



Hempstead Union Free School District

#Impact: Supporting All Students
Building a Stronger Community



A Message from Superintendent of Schools

Dear Hempstead Families, Students, and Community Members,

I am delighted to share this edition of the Hempstead Schools District Newsletter

with you, highlighting the many ways our schools are nurturing lifelong learners

and fostering a strong sense of community.



At Hempstead Public Schools, we are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and challenging learning environment where every student can thrive. From our youngest learners in Pre-K and Kindergarten to our graduating seniors, we are dedicated to fostering academic excellence, personal growth, and a lifelong love of learning.

This newsletter showcases the diverse programs and initiatives that make our schools so special. You'll find information about our commitment to the humanities, math, the arts, physical education, and the many resources available to support our students and families. We are proud to be an International Baccalaureate (IB) district, offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Middle Years Programme (MYP) to cultivate global citizens. We are also deeply committed to supporting our English Language Learners (ELLs) and providing them with the resources they need to succeed.

We value the partnership between our schools, families, and community. We encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities to get involved, from attending our monthly parent meetings to participating in our Adult & Community Education Program. Together, we can ensure that every student in Hempstead Public Schools has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Thank you for your continued support of Hempstead Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Johnson
Acting Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education

Dedicated To Excellence In Education

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Message from Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

The Office of Curriculum and Instruction seeks to support all members within each learning community of the Hempstead Public School District. Curriculum tools provided, for each content area, will support engagement, cultural relevance, and current New York State Standards-based options for increased rigor and differentiation needed for the various learners served. Instructional practices promoted include inquiry-based plans that yield technological innovation, fostered creativity, empowerment of students, and challenges where students will generate solutions for local and global concerns.



We believe that all students deserve access to a rigorous and engaging curriculum that prepares them for success in college, careers, and life.

Key Initiatives

- **Curriculum Development:** We are continuously reviewing and updating our curriculum to ensure that it is aligned with the latest research and best practices.
- **Professional Development:** We provide ongoing professional development opportunities for teachers to enhance their instructional skills and knowledge.
- **Assessment:** We use a variety of assessments to monitor student progress and identify areas where students need additional support.
- **Technology Integration:** We are committed to integrating technology into the classroom to enhance teaching and learning.
- **Family and Community Engagement:** We believe that strong partnerships with families and the community are essential for student success.

We are dedicated to working together to ensure that all students in Hempstead Public Schools receive a high-quality education that prepares them for a bright future!

Contact Us

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our curriculum and instruction initiatives, please contact:

Mr. Gary Rush
Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
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Message from Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services

Pupil Personnel Services

At Hempstead Public Schools, we believe in supporting the whole child - academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. Our Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) department plays a vital role in ensuring that every student has access to the resources and support they need to succeed.



What We Do

PPS facilitates student success through collaborative relationships between students, parents/guardians, the community, and Hempstead Public Schools. We provide a range of support and services in accordance with federal and state guidelines to students in Pre-K through 12th grade, including homeless students and foster care students affiliated with the Hempstead Public School District.

Ensuring a Safe and Welcoming Environment

We understand that the safety and well-being of our students is a top priority for our families. We have established protocols and provided training to our staff to address any concerns that may arise, ensuring that all students feel secure and supported.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our services, please contact:
Mr. James Clark,
Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services
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Resources for Families

