

COLD SPRING HARBOR



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Junior Book Awards

At the June 13th Board of Education meeting, fifteen students were presented with the class of 2017 Junior Book Awards by the Assistant Principal for Counseling, Gregory Sloan, designated by colleges to juniors with the highest levels of academic achievement. The honors went to: **Matthew Beroza** (Brown University), **Sarah Kopp** (College of the Holy Cross), **Julia Howell** (Cornell University), **Thomas Carey** (Hamilton College), **Sophia Gerberg** (Miami University of Ohio), **Matthew Fleming** (Princeton University), **Elijah Gordon** (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), **Katherine Faria** (St. Lawrence University), **Stefan Brechter** (St. Michaels College), **Emily Ross** (University of Rochester), **Erin Wallace** (University of Pennsylvania), **Andreas Bigger** (Yale University), **Sophia DeRosa** (Dartmouth University), **Phillip Wideska** (Harvard University), **Nicole Mullen** (Notre Dame University). □



Tenure Granted

Congratulations to the following teachers who were granted tenure at the recommendation of the Superintendent at the May 9th Board of Education meeting: **Lisa Wolf**, in the tenure area of Special Education, **Patricia Sihksnel** in the tenure area of L.O.T.E. and **Louis Santoli**, in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant. Superintendent, Robert C. Fenter, thanked them all for their hard work and tireless efforts. Board members and Administration spoke on their behalf in offering congratulations with the highest of praise and support for their tenure recommendations. Congratulations to all! □



Board Excellence Award

Ingrid Wright – The *NY State School Board Association Recognition Program* honored CSH's Board of Education member, Ms. Ingrid Wright, for a *Board Excellence Award* (Level 2) for participating in various forms of leadership development training, and attendance at annual conventions. The administration and Board of Education were very proud to make this announcement at the Board of Education meeting in June. □

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Congratulations
to the
Class of 2017*

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The Exemplary Service Award

The Exemplary Service Award was presented to **Elizabeth Lynch** at the June 13th Board of Education meeting. 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. Board President, Amelia Brogan, thanked Liz for her many years of dedication and service as the Assistant to the Superintendent. She shared, *"Liz is often the 'public face' of our school district who, as the main contact in the superintendent's office, receives numerous calls from many constituent groups, all of whom invariably receive a supportive tone, helpful direction, and assistance in a time of need that is greatly appreciated. Liz is kind, caring, and has an uncanny ability to keep all that is happening in a very busy place in perspective."*

Long Island Science Congress (LISC): Three students earned 4th place awards at LISC held in April at St. Anthony's High School; **Ezra Brody** (12th grade, research at CSHHS on the effect of forced sterilization on the prevalence of genetic disorders), **Sibelle O'Donnell** (10th grade, research at CSHHS on the effects of temperature on planarian regeneration), **Anand Subudhi** (12th grade, research at CSHL, *Kepecs Lab* on using a mouse behavioral protocol to study how predictive cues improve performance).

Foreign Language Poster Contest awarded 2nd place winner, **Andrew Shammah**, in the grade 4-5 category from AATSP (American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese) Poster Contest.

NY State Social Worker of the Year! Earlier this spring, Dr. Robin Acconi was named "Social Worker of Year" for Suffolk County; now she has received this top honor for the entire state. CSH School District has been privileged to have Robin on staff since 1999. She is also an adjunct professor in the School of Social Welfare at *Stony Brook University* and *St. Joseph's College*. Her dedication has seen her research published, she has co-authored a book, has co-founded a non-profit, *What Better Looks Like*, (which sends students to University in Rwanda) and is dedicated to creating compassionate schools and communities locally. Her research surrounds advocacy, fair globalization and human rights and she works with the *Robert F. Kennedy Center for Human Rights* and is heading a research project about the impact of human rights education. Dr. Acconi will be honored at a June 16th ceremony in Albany NY. Congratulations!

Science Internships: Sophomores, **Caroline Ambriano** and **Sibelle O'Donnell**, were selected as interns at the DNA Learning Center. This is the first time a CSH student has been selected for this type of program. Caroline started in June and Sibelle will start in September. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory has also chosen two students for internships this summer; Sophomore, **Sophia Rivadeneira**, will be working in the *Tuveson Lab*, and junior, **Alexandra Gray**, will be working in the *Sordella Lab*.

