



Hempstead Herald

The Hempstead Union Free School District



Student Orientations Are a Success

Just weeks before the 2011-2012 academic year began, Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School sixth grade students and Hempstead High School Campus ninth grade students were able to meet with their principals and teachers, obtain their class schedules, take their school identification pictures, and more during their school's Incoming Student Orientation.

At the Middle School, the Peer Support Team organized orientation featured 260 students in attendance with their parents and/or guardians. The students, who are members of the largest incoming sixth grade class at ABGS since 2001, also had the opportunity to complete and submit their lunch and emergency contact forms. In addition, students and parents were able to discuss plans and expectations for the new academic year with Principal Hank Williams, Interim Assistant Principals Catherine Engelhardt and Gary Rush, and Dean of Students Rachel Blount.

During the Hempstead High School Campus orientation, building principals Dagoberto Artilles, David Evans and James Thomas reviewed the campus's three-academy initiative, which allows freshmen and sophomores to enroll in either the College Preparatory Academy for Business and Law, College Preparatory Academy for Math and Science or the College Preparatory Academy for Music and Art for their high school education. The new ninth-graders, who made district history by becoming the second class to be a part of the new three-academy initiative, were also given the opportunity to visit classrooms, locker rooms, and other locations in the school as a part of a building tour.



District Celebrates Back to School Week

The Hempstead Public Schools reopened its doors to students on September 6, to begin another successful academic and fiscal year. Students returned to school with smiles on their faces ready to learn and work diligently at becoming outstanding academic achievers in the 2011-2012 school year.



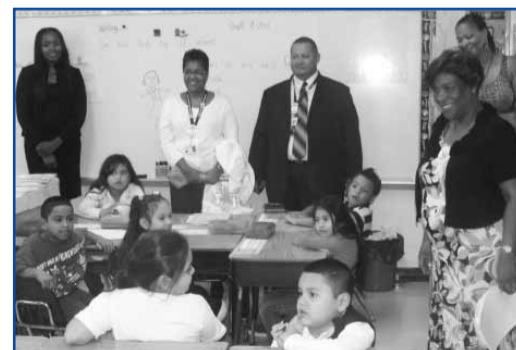
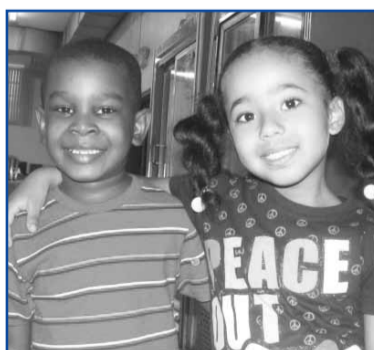
While welcoming students to a new year, district administrators also visited classrooms throughout opening week to discuss plans for continued improvement in academics, athletics and building operations with students, teachers and staff members.

The Hempstead Board of Education and Administration will also continue to implement changes, improvements, initiatives, programs and plans in the district during the 2011-2012 school year to support the following districtwide goals:

- Increase student achievement
- Maintain safe schools
- Engage parents and community
- Operate with fiscal responsibility, integrity and effectiveness
- Provide strong and effective leadership at the governance, district and school levels

In addition, the district will continue to strive for academic excellence by advancing its new vision statement:

"Hempstead Public Schools students will meet and exceed state and national standards, be college and workforce ready, and value diversity."



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CORNER



Hempstead High School Campus students Nia Sargent, left, Alyssa Crawford, and Angel Figueroa recently participated in the 2011 Music Improv Camp at the Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City. Thanks to scholarships awarded by the Irving Caesar Fund of the ASCAP Foundation, these talented Hempstead musicians completed daily workshops, practice sessions, music education classes and more with professional musicians for five days in August.