Hempstead Family
Resource Center
135 Main Street, Hempstead,
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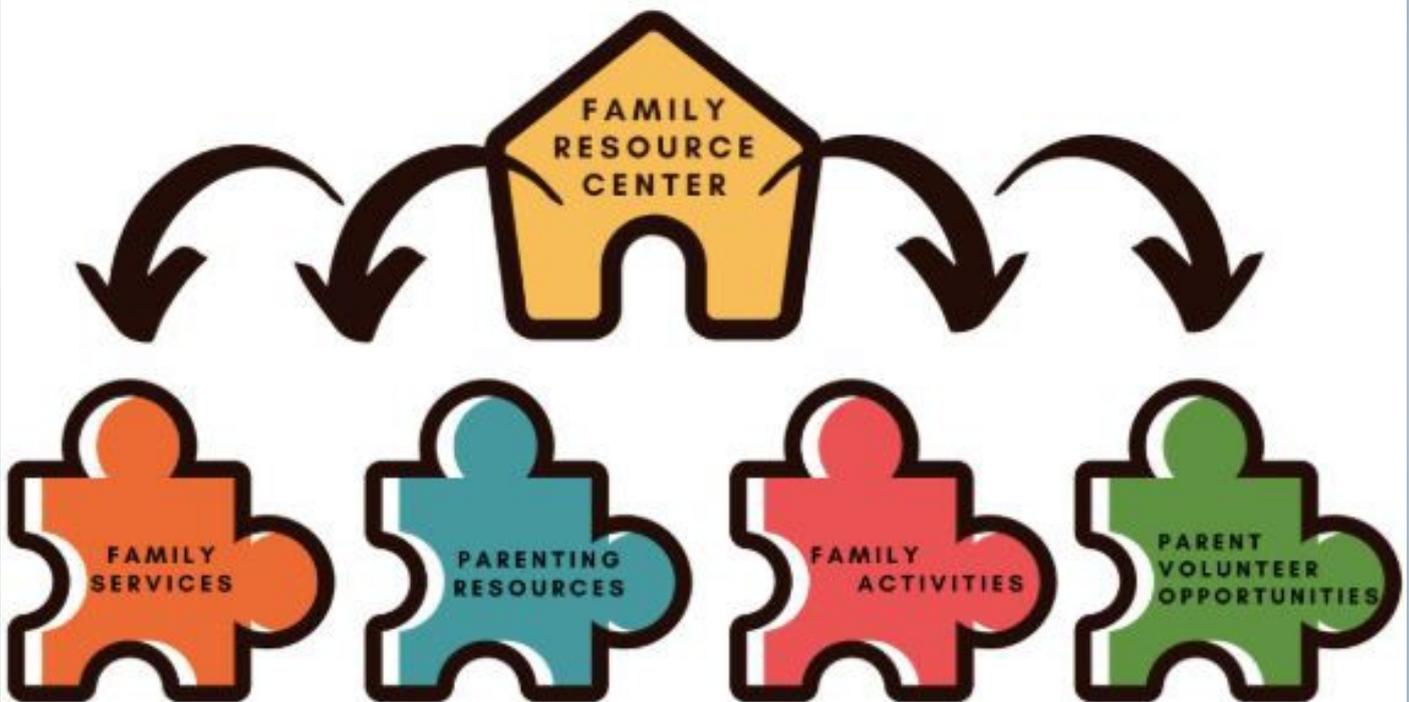
Centro de Recursos para
Familias en Hempstead
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Hispanic Counseling Center
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Centro de Consejería
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The District is committed to providing a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students, including immigrant students. We want to ensure that all families are aware of their rights and the resources available to them. Key Points: • All students have the right to a free public education, regardless of their immigration status. (New York State Education Law, Sections 3201- 02, 3209) • Schools cannot discriminate against students based on their immigration status. (New York Executive Law, Section 296(4)) • Schools must protect the privacy of student information and cannot share it with law enforcement without a proper legal order. (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)) • School Resource Officers (SROs) cannot detain or question students about their immigration status. We encourage you to visit the New York State Education Department website for more information on the rights of immigrant students:

<https://www.nysed.gov/sites/default/files/oag-go-sed-immigration-students.pdf>

[nysed.gov](https://www.nysed.gov)

SUPPORTING FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Did you know that our district is committed to ensuring educational stability for all students, including those experiencing homelessness? The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act provides important rights and protections to children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes students living in shelters, motels, cars, or temporarily staying with others.



If you or your family are experiencing housing instability, please know that we are here to help. We can assist with enrollment, transportation, access to school supplies, and other resources to ensure your child's education continues uninterrupted.

Contact Us

McKinney-Vento Liaison

Ms. D. Butler-Crayton

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Prospect Elementary School

At Prospect Elementary School, we provide a nurturing and stimulating environment where our youngest learners can thrive. We believe in fostering a love of learning, curiosity, and a strong foundation for future success.

Your Child's Safety and Well-being are Our Priority

Prospect Elementary is more than just a school - it's a nurturing community where students feel safe, supported, and loved. We believe in creating a positive and inclusive atmosphere where every child feels a sense of belonging. We are dedicated to fostering a strong sense of community and providing a safe haven for all our students.



