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At the Head of the Class

Valedictorian Raymond Kim



Plainview Old-Bethpage is proud to recognize Raymond Kim as the Class of 2012 valedictorian. Raymond set himself apart academically during his high school career, graduating with a GPA of 101.3 and earning a diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors. He was also recognized as an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar with Distinction. Raymond demonstrated outstanding leadership skills to as vice president of the Mathletes Club, the National Honor Society and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. An outstanding musician, he wrote many original pieces for the piano, as well as string and saxophone quartets. His musical talent and dedication was recognized when he was selected to perform a solo at the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) All-State Music Festival. He has been a true asset to the Plainview-Old Bethpage community, volunteering at the Cold Spring Hills Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation and directing liturgy services at his church, among other contributions. The summer before his senior year, Raymond enrolled in Harvard University's Secondary Summer Program, in which he completed microeconomics and philosophy courses. This fall, he continues his studies at Harvard.

Salutatorian Nicholas B. Golio

Class of 2012 salutatorian Nicholas B. Gallo has been a dedicated student with diverse academic talents. He graduated with a 101 GPA, and earned a diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors. In addition, Nicholas was recognized as an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar with Honor. His academic achievements granted him acceptance into the National Honor Society, the Science Honor Society—for which he served as vice president—and the French Honor Society. Nicholas placed in the top 10 at the National French Contest in 2010 and again in 2011. He also received first honorable mention in the 2010 French Poetry Contest. An officer in the Model United Nations Club, he worked with his peers to solve contemporary world problems and was responsible for procuring supplies for the club's annual conference. Nicholas is musically talented as well, and performed in the marching band and wind ensemble for all four years of high school. He will attend the University of Southern California this fall to major in chemical engineering.



News From the High School

New Health-Related Careers Course

The Science Department will offer a new elective in the fall titled Health Related Careers. This course, designed in partnership with North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System, is open to students in grades 9-12 who may be interested in pursuing a career in the health care industry. The course is an introduction to basic patient care, hygiene, safety, inpatient/outpatient care, the departments within a hospital and other areas of medical service. Students will learn about health care in the United States, and will gain understanding of how hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities and other public and private care facilities operate. They will have the opportunity to explore careers in which employees have direct contact with patients, as well as those that operate out of public view. As part of this course, students will also tour hospitals and clinics.

Increased Enrollment in Independent Research

The 2011-2012 school year brought a significant increase in the number of high school students enrolled in our Independent Research Program. This program is open to all students interested in exploring areas of their own personal interest more deeply, and can be taken for all four years of high school. Students who participate in the program will develop strong communication and time-management skills, and will become increasingly competent at reading for information and technical writing. The skills acquired in this program give students a significant advantage in preparing for college and their future careers. Many of those who have participated in the program in previous years have placed as national finalists and semifinalists in academic competitions, including the Intel Science Talent Search; the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology; the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair; and the DuPont Challenge Science Essay Competition.

Where Do We Go From Here?

Plainview-Old Bethpage High School graduates will pursue higher education at these colleges and universities across the country:

Adelphi University
American University
Bentley University
Bloomsburg University
of Pennsylvania
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Columbia University
Cornell University
CUNY Baruch
CUNY Borough
of Manhattan CC*
CUNY John Jay
CUNY Queens
CUNY Queensborough CC*
Duke University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fairfield University
Five Towns College
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida State University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Harvard University
Herkimer County CC*
Hillsborough CC*
Hofstra University
Indiana University
Iona College
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Keene State College
Lafayette College
Long Island University at
C.W. Post
Lincoln Technical Institute
List College
McGill University

Molloy College
Muhlenberg College
Nassau Community College
New York Institute
of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Pace University - NYC
Pace University - Pleasantville
Parsons The New School
for Design
Paul Mitchell Beauty School
Pennsylvania State University
Post University
Princeton University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rochester Institute
of Technology
Sacred Heart University
School of Visual Arts
Seton Hall University
Southern Illinois University,
Carbondale
St. John's University
SUNY Albany
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Broome CC*
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY Buffalo State
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Delhi
SUNY Farmingdale
SUNY FIT
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Potsdam
SUNY Stony Brook

