



Hempstead Herald

The Hempstead Union Free School District

Hempstead Students are Smart Scholars

Twenty-six Hempstead High School Campus students can now add Farmingdale State College student to their list of academic accolades.

Since October 2011, these students have completed college course work for college credit at Farmingdale's campus as participants in the New York State Smart Scholars Program. The initiative provides high school students with the opportunity to take college courses and earn a minimum of 20 college credits while they are still in high school. The program, which pays for the students' tuition, books and transportation, is funded by a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant.

The high schoolers attended the program every Saturday morning for three hours to complete the college's Freshman Experience (FRX 101) course. The class, which culminated with an award ceremony on January 28, 2012 to honor the students for completing their first Smart Scholars semester, taught the campus freshmen, sophomores and juniors how to become more efficient students. The district is currently one of only three Farmingdale State College Smart Scholars partners on Long Island.

College Preparatory Academy for Business and Law
Andres Cabrera
Mayelin Hernandez

College Preparatory Academy for Math and Science

Jose Blanco
Katherine Jean-Charles
Emani Drayton
Nataly Chevez-Escobar
Natalie Garcia Irowa
Aiseosa Isoken
April Kosakawski
Karen Lopez
Charles Moss
Anthony Palacios
Kelety Toure Delmi
Moreno Umana

College Preparatory Academy for Music and Art

Rafael Aguilar
Dyani Davis
Latia Jones
Carmen Lemus
Iris Martinez
Jessica Martinez
Wilberto Pellot
Abigail Tenecela

Senior Academy
Denisse Antonio
Jamar Lampart
Ladina Okang
Ana Umana



MEET THE CAMPUS TOP 10

Congratulations to the Hempstead High School Campus Class of 2012 Top 10. Each of these students has maintained a grade point average of 88 percent or higher — with Valedictorian Jocelyn Solis-Moreira earning a 96 percent average — and has been active in a host of extracurricular activities.

The Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia and Hempstead High School Campus Senior Academy Interim Principal Dr. Johnetta Hill commend this year's honorees for their remarkable achievement and commitment to academic success.

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| 1) Jocelyn Solis-Moreira (Valedictorian) | 5) Karina Rodas Romero |
| 2) Jacqueline Fleuriscar (Salutatorian) | 6) Marta Cruz |
| 3) Delmy Lopez Cordero | 7) Elana Muniz |
| 4) Jesse Ortiz | 8) Walter Beltran Chavez |
| | 9) Jessica Martinez-Menendez |
| | 10) Jose Zayala |



Standing, from left, are Jose Zayala, Jesse Ortiz and Walter Beltran Chavez. Sitting, from left, are Jessica Martinez-Menendez, Jacqueline Fleuriscar, Karina Rodas Romero, Jocelyn Solis-Moreira, Marta Cruz, Delmy Lopez Cordero and Elana Muniz.

Hats Off to the Hempstead Academic Achievers

Schools in the district hosted academic award recognition programs in December to honor students who have maintained an impressive grade point average during the first quarter marking period of this school year.

At the Hempstead High School Campus, building principals Dr. Johnetta Hill (Senior Academy), Dagoberto Artiles (College Preparatory Academy for Math and Science), David Evans (College Preparatory Academy for Music and Art) and James Thomas (College Preparatory Academy for Business and Law) hosted a Student Recognition Night where they presented students with certificates of achievement for earning a place on the Principal's List, Arista List, Honor Roll or Merit Roll.

At Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle

School, Principal Hank Williams commended his students for being named to the Principal's List or Arista List during a Student Recognition Breakfast.

The Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia congratulate all of the honorees for excelling academically with distinction during the 2011-2012 school year's first quarter.



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



Dear Parents, Guardians, Residents and Colleagues:

The second half of our school year is already in full swing and I want to thank each of you for working with our school district to make many positive strides during the first half of the 2011-2012 school year.

As you peruse through this latest edition of our district's Hempstead Herald newsletter, please take the time to read about all of the great student achievements in our district. Our students are excelling academically, athletically, and musically, as well as volunteering their time to make a difference locally and globally. Our school district is very proud of them and all that they have accomplished so far this school year. I would like to take this opportunity to commend all of our bright, talented and hard working students for a job well done.

As your Superintendent of Schools, I also want to reassure you that the administrators, teachers and staff in our district will remain steadfast in continuing efforts to improve and strengthen our students' academic performance and talents. Achieving this goal will not be easy, but with a complete united front, I truly believe that this goal — and many others — is attainable in the Hempstead Public Schools.