Foreign Language Competition LILT (Long Island Language Teachers) 2017 winners: Lloyd Harbor student winners for Poetry Recitation – **Jane Chapey** (3rd grade) won 1st place, **Lavinia Simone** (4th grade) won 2nd place, and **Jacob Kammer** (5th grade) won 3rd place. In the Vocal Music category, **Hannah Stark** and **James Howell** (5th graders) received Merit Certificates. Congratulations to all!

Foreign Language Statewide Virtual Video Contest, hosted by NYSAFLT (NY State Association of Foreign Language Teachers) honored third place winner, **Jacob Kamer**, (grade 5) Lloyd Harbor, for his Spanish tongue-twister recitation entitled "Cinco Ratoncitos." □

New HS Principal

Mr. James Bolen

The Board of Education is pleased to welcome CHS's new Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mr. James Bolen. Mr.



Bolen joins us from the Valley Stream North Jr./Sr. High School, where he has served as Principal for the past two years. Prior to that he was Assistant Principal at Plainview-Old

Bethpage High School. He also worked in Public Relations in the private sector before becoming a Social Studies teacher in 2003 at Herricks High School. Currently, he is completing his doctoral program on Instructional Leadership at St. John's University, and he has a Master of Arts Education from Fordham, and a Bachelor of Arts from Boston College. Mr. Bolen shared, *"I am honored to have been selected to be the new principal of Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School. Throughout the interview process I saw the passion held by the staff, students and community to provide a world-class education for our students. I am thrilled to join as a member of the team that will continue this academic tradition and help to increase the variety of opportunities we can provide for your students to make them successful leaders in the 21st century."* Superintendent, Mr. Robert C. Fenter, shared, *"Mr. Bolen comes to our school district with important leadership experience that will serve the students and staff very well. I am confident that Mr. Bolen will be a positive force for many wonderful things happening at the Jr./Sr. High School."* We all wish you a warm welcome! □

Caitlin Hooks and Ezra Brody were the recipients of the 2017 *Town of Huntington Scholar Athlete Award*,



presented to student athletes that exemplify excellence in the classroom and in athletics. The ceremony was held on May 9th at the Town Hall of Huntington. □

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Huntington Youth Writes

Awards: Councilwoman, Susan A. Berland, honored CSH 9th grader, **Julia Kopp**, and Lloyd Harbor School 5th grader, **Charlie Wood**, at the 18th Annual Huntington Youth Writes Award Ceremony. Julia won first place in the Grades 9-12 essay competition for her essay “*Who I Am*,” and Charlie won Honorable Mention in the Grades 4-5 essay competition for his essay “*My First Time Kayaking*.” Both essays were published in the Huntington Youth Writes Journal. Councilwoman Berland pointed out, “*With over 850 entries in this year’s competition, the winners should be very proud!*”

NY State Speech and Debate Championship 2017: Sophie Stein (sophomore) won 2nd place in



Intermediate Lincoln-Douglas Debate, besting an enormous field of other highly ranked debaters by virtue of her incredible win-loss record and exceptional number of speaker points. Club Advisor, Dr. Andrews, shared,

“*This is an incredible honor for Sophie and for the entire Speech and Debate Team. Congratulations!*” This event was held at Hofstra University on April 29-30. □

HUNTING-TONY Awards!!!

Congratulations to **Theodora Siegel**, who tied for *Best Female Vocalist* for her performance in “*Mary Poppins*.” The award of **Best Stage Crew** went to CSH for *Mary Poppins*, and **Zach Campbell** tied for *Best Actor in a Play* for his performance in *Rumors*. It was a star-studded night at the seventh annual ceremony held at the Engemann Theater in June sponsored by Town of Huntington Councilwoman Susan Berland and Councilman Mark Cuthbertson, who shared, “*It is my hope that this ceremony helps to celebrate and recognize the dedication, talent, and hard work exhibited by all involved students.*” Congratulations to all... □

Federal Reserve Challenge

High School: The Federal Reserve Challenge is an economics competition that involves creating a presentation where the students analyze the current economic conditions, assess the economic risks for the future, and make a monetary policy recommendation based on their researched data. All public and private schools that fall in the Federal Reserve second district which comprises all of NY, northern New Jersey, and part of Connecticut are eligible to compete. Social Studies teacher, Mr. Pesca, explained, *The students gave a wonderful presentation and were praised by the judge for having precision timing, an excellent rapport with each other and clearly a strong grasp on the wealth of economic data that they presented.*



