

Superintendent's Highlight of the Week

March 15, 2016

On Monday Mattlin Middle School hosted the 4th annual St. Baldrick's event and gave us one for the books. Students from across the district demonstrated commitment and courage by coming out to shave their heads for a worthy cause. Not to be outdone, I spotted many teachers and principals, including our very own K Center Principal Greg Scesney and POBJFKHS Principal Murray also getting in the act; proving that this truly was a K-12 event. I saw a few father-son combinations getting their heads shaved in an effort to raise awareness of childhood cancer.



From the bagpipes, to the HS performing groups, to the entertainment --the vibe in the gym was positive and high energy. The photo booth, ice cart, mural and henna stations provided great entertainment and fun for all.

St. Baldrick's is the largest funder of childhood cancer research grants, second only to the U.S. Government. The organization has granted over \$100 million to hundreds of childhood cancer research projects since 2005, and are currently training the next generation of researchers. At the end of the event these students helped to raise \$35,000 dollars and counting towards conquering childhood cancer. Amazing!!



See how this event was covered in the media: <http://abc7ny.com/1245507/>

<http://www.newsday.com/long-island/towns/st-baldrick-s-on-long-island-2016-1.11546011#6>

<http://www.fios1news.com/longisland/shaving-heads-for-research%20#.VulctOIrLIU>