

COLD SPRING HARBOR



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A REPORT ON OUR SCHOOLS

SUMMER 2014

Junior Book Awards

At the June 10th Board of Education meeting, fourteen students were presented with the Junior Book Awards by Guidance Counselor, Dr. Kevin Purrone, designated by colleges to juniors with the highest levels of academic achievement. The honors went to.... Chase Plancher (Clarkson University), Jacqueline Buonfiglio (College of the Holy Cross), Olivia Taglich (Cornell University), Christine Collins (Dartmouth College), David May (Hamilton College), Allison Grey (Miami University of Ohio), Shannon O'Neill (Northwestern University), Christopher Reed (Princeton University), Nicole Rubin (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), Emily Gallagher (St. Lawrence University), Edward Tucker (St. Michaels College), Colin O'Neill (University of Notre Dame), Chase Hahn (University of Rochester), Aspyn Palatnick (Yale University). □



Tenure Granted



Congratulations to the following teachers who were granted Tenure at the recommendation of the Superintendent at the June 10th Board of Education meeting: (left to right) Teacher Assistant, Denise Engel (LH), Reading Teacher, Jeanette Wojcik (WS) and Art Teacher, Laura Cirino (HS).

Reading Buddies

Goosehill: There is nothing more adorable than first graders helping kindergarteners. As the oldest in the school, first graders have one up (that's one grade up) on the 5 year olds. Students seemed a little hesitant as they walked the halls holding their book of choice, and entered the first grade classrooms. They were matched with their "buddy" and together they found a quiet spot to sit and read. Each had a chance to read a book to each other, and when help was needed, the nervousness seemed to fade, replaced by a smile and helping hand. Absolutely adorable.... □



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- **Annual LILT Competition West Side – Long Island Language Teachers’ Association Student Foreign Language Competition Awards** went to the following **West Side recipients**: in the category of vocal music, **Kathleen Byrne and Holden Schneider** received honorable mention, **Sam Adler and Michael Byrne** placed third, **Peter Ryan** placed second and **Blake Newman** placed first. In the category of poetry recitation, **Brianna Rose and Jolie Nemshin** received honorable mention, **Sarah Lynch** placed third, **Nicholas Aronow** placed second and **Samuel Reichbach** placed first.
- **Annual LILT Competition Lloyd Harbor**: In the category of poetry recitation, **Kaya Cohen** received an honorable mention award. In the category of international vocal music, **Julia Wallace** received an honorable mention award.
- **Science Research Awards**: Independent Research teacher, Jaak Raudsepp, congratulated his students; **Aspyn Palatnick** received the Intel Excellence in Computer Science Award for his project “*iGenomics: Mobile DNA Sequence Analysis.*” **Andrew Kurland** received the Ezra Levy High School Science Award sponsored by the American Association for Clinical Chemistry for his project “*Impact of Nutrition on Drosophila Metabolic Responsiveness in Obesity and Aging.*” He will be presenting his research at a symposium at Memorial Sloane Kettering Hospital. Both awards came with a monetary prize.
- Congratulations to West Side’s

Third Place Winner **Maxwell Franz** (Grade 3) for the 13th annual **Tulip Festival School Art Contest** by the Huntington Arts Council.

- **AATSP National Poster Contest**: Congratulations to **Lilli Terry** from Lloyd Harbor School who placed third and **Andrew Pultz** from West Side School who placed first in the American Association of Teacher’s of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) National K-12 Poster Contest.

- **The National French Contest *Le Grand Concours***, holds an annual competition for students in grades 1-12 in all 50 states and abroad with over 93,000 participating. **Two students ranked in the top 10 nationally: Aidan Coffey** (Level 3) and **Alec Israeli** (Level 2). Six students ranked in the top 10 Suffolk County chapter:

Christine Collins, Jonathan Harouche, Isabelle Harouche (Level 4), **Kyle Rooney** (Level 5), **Isaac Kim and Julia Brimeyer** (Level 2),

- Congratulations to **Goosehill’s “Little Picassos”** whose art work will be displayed at the CSH Whaling Museum from July 5 – Labor Day. Art teacher Colleen Johnson invites you to please come visit to see creations by **Andrew Shammah, Maya Soskin, Nina Oster, Rachel Louie, Nicole Schrock, Andrew Hadjandreas, Clara Masata, Matthew Golia, Meggie Baxter, James Wollman, Kami Cotek, Alexandra Pappas.**



