

## Intel Semifinalist Status

David and Mehtaab, both seniors at Commack High School, were named as Intel Semifinalists in early January. They are among only 300 students in the entire country chosen for this prestigious honor.

This year, there were more than 1,750 entrants from 512 high schools in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and from six overseas American and international high schools. Each semifinalist receives a \$1,000 award with an additional \$1,000 awarded to the school.

David's project, which has already garnered many prior awards, is "A Wireless Tracking System for At-home Durable Medical Equipment during Natural Disasters." During natural disasters, it is critical for refugee centers and hospitals to gather information and locations of patients dependent on life support medical equipment which can fail during associated power outages. David developed a solution that utilizes a radio network formed among patient devices to automatically and securely report such

information to patient refugee centers and hospitals without the need of Internet and cell access. His design was shown to be feasible, and with proper adaptation, can be used on a large scale. David's work has already been published in prestigious science journals, and he has also presented his project to venerable scientists.

Mehtaab's project, "A Study of Bar and Arc  $k$ -Visibility Graphs," studied an area of mathematics which is useful in modeling Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI). VLSI is the process by which thousands of transistors are wired efficiently on a tiny computer chip. These chips are used in our common devices, such as computers and cell phones. Specifically, his work was related to classifying these Visibility graphs, and to determine some of their features. Mehtaab worked with



a scientist at MIT in the prestigious PRIMES program, and has won many accolades for his work in science and mathematics.

Dr. Donald James, Commack's Superintendent, said, "We are so proud of our science research program in Commack. Our incredibly dedicated teachers and staff work endlessly to prepare our students with the insight and knowledge, as well as the tools and resources they require to accomplish their research. Many of the topics the students choose to pursue have

the promise to change the future. Congratulations to David and Mehtaab, we're very proud of your accomplishments in the Intel Competition."

The students credit Commack's dedicated science research staff who prepared them for this competition of a lifetime. In photo, from left to right: Andrea Beatty, Jeanette Collette, Lorraine Solomon, Principal Catherine Nolan, Mehtaab, Richard Kurtz, David, Science Director Alison Celentano, and Superintendent Donald James.

## The Ambassador Program - You're Invited!

*Are you curious about the extraordinary opportunities offered to our students at Commack High School?*

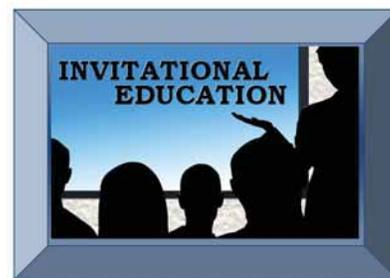
*Would you like an inside view of our program offerings?*

If so, we invite you to sign up for a visit through the Commack High School Ambassador Program, a unique Invitational Education experience. Student ambassadors will guide you during a two-hour personalized tour. You may choose from one of three distinct curriculum areas:

March 3, 2016 \*\* 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
The STEM Program

March 15, 2016 \*\* 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
College and Career-Ready Programs

April 6, 2016 \*\* 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
The Arts and Humanities



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# U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR CANDIDATES

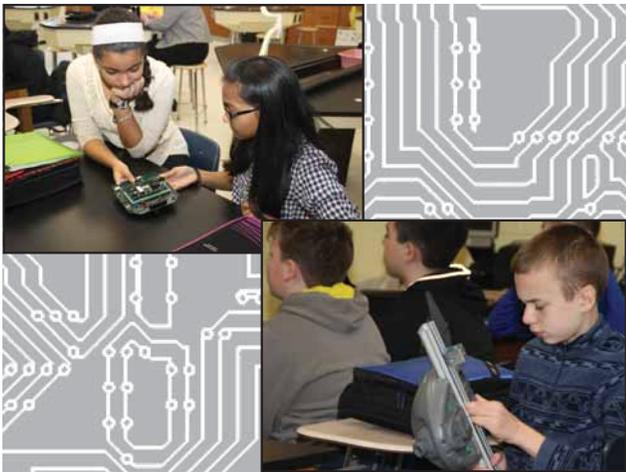


Congratulations to David, Mehtaab, and Andy, all seniors, who were named as candidates in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. More than 3.3 million graduating seniors were in the running this year

Inclusion in this program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors, and is based on superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character, and community and school involvement.