Lastly, as you all know, the 2012-2013 budget planning season is now upon us and the district is slated to host several important budget workshops and meetings in March. Preparing next year's budget will be an extremely challenging task for our school district because we are in the midst of very tough

economic times.

Therefore, the Hempstead Board of Education and I strongly encourage you to attend the important meetings listed below to ensure that you remain informed about the future of our school district.

Please also note that Tuesday, May 15, 2012 is the district's annual Budget Vote, and polls will be open at the Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School, 70 Greewich Street Hempstead, NY 11550, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. This administration urges you to please save the date and remember to cast your ballot on that important day.

Budget Workshops (Public Invited to Observe Only)

Thursday, March 8 and Tuesday, March 13
Alverta B. Gray Schultz MS Bandbox 7 p.m.

Budget Adoption Meeting

Thursday, April 19
Hempstead HS Campus Little Theater 7 p.m.

Budget Hearing (Budget Presentation Will be Held)

Thursday, May 3
Hempstead HS Campus Little Theater 7 p.m.

Sincerely,
Dr. Patricia Garcia
Superintendent of Schools

Thanks for All of Your Help

In celebration of School Board Recognition Week, Hempstead students and staff honored the Board of Education and its staff for their dedicated service to the district during the board's monthly meeting in October.

Led by Acting Superintendent of Schools Julius Brown, the recognition ceremony included a Certificate of Appreciation and chrysanthemum presentation, as well as a tribute performance by the Hempstead High School Campus Choir and Drumline. School Board Recognition Week was celebrated statewide from October 31, 2011-November 4, 2011.

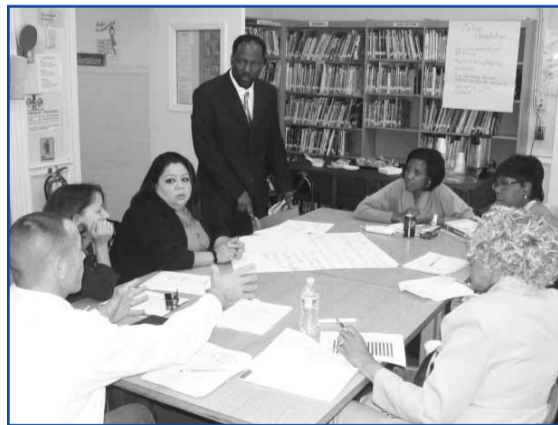
The district thanks President Charles Renfroe, Vice President JoAnn Simmons, Trustee Betty Cross, Trustee Brandon Ray, Trustee Gladys Rivera, District Clerk Patricia Wright and School Board Assistant Joyce Brown for all of their hard work, efforts, and service to the Hempstead School District students and community.



From left are Hempstead Board of Education Trustee Brandon Ray, Trustee Gladys Rivera, Vice President JoAnn Simmons, Acting Superintendent of Schools Julius Brown, Trustee Betty Cross and President Charles Renfroe.

Professional Development Continues

Annual Professional Performance Review, Promethean Board Training, SpringBoard, and Curriculum Mapping were some of



the many important workshops teachers and staff attended in November during the district's second Superintendent's Conference Day for the 2011-2012 school year.



The event is held annually as a continuation of the administration's efforts to support, enhance and expand professional development districtwide.

Students Get the *Gift of Literacy*



To help students prepare for the district's Benchmark Assessment in March, the New York State English Language Arts Assessment in April and other important exams this school year, the Hempstead/Uniondale Rotary Club distributed free dictionaries to third grade students districtwide in January. The donation was a part of the club's Dictionary Project educational initiative.



Prospect School Bond Project Update 3

The district's \$18.1 million Prospect School Bond Project is currently in the Pre-Construction Document Phase and is moving forward according to the projected schedule. In December, the district obtained New York State Education Department approval for the project's architectural plans and specifications.

"The Prospect School Bond Project engineering plans and specifications are currently under review by the New York State Education Department," explained Robert Geras, the district's Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations. "Once the district has that approval, the state will give the district formal approval for the project and issue the needed building permit. Once the district has the permit, then it is allowed to publish a

legal notice to solicit bidders and contractors to perform the actual work for the project."

In December, the six construction manager finalists — Elite Construction, Greyhawk, Savin Engineering, School Construction Consultant, TG Nichols and The Green Group — also held informational presentations for the Board of Education and public in the Hempstead High School Campus Little Theater. The Board of Education now has to select a construction firm to oversee the project.

The historical school building on Peninsula Boulevard, which is known as a landmark building in the Village of Hempstead, is slated to reopen as a districtwide kindergarten center in September 2013.

