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#### A REPORT ON OUR SCHOOLS

**SPRING 2019** 



### Goosehill Mural Artist in Residency

If you want to see kids get excited, invite Bren Bataclan to your school for a week to paint a mural together! The kids literally were tripping over each other talking to him, and yes, even flossing and jumping with boundless energy! "This is why I do what I do," shared Bren, who couldn't help but smile at the enthusiasm. "Smiling" in fact, is Bren's mission in life – to pay kindness forward and pass smiles along making people's days brighter. His Smile Boston Project resulted in his leaving works of art for people to find in every state and all over the world,

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#### National Merit Finalist

National Merit Finalist 2019: Senior Sterling Rosado was named as a Finalists for CSH High School. Principal Jim Bolen was honored to present him with this achievement. This distinction places him in a group representing about half of the top 1% of American high school seniors. Rankings are based on students' scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test



(PSAT) given in the fall of their junior year. After qualifying for the semi-finalist round, finalists must meet high academic standards and other requirements to advance. A truly remarkable achievement – congratulations to our scholar! Sterling will be attending Harvard this fall.  $\square$ 

## Administrator of the Year

Valerie Massimo was named Western Suffolk BOCES 2018-19 Administrator of the Year for her



work with the design and use of the Creative Learning Labs as well as the available technology in our district. As principal at Lloyd Harbor elementary school for the past 11

years, Ms. Massimo has been instrumental in leading the charge by creating more student-centered classrooms for enhanced learning. She formed a

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## CSHL Partners for the Future

Science Research Teacher, Mr. Jaak Raudsepp, was very proud to

acknowledge, Joseph Massa, who was chosen to participate in the CSH Laboratory 2019 Partners for the Future Program. This program



was established by James Watson in 1990, and each year the program selects a limited number of juniors to participate who show a strong interest and academic strength in biology,

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Honors . . . Honors .



### Speech & Debate

- Speech and Debate At the National Elimination Tournament at Roslyn High School March 16th, Thomas Tsekerides (freshman) took first place and Dana Drogin (senior) took second place, both in oral interpretation. They were awarded invitations to the NCFL Grand National Tournament in Milwaukee, WI Memorial Day weekend. Both represented CSH at the NYSFL State Tournament at Hofstra University April 6-7.
- Speech and Debate: Congratulations to Andrew Khanin, who won a full qualification for the State Championships in J.V. Lincoln-Douglas Debate on Feb. 9th at Jericho High School. Congratulations to Aaron Stein who qualified for the State Championships in Model Congress at Elims held at Half Hollow Hills East on Feb. 13th. Dr. Michael Andrews, Head Coach; Speech and Debate Team, was extremely proud and looks forward to the State com
- National Speech & Debate **Association Induction Ceremony:** Congratulations to the 26 student recipients honored at the 2019 National Speech & Debate Association Induction Ceremony, held on April 2nd hosted by head coach, Dr. Andrews and assistant coach, Ms. Glynn. Presentations of Award Certificates, and Degrees of Merit, Honor, Excellence and Distinction were given. This prestigious organization dates back 1925; its mission is to promote Speech and Debate as a means to develop a student's essential life skills and values, honoring the traits of integrity, humility, respect, leadership, and service. Congratulations to all!

## National Letters of Intent

Athletic commitments

Congratulations to the following student-athletes who signed their 2018
National Letters of Intent (NLI) in
February, which is a binding agreement between the student and the college. This is quite an honor, and CSHHS had two (2) athletes who earned this recognition: Grace Tauckus (Princeton/Lacrosse) and Aidan
Adomaites (Stonybrook/Football). In addition,



**Matthew Cashin** (Tufts/Tennis) will also be continuing his athletic career at the Division III level. Athletic Director, Michael Bongino, along with all the coaches, congratulated the student-athletes for this achievement and their hard work and dedication. Best of luck to all of these committed college athletes next year!