Resources for Prospect Families

We encourage you to explore the following information and resources available to you:

- April 9 - PTO Meeting
- April 11 - Schoolwide Spring Egg Hunt
- April 17 - PTO Meeting
- April 22 - 25 Earth Day Spirit Week
- April 24-25 Recycling with PreK Parents
- April 25 - Kindergarten Publishing Party
- May 5 - Parent Teacher Conference
- May 12 - 16 Multicultural Spirit Week
- May 15 - 16 IB Multicultural Showcase & Celebration

Contact Information

Carole Eason

Principal

International Baccalaureate PYP World School

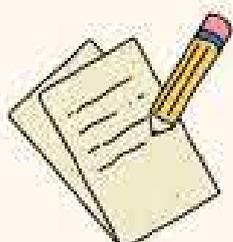
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Welcome to Prospect School

SALUDOS ESTUDIANTES Y PADRES



BIENVENIDO A LA ESCUELA PROSPECT



UN COLEGIO DEL MUNDO DEL IB

Barack Obama Elementary School

At Barack Obama Elementary School, we believe in empowering all learners to become global citizens through inquiry-based learning experiences and strong community partnerships.

Your Child's Safety and Well-being are Paramount

We are committed to providing comprehensive support to meet the diverse needs of our students. Our staff works closely with families to address academic, social, and emotional needs, ensuring that every child has the resources and support they need to succeed.



Resources for Families

We encourage you to explore the following information and resources available to you:

- March 20: IB Showcase for grades 1-3
- March 18-21: Maximum Fitness Assembly
- March 24-28: Scholastic Book Fair
- March 24: Senior photos
- March 27: School Trivia for grades 4-5 and PTSO Meeting at 1:30-3:30
- March 31: Spelling Bee for grades 1- 3
- April 1: Easter Bunny photos
- April 4: Student of the Month and Excellent Attendance Breakfast
- April 24: PTSO meeting at 3:30M
- May 6: Parent/Teacher Conferences for Bilingual and ENL students
- May 8: Mother's Day Sale
- May 9: Student of the Month and Excellent Attendance Breakfast
- May 26: PTSO meeting at 3:30
- May 27: Picture Day
- May 30: Career Day

Contact Information

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Principal

International Baccalaureate PYP World School

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David Paterson Elementary School

At David Paterson Elementary School, we are dedicated to creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment where every student feels valued and has the opportunity to reach their full potential. We believe in fostering a strong partnership between school, home, and community to ensure the success of all our students.

Creating a Safe and Inclusive Space for Every Child

At David Paterson Elementary, we believe that every child deserves to feel safe, welcome, and included. We are committed to fostering a learning environment where all students feel valued and respected, regardless of their background. We work closely with families and community partners to ensure that our school is a place where every student can thrive.

Resources for Families: We encourage you to explore the following information and resources available to you:

- Thu 3/20: PTO Meeting/Hands on Hub for Parent Portal @5:30pm
- Fri 3/21: Hop-A-Thon for Muscular Dystrophy
- Sat 3/22: Saturday AIS Academy
- Sat 3/22: District Art Show 2pm-4pm
- Thu 3/27: 2nd Grade Field Trip to Bellmore Playhouse
- Sat 3/29: Saturday AIS Academy

- Month-Long March Madness i-Ready Challenge
- April 4 - DPS Pep Rally
- April 14-April 21 Spring Recess NO SCHOOL
- May 19 6th Grade Exhibition
- May 20 Student of the Month Celebration/PTO Meeting and DPS Spring Concert at 5:30pm
- May 22 Student Government Trip to Ronald McDonald House
- May 28 K-3 Field Day
- May 30 Career Day

Contact Information

Dr. Laura Caines-Giralde

Principal

International Baccalaureate PYP World School

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David Paterson Chant



Jackson Main/Annex Elementary School

As the days grow longer and the flowers begin to bloom, we are excited to share the latest news and upcoming events at Jackson Elementary School. Our commitment to fostering a safe, nurturing, and inclusive learning environment remains steadfast, and we continue to empower every student to succeed.

Partnering with Families to Ensure Student Safety and Well-being

At Jackson Elementary, we recognize that a strong partnership between school and home is essential for student success. We are dedicated to maintaining open communication and collaboration to create a supportive environment where every scholar feels secure and has access to the resources they need to thrive. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community!