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

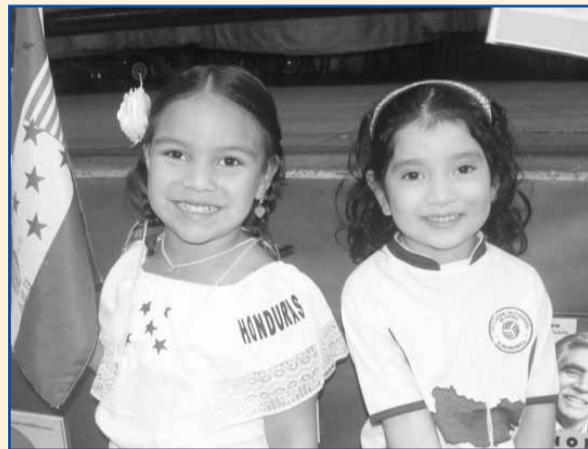
- *District is preparing for the removal of stored materials and building debris*
- *District is preparing for investigative demolition and review of existing structural components*
- *District is preparing for selection of Construction Manager services*
- *Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan is being 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)*



Physicians in Training



Thanks to a partnership with Hofstra University, Hempstead High School Campus students Jessica Martinez-Menendez, left, and Jamarr Lampart have already begun training for a career in health care as students in the Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine Medical Scholars Program. During the four-week program in July, these two outstanding students completed rigorous CPR and clinical specialty training sessions, leadership and team-building exercises, SAT prep and more to prepare for a career in the medical profession. The high schoolers are slated to continue their learning and career exploration in this program each summer at the Hofstra School of Medicine in Hempstead until their junior year of college.



District Recognizes National Hispanic Heritage Month

Students were able to learn about the geography, history and culture of many Spanish-speaking countries in recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month. The 2011 districtwide celebration featured musical performances, informational presentations, and food tastings, as well as guest speakers to help educate students about Hispanic culture, and the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States.



Hempstead Hears the Tigers Roar

District celebrates 2011 Homecoming with school-spirit, entertainment and a football game victory

The Hempstead school community came out in droves to help the district celebrate its 122nd Annual Homecoming. Students, administrators, parents, guardians, families and residents displayed their Hempstead Tiger pride by marching in the district's annual Homecoming Parade, which kicked-off the Year of the Tiger-themed celebration.

Parade participants marched along the streets of

the village sporting their school spirit while hundreds of onlookers cheered from the sidelines in support of the district. This year's Royal Court, led by Hempstead High School Campus Homecoming King Jordan Williams and Queen Ashley Sims, rode to the game in style on decorative floats alongside their building principals while the district's marching bands, cheerleaders, kickliners and dancers provided the parade entertainment.

Just before the Hempstead High School Campus football team hit the field to face off against the Valley Stream Central High School Eagles, Hempstead Board of Education Vice President JoAnn Simmons and Trustee Betty Cross, Acting Superintendent

of Schools Julius Brown, and Village of Hempstead Mayor Wayne Hall extended welcome greetings and commended the school community for showing its school spirit with distinction. Before the game and during halftime, guests were also treated to a vending festival, petting zoo and a host of other family fun activities. With leadership from Head Coach Antoine Moore, the Tigers later capped off the superb celebration with a 33-14 victory over the Eagles.

The district thanks all of the students and homecoming participants for supporting the school district by showing their school-spirit throughout the celebration. The district also thanks Music and Fine Arts Director Angel Perez, Music and Fine Arts Department Secretary Karen Powell, the 2011 Homecoming Committee, the Facilities Department and all of the organizers of this year's celebration for making the annual Hempstead Tiger spirit-filled day a success. Go Tigers!

