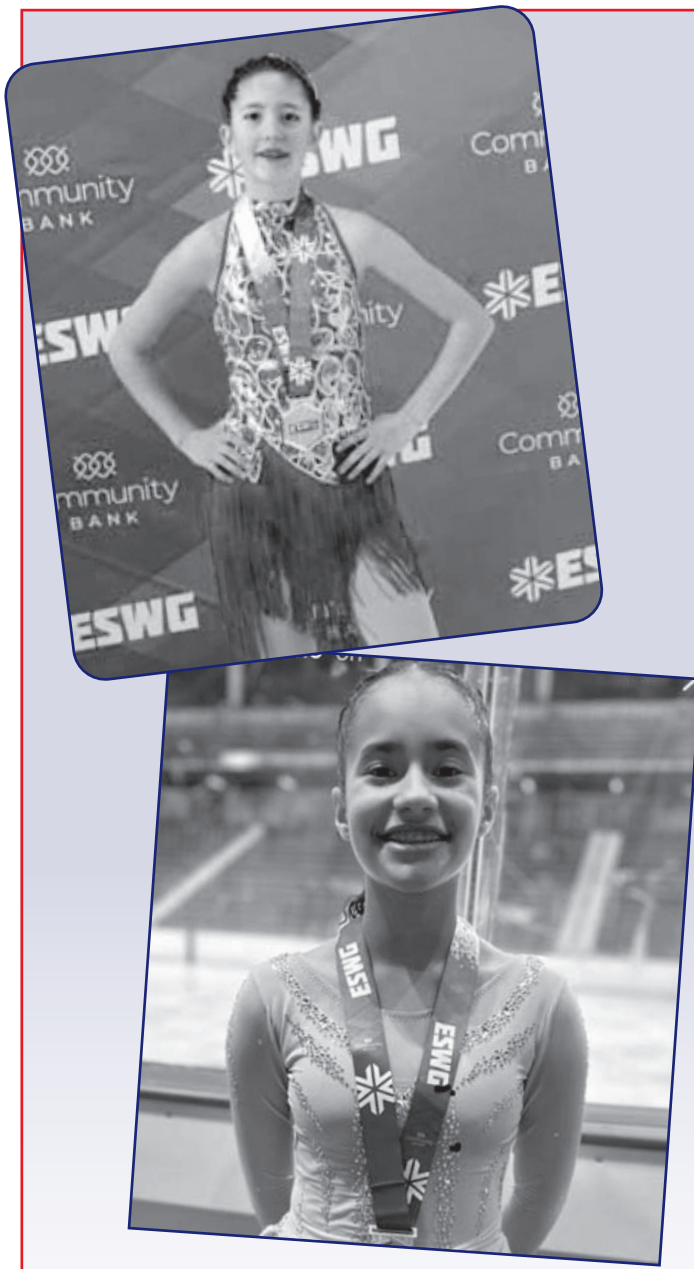


SHINING IN SPORTS

- The HSW varsity cheer team was crowned Game Day champions in the National Cheer Competition in Florida. The ladies placed third overall in states!
- The Smithtown East varsity Whisperettes took first place at the Contest of Champions in Orlando, Florida, for the XS Kickline and Small Kickline categories!
- The Smithtown West varsity Whisperettes were crowned 2023 NDA Medium Varsity Kick national champions.
- The Smithtown/Hauppauge boys swimming and diving team won the Suffolk County title and made it to states, finishing fourth in the 200-freestyle relay.
- HSE's John Holler was the only swimmer in New York State to qualify for all 11 state events.
- HSW junior track star Laina Friedmann was named All-State and All-Federation.
- High School East wrestler Michael Sanchez and High School West wrestler Kenny Leverich Jr. received All-State honors.




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SMITHTOWN SUCCESSES!

Students and staff in the Smithtown Central School District have plenty of reasons to be proud this spring. From science and music to community service and sports, our students and staff have excelled inside the classroom, on the stage and athletic fields and continued their reach into the Smithtown community and beyond! The Smithtown Central School District strives to inspire and empower its students to reach their full academic, physical and emotional potential in a safe and supportive environment.

“ In Smithtown, we are committed to educating well-rounded, lifelong learners who are compassionate, responsible, ethical members of society. It is through the continued support of the Smithtown community that we are capable of providing opportunities of success for all.”

– Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Secaur



RUNNING FOR GLORY

Dogwood Elementary School office assistant Denise Hughes recently completed her sixth World Marathon Majors. The Abbott World Marathon Majors is a series consisting of six of the largest and most renowned marathons in the world: Bank of America Chicago Marathon, BMW Berlin-Marathon, Boston Marathon, TCS London Marathon, TCS New York City Marathon and Tokyo Marathon..

STARRING on STAGE

The Smithtown Central School District's robust fine arts program allowed our performers to shine on stage this year!



GOT THE Gold!