Resources for Families

We encourage all families to take advantage of the various resources and events happening this spring. Mark your calendars for these important dates:

- **PTO Meetings** – Join us on March 25, April 29, and May 29 at 3:30 PM to stay connected and involved in school initiatives.
- **First Tee Golf Program at Eisenhower Park** – Begins on Thursday, April 3, 2025 from 3:20 to 5:20 PM, offering students an opportunity to develop golf skills and sportsmanship.
- **Easter Pictures** – Capture the joy of spring! Easter pictures will be taken on Friday, April 4, 2025.
- **Spring Break** – No school from April 14 to April 21.
- **New York State ELA Assessments (Grades 3-6)** – Testing begins April 22, 2025. Please ensure your child is well-rested and prepared.
- **Spring Book Fair at Jackson School** – Visit the fair on May 2 and May 5 to explore exciting new books and encourage a love for reading.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences (ENL & Dual Language Students)** – Scheduled for May 5 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Students will have a half-day of school.
- **New York State Mathematics Assessments (Grades 3-6)** – Testing begins May 7, 2025.
- **New York State Science Assessment (Grade 5)** – Scheduled for May 12, 2025.
- **Spring Concert** – Join us on May 29 at 4:00 PM in the Jackson Main Auditorium to celebrate the musical talents of our scholars.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we are creating an enriching learning experience for our scholars and fostering a strong school community. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Contact Information

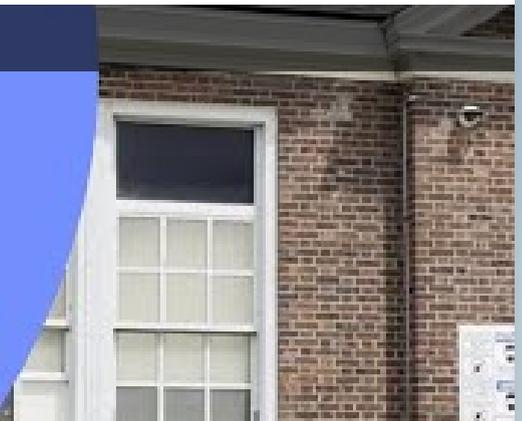
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Jackson School Video 2024

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JACKSON
IB PYP WORLD SCHOOL





Primary Years
Programme



Joseph McNeil Elementary School

At Joseph A. McNeil Elementary, we are dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing, and challenging learning environment where every student in grades 1-6 can thrive. We believe in fostering a lifelong love of learning, celebrating individual strengths, and empowering students to become responsible global citizens.



Building a Positive and Inclusive School Community

We believe that a positive school climate is essential for student success. At Joseph A. McNeil, we foster a welcoming and inclusive environment where all students feel a sense of belonging. We promote respect, kindness, and cooperation among students, staff, and families.

Resources for Families: We encourage you to explore the following information and resources available to you:

- 3/17-3/31/25: WOMEN'S HISTORY SPOTLIGHT SERIES WITH JAM NEWS
- 3/25/25: BO AND HOLLY HORVAT THE ISLANDERS

Children's FOUNDATION AND SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

- 3/28/25 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION
- 3/31/25 25 BOOKS CAMPAIGN AWARDS CEREMONY

Weekly – Parent Portal Workshop Series with Mr. Levine

- 4/4/2025 SPRING DANCE
- 4/11/25 JAM PTO/STUDENT OF THE MONTH 6:00 P.M.

Weekly – Parent Portal Workshop Series with Mr. Levine

- 5/9/25 MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE
- 5/11/25 JAM PTO/STUDENT OF THE MONTH 6:00 P.M.
- 5/22/25 CAREER DAY

Weekly – Parent Portal Workshop Series with Mr. Levine

Contact Information

Renee Wright
Principal



Rhodes Academy Elementary School

At Rhodes Academy, we believe in the power of the humanities and the arts to inspire creativity, critical thinking, and a lifelong love of learning. Our curriculum integrates these disciplines to provide a rich and well-rounded educational experience.



Working Together to Support Our Students

We believe that strong partnerships between school, home, and community are crucial for student success. We encourage open communication and collaboration with families to ensure that every student feels supported and has the resources they need to thrive.

Resources for Families

We encourage you to explore the following information and resources available to you:

- April 1 - NYS Exam Parent Workshop #2 at 4pm (For Parents of Scholar in Grades 3-6, via Zoom, link will be posted on ClassDojo).
- April 3 - Last Day of Afterschool WINN Program
- April 3 - RAHA Spring Concert at 5:30pm
- April 4 - Scholar of the Month Celebration at 1:45pm
- April 8- NYS Exam Parent Workshop #2 at 5pm (For Parents of Scholars in Grades 3-6, In-Person)
- April 8 - Parents as Partners Meeting at 5:30pm (In-Person)
- April 11 - State Exam Pep Rally (Grades 3-6)
- May 6 - Parent Teacher Conferences (1pm -3pm)
- May 10 - Mother-Daughter Tea
- May 13 - Parents as Partners Meeting at 5:30pm (Virtual)
- May 22 - Grade 6 IB PYP Exhibition
- May 29 - K-2 Field Day
- May 30 - 3-5 Field Day

Dr. Sheena Burke
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International Baccalaureate PYP World School
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A Day in the Life at Rhodes



Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School

At ABGS Middle School, we are dedicated to providing a safe, supportive, and challenging learning environment where every student can thrive. We believe in fostering academic excellence, personal growth, and a strong sense of community.

