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West Islip's Community Summit

The first step towards holding an annual community summit in West Islip was taken on December 1st, 2008, when the West Islip School District organized the first meeting of the West Islip Summit Coalition. The coalition, introduced by Dr. Beth Virginia Blau, and facilitated by school board members Steve Gellar, George Smith, and Annmarie LaRosa, is a movement to improve the overall quality of life in West Islip. The initial meeting drew more than twenty-five leaders from a wide variety of West Islip community organizations. There was unanimous consensus among the group that a summit coalition would have a positive impact in identifying community needs and objectives, and bring about change.

As a follow up, a survey was mailed to these organizations to help identify the concerns of the community and the responses were discussed at the second meeting, which was held on January 12. Those present included representatives from youth athletic leagues, district administration, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, homeowners' associations, beautification clubs, elected officials from the Town of Islip and Suffolk County, Youth Enrichment Services, Cultural Arts Association, PTA Council and the

YMCA. Based on the results of the survey, the group crafted the following mission statement:

"The West Islip Summit Coalition seeks to improve the quality of life, economic well-being and educational opportunities for all groups and residents by fostering greater community awareness and unity."

To achieve that objective, the following sub-committees were formed, with each focusing on specific areas:

Summit Council, Economic and Business Development, Quality of Life, Youth Services, Beautification and Historical Preservation and Public Relations.

Each sub-committee will meet to identify its own goals and objectives, choose a

chairperson, and report back to the organization at the next meeting to be held on February 23rd. Community members interested in being involved in committee work are encouraged to contact Jeanne Koeper at j.koeper@wi.k12.ny.us.

The Summit Coalition has targeted the Fall of 2009 for the first annual Summit Event, which will be a celebration of West Islip and a showcase for the accomplishments of the coalition. Organizations wishing to be a part of this event should contact Annmarie LaRosa or Steve Gellar at wi.summit@wi.k12.ny.us.

"We see the Community Summit as a series of ongoing open meetings, focusing on improving the quality of life and overall economic well-being of West Islip."

-School Board Vice President Steve Gellar



Pictured back row (l-r) Allison Reichel, PTA Treasurer Terry Gebbia, PTA Historian Denise Rubino, West Islip PTA Council President Jennifer Smith, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Beth Virginia Blau, New York State PTA President Susan Lipman, West Islip Board of Education Trustees Annmarie LaRosa, Steve Gellar, and Bob Ulrich and PTA Council Vice President Theresa Shaw. Front row (l-r) students Anthony C., Matthew M., Kristina G., Sloane G., Emma H. and Taylor W..

PTA Council District Breakfast

On December 16, 2008, West Islip Council of PTA celebrated their Annual Holiday Breakfast hosted by Bayview Elementary School. The Bayview and Oquenock 5th grade band, conducted by Mrs. Luann Peskanov, performed several holiday tunes during the breakfast. West Islip Council of PTA brings together PTA units, school district administration, Board of Education members, and community groups to advocate for the health, safety, welfare and education of our children. "By working together, we can achieve our goal of speaking for every child with one voice," said West Islip PTA Council President Jennifer Smith.

Hometown Heroes

Calling 911 Saves Mom



Ten-year old Natalie H. (center) is surrounded (l-r) by her mother Kathy Zameti, 4th grade teacher Mrs. Maureen Murphy and Bayview Principal Rhonda Pratt.

On Friday, December 5, 2008, ten-year-old Natalie H. saved her mother's life by calling 911, after her mother, Kathy Zameti, suffered an epileptic seizure. Natalie, preparing to celebrate her 10th birthday that day, awoke to find her mother unconscious. After trying to

contact relatives for help, Natalie called 911 for assistance. Ms. Zameti was taken to the hospital and released.

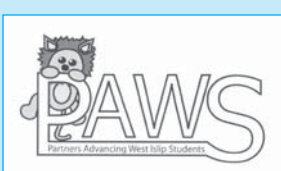
Bayview Principal Rhonda Pratt comments, "We are all so proud of Natalie for her quick response to a very scary situation. She is 'our shining star' and a role model for all our students!"

Heimlich Maneuver Saves Student

On Thursday, January 15, 2009, Thomas D., a student at Udall Road Middle School, performed the Heimlich Maneuver on fellow student Joe C., after he noticed his classmate choking on a piece of pizza. The student was able to expel the pizza after three Heimlich attempts. Seventh graders are shown the maneuver during their health class, however Thomas learned the procedure after seeing it done on television.