In April, 800 semifinalists will be chosen, 161 finalists will be announced in May and invited to Washington, D.C. for the National Recognition Program.

In photo, from left to right: Superintendent of Commack Schools, Dr. Donald James, Andy, CHS Principal, Catherine Nolan, Mehtaab, Director of Guidance, Jonathan Macaluso, and David.





If you're looking for a career that's hands-on, challenging, and creative, engineering could be a great choice for you. There are many specialties to pursue including: mechanical, electrical, software, civil, systems, and chemical, along with a variety of dozens of other types of engineering disciplines. All devices, from our smartphones to skyscrapers, were designed by engineers using math and science to create something with our natural resources.

Students at the Commack Middle School received an inside look at the engineering profession when guest speaker and Commack Board of Education President, Steven Hartman, spoke to their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) classes. Mr. Hartman is

a mechanical engineer working in the medical field. He spoke about the process of designing devices. He specifically focused on the field of medical design in which he has over 20 years of experience.

In the photo above, Mr. Hartman demonstrates the function of a contrast (dye) delivery system used in radiology, an implantable pain management pump that delivers medication directly to a specific spot on the spine, and a compact, portable device that can test blood chemistry.

Mr. Hartman discussed with the students the process of applying and having a patent granted. Mr. Hartman has already over six issued patents with five pending. Several students in the research program in the Commack High School have already applied for patents!

As the students examined his inventions, as well as the internal circuitry that defines how each device functions, they interacted with Mr. Hartman about the workings of the devices. An awareness of the process of bringing an idea to fruition intrigued them, and many students expressed an interest in beginning their own design projects in the robust science research program when they attend Commack High School.

Mr. Hartman said, "Engineering is the invisible profession as everything in society is linked to engineering. We just do not realize on a daily basis that engineering has been involved in all of these areas. Engineers are changing the world by dreaming up new creative, practical solutions to everyday problems in society."

## Superintendent's Message

I hope your year is off to a good start! Our students are! In January alone we were proud to announce two Intel Semifinalists, and three U.S. Presidential Scholars. We made it through the hugest snowfall in recent history with flying colors, thanks to teamwork and a great support staff.

One of the newly formed advocacy committees is focusing on state aid and the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA). The members will work with our legislators in Albany to finally eradicate the GEA, which has cost Commack \$20 million since its implementation in 2010. Although the Governor has proposed a modest increase in aid to schools, we are hoping that through continued advocacy, the Assembly and Senate will work to increase aid to our schools.

We are seeing some positive progress in the area of state testing. The state has acknowledged that the implementation of the Common Core Curriculum was less than perfect, and modifications to testing protocols are being initiated. A District committee was also formed to address issues associated with testing and the APPR.

Congratulations to our PTA Founder's Day honorees, those dedicated parents and staff members who go above and beyond for our children's benefit. Without the spirit of volunteerism, many extracurricular and special events would not be possible. Thank you!

As we dive into the budget season, the Board and I encourage you to be involved in the process. Our budget meetings are listed at the right, and all community members are welcome.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Donald James*  
Superintendent, Commack School District

## Just Follow the Directions!



The first grade students at Indian Hollow are immersed in writing "How To" books. Their instructional tomes include drawings and step-by-step directions to teach others how to perform specific tasks.

Some of those tasks include: doing a cartwheel,

feeding a cat, riding a bicycle, throwing a football, and making a snowman. The children enjoy being teachers as well as writers!

In photo, from left to right: Isabella Wilmer, Kaitlyn Gitz, Ryan Levy, and Jack Franke, with their creative "How To" books.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

### BOARD OF EDUCATION & BUDGET MEETINGS

Thursday, March 10, 2016

BOE Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Budget Workshop #1 8:00 p.m.\*

Thursday, March 31, 2016

Budget Workshop #2 8:00 p.m.\*

Thursday, April 7, 2016

Informal Budget Hearing 8:00 p.m.\*

Thursday, April 21, 2016

BOE Meeting & Budget Adoption 8:00 p.m.\*

Thursday, May 5, 2016

BOE Meeting & Budget Hearing 8:00 p.m.

at Mandracchia Sawmill Intermediate School

\*at Commack High School

The Board will convene at 6:30 p.m. and is expected to adjourn into Executive Session. Public meetings will commence at times stated above.