- Congratulations to Lloyd Harbor students: **Allison Gellman and Alyssa Moran** (grade 6) who both had artwork displayed at the Long Island Museum, Stonybrook.
- 4th Annual **Huntington Tony Awards Winner Emily Gallagher tied for Best Vocalist** in *Once Upon a Mattress*. It was a great night at the Engemann Theater for their outstanding achievements in theatre. The CSHHS nominees were: Sadie Kalinowskia-Weter for Best Supporting Actress in the Drama *Oz*, for the Musical *Once Upon a Mattress*, Nina Riffaud (Best Lead Actress), Buck Andrews (Best Featured Actor), and Tim Sherlock (Best Male Vocalist). Also nominated, were Best Costumes for *Oz*, and Best Scenery, Technical Production, Costumes, and Ensemble for *Once Upon A Mattress*.
- Congratulations to Profesora Perissi’s World Language students who won National Recognition for excellent performance on the **2014 National Spanish Examination**. “*Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious,*” said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams”Students who placed nationally are: (photo) **Silver**

medal – Joshua Rubin (11th grade), **Bronze medal – Daniel Crosson and Timothy Sherlock** (10th grade). Honorable mention –

Alexa Battillo, Jacqueline Buonfiglio, Chase Hahn, Jesse Koreen, Jesse Mulham, Colin O’Neill, Aspyn Palatnick, Eric Zhou, Hunter Cohen, Sarah Fabietti, Sophia K. Werter, Austin McCormack, Dylan Rechler, Daniel Stingi, Owen Toomey, Kylie Tsotsos, Christopher Wilcox, and Aron Friedlander.

National Merit Finalist

Senior Riley Jill Schwartz was named as a **National Merit Finalist 2014 winner** for CSHHS. This distinction places her 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 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 Riley! □



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The Exemplary Service Award



The Exemplary Service Award was presented to **Marianne Sganga, (right) Special Education Teacher Assistant at Lloyd Harbor**, at the June 10th Board of Education meeting by Board President, Janice Elkins (left). Every year, at this time, the Board wishes to honor an employee who supports, with great distinction, our school community. The criteria for eligibility established in order to be considered for the award includes having worked

in the district for at least five years, have the unanimous recommendation of the administration and the Board, and exemplify leadership and excellent character among others. We thank you for your many years of dedication and service to our district. Ms. Sganga is also the co-advisor to the student council, and instrumental in the LHTV live broadcast program. Lloyd Harbor School Principal, Valerie Massimo, shared, *“She is a highly dedicated educator who puts the needs of students and colleagues before her own. She understands the development of children and works tirelessly to create positive and authentic learning experiences.”* □

ASSET Award

Art Teacher Christine Oswald wins ASSET Award: Christine Oswald was selected as a Teacher Honoree by the Association of Suffolk Supervisors for Educational Technology (ASSET). Teacher honorees are selected due to their exemplary integration of technology into their educational environment. She was honored at the ASSET luncheon on May 14, 2014 and was accompanied by Superintendent, Dr. Judith Wilansky, Director of Technology, John Contess and teacher/technology specialist, Debbie Levesque. Christine Oswald has embraced technology with a clear vision of what it can do for her students and the art department at large. She has expanded student offerings while maintaining a friendly, productive classroom environment. Christine recognizes that students live in a technological world; she relates easily to them and shows them how to exploit the tech tools to produce very high quality work. □