Pictured above (l-r) Joe C., Thomas D. and Udall Road Principal Bernadette Burns.



Partners Advancing West Islip Students

PAWS, Partners Advancing West Islip Students, celebrates its fourth year as a not-for-profit Education Foundation dedicated to raising resources to enhance the experience of West Islip students. PAWS recently approved funds for a rock climbing wall at Udall Road Middle School, an I-pod cart for Beach Street Middle School, and Listening Centers for elementary classrooms in grades K-3. These items, along with a grand piano, laser cutting machine, bleachers, laptop computers, and SMART Boards have all been funded by the Foundation, which raises money through community fundraising efforts. In addition to fundraising, PAWS has received grant money.

The PAWS annual dinner will be on Friday, March 13, 2009 at the Venetian



Pictured above, Pam Kee demonstrates a new SMART Board, donated by PAWS, to Mrs. Pam Diorio's 6th grade class at Udall Road Middle School.



PAWS members celebrating at last year's gala fundraiser, pictured front row (l-r), PAWS President Tom McAteer, Barbara McAteer, Board of Education member Annmarie LaRosa, Norm Wingert and Jamie Winkler. Back row (l-r) Katherine Fix, Dr. Beth Virginia Blau and Marybeth Jacaruso.

Yacht Club. West Islip High School Principal Ken Hartill will be honored with the 2009 Outstanding Educator of the Year Award, and Cindy Galasso, a former active community member and parent, will posthumously receive the 2009 Outstanding Community Member Award. For more information on attending, donating, or becoming an event sponsor, contact the event Chairperson Jamie Winkler at wre93@aol.com.

In conjunction with the district's plans for the installation of the new high school turf field, PAWS is running a brick purchasing campaign to help landscape a portion of the surrounding area. Bricks will be inscribed with the names of the purchaser. Bricks can be purchased by individuals, families, sports teams, businesses and any other community member. All profits from this project will be used by PAWS to fund items/ideas/initiatives of the students and teachers.

The next Board of Education Meeting: February 10th, 8pm, Manetuck Elementary School

Board of Education

The West Islip Board of Education invites the community to speak and provide input at all Budget Worksessions. The sessions will begin on February 26th. Dates, times and locations are listed to the right. For more information contact the district office at 893-3200.

BOE Recognizes West Islip's Music Students

On December 11, 2008, West Islip's Board of Education recognized high school students for their musical accomplishments. Pictured front row (l-r) Melissa G., Caitlin C., Victoria A., Mariana A., Miranda C., Emily B.. Back row (l-r) Douglas B., Vincent M., Rob D., Matthew C., Andrew W., Cortlandt M., Amanda C., Michael S., Bevin F.g, High School Orchestra Director Judith Hayes, High School Band Director David Kaufman, and West Islip Director of Art, Dance and Music Education Bernie Jones. Not pictured: Matthew S., Rebecca O. and Brittany W..



Marie Valenti Retires After 42 1/2 Years

Marie Valenti recently retired from the school district's Food Service Department after 42 1/2 years of service. She began as a substitute food service worker on January 31, 1966, and went on to become the Assistant Cook at the Oquenock Elementary School. In addition to working at Oquenock, she has helped at other schools including the high school, P.J. Bellew, Captree, Paumanok, Southgate, Westbrook and Udall Road Middle School. "Marie Valenti was a hardworking and dedicated employee who truly enjoyed preparing and serving breakfast and lunch to the children. She was a tremendous asset to the West Islip School District," said Suzanne Salus, School District Director of Food Services.



New Director of Buildings and Grounds James W. Bosse

James W. Bosse has joined the district as the new Director of Buildings and Grounds. Prior to joining the district, Mr. Bosse was Eastern Suffolk BOCES's Energy Manager in the Operations and Maintenance Department, where he focused on energy saving technologies, building improvements and cost-cutting strategies. He implemented an agency-wide comprehensive energy management program with various energy cost-saving operational strategies and procedural programs throughout all Eastern Suffolk BOCES facilities, which provided a cost savings of over \$5 million. Mr. Bosse also managed many BOCES facility construction projects and worked as the Building Administrator for the Sherwood Instructional Support Center in Holbrook. In addition to his building and operations background, he was employed as a 6-8th grade math and science teacher for the Broward County School District. Mr. Bosse received his Bachelor of Arts degree from State University of New York at Cortland and he is currently pursuing a Masters of Energy Management in the School of Engineering at New York Institute of Technology.