### School Closings

February 15-19, 2016

March 24 & 25, 2016

April 22 & 25, 2016

### Shave Your Head to Conquer Kids' Cancer

March 4, 2016

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

at Commack High School

### College & Career Fair

March 16, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Informational Session 6:30 p.m.

at Commack High School

Click the Community Events link on the Commack Website for more events

[www.commackschools.org](http://www.commackschools.org)

## STUDENTS SAVING THE PLANET



Members of the Commack Middle School Nature Explorers and Earth Protectors Club put their eco-enthusiasm to work, sponsoring a school-wide plastic bag collection. They collected (and counted) 1,873 plastic bags, which will now be recycled, and not wind up in a landfill or as litter.

Club members are passionate about preserving our environment and want to act as caregivers of our planet. "Through recycling, these bags will have a chance to be made into something new," said club advisor, Debra Lindquist. The club continues to implement activities that adhere to the positive values that make the world a better place for themselves and the community."

## Surgery Results: Robots v. Humans



Commack High School senior, Monica, was selected from over 1,200 abstracts submitted for a podium presentation for the Scientific Session of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) 2016 Annual Meeting. She is among an elite group of high school students invited to orally present her research to professional surgeons this March in Boston, Massachusetts.

Her research titled, "Multi-center Analysis of Robotic

Inguinal Hernia Outcomes Across New York State," compared the different results of this type of surgery in terms of complications and perioperative health resource utilization between laparoscopy and robotic surgery for hernias.

Monica is enrolled in the high school's science research program. In photo, Monica is congratulated by Andrea Beatty, research assistant, Alison Offerman Celentano, Director of Science, and Richard Kurtz, science research teacher and mentor.

## Stupendous Support for ALS Research



Students and staff at the Burr Intermediate School were presented with a banner from the ALS Ride for Life, to celebrate the generosity, commitment, and compassion demonstrated by the Burr family.

ALS Ride for Life was founded by Chris Pendergast, a retired teacher who was diagnosed with "Lou Gehrig's Disease" in 1993. This annual wheelchair ride covers hundreds of miles to help raise awareness and financial support for the fight against ALS.

Burr has actively supported

Ride for Life since 1998, and has raised over \$53,000 in support of ALS research.

The banner was presented during a school assembly by Leslie and Clinton Strait. Mr. Strait spoke to the children via a text to speech device and told the children that their school raised \$4,000 last year, the highest amount donated by any school in Suffolk County.

His wife Leslie said, "Your school's tumultuous reception lifts the spirits of the riders every year as we approach the building."

# Art Classes Morph Mickey Mouse



The evolution of the world's most famous mouse is on display in the Art Gallery at Commack High School. The students in Allison Razzano's Painting and Drawing class and Studio Art class each illustrated the 87 year-old Mickey Mouse.

The process began with a

visit from Richard Torre, children's author and illustrator, who taught the students about the creative process, what it takes to be successful, and how to begin sketching a character.

The classes explored the illustrations of Mickey Mouse from his first debut as Oswald

the Lucky Rabbit, to Steamboat Willy, and now to a more modern Mickey Mouse.

Students then were asked to design a "specialty" Mickey Mouse, changing him but still retaining his classic look and appeal.

Design inspirations varied

widely, contained only by the imagination, and included Dracula Mickey, Carmelo Anthony Mickey of the Knicks, Star Wars Mickey, Donald Trump Mickey, and so many more.

In the photo above, Mrs. Razzano with her fourth period Studio Art Class.

## Reverso Poetry - Forwards and Backwards

In honor of poetry month in January, Carolyn Burton, CMS Librarian, and Randi Seidman and her sixth grade English Language Arts classes studied and composed reverse poems, called "Reverso" poetry. Each poem has two parts that are then reversed, both in structure and in point of view.

Through the PTA Arts-in-Education Committee, the classes Skyped with author and poet, Marilyn Singer, who discussed the ingenious method of composing Reverso poetry. She shared her work, and gave students an inside look at her soon to be published book. Students also got the chance to read their Reverso poems to Ms. Singer; an enjoyable and educational treat for both parties!