A Holistic Approach to Education

At ABGS, we offer a rigorous academic program that prepares students for success in high school and beyond. Our dedicated teachers provide individualized support to help each student reach their full potential. We also believe in supporting the whole child - academically, socially, and emotionally. Our school counselors and support staff offer guidance and resources to promote positive mental health and well-being. We foster strong community partnerships with families, organizations, and businesses to provide a wide range of opportunities for our students.

Resources for Families: We encourage you to explore the following information and resources available to you:

- 🍲 Food Pantry Distribution – Wednesdays | 12:30 PM–2:30 PM (*Excluding breaks & holidays*)
- 🏀 Current Sports Offerings
- 🥋 Wrestling – Monday-Friday | Immediately after dismissal
- 🏀 Girls Basketball – Monday-Friday | Immediately after dismissal
- 📅 21st Century After-School Programs



Monday:

- ◆ Bullying Awareness – 3:00–5:30 PM
- 🕒 Sensei Darren – 2:00–3:15 PM (All), 3:15–4:30 PM (Grade 7)

Tuesday:

- ◆ Multicultural Diversity – 3:00–5:30 PM

Wednesday:

- ◆ Morrison Mentors – Engaging students in STEM & mentorship
- ✦ North Shore Girls – Grade 8: 2:00–3:00 PM | Grade 7: 3:00–4:00 PM
- 🕒 All About Your Hair – 3:00–5:00 PM

Thursday:

- ◆ Youth Leadership Development – 3:00–5:30 PM

Academic Intervention Services (AIS)

-  Mondays & Tuesdays
-  Grade 8: 2:30 PM–4:30 PM
-  Grade 7: 3:20 PM–5:20 PM
-  Saturdays: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Academic Intervention Services (AIS) provides extra support in core subjects to help students strengthen their skills and succeed. Don't miss this opportunity for additional academic support! Stay informed, get involved, and celebrate success with us!

Follow us on Instagram: [@thereala.b.g.s.ms](https://www.instagram.com/thereala.b.g.s.ms)

Support ABGS PTSA – Become a Member Today!

Join the ABGS PTSA and help us make a difference! Membership is just \$10, and your support directly benefits our scholars. We're also looking for volunteers to help grow our membership, share fundraising ideas, and assist with fundraising efforts.

📣 Get involved and be a part of the #IMPACT!

For more information, please contact Mr. Abraham Haygood, PTSA President, at abgs.ptsa@abrahamhaygood.com

Contact Information

Lisaura Moreno

Principal

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A B G S COMMUNITY PROJECT EXHIBITION 1





Hempstead High School

At Hempstead High School, we believe in the power of individual potential. We are dedicated to providing a supportive and challenging environment where every student is empowered to discover their strengths, pursue their passions, and achieve their goals.



Academic Excellence at Hempstead High

We offer a comprehensive academic program that prepares students for college and careers. Our rigorous curriculum includes a wide range of courses, including Advanced Placement (AP) and honors classes. Our dedicated teachers provide individualized support to help each student achieve their academic goals.

Guidance and Counseling

Our guidance counselors and support staff are available to provide guidance and assistance to students and families. We offer a variety of services, including:

- Academic advising
- College and career counseling
- Personal counseling
- Crisis intervention

PTSA Meetings: Join the Conversation!

We invite you to attend our upcoming informative meetings in the media center at 6:00 PM:

- April 7th
- May 5th
- June 9th

We encourage you to explore the following information and resources available to you:

- April- 4/4 and 4/5- Musical - Shrek
- May- 5/20 - Spring Sports Awards Ceremony 5:30pm
- 5/21- Content Specialty National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- 5/29- Visual and Performing Arts Awards Night 6pm
- 6/12 Class of 2025 Scholarship and Awards Ceremony 6pm
- 6/ 17 Last day of classes
- 6/18 NYS Regents Exams through 6/26
- 6/23 Class of 2025 Senior Prom
- 6/27 Hempstead High School's Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony 9am

Contact Information

Dr. Stephen Strachan

Principal



Nurturing Global Citizens Through IB

We are thrilled to share how the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum at Hempstead Union Free School District empowers students to become well-rounded individuals with a lifelong love for learning and a deep understanding of our interconnected world.