# CSH Ed Foundation Donation Goosehill STEAM Lab

The Board of Education accepted the very generous donation from *the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation* in the amount of \$29,999 for an indoor/outdoor STEAM Lab at Goosehill Primary School. Board



President, Ingrid Wright, shared, "This donation will be used to purchase equipment that will provide our students with hands-on experiences as they learn about weather patterns, forces of physics, and challenge them to be creative thinkers as it relates to science, technology, engineering, and math. I thank the Foundation for their continued support and look forward to seeing the impact that this grant will have on our students in the coming months. Thank you to Mrs. Belfi and Mrs. Koenigsberger, Ms. Herschlein and her staff, as well as our Board of Education liaison Mr. McAteer, and our Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Simon."

- LISFA Honors: West Side Rachel Louie (violin) and Catherine Ziegler (violin) represented West Side School at the Long Island String Festival Association (LISFA) rehearsals and performance at Uniondale High School.
- LISFA Honors Lloyd Harbor Michael ReyMartin (string bass) and Elizabeth Zahn (cello) represented Lloyd Harbor School at the Long Island String Festival Association (LISFA) rehearsals and performance at Uniondale High School.
- FLES Honors: In celebration of World Language Month, the fourthgrade FLES students created beautiful posters. This year, the AATSP

(American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese) selected the theme "¡Juntos más fuertes: el español y el portugués!" Together Stronger: Spanish and Portuguese! The Regional Representative for Lloyd Harbor in 1st place: Isabella Garra; 2nd place: Prem Gandhi; 3rd place: **Anna Fiordalisi**, and Honorable Mention: Svlvana Guariglia & Christina Calvo. West Side honors went to: 1st place: Sophia Marino, 2nd place: Lucas Pultz, 3rd place: Sophia Florez, and Honorable Mention: Juliette Barry & Adrianna Mouzouris. Congratulations to all!

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#### Science Honors

 Advanced Science Research Program: On March 15, seven students from the Advanced Science Research Program attended the session on Cellular Dynamics, Interactions and Communication at the "Systems Immunology" meeting at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. In addition to listening to seven talks by scientists from the United States, France, Germany and Israel, the students had lunch and discussions with two of the meeting organizers, Dr. Kathryn Miller-Jensen from Yale University and Dr. Harinder Singh from the University of Pittsburgh. Both scientists engaged the students in substantive discussions and encouraged the students to continue their research projects back at the high school.



 Long Island Science and Engineering Fair JV Level: On March 14, ten students from both the Advanced Science Research and Independent Research programs presented their research at the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair, JV level. In addition, the students were excited to have Superintendent of schools, Mr. Robert Fenter, and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Kurt Simon, visit and chat with them. The student presenters were: Isabel Adelhardt, Gabriella Harrison, Emma Bauer, Ryan Steele, Andrew Khanin, Joseph Amadeo, Sarah Lynch, Erin Gallagher, Sibelle O'Donnell, and Paige Vegna.





#### Character Recognition Awards

**Jr./Sr. High School**: Recognizing good character in students is something to be celebrated. Principal, Dr. Jim Bolen, shared, "I absolutely love this award ceremony which focuses on core values. This is the best thing I get to do as principal, to recognize students going above and beyond, all of whom underestimate the influences and impact they have on others." Parents and family members are invited to hear faculty share heartfelt stories about each student who best exemplify specific attributes selected for that quarter of the school year. The goal is to help promote a positive school environment essential to the healthy development of young adults, and to recognize role models. This quarter 33 students (our largest group ever!) were recognized for the attribute of empathy. Dr. Bolen shared, "Empathy is about listening, and validating feelings, and often this is a lost skill." Many teachers shared the power of witnessing a situation, the kindness that was spread, and how proud they were. Ms Sihksnel shared a Theodore Roosevelt quote, which states, "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care."