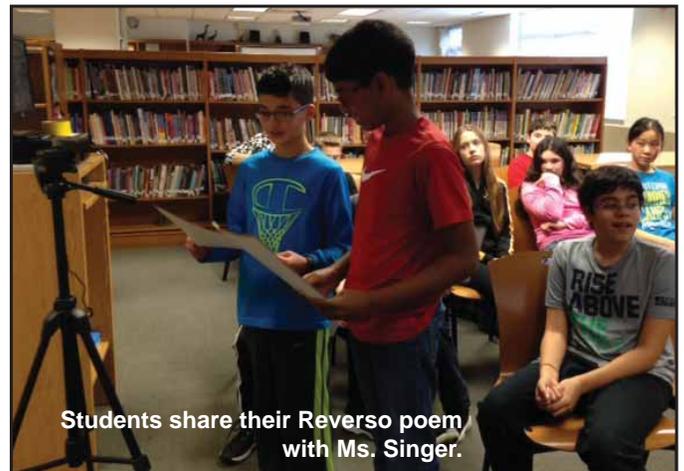
**Who Saved Who?**

**Who Saved Who?  
A Big Lion  
King of Beasts  
Confident, Egotistic?  
OR**

**A Little Mouse  
Brave, Faithful  
A Real Hero!**

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A Big Lion  
Who Saved Who!**



Students share their Reverso poem with Ms. Singer.

# North Ridge Shoe Box Surprise



The children in Cyndi Nichols and Donna Sandak's classes at North Ridge collected goodies that would delight a child for their "Shoe Box Surprise" project. The project is modeled after a program that helps children around the world, but this one benefitted children in our area.

Items that would delight a child were collected to fill the shoe boxes. The boxes were wrapped and a handwritten personal greeting was attached for the recipient.

The boxes were delivered to a local shelter and distributed for the holidays. This project is part of the year-long Service Learner projects that the classes have been undertaking. In January, the students also made lunches for the homeless.

## The Keys to Good Character - Burr's Fifth Grade Play



Audiences were enthusiastic in their response to this year's Fifth Grade Play at Burr Intermediate School, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood." More than 160+ actors and actresses attended early morning and lunchtime rehearsals and expertly delivered their lines to help make the production, staged on the evenings of February 2 and 3, an enormous success.

The original script for the play was written by teachers Krista Fehrenbach and Beth Tanzi, inspired by Mr. Fred Rogers. Each act portrayed the traits that lead

to good character, such as honesty, accountability, compassion, and respect. This was accomplished through the recreation of some beloved sitcoms of the past, and by reconnecting audiences with some of their favorite television characters including Bobby Brady, Alex P. Keaton, Fonzie, and Dennis the Menace, to name a few. In addition to those students with speaking parts, all fifth grade students participated by performing in a musical piece together with their classes.

"While students have many excellent

extra learning opportunities that punctuate their days here at Burr, the Grade 5 play provided so many students with the chance to nurture and explore other attributes," said Mrs. Tanzi. "Many students discovered that they share a mutual interest in performing, and our hope is that these introductions may blossom into friendships as they move up to the middle school."

All proceeds from ticket sales were donated to the ALS- Ride for Life Foundation. Bravo to all!



### North Ridge Immigration Museum

The second graders in Maria Iacovelli's class culminated a unit of study on their ancestry with an impressive Immigration Museum. They collected artifacts, photos, documents, traditional costumes, flags, and recipes that represented their individual heritage. The children also wrote reports on the country of their ancestry.



# Wood Park's Principal 200 Initiative



A school-wide incentive program at Wood Park Primary School encourages its students to make good choices and utilize their "Seven Habits." These habits are: Be Proactive, Begin

With an End in Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win-Win, Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood, Synergize, and Sharpen the Saw. If the children are "caught making

good choices and exhibiting the Seven Habits" they receive a ticket for their actions. They then go to the Main Office, pick a number from the Principal's 200 box, and their name goes

on the corresponding number on the Principal's 200 board in the hallway. The children are also rewarded with a special pencil and a certificate for being a part of the "club!"

## Future Business Leaders Advance to State Leadership Conference

The Commack High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) encourages its members to develop and apply the leadership and organizational skills they learn in their business classes and to connect those skills to future careers.

Club members arrange field trips to local businesses, develop guest speaker programs, participate in LifeSmarts, an online business competition, attend county and state business competitions, and raise funds for local charities. FBLA is open to all students who are currently enrolled in a business

course or who have previously taken a business course.

This year, FBLA has over 100 members. Some of this year's events include the Fall District Meeting at LIU Post, the National Leadership Women's Conference, and our Annual Spring Fun Day.