The team scored a school record of 48 out of 50 possible points and was only one of three New York Schools and the only team from Long Island to advance to the semi-final round for the second year in a row! While only five members can officially compete, there were other participants who helped in the preparation of the presentation. The team members who presented are; **Tiger Russell-Yeh, Maxwell Schwartz, Oskar Bros, Andreas Bigger, A.J. Subudhi, and Paige DeNatale.** Kudos to the entire team! □

Jane Monheit “Jazz”

Performance & Workshops

High School: On April 24, award winning jazz vocalist, Jane Monheit, conducted a master class and performance for a select group of students in the PAC. Thank you to the Cultural Arts Committee for sponsoring this fabulous opportunity for students, who sought advice from Ms. Monheit about the music business, her education, her rise to fame, and the struggles along the way. □

New Superintendent for Business

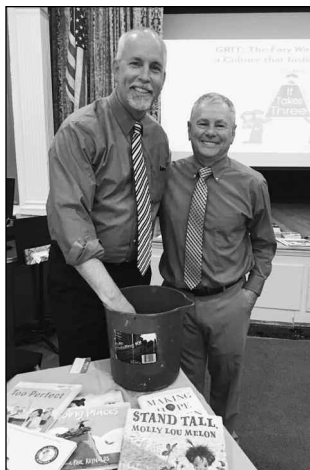
Mr. James Stucchio

The Board of Education was pleased to announce the appointment of the school district’s new Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mr. James Stucchio. With the retirement of Dr. William Bernhard, Mr. Stucchio joins us from the Hauppauge School District where he served as Deputy Superintendent of Schools for the past



year, and Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, for the last nine years. He received his B.A. in Speech Communication and Rhetorical Study from George Dempster School of Communications, and his MBA from Hofstra with an Advanced Certificate in School Business Administration from CW Post, Long Island University. Board of Education President, Amelia Brogan, commented, “*James possesses the skill set necessary to keep CSH on a path of fiscal health. We are confident he is up for the*

challenge and will maintain our AAA bond rating that we are so proud of. As we hold our business officials to the highest of standards, we look forward to an open, respectful and collaborative relationship where we will successfully navigate the future challenges we meet, including those imposed by the tax cap. It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome Mr. Stucchio into our Cold Spring Harbor family.” □



Building a Culture of Grit

Dr. Kevin Sheehan

Each Spring, the administration hosts a “Parent Leaders Brunch” to thank the many volunteers that spend countless hours and energy devoted to the students in this school district. Held in the Little Theater on May 5th at Lloyd Harbor School, parents enjoyed mingling over breakfast and listening to a guest speaker. This year, Superintendent, Robert C. Fenter, invited Dr. Kevin Sheehan, who is a professor of education at Miklos College, a former Social Studies teacher, long-time coach, and recipient of his doctoral degree which focused on *Growth Mindset: Unlocking Character Strengths Through Children’s Literature*. It was an enlightening and thought provoking morning, dedicated to the idea that what matters most is “hope.” Dr. Sheehan explained that hope is a better predictor of college completion than an SAT, ACT or high school GPA. Building a culture of grit, perseverance, resiliency and hard work are what it takes to succeed. Natural talent and intelligence won’t get very far without hard work. Failure and mistakes are lessons that teach us not only to try again, but to try harder. Dr. Sheehan told many “stories” because, he said, “that is how we remember best, through stories.” Parents laughed, were subjects of role play, and were asked sole-searching questions, like “who are your hope-crushers, and who are your hope-builders?” He asked parents to think about what person changed your life, and to write that person a letter. Thank you for a very dynamic and captivating lecture, with the perfect blend of humor and humility. You left us all with a lot to think about. □

Night of the Living Museum

The Art Department took everyone on a new adventure, switching the previous *Fashion & Film Event* of years past, to a thrilling new undertaking; *Night of the Living Museum*. Kicking off

the event was a Capella group “*The Harvard-Radcliffe Veritones*” with alum (class of 2012), Ms. Julia Biedry, on stage once again. They performed a series of songs; what a delight! Then Fashion students from Ms. Whitney’s class strutted the runway showcasing their designs worn by student models. The runway was host to a variety of fashion challenges, including *Futuristic, Music Genre, Denim, Circus &*