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A Message from Superintendent of Schools *Dr. Patricia Garcia...*



Dear Parents, Guardians, Residents and Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. The start of a new school year always brings a renewed sense of commitment to education to every member of the Hempstead school community. The Hempstead Board of Education, Central Administration, teachers and staff are ready to work diligently at making this new school year another academically challenging and productive year for our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce some of the changes in our staff for the 2011-2012 school year. Dr. Johnetta Hill is the new interim principal of the Hempstead High School Campus' Senior College Preparatory Academy, Ms. Sheena Burke is the academy's new assistant principal, Mr. Henry Williams will now serve as the principal of the Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School and Ms. Catherine Engelhardt has joined the school's administrative team as an interim assistant principal, and Mr. Chy Davidson is the new assistant principal at Franklin School.

This is also an opportune time to highlight the progress that our district made during the summer season. Many of our ELA, math, science and social studies teachers dedicated their time this summer to improving education for our students through curriculum writing. This work will assist tremendously in our districtwide efforts to align our curriculum with the new Common Core Standards. Our school district also held a successful summer school program, summer math and science academy for middle school students, Math and ELA institute for teachers, and incoming student orientation at the middle school and high school.

In between cleaning and maintaining our school buildings this summer, our Facilities Department also completed the replacement of the Hempstead High School Campus' gym floor, as well as commenced site work to remedy flooding around the campus. All of the academic and building enhancements that were made this summer were truly a success, and I am confident that these accomplishments will assist in our pursuit of educational excellence in the Hempstead Public Schools.

As the 2011-2012 school year progresses, I believe it is imperative for us to remember that this year will bring many new challenges as we strive to provide "A Better Future for Every Child" in the Hempstead School District. However, we must continue to remain steadfast in working as a unit to move our school district onward and upward. As your Superintendent of Schools, you have my sincerest commitment that our district's Administration and staff will work tirelessly to ensure that the Hempstead Public Schools properly educates and nurtures the talents of every student. I look forward to working with each of you to make the 2011-2012 school year a very progressive and successful one for our students and school district.

Sincerely,
Dr. Patricia Garcia
Superintendent of Schools

Estimados Padres, Apoderados, Residentes y Colegas,

Bienvenidos al año escolar 2011-2012. El inicio de un nuevo año escolar siempre trae un renovado sentido de compromiso con la educación a todos los miembros de la comunidad escolar de Hempstead. La Junta de Educación de Hempstead, Administración Central, los profesores y el personal están listos para trabajar con diligencia para que este nuevo año escolar sea uno lleno de retos académicos y que sea productivo para nuestros estudiantes. Me gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para anunciar algunos de los cambios en nuestro personal para el año escolar 2011-2012. La Dra. Johnetta Hill es la nueva directora interina de la Academia Preparatoria Superior de la Escuela Secundaria; la Srta. Sheena Burke es la nueva asistente a la principal para la academia superior, el Sr. Henry Williams será ahora el director de la Escuela Intermedia Alverta B. Gray Schultz, y la Sra. Catherine Engelhardt se le ha unido al equipo administrativo como asistente interina del director, y el Sr. Chy Davidson es el nuevo asistente a la directora de la Escuela Primaria Franklin.

Este también es un momento oportuno para poner de relieve los avances que nuestro distrito hizo durante los meses de verano. Muchos de nuestros profesores de inglés, matemáticas, ciencias y estudios sociales dedicaron su tiempo este verano para mejorar la educación de nuestros estudiantes a través de la escritura del currículo. Este trabajo ayudará enormemente en nuestros esfuerzos para alinear nuestro currículo con los nuevos Estándares Fundamentales. Además, nuestro distrito escolar también implementó un exitoso programa de verano, una academia de verano de matemáticas y ciencias, un instituto de matemáticas e inglés para maestros, y sostuvo una orientación para los alumnos recién llegados a la escuela intermedia y secundaria.