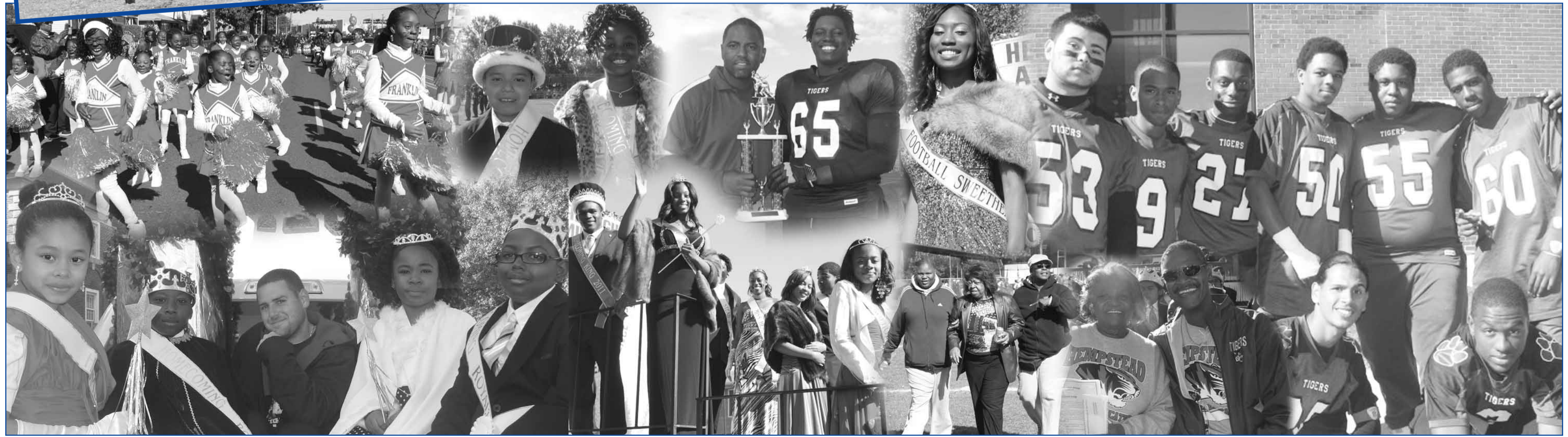


2011 Homecoming Float Contest Winners

First Place
Fulton Elementary School

Second Place
Franklin Elementary School

Third Place
Early Childhood Center/
Hempstead Pre-K School



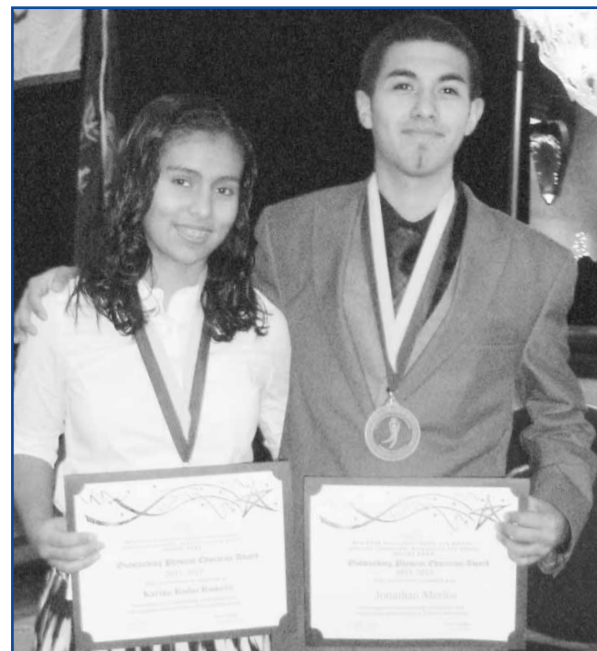
Tiger Boys' Soccer Team Competes in Semi-Finals

Congratulations to the Hempstead High School Campus boys' varsity soccer team and Head Coach Frankel Gauthier for competing in the Nassau County Class AA semi-finals during the 2011 fall season.

After defeating Elmont High School in the Nassau County Class AA quarterfinals, the team advanced to the semi-finals, which marked its first semi-final playoff appearance since 1991. The Board of Education and Hempstead High School Campus Parent Teacher Student Association honored the team and Coach Gauthier for their remarkable achievements this season.

The district commends players Orlen Acosta, Hector Aldana, Joni Almendarez, Edvar Almendarez, Nelson Alvarado, Raul Algueta, Daniel Beltran, Balmoni Blanco, Ynosencio Bonilla, William Botty, Bryan Canales, Anthony Castillo, Edwin Escobar, Henry Garcia, Brian Gayle, Jose Guerra, William Guzman, Orlando Hernandez, Alvin Lopez, Kevin Lopez, Oscar Maldonado, Randy Marugo, Carlos Mejia, Saravia Miguel, Kevin Ramirez, Ismael Reyes-Ortiz, Jayson Rodriguez, Edilberto Romero, Jose Savilla, Cesar Villalta and Chris Yanes and Coach Gauthier for having such a successful season.

Two Scholars Named Outstanding PE Students



In December, Hempstead High School Campus students Jonathan Merlos and Karina Rodas Romero were named as recipients of the Nassau Zone Outstanding Male and Female Physical Education Student Award, respectively. The two Senior College Preparatory Academy students were recognized for their excellence in physical education, academics and athletics during an awards dinner, which was hosted by the Nassau Zone of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.