Congratulations to all!  $\square$ 

- The Long Island Science and Engineering Fair was held on Feb 8th at the Crest Hollow in Woodbury where five CSH Research students presented their projects. This year students from 79 public and private schools in Nassau and Suffolk counties participated and were judged by professors, scientists, doctors, and engineers. Students presented on a variety of topics. Presentations included: Caroline Ambriano (research at NYU) - Crystallization of DNA Nanostructure using the PX Motif, Christine Chau (research at CSH HS) - The Effect of Small Molecule IQ1 on the Regenerative Process of Planaria, Joseph Massa (research at CSHL) - Data Management for Large-Scale Neural Recordings and Analysis, Sophia Rivadeneira (research at CSHL) -Neurofibromatosis Type 2 and
- Potential Treatment using CRISPR Technology and pGEX2T Merlin 1-332 Plasmid, And Claire Weis (research at CSH HS) The Effect of Rifampin on Treponema primitia and Termite Health.
- Molly McHale qualified for the NY State Geography Bee in Albany to compete for the National Bee qualifications. The New York State Bee

consists of the top 100 scoring students in the qualifying test. This is the third year in a row Molly has qualified, congratulations!





"Literary Luncheon." Funds raised support the Cultural Arts Programs brought in

for the school. This year, the PTG was pleased to welcome, Lisa Wingate, who spoke about her book, Before We Were Yours on April 10th at the Huntington Country Club. Her New York Times Bestseller was based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals, in which Georgia Tann, Director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country. The book focuses on one family in Memphis, in 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shanty boat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, strangers arrive in force and wrench Rill and her siblings from all that is familiar and they are thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage and a world of danger and uncertainty. Lisa Wingate's riveting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong. Thank you, Ms. Wingate, for telling this story and also sharing your guidance in classroom workshops prior to the luncheon with English students in Ms. Henry and Ms. Glynn's classrooms. (This book was also selected for the high school book club.) Thank you to this year's Literary Luncheon committee, and long-time chairpersons, Claire Costa and Monica Stingi, for yet another an amazing and inspiring afternoon.

(The Cultural Arts Committee exists because of the support of parents and the District Administration. They are committed to and recognize that exposure to the Arts is a fundamental component to the educational process. The committee of volunteer parents works with principals and teachers to provide a broad spectrum of quality program opportunities within the daily curriculum. These programs encourage and strengthen each student's ability to think critically and creatively.)

#### West Side Principal

The Board of Education and Superintendent, were very pleased to welcome back from retirement, former Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, Dr. Lydia Bellino, as the Interim Principal to West Side School, following the mid-year leave of Michael Loughren. Dr. Bellino expressed how honored she is to be at West Side with such a dedicated staff, incredible students, and supportive parents. She shared, "I continue to enjoy and give my full support to the entire West Side School community."





#### Don't Press Send

The old adage "think before you speak" has become dangerous and problematic in the digital age. Online Behavior Expert, Katie Schumacher, delivered a powerful message to CSH



parents on how to have a mindful approach, along with kind and careful communication on social media. She is the author and founder of the Don't Press Send Campaign. During her presentation on

March 27, she helped parents learn guidelines and strategies to help their children navigate their cyber community. She shared an alarming statistic, that suicide had increased 200% in children ages 10-14. The anxiety and stress of feelings of "exclusion" from devices has taken its toll on the cost of our children's self-esteem. When you speak from behind a screen, you don't see the hurt on the other side. The written word is extremely powerful, and we might not press send if we asked ourselves the question, "How would this text/post make me feel?"

Devices cause a lot of distraction, and they can make us highly anxious. Like everything in life, we need to find a balance, and we need to disconnect from our devices sometimes. Ms. Schumacher encouraged us to put our phones "down" and look "up" at the world around us. Make a cell phone basket, where all devices go at dinner time or family time. This applies to children and adults, after all, what are we modeling? Thank you to FOCUS (Families Of the Community United with Schools), for bringing this opportunity to CSH on March 27th. If we could all learn to "hit the pause button" on our texts, emails, and social media posts, and carefully review our messages, it just might change the world one text at a time.  $\square$ 

## LOCKS OF LOVE

Thank you to Abby Packert and Ellie Fox for being extremely brave, and cutting their hair for donation to such a worthy cause! Once again, Leslie's Hair Salon in Huntington opened their doors and their hearts for complimentary haircuts and pony-tail's to be cut! Locks of Love club advisor, Senora Kathleen Fristensky, was

there to support the girls for their generous act of kindness. These pony tails are used to make wigs, which are provided free of charge, for young girls who suffer from conditions that cause hair loss, including alopecia, burn trauma, and cancer treatment. Thank you for being role models and helping others!