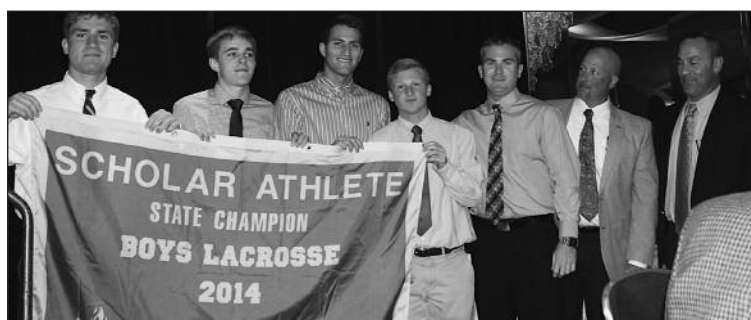
Board of Education Member Retires

The community and Board of Education bid farewell to longstanding Board member, **Lori (Bressler) Homer**, who stepped down after 12



years of service to our District. It is with great sadness and deep appreciation that we say goodbye. Lori has been a resident for

over 20 years in CSH, where her two daughters graduated. Mrs. Homer’s steadfast support of our schools, dedication to our students, valued input and wisdom as a trustee, and devotion as a parent leader will long be remembered. Superintendent, Dr. Judith A. Wilansky, shared, *“It has been a privilege to work with you. You have always kept children at the core of your decision making and we will miss the diligence that you brought to every issue as well as a sense of respect for those whose opinions differed from yours.”* Board of Education President, Dr. Janice Elkin, reflected, *“I remember meeting Lori when she was CPC president and one of the founders of FOCUS. She has served on countless committees, certainly too many to attempt to name. Lori is intelligent, thoughtful, generous and a person of great integrity. She is organized, has an uncanny memory and is an incredible communicator, both orally and in writing. Those who know Lori admire her for her commitment to her principles and willingness to stand up for what she believes in, regardless of the heat... I will miss your presence on this board.”* □



#1 State Scholar Team

The Varsity Boys Lacrosse Team was named #1 NY State Scholar Athlete Team 2014! The team had a 95.64 average, and a state banner will be hung in the teams’ honor in the Ralph Whitney Field House. CSHHS had 33 Varsity teams this spring and all were recognized as NYS Scholar Athlete teams this season. □



The caps of their college future....



The Grad 20



Reflection Speakers Jaclyn Albers (left), Lindsay Foxen, and Justin Suter with Allyson Tsu (far right)

The fifty-first commencement graduates marched to the Principal, Jay Matuk, crowning this achievement in this extended a very happy Father's day was a perfect sunny, breezy day. He produced the four *Reflective Speakers* a tapestry of experiences looking back at CSHHS with fellow classmates. He shared, "We are holding on...become the same." He encouraged everyone to take moments of each day for graduation moments to remember. **Jaclyn Albers** spoke on graduation day as it was also a day to take classmates down memory lane, gingerbread necklace nametags, lunchboxes....to reaching high school and coaches for instilling discipline of their lives.... "We will forever remember." **Allyson Tsu** said of her classmates, that her class was one of great empathy. "The thing I am sure of is your happiness in your relationships...so put 110% into it." She urged everyone to, "Identify with something beautiful happens when you least expect it." Lastly, **Lindsay Foxen** shared she was an Alumni and said, "I was born to be a graduate." She gave many definitions of family, saying the toughest on me are those that have laughed as she quoted her guidance counselor, "I realized as the same for college. I don't want you, you don't want to be with me." She performed with many musical performances. Education President, Dr. Janice Wilansky, shared three suggestions in the Wikipedia version of your resume: *Section-1: The Early Years* "Be mindful," ("Press the pause button for a moment again.") Number two, "Find a mentor who is honest and direct feedback." She said, "Go forth and put a dent in the world." **Class of 2014.** □



Here we go!



Kristin DiMonte sang the National Anthem...



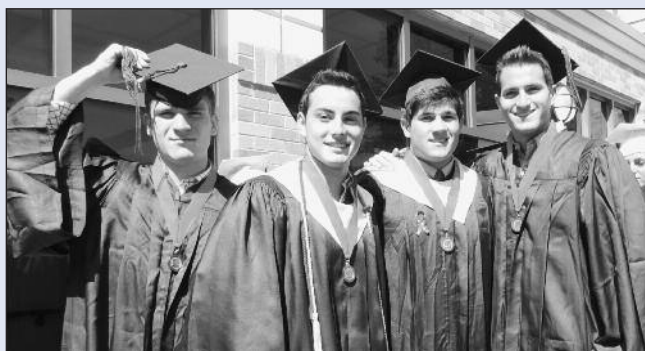


Board of Education member Amy Brogan with her husband and son Gerry...