En medio de la limpieza y el mantenimiento de nuestros edificios escolares este verano, nuestro Departamento de Instalaciones también ha completado la sustitución del piso del gimnasio del recinto de la Escuela Secundaria de Hempstead, así como también se comenzó a trabajar para poner remedio a las inundaciones en todo el recinto. Todas las mejoras académicas y de la construcción que se han hecho este verano fueron un verdadero éxito, y estoy segura de que esos logros ayudarán en nuestra búsqueda de la excelencia educativa en las Escuelas Públicas de Hempstead.

A medida que el año escolar 2011-2012 transcurra, yo creo que es imperativo para nosotros recordar que este año traerá muchos retos nuevos al mismo tiempo que nos esforzamos en que Hempstead sea un distrito escolar que ofrece "Un mejor futuro para cada estudiante" en el Distrito Escolar Hempstead. Sin embargo, debemos mantenernos firmes en el trabajo como una unidad para impulsar nuestro distrito escolar hacia adelante. Como la Superintendente de las escuelas de Hempstead, usted tiene mi más sincero compromiso de que esta administración trabajará sin descanso para garantizar que las Escuelas Públicas de Hempstead eduquen correctamente y nutran los talentos de cada estudiante. Espero trabajar con cada uno de ustedes para hacer que el año escolar 2011-2012 sea un gran éxito para nuestros estudiantes.

Atentamente,
Dra. Patricia García
Superintendente de las Escuelas

A Special Visit

As part of her national tour, American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten visited the Hempstead Public Schools in September. During the visit, Weingarten met with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia, and the district's union presidents to discuss the future of education, as well as visited Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle and Barack Obama schools to speak with students. News coverage from the Barack Obama School visit was featured in Newsday on September 7.



From left are Hempstead Classroom Teachers Association President Dawn Sherwood, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia, New York State United Teachers President Richard Iannuzzi, and American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten.



American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten visited students at Barack Obama School as a part of her tour.

Superintendent of Schools Named as an Education Pioneer

Hempstead Hispanic Civic Association honors Dr. Patricia Garcia for her educational leadership



Hempstead Hispanic Civic Association Executive Director George Siberón presented Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia with a Pioneer in Education Award during the organization's 33rd Anniversary Gala.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia was one of five honorees presented with a Pioneer in Education Award at the Hempstead Hispanic Civic Association's 33rd Anniversary Gala in September. The celebration recognized professionals and organizations that have helped to improve educational achievement and opportunities for children in the Village of Hempstead.

George Siberón, the organization's executive director, thanked Dr. Garcia during the awards ceremony for leading efforts in the district to institute innovative changes, initiatives and programs to increase the success of all students.

"During Dr. Garcia's tenure, the Hempstead School District has aggressively engaged parents, teachers and administrators to work as partners in order to turn around the low academic achievement of its students while setting high standards for all students," Siberón stated. "As the first Latina superintendent in the Hempstead School District, Dr. Garcia also serves as a role model to all students, and she reinforces to our students that anything can be accomplished through hard work and a belief in their ability to achieve great things."

"Providing our students with the best education is a responsibility that this superintendent, the Hempstead Board of Education and the Hempstead Public Schools administrators, teachers and staff takes very seriously," Dr. Garcia stated during her

award acceptance remarks. "Nurturing the talents of every student and bringing out the best in all of our students is our duty, and although we face many challenges on a daily basis in our efforts to properly educate our children, I am confident that with integrity, a vision and effective leadership we will continue to increase academic achievement and so much more for our children."

The Helping Youth Pursue Excellence Academy Opens ③



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia reviewed the goals of the Helping Youth Pursue Excellence Academy during a Parents Information Meeting in September.



During the Open House, Hempstead Board of Education President Charles Renfroe and Vice President JoAnn Simmons discussed the initiatives the district is implementing to increase student achievement.



HYPE Academy Administrator Angela Maynard and guidance counselor Isom Raheem welcomed guests during the Open House.



Carlos Ramirez, the district's Director of Technology, showcased the academy's interactive whiteboards and computers at the Open House.