### Giving Back

Free Cone Day is a yearly day of charity. Ben and Jerry's is a leader in giving back to the community. Teachers, administrators, and board members from many different districts have scooped for this wonderful event over the years. The proceeds from this day (April 9th event) went to the local charity Tri-CYA. Kudos to our staff for volunteering every year to help raise money for such a great cause!



#### **Smart Decisions**

Each year, students from SWWATAV (Student Waging War Against Tobacco and Vaping) visit the elementary schools, with Club Advisor, Mr. Chris Homer. This year, they were also joined by SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) members, and together, they engaged student-to-student peer discussion on the benefits of a drug-free life. Topics included the dangers of vaping, drinking, smoking, and prescription drugs, as well as, the importance and understanding of good decision-making skills and refusal skills. These incoming 7th graders from West Side and Lloyd Harbor were invited to join the club next year. Thank you, Mr. Homer and students, for bringing your knowledge and skill-sets to our younger students.  $\square$ 





#### STEAM Fair

West Side: The excitement was so contagious at the West Side STEAM Fair, that younger students kept peeking into the gym asking if and when their class would get to visit? Dr. Bellino shared, "The authentic studentdesigned projects offered students the opportunity to engage in designing their own investigations, asking questions, exploring possible solutions, experimenting, and discovering. The integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Makerspace transforms how learning happens. This pursuit of innovation and creativity brought their ideas to life for the STEAM Fair that truly was a celebration of teaching and learning." Congratulations to all our fifth-grade entrepreneurs! A special thank you to Ms. Gerver, Ms. Fraiberg, Mr. Powers, Ms. Balzano and Mr. Burke for making it all possible.  $\square$ 

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## Holocaust survivor

CSH students in grades 8,10 and 11, were very fortunate to hear the wisdom and experiences of Holocaust survivor, Mr. Werner Reich; age 91. He humbly shared that, "I did what any decent person would have done." He spoke of the four groups in an oppression: the victims, the bullies, the good people who did something, and the bystanders. He asked the students, "Don't be a silent friend." Dr. Bolen shared, "Mr. Reich's personal story is one of incredible strength, hope and faith in the power of the good in humanity, triumphing over evil. He connected the atrocities he experienced as a concentration camp survivor, and how they are relevant to student stresses, injustices and cruelty, urging all to stand up to these injustices against others. I was truly touched by his bravery and positive disposition all these years later." Thank you to the PTG Cultural Arts Committee for bringing Mr. Reich in as a guest speaker on Feb. 26th. Erin Gallagher (grade 10) had the privilege of interviewing Mr. Reich for the school newspaper, she shared, "Interviewing Mr. Reich was an incredible experience. His optimistic outlook on life despite all that he has been through was truly inspiring. I am honored to have been given the opportunity to meet and speak with this remarkable man."



## Newsies The Musical

The Junior High cast and crew took to the NYC streets, with the production of Newsies! The show was inspired by the real-life Newsboys Strike of 1899 in New York City, about a rebellious newsboy, Jack Kelly, who takes on the giant publishing house of Joseph Pulitzer. The ensemble sang and tap danced their way on stage, entertaining all who came, with a little Brooklyn twang to boot. Once again, Director, Jessica Raniere outdid herself with these up and coming stars. Thank you to Marc Beja (Vocal Director), Laura Cirino (set design), Jessie Moran (Pit Band Director), Danielle Beach (Business Director). Yuri and JT for tech and lighting, and the continued support of the Arts Booster Club, Bravo!

## Google Expeditions Field trips across the Globe

Can you imagine a Criminal Law Class traveling to a virtual crime scene and crime lab? After learning about *Albert IO* from Anthony Pesca, and *Virtual Reality* from Danielle Beach, during a Professional Development day, Social Studies teacher, Dr. Andrews, was able to implement these new tech-tools into some of his classes. With

the help of the tech team and Ms. Christine Reilly in the computer lab, they were able to use these *Virtual Headsets where* students can now take field trips across the globe without ever leaving the classroom! *Google Expeditions* is an immersive education app that allows teachers and students to explore the world through over 900 virtual-reality (VR) and 100 augmented-reality (AR) tours. You can swim with sharks, visit outer space, turn the classroom into a museum, explore the human body, the possibilities are endless! It is

truly a mind-blowing way to engage student participation with this visual learning tool. The reactions were priceless in Ms. Rivadeneyra's FLES trip "Welcome to Paris!" Heads twirled, arms flailed, and shouts of amazement hailed "I'm inside the Louvre!" What an exciting way to learn!