Carnival, and a teacher challenge. The night added a new twist this year after the fashion show, with two hours of art workshops for students of all ages who pre-registered. A myriad of choices were offered so students could try their hand at jewelry making, theater make-up, pastels, calligraphy, Italian marbling, image transfers, watercolor, charcoal and film. The high school also ran two sessions with the Huntington School of Fine Arts facilitating live drawing, and the Village Artist

helping with pastel work. The sessions were packed, and beautiful art was produced. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event, and a special thank you to the entire District Art Department! □



West Side Run: It was a special year celebrating its 25th anniversary for the Run on May 21st. All proceeds raised this year will be used toward a special outdoor play space planned by the WSSPTG. The goal was to raise \$25,000 for the 25th anniversary, and sponsors stepped up in a big way! Thank you to chairperson, Cat Bauer, and the many parent volunteers that make this event so popular year after year.

Town Hall

School Artifacts on Display

Did you know that every year Town Hall presents an “exhibit” to highlight our Town’s history? This year’s theme is “*Early Education in the Town of Huntington.*” Town Hall Archivist, Ms. Antonia Mattheou, invited Superintendent, Robert C. Fenter, and former teacher, Scott Bowden, to visit the archives at Town Hall and



discuss which artifacts would best represent the CSH School District. CSH is fortunate to have a very prominent display case, situated in the main lobby just past the check-in desk. Please, stop by to take a look! The exhibit spans three floors and many surrounding towns. The Town Archives staff shared, “*We hope our residents will be pleased with the results. If our programs bring back good memories of bygone years and inspire our viewers to safeguard our Town’s history, then we have done our job well.*” □

West Side Arboretum

Take a Walking Tour

West Side: Did you know that West Side School may be one of the only public elementary schools in the country to have an arboretum? It actually began in 1940 and it was always a work in progress. In 1959, former principal, Mr. Ted Hilton, and science teacher, Mary Demerec, (whose husband was the head of CSH Laboratory then) selected trees and shrubs that would be specimens to add to the arboretum. Eventually, a landscape architect was hired to map and catalogue the grounds. When West Side celebrated its 200th birthday in 1990, labels were put on all the specimen trees, and a notebook key-guide is kept in Mr. Simon's office. The work that began in the 1940's of planting a tree or caring for the grounds continues today. On April 28th "Arbor Day," West Side carried on the tradition of planting a tree to add to its collection. Student Council senior staff members welcomed, Donna Moramarco, from *The Greenskeeper*, and together they planted an "Amelanchier Tree" (Latin for the commonly known Rainbow Pillar Serviceberry) found next to the West Side Run sign. Special thanks to CJ Reilly, Maxwell Franz, Blake Newman, and Tyler Gray who all had shovels in hand, to help dig, plant and secure their newest addition. The next time you happen to be enjoying the grass fields at West Side, take a walking tour of the many labeled trees on the grounds, including Sugar Maple, Honey Locust, Kousa Dogwood, Japanese Snowbell, Burning Bush, Sweet Gum, Tulip, Beech, Colorado Blue Spruce, and many more. Hicks nursery was instrumental in consulting with the plantings around the buildings, and in the 1980's a Botany Professor from C.W. Post visited with his classes in both the fall and spring to study. Who knew? □



Little Apple Fun Run (Lloyd Harbor): Thank you to everyone who came out to participate and cheer on the 23rd Annual Little Apple Run Fun event held on April 23rd. Due to the efforts of committee chairs, Ms. Henvey and Ms. Amadori, the event raised the largest profit for the Run-fundraiser to date! Thank you for making this event possible, and hopefully everyone had fun watching the children and their families run the one mile and 5K races together. LHTV presented the award ceremony live to the students on the morning announcements the following week due to issues with the race company's computer on race day. The ribbon ceremony may have been postponed, but the excitement and energy on race day was electric! Thanks to all the racers who came out to run. □



Eagle Dock Discoveries

West Side 6th grade science classes went on a field trip to the Nature Preserve at Eagle Dock on May 17th to study the effects of pollution on our aquifer. The *North Shore Land Alliance* funded and presented a program for both elementary school's science classes to teach about Long Island's aquifer and where our drinking water comes from. Educators volunteer their time to educate the students, so they will in turn, educate others. Workshops were held both at Lloyd Harbor in the fall, and West Side in the spring by Ms. Mossey from the *L.I. Water Program* in preparation for the student field trips. Adjacent to the Eagle Dock Beach area, students were delighted to discover the grassland, shoreline, and life buried in the sand and under the rocks, while testing water quality and soil permeability. A highlight was discovering the abundance of the Asian Shore Crab species that have inhabited our earth, virtually unchanged, for over a billion years...and the impact invasive species have on our ecosystems. Students also found and held mussels, and learned that just one mussel consumes four gallons of water every day! Sadly, students saw the results of litter and plastics strewn on the beach as a result of just one days hide-tide and wind-churned waters. Volunteers explained that each day, litter finds its way to our shores, and we are grateful for the constant clean-up efforts from the *North Shore Land Alliance*. Students and teachers agreed, this is definitely a call for action! □

Break Out Box Challenge

The students turn...

