

April 17, 2019

Dear Families,

What a wonderful day we had today at our **SuperHero Day**—celebrating members of our community who help *people, animals, and the planet Earth*. The children had a great day and learned so much! Thank you to our SIT for organizing the day and all of our parents, students, and community members who presented workshops:

Dr. Zaman & Dr. Robertson (Maia's parents) and **Dr. Silva** (Theia & Gaius's mom)- *How Doctors and Psychologists Help People*

Dr. Vakoc (Marcus's dad) – *How Scientists Help People*

Dr. Brodsky (Guiliana's dad) and **Dr. Mehrose** (Nate and Ashley's dad)- *How Veterinarians Help Animals*

Mrs. Zuklie (Vivienne's mom)- *How Textile Recycling Helps our Planet*

Thank you to **Master Bart, Dr. Luisa, and Justin** from **Atomic Tae Kwon Do** for their donation of time, *demonstrating how people show respect to themselves and others*.

Thank you to **Rebekah Smith**, from North Fork Yoga Shala who donated her time to teach our students yoga.

Thank you to **Suffolk County Police Officers Fiorillo and Delgado** and **Northport Firefighter, Nicole Ercolani**, for taking the time to teach our students about service to the community and ways to be safe..

Thank you to **our own HS students** for teaching our students to respect their own individuality, work as a team with others, and show kindness and good sportsmanship at all times.

Thank you to the GPFA Green and Earth Day Committee volunteers, especially the chairs, Mrs. Silver and Mrs. Wohlferd, for a great celebration of Earth Day this week! The kindergarten students loved the Earth Day relay races and the first graders were so proud of how they brightened our school grounds with the planting of beautiful flowers. I hope your family enjoys planting the seeds the GPFA purchased for every child.

Whether you will be home or away on a trip next week, the teachers, staff, and I hope you enjoy the time with your children. As you know, taking a break from school doesn't have to mean taking a break from learning!

There are so many ways you can build your child's vocabulary and knowledge base through conversation and exploration while on vacation from school.

If your family will be traveling, show your child the place on a map. Notice and name the city, state, or country and nearby landforms or surrounding bodies of water. Use the computer or iPad to view photos and videos of the place to find out a little bit about the land or the people who live there. Just a few minutes of reading, viewing, and discussion can go a long way in building your child's knowledge base about the world.

If you will be staying home this week, there are many opportunities for learning (and fun!) in our area:

<https://www.nymetroparents.com/article/Best-Activities-for-Families-on-Long-Island>

<https://www.tripsavvy.com/top-childrens-attractions-on-long-island-2227469>

Whatever you do, try to squeeze in some time to read and play board games with your child. It will give your family a good start to Screen-Free week when we return from break!

Have a wonderful Passover and Easter celebration with your family!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