"I believe my background and experience will help the School District Facility Department better meet the changes and challenges of the future. I'll work hard to use district funds wisely to maintain and improve our facilities," said Mr. Bosse.

Infinite Campus Portal Opens For Parents!

Parents who have patiently awaited the opportunity to access student data on-line, were rewarded with the opening of the West Islip Infinite Campus Portal. The new system allows parents to access announcements, calendars, household and individual demographic information, schedules, assessments, school fees and attendance data for all of their children with a single login account. In addition to more types of data being available, parents are able to access information more quickly.

"The Infinite Campus Portal takes school to home communications to the Web. Another big plus is that the new West Islip Portal operates by household, which means only one login to view all of their children's information, regardless of the different schools they may attend," said Joseph Stern, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. For more information go to the district website, www.wi.k12.ny.us and click on the link for the Parent Portal. User IDs and passwords are required as added security measures to further protect confidential information.

WIHS Go Green Club

West Islip Go Green Club is focusing on a recycling program, which includes placing recycling bins throughout the school district. The club is planning fundraisers and is applying for grants to help pay for recycling costs. They will also visit Oquenock Elementary School in the upcoming weeks, as part of their effort to educate elementary students about our environment and the role they can play in helping to save the ecosystem.

BOE Budget Worksessions

- DATE: Thursday, February 26, 2009
7:30 PM – Beach Street Library
(Planning Session to follow)
- DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 2009
7:30 PM - Beach Street Library
- DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2009
7:30 PM - Beach Street Library
- DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2009
7:30 PM - Beach Street Library
(Planning Session to follow)
- DATE: Thursday, April 16, 2009
7:30 PM – Beach Street Library
- DATE: Monday, April 20, 2009–Nominating
Petitions for Board Trustee seats due at
District Office by 5:00 PM.
- DATE: Wednesday, April 22, 2009
Budget Adoption and Planning Session
7:30 PM – District Office Board Room
- DATE: Tuesday, May 5, 2009 – Budget Available
for Residents
- DATE: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 – Public Budget
Hearing and final Voter Registration (which
will take place from 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM)
7:30 PM – Beach St. Aud.
- DATE: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 – Annual Budget
Vote and Celebrate Education
10:00 AM – 10:00 PM (High School)

Elementary Reading Program

By Dr. Magda Parvey, Assistant to the Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction

Over the last three years we have investigated and started to implement more research-based best practices in reading instruction. We have also started the work necessary to prepare our staff to implement a dynamic reading program that will significantly increase time for teaching reading as well as students' independent reading. Research has shown that the amount of reading students do is related to increased achievement.



The approach we are adopting in the West Islip School District combines explicit teaching in small groups (guided reading) and a large amount of independent reading. Teachers select books that students can read successfully and, through instruction, gradually increase the level of difficulty and variety.

Elementary teachers in West Islip will be assessing/benchmarking students to determine their reading levels three times a year. This will allow teachers to successfully match books to readers and monitor progress. For more information on the Elementary Reading Program, go to the district website.

Bond Update

On November 13, 2008, the Board of Education approved the plans as designed by Burton, Behrendt and Smith (BBS) for the locker room renovations at the High School, Udall Road Middle School and Beach Street Middle School, and additional renovations at the Masera School. The Board approved the contract with School Construction Consultants for construction manager services on Bond Issue capital projects.

Bullying Awareness Committee West Islip Invites Community Input

The newly established District Bullying Awareness Committee recently met to establish long-term and short-term goals for addressing issues relating to bullying. The panel, made up of Administrators, Board Members and community volunteers, discussed ways in which we can implement curriculum change, promote teacher and parent awareness, and help create community sensitivity towards diversity. This committee will meet regularly, and interested community members are welcome to help contribute to a positive impact on this complex issue. Contact Jeanne Koeper at 893-3200, ext. 1561 or go to the school district website for more information.

Long Island Challenge

West Islip High School students recently participated on News12's Long Island Challenge Team 2009 show. West Islip had a victorious win over Harborfields' final score of 210 to West Islip High School's 365. The show was aired on December 21, 2008 at 6:30pm and 9:30pm on channel 12 and on channel 612 io, via optimum cable. The program will also be rebroadcast in late February and early March.



Long Island Challenge Team 2009 pictured (l-r) Team Advisors Michelle Falco and Kevin Murphy, James C., Team Captain Matthew S., News12 moderator Scott Feldman, Christopher P., Christopher M. and alternate Daniel F..