Building Lifelong Skills: Approaches to Learning (ATL)

At the heart of the IB program lies the development of Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills. These transferable skills equip students to become independent, lifelong learners. The eight ATL skill clusters are:



- Communication: Effectively conveying and receiving messages.
- Social: Collaborating and interacting effectively with others.
- Self-Management: Managing time, tasks, and emotions.
- Research: Finding, interpreting, and evaluating information.
- Thinking: Analyzing, evaluating, and creating.

Join Our IB Learning Community!

We invite you to partner with us in supporting your child's development as an IB learner. Please reach out to our IB Coordinator if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the IB PYP and MYP programs.

Contact Information

Linda St. John
International Baccalaureate PYP/MYP District Coordinator
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MTSS Department

The Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Department is committed to helping every student grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We provide targeted, small-group support to address

learning needs in reading and math, while also fostering positive behavior and social-emotional skills.

How We Support Students

- Reading Support (Grades 1-6): Targeted instruction to strengthen foundational reading skills, build confidence, and support literacy growth.
- Math Support (Grades 1-6): Small-group math interventions tailored to students' needs, helping them develop number sense, problem-solving skills, and confidence in mathematics.



Nurturing Social-Emotional Growth

We believe in educating the whole child. Throughout the district, we use a research-based social-emotional learning curriculum to help students develop essential life skills. This month, we focused on the 100% Accountable Mindset, encouraging students to take ownership of their learning and personal growth.

At Hempstead Public Schools, we are dedicated to working hand-in-hand with families to ensure every child reaches their full potential!

Contact Information

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Director of Multi-Tiered System of Supports and Special Education

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Bilingual Education & World Languages Department

At Hempstead Public Schools, we are committed to ensuring that all students, including our English Language Learners (ELLs), feel welcome and supported as they embark on their educational journey with us.

Curriculum and Instruction

Our ELL program is designed to meet the diverse needs of our students. We offer a variety of instructional models, including:

- **One-way dual language:** Students learn in both English and their native language.
- **Transitional bilingual education:** Students receive instruction in their native language while gradually transitioning to English.
- **Integrated ENL co-teaching:** ELLs receive specialized instruction in English while also participating in mainstream classes.



Our curriculum is aligned with state standards and is designed to help ELLs develop the language skills they need to succeed in all academic areas.

Ensuring the Safety and Well-being of Our Students

We understand that the safety and well-being of our students is a top priority for our families. We have established strong partnerships with community organizations to provide comprehensive support to our ELLs and their families. These partnerships help us to:

- **Create a Welcoming and Inclusive Environment:** We work with community partners to foster a sense of belonging and ensure that all students feel safe, respected, and valued.
- **Provide Academic and Social-Emotional Support:** We offer a variety of programs and services to help ELLs adjust to their new environment, develop their language skills, and achieve academic success.
- **Connect Families with Resources:** We help families access essential resources, such as legal assistance, healthcare, and social services.

Connect & Learn: Monthly Parent Meetings

We invite you to connect with us at our monthly virtual parent meetings! Learn about our programs and services, connect with community partners, get answers to your questions

- April 10th @ 7:00pm
- May 15th @ 7:00pm

Join us on Zoom!

- Meeting ID: 426 176 8641
- Password: REUNION

Contact Information

Michelle Pineda-Rodgers

Director of Bilingual Education & World Languages

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Humanities Department

The Humanities team is dedicated to supporting your child's learning journey through a variety of initiatives:

- **Teacher Support:** We provide ongoing professional development, coaching, and collaborative opportunities for teachers to enhance their instructional practices.

Building Literacy at Home

We believe that literacy development starts at home. Here are some ways you can support your child's reading and writing skills:

- Daily Reading: Read aloud with your child for at least 15-20 minutes each day.
- Library Visits: Regularly visit the library to borrow books and participate in reading programs.
- Active Engagement: Ask questions about the story, discuss characters, and connect the story to your child's experiences.
- Phonics & Phonemic Awareness: Focus on letter-sound correspondence and identifying sounds in words (especially for K-2).
- Vocabulary Building: Introduce new words, discuss their meanings, and encourage their use.
- Fluency Practice: Repeatedly read the same book to improve reading speed and accuracy.
- Reading Comprehension: Help your child understand the meaning of the text by asking questions and discussing key concepts.
- Set Reading Goals: Create challenges and reward your child for reading milestones.
- Encourage Writing: Foster a love of writing by encouraging your child to write stories, letters, and poems.
- Lead by Example: Demonstrate the joy of reading by reading for pleasure yourself.
- Teacher Communication: Stay in touch with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and receive personalized support recommendations.