The Hempstead High School Campus now has a new school—the Helping Youth Pursue Excellence (HYPE) Academy. The academy, which is located on the second floor of 100 Main Street in Hempstead, is an annex to the campus that educates students who will reach their fullest academic potential in a small, non-traditional school setting. The school is the first of its kind in the history of the school district.

Led by Administrator Angela Maynard, the academy offers services to students who will benefit from:

- **Credit Recovery**
- **An Individualized Educational Plan**
- **A Flexible Schedule to Increase Attendance**
- **Tutorial Services**
- **Curriculum for Regents Diploma**
- **A General Education Diploma (GED)**

Through the HYPE Academy, the district will provide:

- **Alternative ways for students to achieve high**

school graduation resulting in an increased graduation rate in the Hempstead Public Schools

- **A school environment that is safe, disciplined and conducive to learning**
- **Internships to help prepare them for college and/or the workforce**
- **Innovative, project-based student performance assessments to measure student progress**
- **Access to human assistance programs and counseling services for students and their families**

Since 2010, district administrators, teachers and staff have been working collaboratively to finalize plans to ensure that this new program is a success, and extensive research was conducted prior to adding the academy to the district's educational services. The school building is equipped with interactive whiteboards, Mac computer labs, spacious classrooms and more to help students have a 21st Century high school learning experience.

In September, the Hempstead Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Dr.

Patricia Garcia hosted a HYPE Academy Information Meeting for parents, and a HYPE Academy Open House for Village of Hempstead elected officials and community leaders.

The information meeting, which was held in the Hempstead High School Campus Library, gave parents and guardians the opportunity to learn more about the program, and how it will assist in their child's journey towards academic success. The attendees were also able to participate in a question and answer session with Hempstead Board of Education Vice President JoAnn Simmons, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia and Academy Administrator Angela Maynard.

During the Open House, attendees were able to tour the state-of-the-art facility, meet the academy's faculty, as well as discuss 2011-2012 school year plans for the academy with the Hempstead Board of Education and district administrators. In addition, an Open House and a Parent Teacher Conference for parents and families was held in October.



Signs displaying Walk & Talk can be found throughout the hallways of the Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School as part of the school's implementation of the Safe and Civil Schools Start on Time! initiative.



The district's middle and high school teachers attended a Safe and Civil Schools workshop during the Superintendent's Conference Day.

Safe and Civil Schools = Increased Student Achievement

During the exchange of classes, the hallways of the Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School and Hempstead High School Campus now look a bit different. On any given day, one can see administrators and teachers walking in the halls near students, encouraging them to walk and talk while they transition to class, as well as reminding them to be seated in their classroom before the bell rings. The increased school official hallway presence and positive behavior reinforcement is a part of the district's new Safe and Civil Schools initiative.

Since September, the two schools have implemented several programs within this initiative including the Start on Time! program, which is used in more than 100 school districts across the country. This program aims to, among other things, decrease student tardiness, decrease student suspensions, improve hallway safety and protect instructional time, as well as educate students about the importance of punctuality before they become adults.

"The Safe and Civil Schools and Start on Time initiatives are about improving and strengthening our school climate and making our schools safer," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia stated. "When students arrive to school on time and spend less time in the hallways, our teachers can decrease the time they spend addressing student lateness. As a result, our teachers can increase the amount of instructional time in their classrooms, which is essential to improving the academic achievement of our students."

During the summer, middle and high school teachers attended a three-day seminar about the new Safe and Civil Schools initiative and how it can be implemented in their schools and classrooms. As a part of this year's Superintendent's Conference Day, middle and high school teachers also participated in a Safe and Civil Schools workshop.