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"Welcome to Paris!"
"I'm inside the Louvre!"

#### LLOYD HARBOR



#### Come Read All About It

Come read all about it! Ms. Craco's 2nd graders loved sharing "what they know a lot about." They shared booklets filled with drawings and pages on topics that ranged from figure skating, gymnastics, bikes, hockey, lizards, art, and yup – even "my brother!" Precious...



### Woman in History

In observance of Women's History Month, third graders in the Library Media Center celebrated women in STEAM. Library Media Specialist, Ms. Cuff, taught the students about Mae C. Jemison (an American engineer, physician and NASA astronaut who became the first black woman to travel in space when she served as an astronaut aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour) and Katherine Johnson (an African-American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. manned spaceflights). Students then completed coding challenges through Hour of Code.



#### Train Like an Athlete

Physical Education teachers, Mr. Toscano and Ms. Incarnato, welcomed a local fitness organization into their classes called Athletic Movement Protocol. They specialize in sport specific speed and strength programs. Located in Syosset, the trainers explained how they optimize physical fitness results with professional athletes, as well as many of our very own Varsity athletes. The kids loved the drills and challenges. They tested their endurance and strength by performing fun (yet difficult) exercises, and were surprised at their performance and achievement. Thanks AMP for a great day, and showing us how to "Train like an Athlete."



Ms. Caputo's students displayed their projects on the study of Egypt, including the mummification process, dress, the Nile River, Pyramid construction, geography, social class, and more. Great job!



Lloyd Harbor and West Side 6th graders enjoy a night of skating together, continuing this long-standing tradition of various year-long events prior to coming together next year at the junior high!



#### Land Ho!

Landforms: Second graders studied Earth Science, and created 3D models of landforms while learning about how our planet-Earth changes over time. Here, one group from Ms. Morrison's class proudly displayed their final presentation. Great job!

Lloyd Harbor and West Side 4th graders were privileged to see a performance of Flamenco dancing, thanks to the Cultural Arts Committee. These performers also visited the foreign language classes at the Jr./Sr. High School, where students participated in dance lessons.

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#### **GOOSEHILL**



### Reporting Live!

New to Goosehill this year are TV special broadcast reports, with the help of Library Media Specialist, Ms. Marissa Urso. Here, Goosehill students filmed a newscast informing viewers about Chinese New Year, and about how to be a HERO (H=Honest, E=Empathic, R=Respectful, O=Openhearted). Reporters go "out in the field" (to the Goosehill playground), and interview fellow students. Each classroom then watches the newscast on TV. Great job from our youngest future news reporters!□



### Saving Your Pennies

Students raised \$1,000 dollars (in coins!) for Little Shelter as part of a SIT-sponsored community service project in support of our HERO theme-heroes are kind to people, animals and the planet Earth. (Hero stands for Honesty, Empathy, Respect and Open hearted) The First National Bank of Long Island waived the coin counting fee and added \$250 to the donation! Representatives from Little Shelter, Arlene Leone and her dog, Buddy, received donations of laundry detergent, cat and dog toys and food, as well as a check for the balance of the funds collected. President of The First National Bank of LI, Michael Vittorio and Branch Manager, Collen DeStefano presented a \$250 check to Little Shelter on behalf of Goosehill and thanked the children for being true heroes in their community. Way to go Goosehill!