2011 Fall Sports Awards Honorees

FOOTBALL

Nassau County All-Conference

Malik Howard
Lester Samuel

Nassau County Senior Bowl All-Star Team Players

Terry Pharr
Lester Samuel

Long Island Football Association Unsung Hero Award

Terry Pharr

SOCCKER

Nassau County All-Conference

Edvar Almendarez
Nelson Alvarado
Ynosencio Bonilla
Bryan Canales

Nassau County Honorable Mention

William Botty

HEMPSTEAD TIGER WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

Hempstead High School Campus Teams

Boys Basketball
Coach Adams (V)
Coach Harrison (JV)

Boys Bowling
Coach Mule' (V)

Boys Swimming
Coach Polcha (V)

Boys Track
Coach Lyons (V)

Wrestling

Coach Kelly (V)

Girls Basketball
Coach Higgins (V)

Girls Bowling
Coach Mule' (V)

Track

Coach Raffington (V)

*Alverta B. Gray
Schultz Middle School Teams*

Boys Basketball

Coach Wisz

Track
Coach Lopez

Girls Basketball

Coach Bacon

Track
Coach Vila

Volleyball
Coach Bacon

ATHLETICS PREPARES FOR THE WINTER SPORTS SEASON

To better prepare students, parents, guardians and coaches for the 2011-2012 winter sports season, the district's Athletic Department hosted a Winter Sports Meeting just before the season began in December. During the event, District Director of Athletics Dr. Robert Cincotta reviewed the district's athletic policies and expectations for student-athletes, and parents were able to discuss plans for the new season with the coaches. In addition, Cincotta announced that the district is now partnering with R. Cooke & Associates — which is led by Hempstead High School alumnus Ricky A. Cooke, Sr. — to provide Tiger student athletes with academic tutorial and intervention services.



'AN EVENING OF ONE ACTS'

With leadership from District Director of Music and Fine Arts Angel Perez and theater teacher Jessica Mazo, Hempstead High School Campus students presented campus's fall play, "Love...Disappointment...Reality...An Evening of One Acts" in November. The show, which featured a performance of "A Lonely Impulse of Delight" by John Patrick Shanley, "Cindy and Julie" by Bruce Kane and "The Right to Remain" by Melanie Marnich, was a part of the campus's new and improved theater program.

Hits Hempstead High



Students Perform Wintry Mix of Holiday Songs



Hempstead Pre-K School students performed a host of holiday songs including "Feliz Navidad" and "Jingle Bells" during their school's Winter Concert.

In addition to lending a helping hand to those in need during the 2011 holiday season, students in the district provided the community with outstanding holiday entertainment by showcasing their singing, acting, dancing and instrumental talents during their school's Winter Concert.

The Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Garcia commend the talented students, Music and Fine Arts Director Angel Perez, all of the district's building principals, teachers and staff, as well as the parents, guardians, families and district community members for helping the district celebrate the holidays.



Hempstead High School Campus Jazz Band Director Michael Talavera, left, helped student Lanzel Smith with his guitar warm-up exercises backstage during the school's Winter Concert.



Early Childhood Center kindergartners were all smiles with Santa Claus, and teacher Jeanette Tillman, after they performed "Osito, Osito, buenas noches."



Wearing their cool jazz sunglasses, members of the Franklin School's String Ensemble played "Holiday Blues" by John Pachelbel alongside Director Janelle Kirton during the school's Winter Concert.



Marshall School kindergartners showed many facial expressions while they performed "Up on the Housetop" during the school's Winter Concert.



Led by teacher Ms. Allen, left, and Principal Dr. Cheryl Scheidet, right, Franklin School students prepared shoeboxes filled with school supplies, toys, clothes and other gifts in November to help children in Nigeria, China, Haiti, El Salvador and other countries have a brighter holiday season. The donation was a part of the school's annual participation in the national Operation Shoebox initiative.



The Hempstead High School Campus Team Center and Parent Teacher Student Association hosted a special Thanksgiving Holiday Feast in the campus's Tiger Café for families districtwide in November.

District Honors the

Season of Giving



Early Childhood Center Principal Richard Brown, third from right, and social workers, teachers, teaching assistants and Parent Teacher Association members in the district distributed free frozen turkeys to families in November. The turkeys were donated by Health Plus in Hempstead.



Jackson Main School students shared their knowledge about the seven principles of Kwanzaa with dozens of Nassau County elected officials and residents in December as presenters in the county's 2011 Kwanzaa Celebration.



Forty Hempstead High School Campus students volunteered their time after school in December to help senior citizen rehabilitation patients at Mercy Medical Center in Rockville Centre celebrate the holidays.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2012-2013
Budget Calendar
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2012-2013 Budget Vote
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Polls open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
at the
Alverta B. Gray Schultz MS
70 Greenwich Street
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