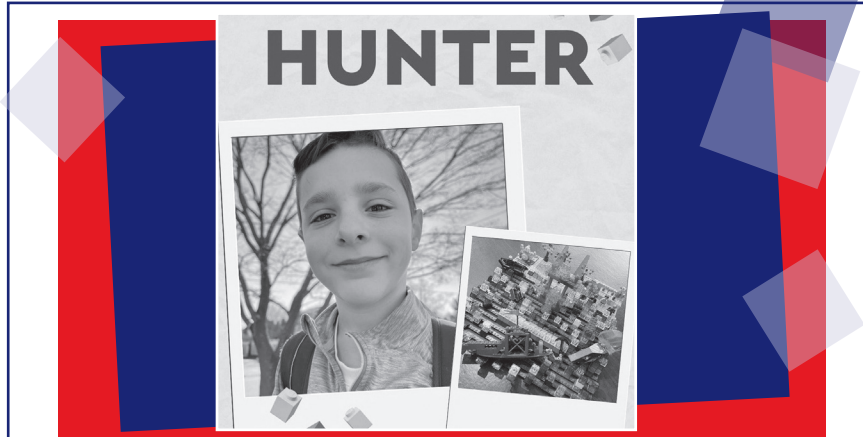


Congratulations to Great Hollow Middle School seventh graders **Oliva Marte** and **Alyssa Tartamella** for winning figure skating gold medals at the Empire State Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, New York!



HSW RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM #1 IN NATION

The Relay for Life team at High School West raised nearly \$11,000 for a competition titled "Fund the Mission" and was the No. 1 fundraising high school in the nation! This is the second year in a row High School West has won this competition. Special shoutout to students Jessica Amado and Julia Pappas who both finished in the top 10 in individual fundraising. Relay For Life is a community-based fundraising event for the American Cancer Society.



LEGO JUNIOR MASTER

Smithtown Elementary third grader Hunter Buoneto was selected a finalist for Legoland's Junior Master Builder Competition. Hunter submitted a build and story to go with it, and he was picked by the winners of the last Lego Masters Competition, Nick and Stacy. Hunter competed at Legoland on April 1, where he made it to the final round of the inaugural Junior Master Builder Competition. Congratulations, Hunter!

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HSE THINK DISCOVERY SCIENCE RESEARCH PROGRAM HEADING TO INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Smithtown East ThINK Discovery Science Research Program is heading to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Texas this May!

From engineering rewriteable and encryptable paper to using nitrogen-fixing bacteria to improve the growth of cherry tomato plants, the students in the Smithtown East ThINK Discovery Program presented their research at the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair. Competing against all Long Island schools, each student placed with outstanding results.



BATTLE OF THE CLASSES AT AMS

Students participated in teambuilding activities at Accomsett Middle School's Battle of the Classes. Principal Paul McNeil said, "It's the best night of the year. A whole lot of fun. It's nice for the whole family."



DECA DOMINANCE

Seventy-one medals and trophies were awarded to students from High School East and West DECA at the New York DECA State Career Conference held on March 11-12 in Rochester, New York. East and West had a total of 80 students competing, with nine students qualifying to attend the International Career Conference in Florida where they will compete against all the top winners from across the globe. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.



SIMPLY MAGNETIC

The Great Hollow Competition Club recently competed at Brookhaven National Laboratory with fantastic results! The students designed and constructed magnetic levitation trains after school and brought them to the competition. The club had a first-place finish, multiple second-place finishes and a third-place finish. The club is advised by technology education teacher Mrs. Kerr-VanGostein. Congratulations to all the participants and winners!



SUPER SPELLERS!

Accompsett Middle School students Olivia Lipiec (sixth grade), Priya Prabhu (seventh grade) and Great Hollow Middle School seventh grader Rohma Salman all advanced to the final round of the ScholarSkills/Scripps Long Island Spelling Bee on Friday, March 24, at Half Hollow Hills East High School.



FOLK DANCE FUN

Fourth graders and their special guests gleefully participated in St. James Elementary School's inaugural Folk Dance Festival. This amazing event was planned and led by Mrs. Braunreuther and it was a tremendous success. There were smiles all around and enthusiastic participation!



HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES

SCSD students participated in the SCMEA All-County Division I Festival in early March. The selected students practiced for three days and then performed in a final concert. Students from Accomsett, Dogwood, Mt. Pleasant, Smithtown and St. James elementary schools; Accomsett, Great Hollow and Nesaquake middle schools and High School East and High School West participated.



GETTING INTO CHARACTER

Fourth grade students at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School were really invested in their class biography projects. Students looked amazing while presenting their biographies about a famous person who made a historical impact. Historical figures such as Amelia Earhart, Anne Frank, Milton Hershey and President Theodore Roosevelt were just some of the subjects students chose.



BEST IN BOOKMARKS

To help foster a love of reading, Dogwood students partook in a bookmark design contest during their PARP celebration. Their creations aligned with the PARP theme, "Reading together is S'more fun!"



COLLEGE DAY!

Great Hollow Middle School students received some fun and informative insight into college life by participating in College Day. The Great Hollow staff created a bulletin board including photos from their college years and information regarding each staff member's college experience. Teachers then spoke to their classes about their college experience. Some teachers went even further and tied in their entire lesson around College Day, including Mrs. Roberts' math classes. The focus of College Day was to generate interest and excitement around attending college in the future.



THE ISLANDERS COME TO TACKAN

Sparky the Dragon, mascot of the New York Islanders, visited Tackan Elementary School as part of an assembly on making smart decisions. Sparky, along with the Islanders assembly host, spoke with students about the importance of eating healthy, staying active and treating others with respect. Students participated in a variety of warmup activities and morning exercises under Sparky's guidance.



SOUPER BOWL SUCCESS

The Mills Pond Cares Club hosted the Souper Bowl, collecting cans for Long Island Cares in a grade-level competition. The students raised over 900 pounds of food!