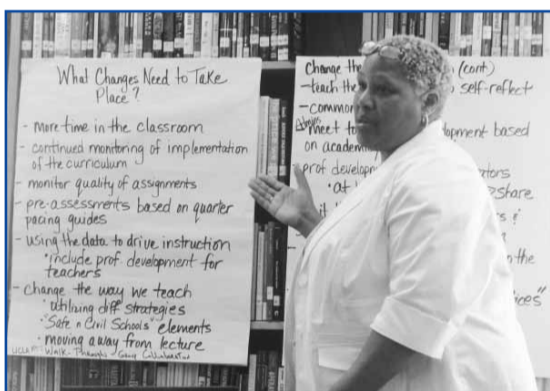
④ Curriculum Moves Closer to Common Core Standards

While students were away on summer vacation, district administrators and teachers worked collaboratively in several curriculum areas to improve education districtwide. Ninety teachers commenced curriculum writing in July and August to help align the district's ELA, math, science, social studies, and native language arts pacing guides with the new Common Core State Standards. The district also hosted a weeklong ELA and Math Institute for teachers in August. Both institutes were intense professional development workshops that taught teachers how to properly implement the new Common Core Standards in the classroom.

Back to School Week for District Administrators



District administrators began the 2011-2012 school year on August 30, by participating in their Annual Fall Administrators Retreat. With influence from author and management consultant Patrick Lencioni's book "The Five Dysfunctions of a Team," administrators dedicated this year's retreat to discussing and establishing ways that they can become a more cohesive and productive team. During the workshop, assistant superintendents, building principals and directors also met in groups to determine what improvements are needed in their departments to continue to move the district closer to becoming one of academic and operational excellence.



District Partners with the Panasonic Foundation

Since September 2010, the district has been in partnership with the Panasonic Foundation, a leading educational reform organization that partners with public school districts across the country to improve the academic and social success of all students.

With leadership from the district's Panasonic Core Team — which includes district administrators and directors — the district has already made several positive strides in improving education and operations in the Hempstead Public Schools.

Last year, the Panasonic Core Team established the district's first vision statement: "Hempstead Public Schools students will meet and exceed state and national standards, be college and workforce ready, and value diversity."

The team then created six small task forces to survey teachers and principals in each school to determine what needs to change and improve in order for the district to

achieve its vision.

"There were about fifty people who served on the task forces, and each force obtained important data through the surveys, especially concerning the district's instructional needs and student needs," explained Dr. Stephanie Clagnaz, the district's Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, who serves on the Panasonic Core Team. "Our next step is to take this important information and use it to develop goals that describe in a very concrete way how our district will properly address the needs of our students, so they can excel academically and move forward."

Consultants from the foundation currently visit the district twice a month to conduct classroom visits and to observe student learning. In addition, they meet with district administrators to discuss curriculum and provide feedback from their observations. The partnership is currently slated to continue throughout this school year.

The Panasonic Core Team

Dr. Stephanie Clagnaz
Beverley Jones
Elias Mestizo
Sheryl McBeth
Carlos Ramirez
Hank Williams
Djuana Wilson

Panasonic Foundation Consultants

Gail Davis
Buddy Johnson
Marla Perez-Selles



The district's Panasonic Core Team meets twice a month to discuss, among other things, the progress the district is making in advancing its new vision statement.

District Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Stephanie Clagnaz, also meets with Panasonic Foundation consultants Buddy Johnson, and Gail Davis to discuss plans to improve the academic performance of all students.

Teachers and Staff Kick Off New Year at Superintendent's Conference Day 5



Professional development and training was the common theme at the district's 2011 Superintendent's Conference Day on August 31 and September 1. Teachers, teaching assistants and all district staff members attended workshops and meetings throughout each day to complete specialized training, and to learn ways to improve their services to students in the 2011-2012 school year.



NEW APPR BEGINS

The 2011-2012 school year marked the start of the district's new Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) for teachers and administrators. The district recently adopted the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) Teacher Practice Rubric, which is designed to evaluate teacher effectiveness by using the state's seven Teaching Standards along with its newly added ratings: highly effective, effective, developing and ineffective.