Candy Buy Back Fundraiser Over 1,200 Pounds of Candy Collected

On November 7th, West Islip Orthodontists Dr. Howard Tichler, Dr. Jenny Abraham and their assistants collected over 1,200 pounds of candy to send to our military troops overseas. All six of West Islip's elementary schools participated in the candy buy-back challenge, which promoted reducing the overabundance of Halloween candy, created an opportunity for the candy to be given to our military men and women (which can also be shared with the children they meet overseas),

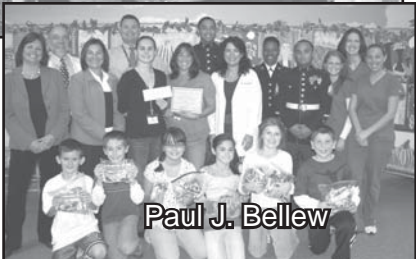
and provided funding for charitable giving, as each school was paid \$1 per pound by the Orthodontists to give to a charity of its choice. The organizations receiving donations included: Cares and Shares for the American Cancer Society, Marty Lyons Foundation, Lion Heart, CORP (Community Outreach=Pride), Club for the American Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and Lance Armstrong Foundation.



Bayview



Manetuck



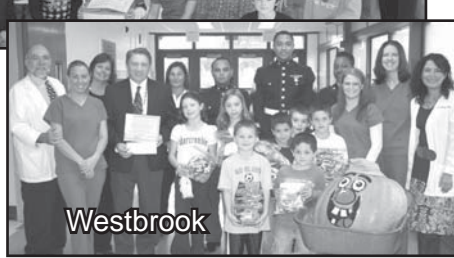
Paul J. Bellew



Oquenock



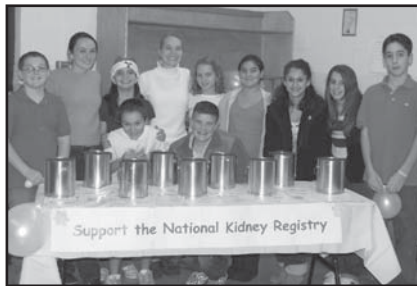
Captree



Westbrook

Beach Street Raises Funds

Beach Street Middle School Student Council hosted a Holiday Dance raising \$1,500 for the National Kidney Registry in honor of a Beach Street student who has recently received a kidney transplant. The Holiday Dance Fundraiser was part of the school's Holiday Gift Giving program.



Support the National Kidney Registry

Westbrook Toy Drive



Students from Westbrook Elementary School collected items to be given to families in need during the holiday season.

Giving Tree

During December, Captree Elementary School coordinated a Giving Tree in their efforts to assist West Islip families in need. The school obtained wish lists from several families, transcribed these items onto paper "tree ornaments" and hung them on the tree. Parents, faculty and staff had an opportunity to choose ornaments and purchase gifts for the adopted families. In addition, Captree received donations from Bay Shore and West Babylon Old Navy stores.

Kids in Action



Sarah H., eighth grade student at Udall Road Middle School and Student Council President, submitted an essay which won the \$250 first-prize for Udall's Student Council, at the 8th Annual Kids in Action Youth Conference at Farmingdale State College. Beach Street Middle School also participated in the conference.



Tuba Day

Members of the West Islip Bands attended Suffolk County Music Educators' Tuba Day in November.

Festival of Lights

Udall Road Middle School student Eric T. won the Festival of Lights art contest, hosted by the American Legion, West Islip Post 1738. He was recognized on December 7, 2008 by West Islip Chamber President Joseph DiPalma. Eric's artwork was featured on the cover of the event program. Pictured above, West Islip Chamber President Joseph DiPalma presents artwork winner Eric T. with an Award of Recognition.



Athletic Awards

Physical Education Student Awards

The Suffolk Zone of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation has recognized Olivia Z. and Mike M. as West Islip's Outstanding Physical Education Students. The annual award is given to students who best exemplify outstanding physical performance, scholarship, character, and citizenship. Pictured above (l-r) Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health and Recreation Wayne Shierant; Administrative Apprentice Tim Horan; award recipients Mike M. and Olivia Z.; and High School Principal Ken Hartill.



Ian B. to UNC

Ian B., high school senior, recently signed a letter of intent with the University of North Carolina to play lacrosse on a lacrosse scholarship.