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Class President, Buck Andrews, and Student Government President, Michael Dischmann receive their diplomas.



Teacher Chris Homer handed out "sealed notes" that seniors wrote to themselves in 7th grade Health class that he saves year to year and distributes at Graduation.



Flower Dissection

Lloyd Harbor: Mrs. Battiloro shared, *"Throughout my life, I have always been attracted to kinesthetic learning. I really enjoyed anatomy and physiology classes where I had opportunities to dissect a number of different specimens such as frogs, fish, cow's eyes...."*

I wanted my students to have this type of experience but I know many kids are very squeamish. So, I had a thought. Why not dissect something they most likely handle in their everyday lives that has the added benefit of being beautiful and smells nice?" Realizing also, that



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the upcoming maturation discussions for sixth graders were approaching, "plant reproduction" provided many teachable moments. Using the Campanula flower, students studied the anatomy of flowers and were surprised to learn that flowers have male and female parts. They learned how pollination works, and carefully, using dissection tools, pulled out and identified the parts. Richie Berlinghoff exclaimed, *"It's so cool how you can dissect a single grain of pollen!"* □

Brain Boosters Work

Lloyd Harbor 5th graders in Ms. Wetzel's class were up for the challenge of showing how *Brain Boosters Work*. They are a compilation of activities for the classroom that stimulate the brain to reenergize, redirect and refocus. Students demonstrated "X" Marks the Spot (for high energy), Chair Push-Ups (to re-direct), and Sunrise (with breath to re-focus). The students said, *"We love doing them, sometimes we do them four times a day!"* *"It helps calm us before a test."* *"It helps when we are stressed; it changes our focus to relax."* The

iGame4

No Couch Potatoes Here!

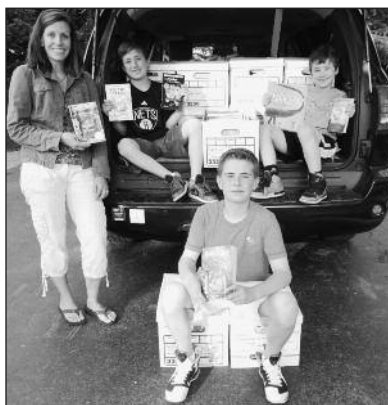
Lloyd Harbor students welcomed the *iGame4 Fitness Program* "transforming fitness into education" to all the grade 2-6 Physical Education classes. Physical Fitness certainly takes on a whole new meaning as you walk into the gymnasium lined with over 15 SmartBoards of interactive video games. The goal is to improve cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, balance and overall health. There are no couch potatoes here!

Forget thumb control, the whole body must move to the beat of music combined with the latest technology to engage students in lessons about fitness, nutrition, and overall well-being. Thanks to the entire student body for bringing in Box Tops, which helped fund this event along with support from the PTG. Every grade had the chance to dance, jump, spin and most of all smile! It truly is exciting and innovative fun, proven to help endurance and effectively burn calories. □



Book Drive Helps Local School

West Side: Student, Alexander Wright (7th grade) spearheaded a West Side School book drive collection with the help of his two younger brothers, Matthew and Daniel. In speaking with his soccer coach, Mr. Bill Easteadt, who is a teacher at P.S. 253Q in Far Rockaway, Queens, he learned that not all children are as fortunate as Cold Spring Harbor students. He decided to run a book drive to benefit the students of this school. Alexander quickly got to work, seeking donations for elementary age children's books from families in the community. Within a very short time, over 23 boxes were packed up containing over 1850 books! What a monumental task, for a wonderful cause helping other students. Alexander and his family met the students of P.S. 253Q and received dozens of notes and thank you cards from these very appreciate students. □



classroom is the perfect setting to begin a lesson with a little movement, to wake up the brain and prepare it to

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learn. Research shows that integrating movement in the classroom helps students learn better, decreases behavioral problems, and promotes a positive classroom culture. Many said, *"We love doing them at home too!"* □



Rapping with Mother Goose

Goosehill: This Mother Goose transformed before the students eyes, from a little old lady in a gray wig and shawl, to gangsta Mother Goose donning bling and a baseball cap! She read traditional nursery rhymes but with a new twist to the beat of rap music. The kids loved it, and even the teachers took the stage to participate. The “Ain’t that funky now” renditions brought cheers and a whole new meaning to classics like Mary had a Little Lamb. □