Lloyd Harbor: Bring it on! After hearing about the staff “Break Out Box Challenge” in March, the 6th graders have been patiently waiting to see if they could outperform their teachers. This learning-game platform “team building” event, encourages players and teams to work collaboratively to solve a series of critical thinking puzzles in order to open a series of locks on a box. Although geared for students, Principal Massimo wanted to try it with the faculty first so everyone would have an understanding of its purpose and how it could be implemented. “*The Spyder Heist*” math puzzle was the first game chosen by Ms. Massimo for their faculty meeting challenge in March. Each team had to find clues and crack secret codes that led them to solutions which began opening the series of locks. The goal was to unlock the final 4 padlocks to the main box within the allotted 45 minutes. Scrambling to beat the clock, four 6th grade classrooms raced to see who would complete not only the 6th grade challenge, but would they beat the staff’s time? The energy and excitement, combined with stealth focus was incredible to observe. As they reached the culmination of their efforts, and the last lock opened, the noise level of success was deafening! The group to achieve the fastest time for 6th grade was Mr. O’Rourke’s class with nine minutes to spare. Everyone agreed, what a great way to use your strengths in mathematics, deductive reasoning, and problem solving to the fullest. □



“Mr. O’Rourke’s 6th grade class wins the Break Out Box Challenge with nine minutes to spare!”

Lend a Hand

Lloyd Harbor: Who knew that decorating a hand could earn money for a great cause? *Lend a Hand* was a school-wide fundraiser, introduced by parent Mrs. Walton to the Student Council and Student Ambassadors. The students worked with *Save the Children Long Island*, who has partnered with *Students Rebuild*, a program of the *Bezos Family Foundation* that mobilizes young people to take action on some of the world’s most critical problems. For every hand sent in with a symbolic and uplifting thought or message, the *Bezos Family Foundation*

donates \$1.90 per hand. Lloyd Harbor created 1,737 hands which will total \$3,330.30 in donations helping to empower youth in Nicaragua and Indonesia to help them rise into a life they dream for themselves, just by reading these inspiring hand messages. Now that’s lending a hand! □



Author visit

Lori Richmond

Goosehill kids are always excited when an author visits their school. Students’ hands fly up with a million questions, and they are fascinated by the process of creating a book. Not only is Lori Richmond the author of books like *Pax & Blue*, and *A Hop is Up*, but she is also the illustrator. She inspired the students to use their imagination to create their very own book character. Ms. Richmond then sketched their ideas, which ranged from pizza heads, to octopus’ legs, to lizard bodies. They were amazed she could draw anything they imagined, and curious to find out her stories were based on real-life experiences. A native of Long Island, Ms. Richmond now lives in Brooklyn, and has appeared nationally on TV shows like *TODAY*, *Good Morning America* and *CNN*. Students even learned a few “secrets” about her books. *Shhhhhh.... we promise not to tell!* □



Career Day & Grit!

Lloyd Harbor: “What do you want to be when you grow up?” You may not know the answer to that in 6th grade, but students at Lloyd Harbor caught a glimpse of some interesting choices. Not only did parents, family members, and friends come in to share their career choices, but with the theme of “Grit” on Career Day,



presenters shared their tales of success by using growth, resilience, instinct, and tenacity, in other words ...GRIT! Groups of students rotated classrooms, and had the opportunity to listen and ask questions. There were doctors, teachers, musicians, an NFL sports producer, TV Director, undercover detective, Fish & Wildlife Agent, and many more. There were definitely some common themes; *showing up prepared, passion, loving what you do, chase your dream, never give up.* As Michael Simmons (App Developer) expressed, “If you naturally love

something, stick with it and grow with it!” Students were encouraged to use their gifts and talents and stick with what you are good at doing. Most agreed working harder than anyone else will set you apart. Lisa Conza-Baglio, (HR Consultant) said, “No one out-hustles tenacity!”