Salliebeth F. to UO

High School senior Salliebeth F. signed a letter of intent to play lacrosse at the University of Oregon on a lacrosse scholarship.

Kyle G. to George Washington

High School senior Kyle G. will be attending George Washington University in the fall on a baseball scholarship after recently signing a letter of intent.



2008 Fall Outstanding Athletes

"Congratulations to the Fall Athletic Teams and players who continued our 'tradition of excellence' on the playing field and in the classroom."
- Administrative Apprentice Tim Horan

GIRLS VARSITY GYMNASTICS:

All League: Kelsey H., Gabrielle P. Melanie S., Kailey L., Victoria S., Jessica L.
All County: Courtney V., Kristen S.
All League Honorable Mention: Alyssa H.

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS:

All League: Daniela C., SheriLyn H., Christine I.
Coaching Honors: Coach of the Year - Kevin Lewis
Team: NYS Scholar Athlete Team Award

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER:

All League: Paige E., Alexis P., Mikayla W.
All League Academic: Paige E., Michelle R., Samantha D., Shereen T., Kelly V.
All Conference: Katie F.
All County: Kasey E., Jackie M.
All County Academic: Rebecca G., Jackie M.
Team: NYS Scholar Athlete Team Award

GIRLS VARSITY SWIMMING:

All League: Salliebeth F., Casey M., Lauren G., Kristen P., Julia E., Bridget W., Rebecca O., Paige C., Sarah C., Rachel M., Kaitlin S.
School Records: 200 Meter Medley Relay - Salliebeth F., Casey M., Lauren G. and Sarah C.
Team: NYS Scholar Athlete Team Award
League III Champions

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER:

All League: Matt D., Vinny C. Kyle W.
All Conference: Paul V., Jerry N., Billy K.
All County: Billy K., Jerry N.
All County Academic: Nick D.
Coaching Honors: League II Coach of the Year - Ed Pieron

VARSITY FOOTBALL:

All Division: Nick C., JJ S., Tim L., Chris C.
All Division 2nd Team: Andrew H., Mike M., Tom Q.
All County: Ian B., Kyle G., Dan M., Scott M.
Coaching Honors: Division II Coach of the Year - Tim Horan
NYS Scholar Athlete Team Award: Big Four Champions County Finalists

GIRLS VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY:

All League 2nd Team: Marlaena L.
All League Honorable Mention: Ali F., Kelsey A., Krystyna O.
Team: NYS Scholar Athlete Team Award

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY:

All Division: Cassie C., Stefani J.
All County: Taylor T.
All County Honorable Mention: Alexis T., Devan C.
All Tournament Team: Jessica H.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY:

All League: Patrick F.
Team: NYS Scholar Athlete Team Award

BOYS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL:

All Division: Daniel R., Paul E.
All Division Honorable Mention: Chris C., Anthony M., Anthony D.
All County: Paul E.
All County Academic: Chris C., Anthony M., Corey M., Jeff G.

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL:

All League: Mary C., Lauren H., Brianna F., Jaimie S.
Rookie of the Year: Erin B.
All County All Tournament: Mary C.
Team: NYS Scholar Athlete Team Award

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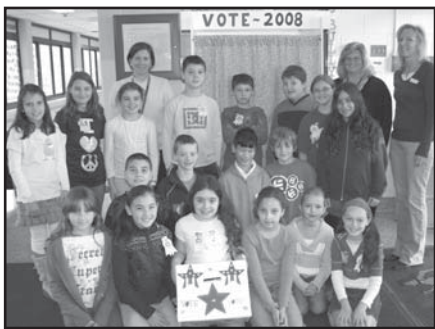
Mark Your Calendar: 5K Fun Run/Walk/Jogathon - Sunday March 8th - High School



Superintendent Honored

On November 8, 2008, the Tri-M Music Honor Society inducted new members, installed new officers and honored Dr. Beth Virginia Blau as a lifetime member. Pictured front row (l-r) Victoria A., Scott S., Deanna J., Superintendent Dr. Beth Virginia Blau, music teachers Christina DeFrancisco and Karen Isaksen-Taylor. Back row (l-r) Tri-M Advisor David Kaufman, music teacher Leonard LaPinta, Thomas T., Kelly T., Brittany W., Principal Kenneth Hartill, Melissa G. and Past SCMEA President Tim Hogan.

Participating in Democracy



Pictured above, Oquenock Elementary School Principal Dawn Morrison, parent Eileen Hohorst, 4th grade teacher Mrs. Parson and her class, in front of a mock election voting booth donated by the Hohorst family.