## Science Fair at CSH Laboratory

The annual CSH Laboratory Science Fair for Goosehill is truly a family favorite and one event you don't want to miss! As part of our school district's partnership with the Laboratory, first graders participated in six exciting science activities, on a rotating basis taught by the scientists. They explored the properties of a "seaweed surprise" sodium alginate, commonly used as a thickener in the preparation of certain foods. It was all smiles at the table of "oobleck and flubber" where students sunk their hands into the worlds of solid or liquid? However, it was more squeamish at the table of brains, where they chose to either hold it, or simply look at a sheep and cow brain! They learned how DNA is a code for the proteins that make up the human body and investigated rainbow colors with the use of paper chromatography. Principal, Lynn Herschlein, shared, "How amazing it is that our students have the opportunity to learn from "real" scientists in our very own community. Students see themselves as scientists and thoroughly enjoy their weekly investigations in the science room. The goal of science



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in primary school is to build students' understandings about how the world works and how science is practiced. Hands-on experiences help our students form theories to explain "how" and "why" things happen. We encourage a sense of wonder...science is all around us!"

### Happy 100 Day!

100 Days of School: Students celebrated this special day in a big way! They gathered on stage to share their morning assembly of songs with family members who came to watch and sing along. Classroom doorway entrances were decorated with 100-Day gateway tunnels and streamers, and bulletin boards were decorated with art work. Mrs. Herschlein shared, "Thank you to all of our kindergarten parents for attending the 100th Day Concert. The children loved performing for you and they did an amazing job! A special thanks to Ms. Beja, our music teacher, for all of her hard work in preparing the children and planning such a special event." Happy 100 day! □



#### WEST SIDE



# SCAN it – QR Coding

Fifth graders at West Side were challenged to ask themselves "What do I Wonder About?" They wondered about many things, including; why is the ocean blue, what exactly is the Big Bang Theory, can Titan sustain life, and how exactly do leaves change color? Then they created presentations about their science research. Using the district databases, they attempted to answer their "wonder" questions. To share their work, students created QR codes for their projects, whereupon students and parents could scan the QR codes using a QR reader app to see the projects. Brilliant!



**ASSET**: Four of the sixth-grade students at West Side attended the Long Island ASSET Conference, "Unleashing Talent," an association dedicated to promoting the integration of technology in instruction. Congratulations to Kelly Callaghan, Milan Lusting, Stephen Schmidt, and Nicole Schrock who were student presenters with their Foreign Language teacher, Ms. Rivadeneyra and Mr. Monastero, Executive Director of Instructional & Administrative Technology. Our sixth graders demonstrated how they used Google Expeditions, a virtual reality teaching tool, to enhance their learning in their FLES studies. Way to go!



Ms. Kleiner's 3rd graders explore the steel drums. Through an exploratory and "hands on" approach, 3rd graders are given the unique chance to play several different orchestral and band instruments for the instrumental and general music program. In this way, students get to know which instruments they most enjoy and play with ease. The orchestra and band directors work closely together to observe and assess the talents and strengths of each child. Come June, Ms. Kleiner is planning to repeat a short steel drum performance for the school and parents, as well as a ukulele (club) performance at the request of the students. Fun!



### **Clay Creations**

Art students learn about Ndebele Houses: In 1883, the South African tribe of Ndebele people were fierce warriors and large land owners, however the loss of war brought harsh life. Expressive symbols on their homes told of there suffering and grief, and was a form of communication. It became a secret code of cultural art, disguised to anyone but the Ndebele. Here, students in Ms. Andria McLaughlin's class, created their very own Ndebele Houses!

As part of the "West Side Kids Care" Club, students participated in "Valentines for Veterans" where they made valentines that will be distributed to Veterans in local nursing homes and hospitals, letting our veterans know we appreciate their service and sacrifice.



### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser is always a fun challenge at West Side. During a two-week unit on heart health, students learned different ways to jump rope, benefits of jump roping and ways to be heart healthy. All donations went to the American Heart Association, which aides in the fight against heart disease and strokes. In the United States, approximately one in four deaths are from heart disease. At a school assembly on February 15th, the best student jump ropers competed for the championship title, which was awarded to Christopher Coco with a jump time of 6:28 minutes! Also, congratulations to Katherine Goldstein who was runnerup. Thank you to Physical Education teacher, Mr. Steven Forbes, for such an exciting morning assembly. The students raised \$5,914 – WOW!



Robotics – 5th grade students in Mr. Powers class prepared their Lego Robotics projects for the STEAM Fair on April 9th using various sensors on the robot to detect and avoid objects, along with using sounds and displays to give their robot personality!