Amira Learning Platform

- Daily Usage: Ensure your child uses Amira for at least 10 minutes each school day.
- Personalized Support: Amira provides personalized support for decoding and comprehension.
- Track Progress: Monitor your child's weekly Amira goals.

We are committed to fostering a love of learning and empowering students to become critical thinkers and lifelong readers and writers.

Contact Information

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Director of Humanities

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We're dedicated to making math engaging and accessible for all students in Hempstead. Here's what's happening in the world of numbers:



New "Math Moments" Kiosks

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our new "Math Moments" kiosks, available in both English and Spanish! These self-service kiosks will be located in every elementary school, providing parents with quick and easy access to engaging math activities and resources to support learning at home. Be sure to check them out during Parent-Teacher Conference days!

Focusing on How Students Think

This year, our math teachers are focusing on understanding how students think about math. By listening to students' reasoning and problem-solving strategies, teachers can provide more targeted support and create a more engaging learning experience. Remember, mistakes are valuable opportunities for learning and growth!

Contact Information

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Health, Physical Education, and Athletics Department

A Champion Mindset in Athletics & Beyond

The Department of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics is committed to developing well-rounded students who are not only physically active but also embrace a champion mindset. We believe that participation in sports and physical activity teaches valuable life lessons such as teamwork, discipline, resilience, and sportsmanship. These qualities extend beyond the playing field and contribute to success in all areas of life.

Focus on Physical and Mental Well-being

Our health and physical education programs are designed to promote the physical and mental well-being of all students. We provide opportunities for students to develop healthy habits, learn about their bodies, and engage in physical activity that they enjoy.

Athletics

We offer a variety of athletic programs to meet the diverse interests and abilities of our students. Our student-athletes learn valuable skills, build confidence, and develop a sense of camaraderie.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please contact:

Stephen Perez

Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics

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Department of Fine Arts, Music and Library Media

The Department of Fine Arts, Music, and Media is dedicated to fostering creativity, self-expression, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts in every student. We believe that the arts play a vital role in enriching the educational experience and developing well-rounded individuals.



Benefits of Arts Education

Arts education provides numerous benefits for students, including:

- **Enhanced Creativity and Self-Expression:** The arts provide a unique outlet for students to express themselves and explore their creativity.
- **Improved Academic Performance:** Studies show that students who participate in the arts tend to perform better academically.

- **Increased Confidence and Self-Esteem:** The arts help students develop confidence in their abilities and build self-esteem.
- **Stronger Critical Thinking Skills:** The arts challenge students to think critically and solve problems creatively.
- **Greater Appreciation for Diversity:** The arts expose students to diverse cultures and perspectives, fostering understanding and empathy.

Youth Art Month

Youth Art Month exists to recognize art education as a viable factor in the total education curriculum that develops citizens of a global society. Direct attention to the value of art education for divergent and critical thinking by increasing community understanding and interest in art and art education through involvement in art exhibits, workshops, and other creative ventures.

Crane Youth Music Applications

Student applications for the CYM Summer Program is open to middle and high school students who have been in an ensemble for two or more consecutive years. Interested students should reach out to their music teachers or Dr. Rodriguez for more information. Applications will be due May 1st.

Upcoming Events

- Future Events: District Art Exhibit - Hempstead HS March 22 @ 2PM-4PM
- Shrek the Musical Hempstead HS April 4 @ 6PM, April 5 @ 2PM & 6PM
- Hempstead Got Talent Show - Hempstead HS April 22 @ 5PM
- Visual and Performance Events Hempstead HS Spring Concert - May 6 @ 6PM
- Hempstead District Music Showcase - A/O Lawn May 22 @ 9AM-2PM
- VAPA Awards Night - May 29 @6PM

Highlights: 34 All-County Art Students 34 students from Hempstead Public Schools had their artwork on display at the All County Art Exhibit at Herricks High School on March 9th. Congratulations to Brittany Larrea for being the recipient of the High School Senior Art Scholarship. 75 Students to Participate in NYSSMA Over 75 students from Hempstead Public Schools will be participating at the NYSSMA Solo Festival on April 29, and 30 at West Hempstead HS.