FBLA Advisor Sandra Braun shared the good news about the results of the Annual FBLA Spring Competition. "I'm so proud of our amazing students, who performed superbly and qualified to represent our school in the State Leadership Conference in April, in Rochester, NY."



- Rick - 1st Place in Technology Concepts
- Giovanna - 1st Place in Impromptu Speaking
- Jacquelyn - 1st Place in Client Services
- Mailya - 1st Place in Banking and Financial Systems
- Michelle - 2nd Place in Public Speaking II
- Brian - 2nd Place in Marketing and Sports and Entertainment Marketing
- Abinaya - 2nd Place in Basic Decision Making
- Milenia - 3rd Place in Public Speaking I
- Greg - 4th Place in Job Interview
- Talia - 5th Place in Hospitality Management
- Talia - 5th Place in Business Calculations

# Indian Hollow: Sharing the Warmth



Indian Hollow Primary School collected winter hats, mittens, coats, and scarves in its second annual drive for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island. Students and staff donated more than

100 items that will be distributed to the astounding 79% of the Big Brothers Big Sisters children who live below the poverty line.

As donations were collected, each

student filled out a paper mitten to hang on the Mitten Drive Bulletin Board. The students at Indian Hollow were happy to help keep others warm during these winter months.

## Future Health Professionals

The demand for health professionals is rising as our population ages, and the members of Future Health Professionals Club at Commack High School want to know how they can help satisfy that demand.

Most recently, guest speaker Christina Rosa-Rogona, Development Officer from Stony Brook University Hospital, explained the career and internship opportunities at Stony Brook Medical Center for high school students (photo on right).

"Not only was she informative, but a great resource for our students," said Christine Wright, club



Advisor Christine Wright (left) and Assistant Principal Leslie Boritz (right) with club officers and Stony Brook's Christina Rosa-Rogona.

advisor and school nurse. "I learned a lot myself. For instance, Stony Brook will train you to become a CNA (certified nurse assistant), and if you continue to work there and decide to pursue a nursing degree they will pay for it!"

The club is now 60 members strong, and students are exploring some of the many career paths in the health field. Speakers include emergency medical personnel from Commack Ambulance Corp, a physical therapist, a veterinarian, and a physician assistant.

Diane Nelson, BOCES Career and Internship teacher at Commack High School spoke with the group about classes at Wilson Tech as well as various internship and shadowing opportunities.

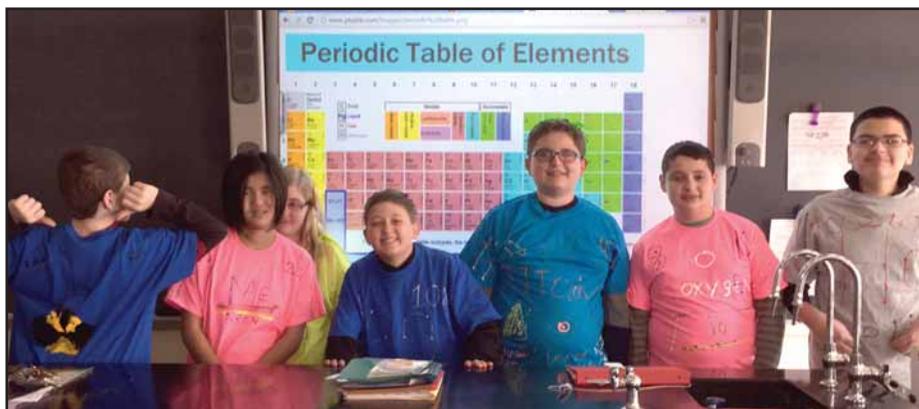
"This is an amazing group of kids and I predict great things as we learn and grow together," said Mrs. Wright. "We have several fundraisers planned including the Go Red for women fundraiser, and the Christmas in June toy drive for Stony Brook Pediatric Hospital."

## New Elements Spark Learning

Students in Jason Fluger and Danielle Rogers's seventh grade science class were intrigued by the recent discovery of elements 113, 115, 117, and 118. As part of their studies of the Periodic Table, each student was instructed to "adopt" his/her own element. The students researched specific elements and the people who

discovered them, searching interactive websites.

The students were then able to respond to the guided question, "How do particular elements impact our everyday lives?" and to report on the possible benefits and other interesting characteristics that these newly discovered elements provide.



