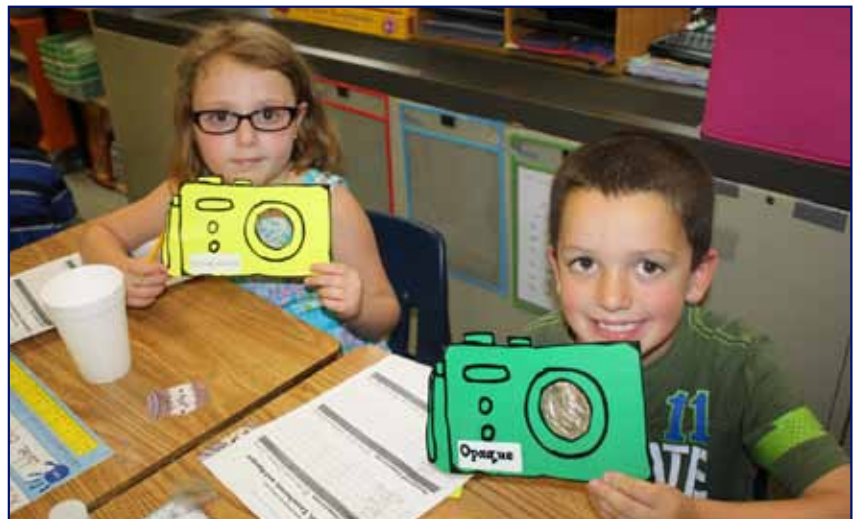
Steps Toward a Cure

Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School students turned their school's hallways into a walking course to participate in this year's Mini Relay for Life. The program, which has become an annual tradition at the building, is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and drew more than 200 participants this year.

On the walls were creative banners fashioned by each of the school's classes – blanketing the rooms with a real sense of hope for the future. Throughout the program, students earned a white and purple bead to place on a necklace to

record every mile walked and had the chance to take part in a variety of raffles on display.

Through generous donations from family and friends, this year's event raised \$8,368.80 for the cause, \$1,390 of which was collected by lead fundraiser Jared Massa.



Top Teacher Award

Rocky Point Middle School educator Elicia Katsapis received the 2014 Science Teachers Association of New York State Middle Level Science Teacher of the Year Award. This award is presented to science teachers who demonstrate that they are not only outstanding educators, but have been involved in endeavors that have provided students and teachers with programs and strategies for the advancement of science, in and out of the classroom. Ms. Katsapis has promoted the enhancement of science education with distinction and has earned the respect of her colleagues.



Elicia Katsapis (center) is pictured here with Middle School Principal Dr. Scott O'Brien and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael F. Ring.

Hands-On Experiences

Frank J. Carasiti Elementary School first- and second-grade students expanded their understanding of a number of complex science topics as part of their participation in the building's afterschool science and gardening clubs.

The science club provided members with enrichment-based learning opportunities and the chance to explore complex science lessons on a deeper, hands-on level. Participating students learned things such as Newton's Law by experimenting with projects they designed and constructed. Additionally, they learned about transparent, translucent and opaque materials by examining different objects through covered lenses.

In the gardening club, the students explored the field of horticulture as they worked to maintain the kindergarten courtyard. They learned about cultivating the soil in six flowerbeds and constructed a sustainable garden filled with various vegetables and flowers.

Learning Locally

Taking advantage of the robust learning opportunities in their own backyard, Rocky Point High School students had the chance to learn about their community's rich history during a visit to a local landmark. Constructed in 1721, the Noah Hallock House Homestead provided the backdrop for a history lesson on the local community for nearly 25 ninth- through 12th-grade students this spring.

During the visit, the students met with members of the Rocky Point Historical Society and viewed the grounds of the Hallock House. They toured the old servant quarters, viewed a historic cemetery and took an up-close look at many historical artifacts – including early communication devices and key farming equipment. As a follow up to their visit, the students were invited to assist the Historical Society in cataloging articles about the location.

The joint community partnership seeks to teach the students about their town's history, as well as business skills in research and organization.



NOTABLE NEWS

Joseph A. Edgar School's fourth- and fifth-grade intermediate chorus and the fifth-grade select chorus, High Notes, participated in this year's NYSSMA Major Organization Evaluation Festival. Each group performed three songs before certified adjudicators, who provided written and oral feedback on each group's performance. The students were evaluated on eight categories, including tone, intonation, balance, technique, accuracy/execution, diction, interpretation and influencing factors.

The intermediate chorus received a "Gold" rating for their level 1 program, and the High Notes received a rating of "Gold with Distinction" on their level 2 program. Gold with Distinction is the highest level of achievement presented at the festival.

"The NYSSMA Major Organization Evaluation Festival is the culmination of the music learning process, as well as the hard work, dedication, commitment, process and progress the students have made throughout the school year," said teacher Craig Knapp. "The students performed extremely difficult music for their age level, and I'm very proud of their accomplishments."



Celebrating Poetry

In recognition of National Poetry Month, Rocky Point Middle School students celebrated the written word during an afterschool poetry slam program. The event, coordinated by school library media specialist Catherine O'Connell, was held in the school's library, which was transformed to look like a posh poetry reader's corner.