Pictured above, 5th grade teacher Justin DeMaio and Captree students participating in the political process by voting in the National Student Mock Election (NSME) programs.



Udall Road students view the historic Inaugural Ceremonies of President Obama.

Students have been actively participating in the political process by voting online in the National Student Mock Election programs.

Pictured right, Paul J. Bellew Principal Dan Hunter with students, participated in mock elections, where student Derek K. was elected "Principal for the Day."



Manetuck students and staff decorated the main office as the White House, celebrating the school's "Elects" to Read theme for their Parents as Reading Partners Program (PARP). Principal Mary Anderson and students are pictured above with a President Obama cutout.

Over 1,000 Coats Collected for Holiday Drive

West Islip High School Student Senate coordinated the district-wide Annual Coat Drive and collected over one thousand coats, which were given to the Wyandanch Community Center for distribution. Pictured (l-r) Program Coordinator for Wyandanch Community Center Charlie Storm, Stephanie J., Shane C., Student Senate President Paige E. and Lindsay A. help load and transport coats collected for West Islip's Annual Coat Drive. "Everyone did a phenomenal job. Stephanie J., by herself, for the second year in a row, collected over 100 coats," said Norm Wingert, advisor to the High School Student Senate.



West Islip's Susan Lipman NYS PTA President



West Islip resident and PTA member, Susan Lipman, has recently been installed as president of the New York State Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Ms. Lipman's commitment to education led her to serve on the West Islip Board of Education for 12 years, where she was elected vice president and president. During her term, several West Islip schools underwent reconstruction and rededication, and an elementary building was reopened, providing all-day kindergarten. She was presented the Outstanding Community Member Award by West Islip PAWS, and has received the NYS PTA Distinguished Service Award, the Golden Circle of Leadership Award, and Suffolk District's Peg Davis Leadership Award.

Environmental Stewards

Congratulations to West Islip's 2008-2009 Keep Islip Clean Junior Commissioners: Devan C., Michael A., Paul R., Amanda P., Kerri F., Toni Ann R., Cora M., Hallie C., Melissa G., Christina C., Krystyna O., Mary P., Laura R., Faith Y. and Marissa M..

Financial Literacy Challenge

Forty-six West Islip students scored in the top 25th percentile of the US Department of Treasury's fall National Financial Literacy Challenge, an initiative recommended by the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy and encompassing over 75,000 high school students. West Islip High School Business Education Department and teachers Trish Portnoy, Patricia Morgigno, and Diana Saadat coordinated student participation in this program, which was created to inspire students and teachers to focus on financial education and to reinforce the many financial education programs.

History Hikers

History Hikers, a program created and coordinated by W.I.S.E. Discovery Facilitator Vivian Hollinger, which focuses on the investigation of the history of West Islip through the study and analysis of primary sources, recently had local residents, including Gerek Gardens' Doug Gerek and Raymond Bell, give presentations at several schools in the district.

High School Cultural Exchange

On December 10th, as part of a student exchange program, forty-five tenth through twelfth grade students from Bay Shore High School visited West Islip High School. On January 14th, West Islip's students visited Bay Shore High School. The program provided opportunities to interact with students from different ethnicities and backgrounds, and observe the differences and similarities between the schools. The cultural exchange helps to break down stereotypes, celebrates differences, and allows students to become more aware of their many similarities.

Mystery Readers at Bayview

Students at Bayview Elementary School were visited by district office administrators, parents, teacher aides, secretaries and Board of Education members as mystery readers, as they celebrated a two-week long Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) reading program. Bayview students read over 30,000 minutes during PARP and met the Principal's Challenge, causing Mrs. Pratt to become a "Kid for a Day."

Public Radio

On October 15, 2008, students from the 12th grade Public Issues classes were invited by Professor Michael D'Innocenzo to be in the audience and participate in a live broadcast of the Brian Lehrer Show that aired from Hofstra University.

Attention Parents: Student Release Information

Under Title 45, US code, Part 99, The Right of Parents and Students, parents who do not desire release of student information to the public media must make that request in writing to District Publicist Sarah Anker. Mail your request to: West Islip Schools Administration, 100 Sherman Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795 or email to: s.anker@wi.k12.ny.us. Without notification, West Islip Schools will release and/or publish in the district newsletters, newspapers and other publications and on the website information relating to school achievements, programs, athletics, music and art events.