Students designed their very own "Elemental T-Shirts," with the name, symbol, atomic number, and atomic mass of their chosen element.

## Maintaining Peaceful Bus Behavior



Wood Park Primary School is committed to working together with teachers, students, bus drivers, and parents to create a peaceful and safe atmosphere on all of its buses.

During the January assembly, the 50 second grade students that volunteered to be Wood Park's Bus Ambassadors in the Safety Patrol program were

announced and introduced to the bus drivers.

"We are very proud of our second grade leaders," said Principal Collison. "We continue to discuss different strategies that can be utilized when solving a problem." For more info, go to the Peaceful Bus post-it on [Mrs. Collison's eBoard](#).



## Miles (and Miles) of Pennies

The Commack High School Grandfriends Club held its annual Miles of Pennies fundraising drive, collecting pennies during homeroom periods. The fundraiser helps to pay for events held by the club, such as the annual Holiday Social at Martin Luther Terrace Apartments in Kings Park, and the Sweetheart Bingo held at the Gurwin Assisted Living facility.



The Grandfriends organization offers a bagel breakfast to the winning homeroom each year. This year, over \$1,300 was raised by staff and students. Grandfriends also donated \$500 each to both Long Island Cares and the Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation.

You can imagine how long it takes to count \$1,300 in pennies! A big thank you to all who donated.

## Indian Hollow Students Explore the Planet



The students in first grade at Indian Hollow have been very busy in the Science Lab! The children have been recognizing natural cycles and patterns, including day and night, the days of the week, and the four seasons.

When learning about day and night, the students had the opportunity to use a flashlight and a



globe to demonstrate how the part of the earth that is facing the sun has "daytime" and the other side of the earth has "nighttime." The children had great conversation as a class and discussed how the earth spins around once in 24 hours.

In the photo are students from Darlene Grant's class.

## A Whale of a Trip!



Rolling Hills second graders had a WHALE of a time at the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum. They learned about the whaling industry on Long Island in the 1800's, observed artifacts from whaling ships, and even got to dress up as sailors! Each student created a scrimshaw acrylic box to take home as a keepsake of this memorable class trip.

## Saying Thank You to the Military



Is writing thank you notes becoming a lost art, replaced by emails or texts? Not in Mary Fox and Jeanne Waldman's classes at Indian Hollow Primary School, which worked together to write letters for the Smithtown Youth Bureau Letter Writing contest.

The students wrote to

thank our military heroes for their dedication and service to our country, after watching several videos to gain an appreciation of the sacrifices these brave men and women make on a daily basis for our safety, and being away from their families for extended periods of time.



Commack High School senior, Mehtaab, was chosen to present his research at the Math Association of America Joint Mathematics Meeting in Seattle, Washington.

This is quite an honor! His award-winning research centers on modeling Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI) with graph theory. In VLSI, up to billions of transistors are fitted onto a single computer chip. The modeling helps with the design challenge to minimize

the wire crossings, which would lead to undesirable interference. The applications range from computer chip design, to the navigation of robots, to the establishment of a base out of sight of an enemy.

Congratulating Mehtaab are, from left to right: science research assistant, Andrea Beatty, Director of Science, Allison Offerman-Celentano, and science mentor teachers, Dr. Lorraine Solomon and Richard Kurtz.

# The Gift of Sight

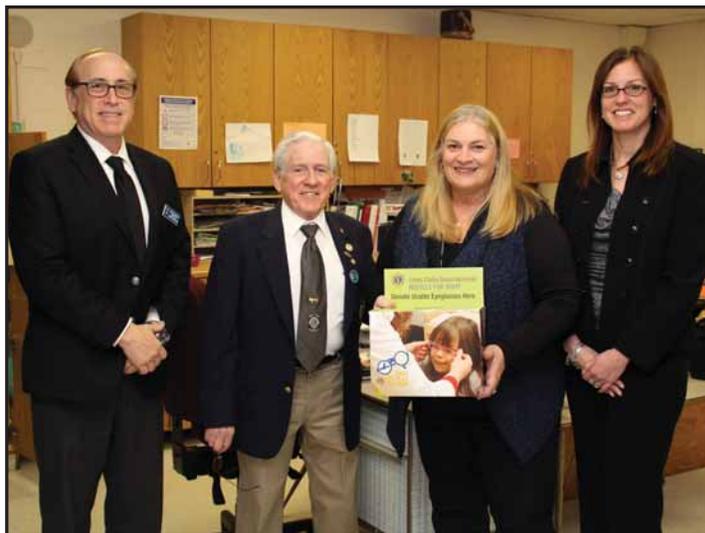
The world's largest service club organization, Lions Club International, is best known for its mission to eradicate blindness. The club offers help conducting vision screenings, and distributes food, care, and medicines, and "does whatever is needed to help their local communities."