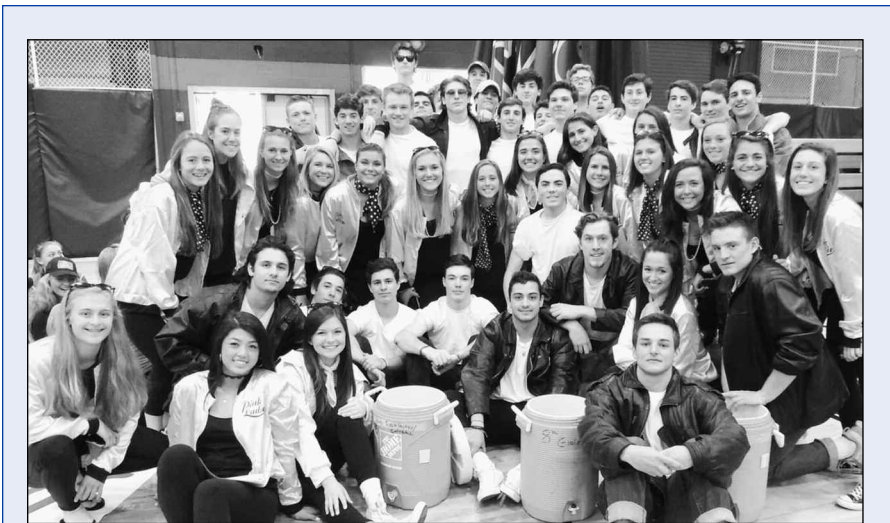
Dr. Jack Springer (ER Doctor) shared, “I continue to learn something new every day; you need to be flexible and trust your instincts, because you never know what is going to walk through that door.”

Many important lessons were voiced, where grit will overcome failure; failure is just an opportunity to be smarter the next time. Thank you to the LH School Improvement Team (SIT) for organizing this wonderful day. □



Discovery Chests

West Side: Fifth graders in Ms. Agnello’s class learned, “There is nothing quite like ‘an artifact’ to hold in your hand and learn from.” True life replicas were strewn about for students to hold, choose, and use in their research unit of study on Latin America. While reading about Latin America in the text book the next day, one student noticed, “Look...this is one of the artifacts in our Discovery Chest!” This is the District’s second year participating in the *Journey Arts in Education* program with the Huntington Arts Council. Teachers can request “Discovery Chests” provided for free to their classrooms to coincide with a curriculum unit of study. These cultural artifacts are like opening a buried treasure for the students, who can lift the chest’s cover and discover what’s inside. Various Discovery Chests available include artifacts from Latin America, Ancient Egypt, Africa, China, India and Native America. Thank you to Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Bellino, for bringing the program to life two years ago, and to Art Department Chair, Andria McLaughlin for facilitating in its success. □



“Spring Pep Rally! Girls & Boys Lacrosse dressed as Crease Lightning...”

Documentary Film Making

West Side: 6th graders at West Side took on the challenge of making their very own documentary film. It was the grand finale of their science ecology unit of study. Ms. DeRosa explained, the students were broken up into different biome groups: tundra, taiga, desert, tropical rainforest, coral reef (just to name a few). They built models of their biomes, wrote essays, then turned those essays into the script for their documentaries. Students used the app “Spark Video” to create them. When Dr. Sordella (Victoria’s mom) heard about the project from her daughter, she realized she had a colleague who has worked with her at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory who is a documentary film maker for the BBC, Mr. Tom Martienssen. He happened



to be coming to NY for a visit, and he graciously spent an afternoon with the 6th graders sharing his background and how he creates his documentaries. Students were fascinated by his journey which started in the British Airforce, his love of extreme sports, and eventual career filming documentaries for the BBC. He told them, “You don’t need fancy equipment to make a

film, you can all do it with your smart phone or iPad.” Teacher, Ms. Gerver, encouraged the students to pay close attention while they watched short film clips, to listen to the music he chose, the use of slow motion, zooming in, the human element, and how did the narrative make you feel? The students had many questions, and were inspired to do more, and explore more. Tom explained, “Facts are important, but they can be boring. What do you care about? That is the story that has to be told.” Students were surprised to learn one 30-sec film clip he showed took eight 18-hour days, 3 destinations, and cost \$20,000. It’s hard work to tell a story! The 6th graders shared their biome documentaries with the community on June 1st, and the 6th grade teachers were very proud of their hard work. □