Read a T-shirt Day

Goosehill: Principal Herschlein has always encouraged her students to write her “persuasive letters” with concerns or suggestions. In the past, the “power of the pen” has inspired pajama days, and new pencil erasers. This year, first grader, Luke Telesco, (seen here in the “Great players Hustle” shirt) and his friend Dylan Weiss (right) wrote a letter requesting a *Read a T-shirt Day*. It was a great idea, and the students and teachers loved it! Mrs. Herschlein wore “Be the change you want to see in the world” (Ghandi) on her shirt, while Mrs. Gross wore “Penguins Rule!” Some others... “Sweet Summer Sunshine” and “Bright Days Ahead.” □

Roll that Girl & Half Sashay, Promenade...

West Side School continued its long standing tradition for the 6th graders of Square Dancing on May 23rd. Students are professionally trained in gym class for three sessions by “Sue & Lou” who teach at local camps. *“They started coming to West Side six years ago,”* said Ms. Agnello, *“and it has been a smash hit ever since!”* This year they learned over 20 “calls” setting a record for the highest number of calls any elementary school has learned in the state – WOW! The competition is held at the historic George Weir Barn on Lloyd Neck. The teams of eight squares are divided into different colors, and the kids show their spirit with matching t-shirts, hats and even tutus. This year, the purple team took home the prize of the #1 square dancing team. Guest judge, our very own Athletic Director, Mr. Mike Bongino, was pleased to be a part of the celebration. Ms. Agnello shared, *“It takes great concentration and a lot of team work.”* Well, it paid off, these kids looked liked professionals, and more importantly, they had a blast. □



Try it... You'll like it?

West Side held a Vegi & Fruit Tasting Day: Gerri Tiger, Director of Food & Nutrition, began experimenting with these tasting days two years ago, beginning at Goosehill, and then at Lloyd Harbor. It is all part of nutrition and health awareness, and trying foods in their natural raw state. The trick is to keep introducing new foods, and the rule is – they have to at least try it! The students were hesitant to try some basic healthy treats, but happily sampled the majority of choices. The hardest sell...the cherry tomatoes! □

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West Side...field day fun!



Coffee House Jamfest

Due to rain, the Jamfest had to be move from the outer lawn to the PAC on May 30th, but that didn't deter the crowd who came to support this beloved event. Students performed onstage showcasing their talents of singing, rapping, instrumentals, and more. Coffee House Jam promoter, Mr. Miller, gathered these talented students once again, to the delight of the community and student peers. He explained it all began in 2005, and "*It wouldn't work without students with heart, I call them wizards.*" He handed out Wizard t-shirts to the seniors as a special honor. It was a fabulous night, and a tradition we hope continues. □



Senior Mural

Each year, senior art students re-create a new mural on the wall in the senior commons. It has been a long-standing tradition for over 20 years. This year, senior twins, Danielle and Samantha Lauro, were the artists for the mural....beautiful! They shared, "The mural was a unique endeavor. To paint the brick wall we painstakingly measured out each brick and painted the bricks individually to create a more realistic depiction. Around the edges we decided to use collage. It was the first time that collage was utilized for the mural. We wanted to create a mural that fully represented our grade, and with the accessibility of cameras these days we thought what better than a collage of our favorite pictures? A Seahawk is in the middle of the brick wall surrounded by "2014" our graduation year. We are very proud of how it turned out." □



On June 5th, over 100 community members gathered for a very important presentation of *Not My Child: The Many Faces of Alcohol & Drug Use and Abuse*. We were honored to have an amazing panel of educators including a discussion with Greg Williams, the writer and director of *The Anonymous People*. Joining him were Steve Chassman, LCSW – Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug



Dependence, Steve Pinto, LMHC – The Life Center, Karen Curtin, NY Regional Alumni Director-The Caron Foundation, and from CSH Jr./Sr. High School; Jay Matuk, Principal, Denise Campbell, Director Pupil Personnel Services, Chris Homer, Health Educator, and Dr. Michael Hurley, Dr. Kerrie Vujeva & Robin Acconi, LCSW Mental Health Staff. □