The district was one of only six districts in the state to field test the new rubric last spring as participants in the NYSUT Innovation Initiative. Under the district's Hempstead Innovation Design Team, district administrators, union leaders and teachers worked alongside other educators in the initiative to help create the new NYSUT evaluation model.

This year, the state requires that only ELA and math classroom teachers who serve students in fourth through eighth grade, and the building principals of the schools where these teachers are employed, be evaluated under the new APPR regulations. Next year, the new system will include all teachers and building principals.

"This new APPR process is a whole different way of looking at teacher evaluation because the new system is now about teacher evaluations and teacher development," explained Dr. Stephanie Clagnaz, the district's Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. "The concept of professional growth for teachers is an inherent part of this new process, which is very different from the way teacher evaluations were looked upon in the past. The reason why we are doing this is so that teachers get better at their profession. As educational leaders, we also have a responsibility to do what is needed to support teacher development."

During the district's annual Superintendent's Conference Day in August, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia, Dr. Stephanie Clagnaz, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Julius Brown and Hempstead Classroom Teachers Association President Dawn Sherwood held two APPR presentations to explain the new system to teachers and building principals districtwide.

To view the district's adopted NYSUT APPR Rubric, please visit the Teachers/Resources page on the district's website, www.hempsteadschools.org.



Hempstead Innovation Design Team

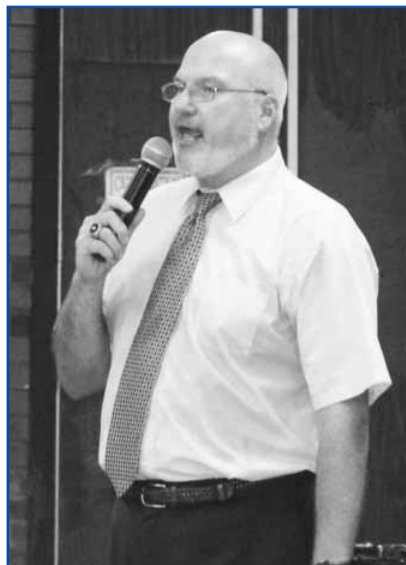
Dr. Patricia Garcia,
Superintendent of Schools

Valerie Barnett, *Innovation Coordinator*
Dawn Sherwood, *HCTA President*

Julius Brown
Dr. Nichelle Rivers
Regina Armstrong-Robinson
Richard Brown

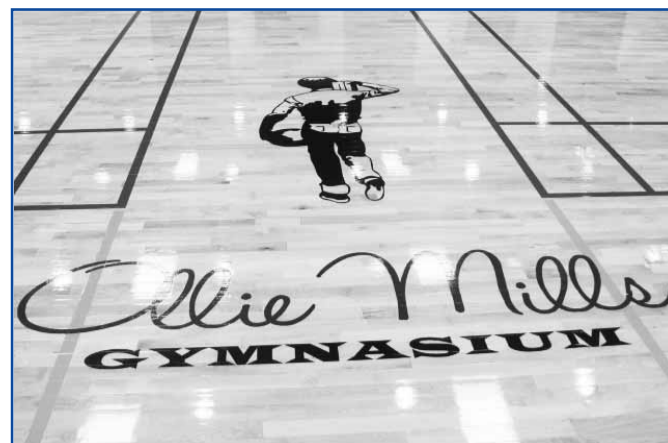
Elias Mestizo
Maria Cady
Cheryl Mc Cue
Dr. Wendy Niles

District Hosts Inaugural Parent Athlete Orientation Night



As a part of the district's ongoing efforts to improve communication with parents and guardians, and to help Hempstead students achieve success academically and athletically, the Athletic Department hosted a Parent Athlete Orientation Night in the high school's Tiger Café in September. The event, which featured more than 200 parents and students in attendance, was the first of its kind in the history of the school district.