American Heroes

Lloyd Harbor: Who is your American Hero in history? Second graders at Lloyd Harbor chose someone that inspired them to read more about, research and create a poster on the knowledge they learned about their American Hero. Posters lined the walls of the second grade hallway displaying the accomplishments of the heroes they admired. Each poster told a story of great Americans like Rosa Parks, Thomas Jefferson, Harriet Tubman, Neil Armstrong, and many more. Great job! □

Pennies for Puppies

Goosehill: The “Pennies for Puppies” fundraiser was an ongoing initiative organized and sponsored by the School Improvement Team (SIT), with the goal of engaging students in a community service project. Children were encouraged to do chores or good deeds at home to earn pennies and spare change, which would then be donated toward a collection jug for the Little Shelter Animal Rescue & Adoption Center in Huntington. Hundreds of dollars were raised to help with supplies. Thank you to all the students and their families for participating. □



Coffee House JamFest

What a great way to kick off Memorial Day weekend! It was a perfect spring sunlit night, with students showcasing their talent at the mike. English teacher, and Coffee House Jam coordinator, Mr. Keith Miller, engaged the audience with his rapping skills, and the crowd of nearly 200 sat back on their lounge chairs and blankets as the sun set. Principal, Jay Matuk, took the helm at the BBQ grill, free *Mr. Softee*



cones were a huge hit (thanks to the CFA), and Frisbee games were ongoing with Mr. Homer. What a fabulous night, and favorite event for many as the school year comes to an end. □

Book Fairies

Lloyd Harbor: The School Improvement Team (SIT) and Student Council worked together with librarian, Ms. DiCioccio, to promote a book drive to help collect new and gently used books. They partnered with the *Book Fairies* organization, who helped send these books to metropolitan New York libraries and schools to maximize their book collections. Families donated over 600 books! Students learned

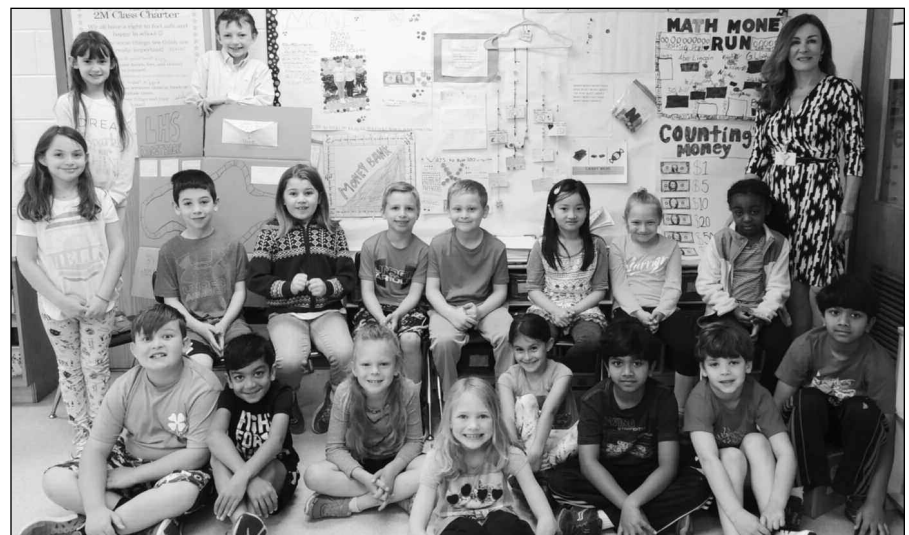
how a school library fosters a safe and nurturing climate for students both during the day and before school. Student ambassadors also created and designed bookmarks together. Mrs. Massimo will be picking one bookmark from the collection to make an official Lloyd Harbor library bookmark. □



“8th Graders on their annual Wash DC field trip.”

