



PAL Forensic Science

Village of Hempstead
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“Band-Box Murder” An Original Murder Mystery by Our Very Own A.B.G. S. PAL Forensics Club

This year the Hempstead PAL Forensic Science Club took on the task of writing a murder mystery. The students worked together to develop a plot, to create a crime scene using props from around the school building, and, then they were assigned to various roles. They spent several classes rehearsing their roles and practicing how to actually execute an investigation of a murder crime scene using real props for evidence collection and analysis.

Unfortunately, for this year’s class time did not permit for a presentation, so the “Band-Box Murder” will be video-taped for showing at a future showcase; to be determined.



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- Gang Presentations
- United Skates Roller Rink
- Karate
- June 8 Graduation

Another Successful Year of Forensics !!!

June 8, 2010 will conclude the 2nd year of the Hempstead PAL Forensics Program at A.B.G.S. Middle School. This year’s enrollment increased by 30%. Ms. Worthy, once again, instructed students every Tuesday and Thursday in classroom hands-on and interactive internet exercises related to forensic science topics. Detective Jacqueline Jones-Ford, of the Village of Hempstead Police Department, provided real-life experience in discussions and provided valuable information on crime scene investigations and forensic science police activities.

Forensics at the Bowling Lanes

Forensic Science is a fun club also. Students are rewarded for their diligence with fun and educational field trips. This year we enjoyed a field trip to Garden City Bowling Lanes.



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NCMC Morgue

This year’s class visited the Nassau County Medical Center Morgue in East Meadow, New York. We were greeted by the Medical Examiner who took us on a tour of the facility, provided our students with information about autopsies, and responded to their questions. Students were able to view frozen bodies of Long Island residents who recently died in accidents or of natural causes; but this year we were unable to view a live autopsy.

“Murda Ink” The Tattoo Expert of Hempstead



Every year the Forensic Science Program has a number of guest speakers, this year students were introduced to a local tattoo expert, Ian. He displayed his collection of tattoos via computer and explained how many times the Hempstead Police Department will seek his assistance in helping to identify deceased victims or suspects by tattoo markings that he has filed in his shop.

Missing Money Mystery

This year's crime scene investigation was "Missing Money Mystery." Students learned about various forensic evidence collection techniques and methods, over a 6-week period, how to secure a crime scene, the difference between unique and class evidence, and how to use deductive reasoning to solve a crime. This year's investigation included student workbooks, hands-on activities, and worksheets.



Serial Killers

Tru TV Crime Library on the Internet helped to provide students with information on stories about famous serial killers such as Charles Manson, Ted Bundy, and The Zodiac Killer. Students worked in small groups to read stories on these famous serial killers to learn about their backgrounds, victims, and forensic evidence discovered at the crime scenes.

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Criminal Profiling

Students used the Internet to research and profile a criminal then gave an oral group presentation. The list of criminals included: OJ Simpson, Kitty Genovese, Jack the Ripper, and Jeffrey Dahmer. Groups were asked to profile the criminal, discuss signature behavior, assess the criminals' dangerousness, and provide relevant information on unsolved crimes.



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"Every Kid deserves a PAL"



Det. Jacqueline Jones-Ford
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Mission Statement:

- Increase youth leadership and conflict resolution skills; to enable youth to make better choices that will increase high school graduation, decrease gang involvement, and increase their safety in our schools and community.
- Expose students to healthy physical activities through organized sports and recreational activities during the summer months.

Community Outreach



Community Connection -Hempstead PAL welcomes newcomers to join our programs... **Parents** are encouraged to participate by attending events with their children to help support their efforts.

Volunteers are needed to chaperone day-trip outings, to help coordinate events and fundraisers, and to coach sports.

Monetary Contributions are graciously accepted as well as **donations** of equipment and uniforms...*Please contact the Hempstead PAL office for more information 516-485-2180.* **Corporate Sponsorship** is also welcomed.