Led by District Athletic Director Dr. Robert Cincotta, the event gave parents and students the opportunity to learn about National Collegiate Athletic Association requirements, district athletic policies, and the expectations that the district has for Hempstead Tiger student athletes on and off the fields and courts. In addition, parents and students were also able to meet with the sports coaches and staff, and students were given mini-Hempstead Tiger footballs as souvenirs.



The district recently completed the replacement of the Hempstead High School Campus gymnasium floor. The gym has also been renamed in honor of Ollie Mills, a former teacher and Hempstead Tiger coach who served the district for more than three decades.

HEMPSTEAD TIGER FALL SPORTS

Hempstead High School Campus Teams

Boys

- Badminton
- Coach Bedneau (V)
- Football
- Coach Moore (V)
- Coach Cherry (JV)
- Soccer
- Coach Gauthier (V)
- Volleyball
- Coach Kelly (V)

Girls

- Soccer
- Coach Vila (V)
- Swimming
- Coach Polcha (V)
- Tennis
- Coach Hasbun (V)
- Volleyball
- Coach Reynolds (V)

Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School Teams

Boys

- Football
- Coach Graziosi
- Soccer**
- Coach Winther

Girls

- Soccer
- Coach Lopez

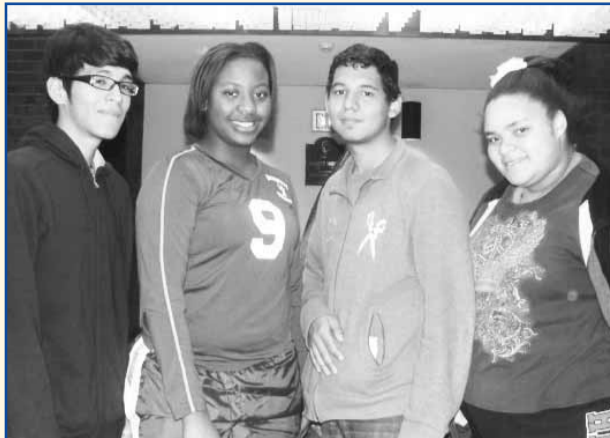
Attention ALL Tiger Alumni: Send Us Your News

The Hempstead Public Schools wants to publicize the latest Hempstead Tiger alumni news and announcements. Did you net the winning goal or hit the buzzer beater for your college team? Did you recently graduate from college, get a job promotion or win an award? If yes, e-mail your news and a jpeg photo to hempsteadschoolnews@gmail.com. The district looks forward to hearing from you.

Hempstead Students Commemorate 10th Anniversary of 9/11



As a part of the Barack Obama School September 11 remembrance program, students folded the flag and presented it to Principal Helisse Palmore.



Hempstead High School Campus students Jesse Ortiz, left, Alyssa Crawford, Angel Figueroa and Elana Muniz participated in a September 11 commemoration concert at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point.

In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, students at Barack Obama Elementary School learned that they have the power to combat violence and negativity through acts of kindness including extending a helping hand to those in need and valuing the importance of respect and diversity.

During the Building Character for a Brighter Tomorrow program, students watched a video presentation entitled, "On That Day," which educated the students about the terrorist attacks and their impact on our country. The ceremony also featured the singing of "God Bless America," a flag presentation, a poetry reading by teacher Ms. Linda Smith and remarks from Principal Helisse Palmore. As a part of the school's September 11 lesson, students in each grade also created remembrance artwork to honor those who lost their lives on that tragic day.

And Hempstead High School Campus students Alyssa Crawford, Angel Figueroa, Elana Muniz, and Jesse Ortiz participated in the All-Star High School Band of Long Island Concert at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point. The 200-piece band performance was held in commemoration of 9/11.



High Schooler Selected for Adelphi Workshop

The district congratulates Hempstead High School Campus student Elana Muniz for being one of 15 students selected to participate in the Adelphi Art Workshop this spring. The program provides students with instruction and training in studio and visual art with an emphasis on the human figure.