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### Trip to Vineyard Vines

Art teacher, Ms. Samantha Hayes, took her fashion Design class to the head-quarters of Vineyard Vines in Stamford, Ct. Here, they had a personal tour by Ms. Hayes' sister, Kerry Brady, who is a graduate of CSHHS, to meet with the art department. Ms. Hayes shared, "I wanted my Fashion students to learn about how and what it takes to run a clothing company. My sister is a producer at Vineyard Vines, and her responsibilities include setting up photo shoots all over the Caribbean, Bermuda, and Florida, as well as helping to design the Catalog. Ms. Brady was able to schedule her colleagues to come and meet with the students. Each gave a presentation in the Board room about what they did for the company and their background

experience.

Presentations were made by photographers, copywriters, stylists, digital imaging editors, fashion designers, head of merchandise, head of the art dept, and the Recruiting coordinator (Jenna Hanlon; also a graduate of CSHHS). The staff bought lunch for everyone and provided goody bags with clothes and accessories. It was an amazing experience!"







## International Night "Olé"

Another international night of success was celebrated on March 8th for the annual Jr./Sr. High School "International Night." Students in grades 7-12 took pride in their heritage showcasing their talents and diverse cultures from around the world. International Club advisors, Ms. Monck-Rowley and Ms. Koob, orchestrated the event with the students who planned exhibits of cultural booths, food stations, a fashion show, and Irish step dancing. Students loved the photo booth, henna tattoos, and musical performances, along with a student and staff led rendition of the Greek National Anthem and traditional dance. Most impressive of all, thanks to the parent and student chefs, were the endless assortments of international cuisine. There was a crepe and waffle station from France, Polish and Costa Rican delights, Greek Pastitsio and Baklava, a Japanese sushi station, and so much more! There was even an Empanada truck outside! Both cafeterias were lined with food stations from around the world. So, if you missed it this year, come next year, and come hungry! Thank you for an amazing night of entertainment and fun.



# Professional Development

Several teachers from the CSH department of World Languages had the opportunity to attend the NECTFL (Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) in NYC in February. The theme of the conference was "Authentic Language, Authentic Learning." World language educators from all over the country gathered together to partake in professional development sessions to explore how to make language learning experiences more meaningful and engaging for students. Featured in the photo from left to right Kelly Jordan, Tara Tassani and Sandra Rivadeneyra.



## National School Counseling Week

Interim Director of Guidance, Dr. Barbara Donnellan, was honored to recognize her staff during "National School Counseling Week" with some celebratory activities and a luncheon in appreciation for the work they do every day with students, staff and the community in which they work. Thank you to Mr. Woods, Ms. Hannity, Ms. Pickering, Ms. Friedland and Ms. Messina!

## Administrator of the Year, cont'd

research team to learn from industry leaders, which included a trip to Birchbox, a NYC organization built around making customers and employees happy at what they do. The team also toured The New School to see and hear from a college that values creativity and respects individuality. Their visit to Hulu inspired the development of a "Passion Wall" at Lloyd Harbor school. Executive Director of Technology, Mr. Joseph Monastero, nominated Valerie for this award. He explained, "Ms. Massimo took on the idea of "de-fronting" the classroom by co-chairing the Creative Learning Labs/Flexible Workspace Project. This project was initiated to better understand how to create learning spaces for students and staff that are flexible, promoting creativity, collaboration and a departure from our more traditional computer labs. Ms. Massimo spearheaded a group of teachers and leaders, where they presented at a national conference showcasing her collaborative nature and the value she places on leading by example." After a trip to visit Steelcase in NYC, witnessing the success of flexible workspaces, she broadened the Creative Learning Lab concept to individual classrooms and initiated redesigning computer labs across the district.

Over the past three years, she has led the charge with the district's student Chromebook initiative, supported virtual reality, and embraced a student-run Lloyd Harbor Morning News video station (for which she also won an award 6 years ago). Ms. Massimo also encourages schools to visit CSH to share these successes. Ms. Massimo shared, "This award came as a total surprise. My friend and colleague, Joe Monastero, carefully chose to highlight the work that I am most passionate about...specifically our creative learning spaces and flexible seating areas. These environments foster collaboration and innovation. I am very grateful to have such an honor awarded not only to me, but to all of Lloyd Harbor School, where learning is challenging, collaborative and creative!" Ms. Massimo also expressed her gratitude for the support of the Board of Education and the entire administration for making so many things possible.