SUNY Suffolk CC*
Syracuse University
Towson University
Tufts University
Tulane University
United State Marine Corps
University of Arizona
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Hartford
University of Illinois at
Urbana Champaign
University of Kansas
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
at Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of Southern
California
University of Tampa
University of Texas at Austin
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Vassar College
West Virginia University
Wilkes University
York College of Pennsylvania
Young Judea (Israel)



* Community College

Class of 2012

Community Scholarships & Awards

**Office of the NYS
Attorney General
Triple C Award**
Jason Goldstein
Gavin Neill

**Nassau County
Legislature
Citation –
Community Service**
Brianna Bollettieri

**Baha'i Award
for Race Unity**
Hartaig Singh

**Crestwood Country
Day School**
Perri Spector

**NEFCU- Making
a Difference High
School Scholarship**
Jennifer Gewant

**Office of the
NYS Comptroller
Achievement Award**
Allison Giosa

**United States
Marine Corps –
Scholastic
Excellence Award**
Jessica Curran
Timothy Kim

**Janet Baumgarten
Memorial**
Corinne Agman

**The Dr. Scott DeMel
Memorial
Scholarship**
Stephanie Kovnat

**North Shore
University Hospital
at Plainview Award**
Danielle Scarano

**Senator Kemp
Hannon Citizenship
Advancement
Award**
Michelle Forman

**United States
Marine Corps –
Athletic Excellence
Award**
Daniel Borko
Allison Bradley

**Leonard &
Miriam Berkowitz
Memorial**
Parsa Erfani
Samantha Weintraub

**Michael
Eichenbaum
Memorial Lacrosse
Scholarship**
Daniel Mann-Carolan

**North Shore
University Hospital
at Plainview
Nursing Award**
Austin Lester

**Office of the
County Executive
Community Service
& Academic
Excellence Award**
Sherilyn Gould

**Jordan Abramowitz
Memorial
Scholarship**
Brianna Bollettieri

**Paul Rubin
Memorial**
Alexandra Figler

**Kristian Rocks!
Kristian J. Espenas
Scholarship**
Carle Jordan Wirshba

**Francis L. Phillips
P.E. Engineering
Scholarship**
Emily Stern

**Nassau County
Comptroller
George Maragos
Achievement Award**
Melissa Benenson

**Brian Harley Assa
Memorial
Scholarship**
Sherilyn Gould

**Class of '71
Unity Scholarship**
Jessica Shaffer
Melissa Stern

**Jonny Feinstein
Memorial**
Ruben Iusim

**Plainview Baseball
Association
Scholarship**
Michael Basile
Justin Bernstein
Matthew Getzoff
William Gladstone
Craig Heller
Traci Lichtenstein
Katie Rutcofsky

**Philip Ferris
Memorial**
Jake Morris

**Concerned Citizens
of the Plainview-
Old Bethpage
Community, Inc.**
Samuel Work

**Richard Hague
Four Year
Music Award**
Samuel Weinstein

**Plainview- Bethpage
Lions Club**
Daniel Mogel

**Harlean Cort
Memorial**
Julie Mandel

**Tri-M Music
Honor Society**
Chase Brown
Jacqueline Levine
Abby Sun

**Plainview
Diner Award**
Christopher Butigian
David Walker



Plainview-Old Bethpage Chamber of Commerce & Astoria Federal Bank
Julia Dippel

Scott Leo
Austin Lester
Jacqueline Levine
Brett Malamud
Taylor Mastorides
Lisa Millstein
Christina Pugliese

Volunteerism/
Community Service Award
Ann Pollino
PAL/ SEPTA Award
Andrew Haft

Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School PTA Scholarship

Corinne Agman
Michael Basile
Parsa Erfani
Alexandra Figler
Talia Geschwind
Sherilyn Gould
Jon Gustafson
Rachel Hochberg
Melissa Ilgner
Khushmit Kaur
Austin Lester
Bobak Namdar
Samantha Weintaub
Jamie Weissman
Jacob Zucker

Steve Pollicino Memorial
Daniel Mogel

Benjamin W. Sofe Memorial
Nicolo Cuminale

Rae Saltzman Scholarship
Alexandra Figler
Samuel Friedman
Ruben Iusim
Khushmit Kaur
Samantha Weintraub