PROSPECT SCHOOL BOND PROJECT UPDATE

The district's \$18.1 million Prospect School Bond Project is moving forward. The project, which is headed by BBS Architects and Engineers, is currently in the Design Development Phase, and the Pre-Construction Document Phase is next. The landmark school building on Peninsula Boulevard is slated to reopen as a districtwide Kindergarten Center in September 2013.

The following items/tasks were completed during the Prospect School Bond Project Design Development Phase:

- Documentation of existing building conditions and utilities
- Land Survey
- Soil borings and geotechnical investigative report
- Window condition/operation evaluation
- Site Variance submission to State Education Department
- N.Y.S. Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation submission

- Design meetings with District Administration and Staff regarding building utilization and site design
- Preliminary submission to the State Education Department
- Temporary repairs of building envelope completed by the district
- Pre-Construction inspection and sampling of suspect construction materials

The following items/tasks are scheduled for completion during the project's Pre-Construction Document Phase:

- District is preparing for the removal of stored materials and building debris
- District is preparing for investigative demolition and review of existing structural components
- District is preparing for selection of Construction Manager services
- Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan is being prepared for submission to the Department of Environmental Conservation



- BBS is preparing for submission to local agencies (Health Department, Town of Hempstead and Village of Hempstead)
- BBS Architects is preparing for final submission to the State Education Department

UPDATED BOND PROJECT TIMELINE

Final SED Submission: October 2011

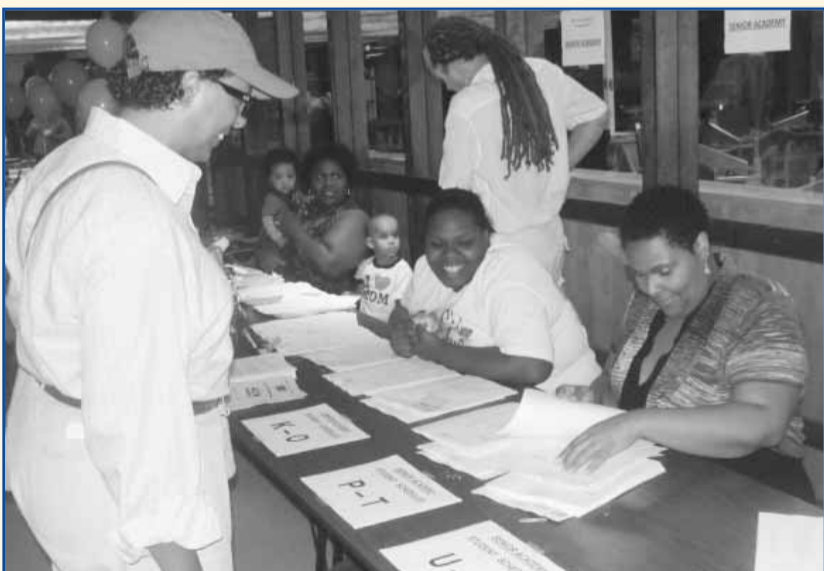
Bidding/Award: February/March 2012

Construction: March 2012 – June 2013

Punch List/Close-Out/Occupancy: July 2013 – August 2013

Hempstead Parents Meet the Teachers

Schools in the district were bustling with parents, guardians, students and families throughout September as schools hosted their Annual Meet the Teacher Night. The event, which was hosted by each building principal, gave attendees an opportunity to speak with teachers about assignments, projects and tests for the 2011-2012 school year, as well as obtain information about tutorial services, Parent Teacher Associations, sports, clubs and afterschool programs.



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 22
Elementary and Middle School
Parent Teacher Conferences
1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

November 24-25
Thanksgiving Recess
Schools Closed

December 23-30
Holiday Recess
Schools Closed

January 10
Benchmark Assessments
Grades 3-12 ELA

January 11
Benchmark Assessments
Grades 3-12 Math

January 12
Benchmark Assessments
Living Environment, Earth
Science, Global I and II, US History



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