The club also collects and recycles old eyeglasses so they can be reused by those in need. Commack Schools have long collected eyeglasses for the Lions Club, and we con-

tinue to do so.

In photo, Wood Park Primary School nurse Paula Saltzman and Principal Michelle Collison present the glasses donated by staff and students to Lions Club members, Dr. Scott Firestone and Brian Freier.

If you would like to put those old glasses to good use, donation boxes are located in all schools. You can drop them off right at the front welcome desks. More info: [www.suffolk-countylions.org](http://www.suffolk-countylions.org).



**Rescue Me!  
Please!**

**New Homeless  
Pet Club @CMS**

*Dr. Good invited club members to talk about why their pets are important to them (above) and why every animal deserves a loving home.*



The Cause for Paws Club at Commack Middle School collects food and supplies to donate to animal shelters for homeless pets. Their passion was rewarded recently when Dr. Michael Good, veterinarian and founder of the Homeless Pets Foundation, traveled here from Georgia just to speak to them.

Dr. Good wants to help homeless animals find loving, forever homes. His efforts include outreach to schools, businesses, and civic organizations through his "Homeless Pet Clubs."

Each club sponsors and tries to find homes for specific shelter pets and shares the love of animals by promoting animal res-

cue, responsible pet ownership, adoption of shelter animals, and animal welfare.

The Cause for Paws Club is taking on the challenge, partnering with Sue Hansen, Supervisor of Town of Smithtown Animal Shelter. Their mission will be to find homes for the dogs and 60 cats living at the shelter through posters, social media, and word of mouth.

In photo on right, students pet shelter dog sweet Studley, who is looking for a home. For more info: [www.homelesspetsclub.org](http://www.homelesspetsclub.org), or get in touch with CMS Club Advisors, Jason Flugler and Renee Landsman.



*The Cause for Paws Club collected 150 items of food, toys, and blankets for "our four-legged friends" at the Little Animal Shelter in East Northport.*

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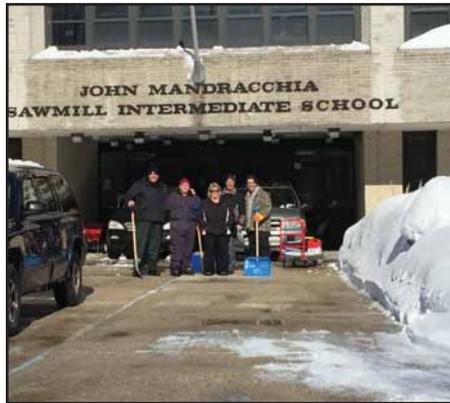
Rolling Hills Heritage Day



Indian Hollow Western Night



Wood Park Literacy Night



Blizzard in January

Every day there are exciting and memorable events going on in our Commack Schools.

To see more photos and daily updates, follow @CommackSchools on Twitter, visit the Commack Website: [www.commackschools.org](http://www.commackschools.org), or join our community email notification system: [www.commackcalendar.org/email-signup.cfm](http://www.commackcalendar.org/email-signup.cfm).



On January 5, 2016, Commack Girls Varsity Basketball player, senior Jaclyn scored her 1,000th career point. Congratulations Jackie!

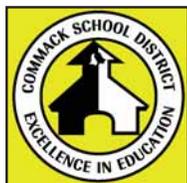
## SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAMPIONS!



Congratulations to Commack High School's Girls Fencing Team! The ladies took home the Suffolk County Championship for the second year in a row. Their season record was 13-3.

"These young women showed tremendous strength and grit against a very talented league," said Coach Raeihle. They are true champions on and off the strip."

Girls Fencing Coach, Robert Raeihle, was named Fencing Coach of the Year by Section XI for the third year in a row (on right in photo).



# Commack Courier

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