Howard Weinstock Memorial
Traci Lichtenstein

Nancy Weisenfeld Memorial
Nicholas Golio



The Hal Goldman Memorial
Jacob Roodenberg

Jeffery Miller Memorial
Sonia Sethi

R.A.G.E. – Residents Against Garbage Expansion
Philip Agar
Billie Golan

Harold Yacker Memorial
Jonathan Bellamente
Jessica Siebenberg

Trio Hardware
Cory Glassberg
Emily Stern

Music Association of Plainview-Old Bethpage Awards

Plainview-Old Bethpage Senior Citizen Club
Samantha Fradkin

SEPTA Scholarship Awards
Prospective Education Award
Austin Lester

Ruth Gaipman Memorial
Abby Sun

Mildred Hartman Award for Outstanding Creative Thinking in Math
Gina Kwon

Band Award
Matthew Gallub
Chorus Award
Bonnie Swartz
Orchestra Award
Philip Agar

Plainview-Old Bethpage Soccer Club
Allison Bradley
William Gladstone
Ali Gungor
Jonathan Wincott

Prospective Vocational Award
Russell Miller

Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Gieir- Levitt Post 655 Awards:

Jason Kaplan Memorial
Khushmit Kaur

Continuing Music Study in College
Joseph Park

Rising Star Award
Vincent Garcia
David Walker

Community Brotherhood Award
Justin Bernstein

Mark Koehler Scholarship
Ann Pollino

Community Service
Abby Sun

Plainview Unit of the Nassau County Police Activity League (PAL)
Troy Casamassina
Christopher Craddock
Craig Heller

Most Improved & Exceptional Effort Award
Corrine Agman
Hayley Kampfer

XX Olympiad-Sports Memorial Award
Traci Lichtenstein

Long Island Blood Services Scholarship
Jennifer Gewant
Jacob Zucker

What's Happening in Our Schools

The children at the **Kindergarten Center** participated in the school's Field Day in June. This day functions as an opportunity for the young students to showcase their physical growth and athleticism. Students worked all year long with their physical education teachers to develop their motor skills, while learning the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship and self-confidence. The day's events included the kangaroo jump, obstacle course, potato spoon and run for fun. Each event reinforced motor strength, agility, balance/coordination and endurance. The children and parents were enthusiastic and enjoyed the day's events.



At the end of the school year, **Old Bethpage Elementary School's** third and fourth graders presented their adaptation of Disney's *The Lion King*. Teachers Ruth Dubrow, Jen Keiler, Joe Sidito and Celeste Wenzel produced the show and directed the student cast in this rendition of the Broadway classic. Throughout the school year, the children learned about the "circle of life" theme. Congratulations to our young actors and actresses!

At **Parkway Elementary School's** annual Fitness Day, the children learned anti-bullying strategies through fun activities. The children worked together as a team playing tug-of-war, and enjoyed various physical activities throughout the day. The entire day was focused on helping the children develop physical and emotional strength.



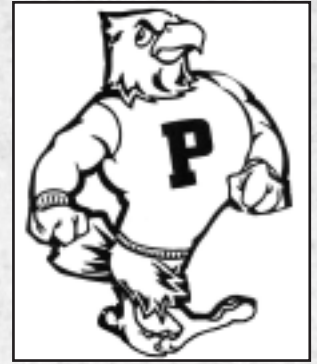
Every year, **Pasadena Elementary School** math teacher Karen Isaac registers her second grade students for St. Jude Children's Hospital Math-a-Thon. America's largest education-based fundraiser, the program includes free math workbooks that supplement classroom learning. Family members and friends are asked to pledge an amount toward each student's work in solving the math problems; funds collected when the problems are completed go to the hospital. This year, the children raised over \$3,000—the largest amount Pasadena students have ever contributed to the fund. St. Jude uses all proceeds

to support the work of the hospital's doctors and scientists, who work to eradicate childhood cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases.

Before classes let out for summer, **Stratford Road Elementary School** students and teachers joined together in a day of campus beautification. The project was designed to enhance the children's sense of connection to their school—a concept backed by substantial research on both the academic and health benefits of this kind of group activity. The students in each grade level cultivated a different part of the school's landscape; many planted flowers and bushes, while others spruced up the rock garden. The first graders painted rocks for the garden, and fourth grade students created stepping stones. Everyone enjoyed working together and being outside as bonds were developed between and among students and teachers.