During the event, more than 30 students shared original poems and poetry by famous poets and spoke about their interest in each of the pieces. Once their readings were finished, the audience generated positive feedback in the form of snaps.

A National Winning Snapshot



Rocky Point High School student Andrew Wehnke was named a finalist in the 34th annual College and High School Photography contest sponsored by Nikon.

His winning photo was published in the hardcover book, "Best of College and High School Photography 2014."

More than 16,000 photographs from students around the world were entered into this year's competition. Judges for the contest included representatives and educators from top colleges and universities. The contest was organized by Photographer's Forum magazine.



Videos Capture Recognition



Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School fifth-grade technology club members have been learning about and utilizing a variety of high-tech equipment this school year. To showcase the skills they have acquired as part of their involvement with the club, several students entered this year's Super Thoughts video contest sponsored by Next Vista. For the contest, the students worked with club adviser Laurie Varriale to create

90 second or less videos teaching a concept one might encounter in school.

As a result of their submission, "One Way to Make a QR Code," fifth-grader Jacey Ruisi and Ms. Varriale were named finalists in the collaboration category of the international contest. Additionally, students Alexa Flynn and Jadon Hess earned honorable mention for their videos, "How to Make a Paper Snowflake Part 2" and "An Easy Way to Draw a Dog."

SPRING SPORTS WRAP UP

This year's spring varsity sports teams accrued a number of impressive accomplishments during their respective seasons, including five teams advancing to playoff competitions. The district congratulates the following student-athletes on their individual accomplishments and the baseball, girls lacrosse, softball, boys track and girls track teams for their postseason showings.

BASEBALL

Frank Moscatiello – All-County, All-League
 Brian Ricker – All-League
 TJ Strazzeri – Academic All-League
 Brennan Strovink – All-County, All-League, League VI MVP
 Kyle Strovink – All-League
 Joseph Zabbara – All-League

LACROSSE – BOYS

Coach Mike Bowler – Coach of the Year
 Alex Borja – All-County
 Jake Clark – All-Division

Patrick Dallon – All-County

Kyle Gardner – Rookie of the Year
 Christopher Johnson – All-Division
 Brendan McGovern – All-County
 Christopher McGreevy – All-Division
 Justin Reh – All-County, Attackman of the Year, Div. II, All-American
 Troy Reh – All-County, All-American
 Jack Sullivan – All-County

LACROSSE – GIRLS

Ashley Faulhaber – All-County
 Adrianna Greco – All-Division
 Jill LoManto – All-Division
 Kristen LoManto – All-County
 Brittany Rinaldi – All-Division
 Madison Sanchez – All-County

TENNIS

Connor Gargan – All-League
 Kevin Kucharczyk – All-League
 Steven Kucharczyk – All-League, League VIII Player Sportsmanship Award

TRACK – BOYS

Dennis Ak – All-League
 Peter Costa – All-League
 William Danisi – All-League
 Michael Franks – All-League
 Richard Hembury – All-League
 Nicholas Henninger – All-League
 Robert McCann – All-League
 Antonio Ortiz – All-League
 Andrew Salamone – All-League
 JT Vessichio – All-League

TRACK – GIRLS

Devin Abernathy – All-League
 Caitlin Craig – All-League
 Courtney Digirolomo – All-League
 Jaime Maggio – All-League
 Kaitlyn McDonald – All-County
 Alexandra Salamone – All-League
 Brianna Sander – All-League
 Claire Shapiro – All-League

SOFTBALL

Kelly Fitzpatrick – All-League 1st Team
 Annie Kennedy – All-County, League IV Co-Pitcher of the Year
 Alexa Mastando – All-County
 Emily O'Connor – All-League 2nd Team
 Alex Toro – All-League 2nd Team

In the ZONE

As a result of their outstanding leadership in the area of physical education, five district students were honored as Suffolk Zone winners by the NYSAHPERD. These elementary and middle school students were selected by their physical education teachers in recognition of being role models in their classes and exemplifying the standards of the award. The district congratulates:

Ava Glennon – JAE
 Stella Harrison – JAE
 Charles Mantle – MS
 Shannon Maroney – MS
 Donald Woods – JAE



Not pictured are Ava Glennon and Charles Mantle.

Honoring Scholar-Athletes

Rocky Point student-athletes continuously bring pride to the community through their outstanding sportsmanship and unwavering dedication to their academics. This spring, four varsity teams were granted the Scholar-Athlete Team award from the NYSPHSAA as they met the necessary unweighted GPA requirements – 90 percent – and state guidelines. A total of 18 teams qualified for this honor during the 2013-14 school year.

The district congratulates the following spring teams and their coaching staff:

TEAM	GPA	COACH
Girls Track	95.717	John Mattia and Joseph Camarda
Boys Track	94.645	Chris Donadoni and Anthony Marchetta
Girls Lacrosse	92.811	Daniel Spallina and Sara Davis
Boys Tennis	92.296	James Buonconsiglio

District Mission Statement

The mission of the Rocky Point Union Free School District is to develop each child's full potential in a nurturing and supportive student-centered environment that will promote a foundation for lifelong learning.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Michael F. Ring