

# Lincoln Avenue Elementary School

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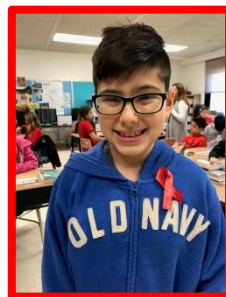
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## Red Ribbon Week, 2018



### Kindergarten Celebrates their First Published Piece of Writing with a School Parade!

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, kindergarten students paraded the building and received many cheers, along with sentiments of congratulations from students and staff on the accomplishment of their first-ever writing piece. Students paraded with their work and a favorite book. Congratulations Kindergarten!



Thank you to our PTA, particularly Mrs. Fontanetta and the PTA Board for their work in making our Red Ribbon Week impactful! Each year, fifth graders are asked to create a slogan. **Michael Bambace** in Ms. Closs's class was the winner of this year's slogan contest, "Sayville Strong, Drugs are wrong!" Way to go Michael!

## Sayville Schools Promotes Mental Health



Students today face many challenges. In anticipation of the recently passed New York State Bill mandating health education in schools, our District began implementation with:

- 1) summer curriculum work in the area of mental health instruction
- 2) the hiring of an additional school psychologist to be shared among the three elementary buildings
- 3) mental health training for our teachers, aides, and monitors.

## Mental Health (con't)



Lessons addressing mental health will be delivered by both the classroom teacher and our mental health professionals. Our school psychologists and social workers are designing lessons which they will deliver to students in grades K, 4, and 5, addressing Feelings and Self-Care (Kindergarten), Self-Management and Resiliency (Grade 4), and Relationships – Empathy, Compassion, Acceptance (Grade 5). Our students' well-being has always been an integral component of our curriculum; we believe these steps will only strengthen our children's abilities to care for themselves and others.

## Writers, Writers, Everywhere!



The students in Mrs. Order's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class, along with their kindergarten buddies in Mrs. LoCurto's class, are LOVING writer's workshop! Not only do they love the writing and illustrating, they love sharing their published pieces. The kindergarteners shared their completed writing pieces with their buddies at their Writer's Celebration. They told their story, and explained their illustrations. The fourth graders helped guide their storytelling, and engaged the kindergarteners in a dialogue about their piece. The celebration commenced with riotous applause and many high-fives!

## Mrs. Puglisi's Scientists – Investigative Work



Mrs. Puglisi's class has been studying about force and motion. They learned about Isaac Newton's First Law of Motion. The students were excited to use "Scientific Method" to test the principle of Inertia. They conducted an experiment using water bottles, plastic bands, and a hardware nut. The class came up with a hypothesis, explaining what would happen if they placed the nut on the band, and the band over the opening of the water bottle. They were delighted to find that the nut would fall straight into the bottle, once they applied force to the band. The children performed many trials, and formed conclusions based on their data. We look forward to learning about Newton's 2nd Law of Motion!



## SAVE THE DATE!

**The Elementary STEM Symposium** will be held **Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** for students in grades 2-5 from 6-8pm.

## ACE – Grade 5

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics



**ACE**, an acronym for **Academic Challenge and Enrichment**, is in full swing in grade 5. Ms. Moran is working with every 5th grader providing an in-depth experience in engineering design, culminating in an “Invention Convention.” Students will learn about the steps of engineering as they experience drawing and drafting, and creating prototypes with the support of their teachers. Students will also learn how to tackle a long-term assignment. Students have self-selected a problem to research and investigate. With guidance, they will research and design a presentation of their findings to be shared on Invention Convention Day to be held on February 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the fifth grade project, visit: <https://sites.google.com/sayvilleschools.org/inventionconvention2018-2019>

**Lincoln Avenue Students Dine with Suffolk County Police Officers! What a Treat! Thank you Suffolk Police!**



Suffolk Police Officers visited our cafeteria and held informal chats with groups of students.

Officers receive cards of thanks



Within each period, an informal question and answer period occurred, allowing students to become more aware of a police officer's role, as well as student's own role as citizens of our community. Many thanks to our volunteers for their visit!





### Fourth Graders Take an "In-House Field Trip"



The fourth graders at Lincoln Avenue had the experience of a life-time! They participated in a fully interactive, in-school field trip, called *Journeys into American Indian Territory*. This field trip provided an opportunity for the students to step into a world that few children in Sayville would ever get to see.



The students were able to experience a model longhouse large enough to walk through. It contained genuine furs, baskets, rattles, and other items for the students to see and touch. The students were also able to hear American Indian folktales that have been handed down for generations, play with instruments that the American Indians used, played American Indian games, and even created a clay pinch-pot!