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Parent Resource Center

The Parent Resource Center is your community hub, offering a diverse range of programs designed to support the entire family. We are committed to fostering a welcoming and enriching environment where parents, children, and community members can learn, connect, and thrive.

Programs for the Whole Family:

- Redz Inc. Family Art Class: Wednesdays at 3:15 PM
 - Unleash your creativity together! This fun and engaging class is perfect for families to explore art and create lasting memories.
- **Farmers Friday: Fridays**
 - Discover the world of indoor farming and learn about sustainable practices. Cultivate a love for nature and healthy living.



Programs for Adults:

- Adult Creative Class: Thursdays at 6 PM
 - Explore various artistic mediums and nurture your creative spirit in a supportive and inspiring environment.
- Adult ESL Education with Mr. Ocana: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM to 1 PM
 - Enhance your English language skills in a supportive and encouraging atmosphere.
- Yoga Classes with I AM YOGI: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 AM
 - Find inner peace and relaxation through invigorating yoga sessions. Improve your flexibility and well-being.

Programs for Women & Families:

- Sensei Darren's Women's (Family) Self-Defense Class: Tuesdays at 7 PM
 - Empower yourself and your loved ones with valuable self-defense skills. Learn practical techniques and build confidence.

Programs for Men and Young Men:

- Thurston O'Neil's Men and Young Men's Initiative (Brothas' Like Us): Wednesdays at 6 PM
 - A supportive program designed to foster growth, connection, and brotherhood among men and young men.

Wellness & Relaxation:

- Trust Your Body: Healing and Sound Bath: Mondays starting at 1 PM
 - Experience the transformative power of sound therapy and healing vibrations. Find relaxation and rejuvenation.

Need Assistance?

- Income Tax and Immigration Assistance: Fridays
 - Get expert guidance on income tax preparation and immigration questions. We are here to help you navigate these important processes.

We Invite You to Join Us!

For more information or to register for any of our programs, please contact the Parent Resource Center.

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Adult & Community Education Program

Are you ready to take the next step in your educational journey? The Hempstead Adult & Community Education Program offers a wide range of courses designed to meet the diverse needs of our community members, aged 21 and over.

In-Person Registration is OPEN NOW!

Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your future. Register in person Monday through Thursday, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at A.B.G.S. Middle School, 70 Greenwich Street, Hempstead, NY 11550.

Our Program Offers:

- General Education Development Test (GED) Preparation (HSE Diploma): Prepare for the GED exam and earn your high school equivalency diploma.
- Fast Track HSE Preparation Courses: Designed for students who need additional support to pass the GED exam.
- U.S. Citizenship Test Preparation: Prepare for the U.S. Citizenship Naturalization Test (taught in English only).
- Adult Basic Education: Improve your basic skills in reading, math, and writing.
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL): Learn to understand, speak, read, and write English.
- Defensive Driving Course (Offered in the Spring): Receive a 10% insurance discount and up to a four-point reduction on your driving record.

Program Description:

Our primary site at A.B.G.S. Middle School operates Monday through Thursday from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. We also offer satellite classes at various locations throughout the community, including:

- Mental Health Association of Nassau County
- Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs
- Hempstead Library
- Hempstead Hispanic Civic Association
- WORC, Inc.
- Hempstead Parent Resource Center

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Earth Day 2025: Our Power, Our Planet

Hempstead Students Celebrate Earth Day with Senator Siela A. Bynoe

Date: April 22, 2025

Theme: "Our Power, Our Planet"

Dear Hempstead Community,

We are excited to announce a special opportunity for our students to take part in the Earth Day Celebration sponsored by Senator Siela A. Bynoe. This inspiring program encourages students to express their thoughts on environmental responsibility through original works of poetry, essays, or artwork.

The theme for this year's Earth Day is "Our Power, Our Planet," emphasizing the importance of sustainability, conservation, and the role we all play in protecting our environment.

Program Highlights:

- Students can submit original poems, essays, or artwork reflecting the Earth Day theme.
- Selected works will be published on Senator Bynoe's website for the community to appreciate.
- Each participating student will receive a personalized certificate from Senator Bynoe in recognition of their contribution.

Submission Deadline:

All nominations must be submitted to the student's teacher by Monday, April 7, 2025.

We encourage all students to take advantage of this exciting opportunity to showcase their creativity and commitment to our planet. Let's come together to celebrate Earth Day and highlight the power we have to make a difference!

For more information, please contact the classroom teacher.

Let's celebrate Earth Day and inspire change!

Hempstead School District



Senator
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