The 11th Annual PRIDE Awards ceremony took place at **Mattlin Middle School** in early June. The event was organized and facilitated by Cathryn Riley, a guidance counselor for seventh graders. Each PRIDE Award winner was nominated by a staff member for displaying significant and consistent improvement throughout the course of the school year. The areas of evaluation included academics, homework completion, organization, attendance, social interaction and behavior. The awards recognize students who have been dedicated to academics this year, despite any obstacles that may have stood in their way. Thank you for the support and encouragement from all parents, staff and administration that had a part in the PRIDE Awards.



Under the direction of Anthony Isola, **Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School's** Stock Market Club continued a tradition of excellence this year. The competition required young students to invest money and earn a profit over a specified period of time. Two teams from the school contended against students from across Long Island to win high honors at the academic competition. The student participants were awarded for their success at the awards ceremony at Molloy College.

Prior to the end of the school year, **Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School's** graduating seniors participated in a college-survival seminar. Sixteen POBJFK alumni returned to the District to host a panel discussion on college life and offer useful information about entering the work force. The seniors were appreciative of the helpful advice, as well as tips on time management, independent living, and the artful balance of academic and extracurricular time. This was the second event in our high school's new *College 101* program series, designed to provide students with resources for making a successful—and smooth—transition to college.



Parent University

Great Response After First Year; More Sessions Planned for 2012-13

In the 2011-12 school year the District introduced Parent University, a program for all parents of students in grades K-12. Parent University was established to provide valuable information to assist parents in supporting their children along their educational journey. In March, the first event was held at Mattlin Middle School, featuring workshops on academic standards, financing strategies and social development. Hundreds of parents participated, and feedback was very positive. The District plans to host more workshops in the 2012-13 school year.

WORKSHOPS

- ABCs of College Admission
- Breakfast on the Go & What's for Dinner?
- Choices: Teaching Children to Be Tolerant and to Cope Effectively with Bullying
- College: Smart Start—How to Pay for College
- Common Core ELA: NEW Learning Standards and How You Can Help Your Child Learn Better
- Common Core Math: NEW Learning Standards and What You Need to Know About our Math Programs
- Early Literacy Success: Reading/Writing
- English Language Learning with Rosetta Stone
- How to Talk so Your Teen Will Listen and How to Listen so Your Teen Will Talk
- Internet Safety 101
- Internet Safety: Advanced Hands-on Session in Our Computer Lab
- POB Independent Research Program
- School District Budget (Tax Cap)
- Special Education Round Table: Everything You Want to Know About Special Education and RTI
- Study Skills/Homework: Removing Impediments to Success

While parents attend workshops, their children can enjoy spending time at an activity center staffed by teachers, administrators and high school students from across the District.

Music Notes

Ensembles Across the District Honored at NYSSMA Festival



Four ensembles Districtwide participated in the NYSSMA Major Organization Festival at Hofstra University this past year. Each group performed three selections for two adjudicators. Performers were assessed on intonation, technique, accuracy, interpretation and other musical elements. This year's participating groups were the POBJFK Chamber Orchestra (Level 6 Gold with Distinction), POBJFK String Orchestra (Level 6 Gold), POBMS/MMS Combined 7th/8th Grade Chorus (Level 2 Silver) and MMS 5th/6th Grade Band (Level 2 Bronze). Congratulations to all of our student ensembles on their achievements!



ATHLETICS



Plainview-Old Bethpage athletes displayed their astounding skills both on the field and in the classroom throughout the past spring season. The following varsity spring teams achieved the Scholar/Athlete team accolade:

Men's Track and Field
Women's Track and Field

Softball
Men's Tennis

Women's Golf

Scholar/Athlete teams are designated by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) for maintaining a combined GPA of at least 90 percent during the season.

Farewell to Our Retirees!

Our District greatly appreciates the years of hard work and devotion this year's retirees have shown to our students and community. We thank each of them for their dedication to student success, and wish them all the best in the future.

The following retirees were honored at the Board of Education Meeting in June:

Administrators: Superintendent Gerard W. Dempsey Jr.; Deputy Superintendent Arthur Jonas; Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School Assistant Principal Paul J. Dallara; and Director of Physical Education, Athletics and Recreation Kevin McDermott

Teachers: Lesley Bank, John Celenza, Rosemary Cuoco, Loretta Dressler, Cindy Feldman, Linda J. Kagen, Philip J. Lucchio and Rochelle Morgan

Support Staff: Sheila Davidson, Evelyn Helmers, Rose Loesel, Irene Mango, Domenica Miniaci, Florence Noto, Anita Orenzow, Isabel Reyes and Virginia Schatzberg