They children not only had a great time learning, but they came away with much more than that. They children ended the day with a deeper understanding of respect, their responsibility to the Earth and the role that American Indians play in our lives today.



### Why Read Independently?



Research demonstrates that students who read for at least 20 minutes per day achieve reading scores at the 90% and are exposed to 1,823,000 words per year. According to numerous studies, students who read 9.6 minutes per day score in the 70% and read approximately 622,000 words per year. Independent reading builds the necessary vocabulary to help students to be successful in school. (Adapted from Anderson, R.C., Wilson, P.T., & Fielding, L.G. (1988) Growth in reading and how children spend their time outside of school. *Reading Research Quarterly*, 23 (3), 285-303.) **Do you want to help your child? It's easy! Obtain a library card and visit the Sayville Library!**

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### Picture Retakes and Group Photos



## Yearbook

Group/yearbook photos will take place on **Wednesday, November 7th**. This includes group photos of participants belonging in groups such as Wordmasters, MathMasters, chorus, band, orchestra, student government and the like. **Individual picture re-takes** will also take place on 11/7. Mark your calendars!

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## November Dates to Remember!



11/23 – 11/24 Happy Thanksgiving!

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11/1	PTA Call for Ducks Fundraiser
11/1	BOE Workshop 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
11/6	Election Day –SCHOOL CLOSED For Students/Superintendent's Conference Day
11/7	LA PTA Mtg. at 7pm
11/7	Miss Chocolate Delivery/Pick-Up
11/7	Winter Plant Sale Begins
11/7	Picture Retakes & Yearbook Pictures
11/8	BOE Meeting 7:30 p.m.
11/12	Veteran's Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
11/14	LA SBT Mtg. 8:15am
11/14	Visiting Author 9:15am, 10:15am (Amy McCoy)
11/15	Police/Fire and Veteran's Breakfast 8:15
11/20	Family Connect Night
11/21	Winter Plant Sale Ends
11/22-11/23	Thanksgiving SCHOOL CLOSED
11/29	Parent Teacher Conferences ½ day –
11/29	Parent Teacher Conferences –Evening 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
11/30	Parent Teacher Conferences ½ day

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## Sixth Annual Elementary Duathlon *Run, Bike, Run* **NEW DATE!** **November 17th, 2018**

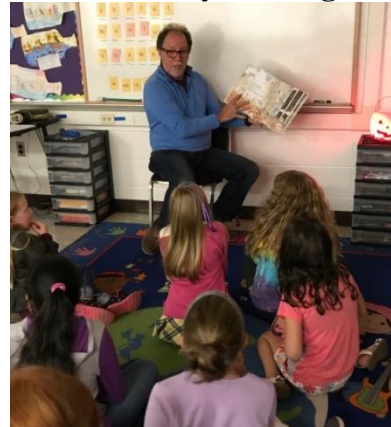
Due to the nor'easter, The 2018 Elementary Duathlon has been rescheduled to November 17<sup>th</sup>, at Sunrise Drive.

Which school will earn the participation award?



The Duathlon Trophy above, awarded to the school with the most participants. Can we get it back?

## Stories by Starlight PTA Family Fun Night



Mr. Craig had students enthralled in his book!



Our PTA Co-Presidents, Ms. Lopez and Ms. Polidoro greeted guests and issued raffle tickets for book baskets, provided by the Sayville Teachers Association.



Ms. Haas read stories, with the support of her own two sons.





Happy Halloween!











## “Greenlight” our Veterans – Veterans Day Monday, November 12, 2018



Show your support for our Veterans by Changing One Bulb to Green!

We ask that you please consider using the green bulb we sent home last year, visible from the street, and show your support and appreciation for our all veterans, particularly the veterans of Sayville.

### WHAT IS “GREENLIGHT A VET?”

America’s veterans are some of our nation’s bravest, hardest-working men and women. However, it’s hard to show them the appreciation they deserve when, back home and out of uniform, they’re more camouflaged than ever. “Greenlight A Vet” is a campaign to establish visible national support for our veterans by changing one light to green.

### THE MEANING OF GREEN

Green is the color of hope



Green is the color of hope, renewal and well-being. “Greenlight” is also a term commonly used to activate forward movement. The simple action of changing one light to green is intended to spark a national conversation regarding the recognition of veterans, and "greenlight" them forward as valued members of our communities.

Source: <http://www.greenlightavet.com/>