Money Choice

Lloyd Harbor: Second graders took on a math challenge called “Money Choice” thanks to the initiative of teacher, Ms. Rivera. Students in all second grade classrooms created bulletin boards as an optional activity for math workshops that were focusing on money. Students could create money games, make posters on how to make \$1.00, write a book or a “rap” about the importance of saving money, make a money menu, or be the teacher and design a worksheet to give to the class about money. Students loved the challenge, and the bulletin boards were awesome! Here, Ms. Morrison’s second graders show off their creations. □



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**Boys Lacrosse
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Champions!**

The CSH boy's lacrosse team won the state Class C championship in Rochester, NY on June 10th with a score of 11-9, becoming the first LI boys program to win three consecutive state titles. Amazing! ☐



Talent Show
(West Side): The annual West Side Talent Show was held on May 12th at the High School Performing Arts Center (PAC). Performers from grades 2-6 were cheered on by

families and West Side enthusiasts. All were treated to a PTG sponsored "Ice Cream Social" after the show in the high school cafe. Mr. Simon thanked all of the performers, Ms. Albers, and all the parent volunteers for their hard work.

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The caps of their future....



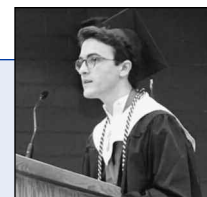
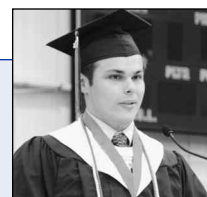
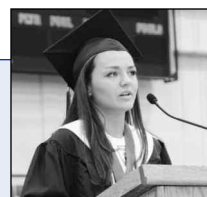
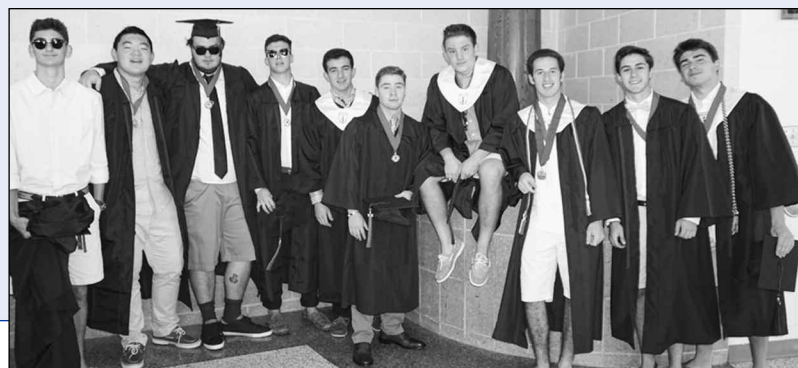
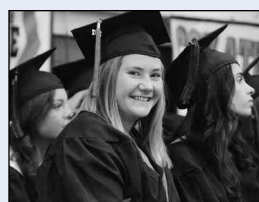
We did it!!!



Erwin Li performed a Chopin Ballade on the piano



Theodora Siegel sang "Think of Me" from Phantom of the Opera



Reflection Speakers; Paige DeNatale, Justin Antolin and Alec Israeli

The Graduates of 2017



The 54th commencement was held on June 11th as the graduates marched to the stage for their final farewell. Principal, Jay Matuk, gave his parting speech, this being his last CSH graduation ceremony after 11 years at the podium. He congratulated the class of 2017 on this crowning achievement of their academic careers, as they look forward to their future hopes and dreams. Following tradition in CSH, there were three *Reflection Speakers* this year. The first was Alec Israeli, who begged the question, "How do we reconcile our place of privilege with the existence of inequity, when education is promised to be an equalizer?" He asked students to reconcile through gratitude and action, even though action is by no means easy. Next was student government president, Justin Antolin, who thanked the parents first because they deserved this day just as much as the students as they "rode the roller coaster" with them all these years. He praised the teachers (despite the longer-than-necessary assignments), and the class advisors, Ms. Conlon and Ms. Pickering. He shared, "I have learned that seizing opportunity has a cost, that cost is commitment. And life is measured by the doors you open, never be afraid to stick your foot in one..." Lastly, Paige DeNatale, spoke of the journey from elementary school to their senior year, the memories and experiences and the pride of accomplishment. She said, "The entire class unanimously decided their class gift was in memory of the most amazing teacher, Ms. Terenzi, and both she, and CSH will forever hold a special place in our hearts." In summary, Superintendent, Robert C. Fenter, gave his first graduation speech. Being that it was the culmination of his inaugural year as Superintendent of CSH, he reflected on how difficult it was to leave the comfort of a place he worked in for nearly 30 years. He assured the students, "You will be travelling to new places that will provide challenges, but the work you have done here and the friendships you have made will serve you well." Congratulations class of 2017 – please come back and visit! □



Catherine Khanamirian sang the National Anthem



The final march...