#### Goosehill Mural, cont'd



with the only "cost" being that the person who finds and keeps his artwork promises to "smile at random people more often." What a wonderful message! Bren brought out the best in our school community with his gentle and caring spirit.

Principal Herschlein was thrilled by all the excitement, "Artist, Bren Bataclan, engaged the children in drawing workshops and they were able to watch him all week as he sketched and painted a beautiful mural in our cafeteria based upon their ideas and drawings. Children stopped in to see him during the day to ask him questions, give him suggestions, tell him about their favorite animals (he is a cat lover), and chat about their own aspirations as artists. Many went home and practiced drawing the characters he taught them to draw. Our first graders marveled at seeing their own sketches come to life on the stage doors that served as a big, vibrant canvas for our mural." Teacher, Ms. Katz shared, "Of all of the programs that I have seen over the 20 years I've been here, the Mural is by far the best! Not only was it age appropriate, but Bren engaged the

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children in every part of the process. Watching their ideas and drawings come to life on the mural was so exciting for the children. They looked forward to talking with Bren each day and seeing each of their drawings incorporated into the mural. It's something they can be proud of and an experience to remember."

Bren was definitely Goosehill's Superhero the week of March 4th. Thank you to the GPFA for bringing him here to spend a week at Goosehill. If you would like to learn more about Bren, whose projects have been featured on the CBS Evening News with Katie Couric, Smithsonian Magazine, Readers Digest, many major newspapers including the Boston Globe and more...he also has a book and gave a TED Talk in 2017. □

#### Partners for the Future, cont'd

physics or mathematics, from public and private high schools on Long Island. Students are nominated by the science faculty from their respective high schools. The nominees must submit a written application and are chosen by a CSH Laboratory mentor after a personal interview process. Students accepted into this very selective program get the opportunity to work with a world class scientist doing cutting edge research in the field of Molecular and Genomic Biology. This year, 15 students were selected from Long Island. Congratulations to Joseph, who presented his research at the CSHL Grace Auditorium on April 8th. Joseph worked in Dr. Tatiana Engel's lab under the guidance of Dr. Mikhail Genkin. His research was on "Data Management for Large-Scale Neural Recordings" □

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#### **Used Book Drive**

West Side Student Council raised \$330 for the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, a local organization that happens to be in our backyard. The students and staff donated their gently used books and sold them each for \$1. It was a great fundraiser and a representative came to accept the money from the Sanctuary. The books will also be donated to local organizations.





### Anything Goes!

The Cold Spring Harbor Musical Society presented the community with an evening of theater with the hit show *Anything Goes* on February 8-10th at the Performing Arts Center.

In addition, Student Government hosted its first ever "Senior Citizens Dinner Theater" on February 6th. Over 65 local seniors came out to have dinner served by the student council followed by a performance of

Anything Goes. The students were thrilled with the turn out and hope to continue the event in years to come. Thank you to Director, Melissa McLees, Vocal Director, Marc Beja, Music Director, Brent Chiarello, Choreographer, Bailey Whitney, Set Director, Laura Cirino, Business Director, Danielle Beach, Technical Director Yuriy Zacharia and Lighting Director, James Thompson. Bravo to the cast, musicians, and stage crew for another fabulous performance!



#### Smile Train

The New York Islanders hosted a wonderful night for the charity Smile Train on February 1st. Some of our students are ambassadors for the wonderful Smile Train charity. Ms. Gerberg and Ms. Schaefer, from the district and Smile Train, were so kind to invite some of our students who are involved in charity work to attend the evening. Ms Waters, Mr Homer, and several parents accompanied the group. Some of our students (Juliana Wells, Julia Stingi, and Hannah Terry) were able to be on the ice for the ceremonial puck drop! Mr. Homer shared, "It was a fantastic night. We were so proud of our students!"