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To All Rockville Centre School District Residents

If you believe that your school-age or preschool child may have a disability, please contact Mrs. Noreen Leahy, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education, at (516)255-8928, or Dr. Orly Gadon, Chairperson of the Committee on Special Education/ Preschool Education at (516) 255-8942

Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the South Side High School Class of 2012

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Emily A. Passarelli has been named the Valedictorian of South Side High School's graduating class of 2012. Emily is an extraordinary student, accomplished researcher and talented musician. An enthusiastic, kind and compassionate individual, Emily has earned the respect and admiration of her fellow classmates, teachers and administrators. Academically, Emily has excelled in the most rigorous courses our high school offers. She is an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate, focusing her higher level studies in both music and the sciences. She has complemented this course work by participating in our nationally recognized science research program, where she has been commended for her work at various regional and state competitions. Emily spent the past two summers at the University of Maine, working with a professor and her team on investigating a variety of environmental issues surrounding red tide. Their work is slated to be published and Emily will appear as a co-author. As a Vice President of the Student Government Association, President of the Youth Court and All County member of our Wind Ensemble, Emily has made a lasting contribution to our school and to our community. Emily plans to continue her education at Brown University next fall.



L to R: SSHS Salutatorian Carly Roman and SSHS Valedictorian Emily A. Passarelli

Carly Roman has been named the Salutatorian of South Side High School's graduating class of 2012. This versatile, motivated and intelligent young woman is an integral part of the South Side community. Academically, Carly clearly distinguishes herself. A full International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate, she has excelled in every aspect of her life here at South Side. What is most impressive is her ability to handle many diverse responsibilities while succeeding in our most rigorous course of study. Her talents stretch beyond the classroom; her leadership roles include junior class Vice President, founder and Co-President of the Glamour Gals and Vice President of Peer Mediation. As a junior, she was selected as a Youth Delegate to represent New York and South Side High School at the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment. Carly has earned the respect of her classmates, teachers and administrators due to her strong work ethic and friendly personality. Her devotion to both her studies and her community will undoubtedly continue as she attends the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

School Roundup

COVERT



Students at Covert Elementary School joined with Project Linus, a nonprofit organization that provides blankets to children in need, to bring joy to hungry & homeless children on Long Island. Under the direction of teachers Paula Lake and Valerie Sprague children made fleece blankets that will be donated to children at the Inn in Hempstead.

When asked what she'd like to see come of this community service Mrs. Lake said "Our hope is that the blankets will make each child feel special and give them a feeling of security."

Materials for this project were donated by the Raymar Children's Fund.

HEWITT

The Hewitt Elementary School auditorium was transformed into a beautiful jungle on April 3rd and 4th for the students performance of the play "Welcome to the Jungle." The play, which was a Mini-Musical based on Aesop's fable "The Lion and the Mouse," was directed by music teacher Melissa DeLaVega, and presented strong messages about treating others as you would like to be treated.



RIVERSIDE



Riverside Elementary school was transformed into a "Math Wonderland" during this year's math week, thanks to a grant from the RVC Education Foundation. This event was kicked off with a PTA sponsored assembly, the Arithmetickles, and continued with a week focused on a variety of math activities.

For this event hallways and stairwells were turned into mini interactive learning environments focusing on the Five Content Standards of Math. Math teacher Kristi Bonino and Art teacher, Cindy O'Brien used hard work and creative ideas in order to make this magical week a success. Students ended this math inspired week during Visitors' Day where they paid homage to the number "90" in honor of Riverside's 90th Anniversary.

WATSON

Thanks to a grant from the RVC Education Foundation, students at Watson Elementary School were able to present *History Alive!* during this years Visitors' Day celebration. History Alive! is a program that integrates social studies, literature, music and art to allow children the chance to develop a more comprehensive understanding of history. Throughout the day there were many activities for parents to attend at each grade level including a National Holidays Extravaganza, Historical Debates, a Civil War Galary and viewing of a Long House Museum.



School Roundup

WILSON

Students at Wilson Elementary School showed that they had talent in March during Wilson's annual Talent Show. The Wilson Talent Show is open to students in grades K-5 and the shows are separated into a K-2 show and a 3-5 show. There were a total of 58 acts that included but were not limited to students singing, playing the piano, dancing, performing magic tricks and telling jokes. As a Wilson tradition the 5th grade students performed the finale, a goodbye to Wilson, to let everyone know they are ready for the Middle School.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students from South Side Middle School received an important and inspirational message during the "See Amy Run" assembly they attended in March. This assembly featured runner Amy Palmiero as she told the motivational story of how she lost her leg in a motorcycle accident. Palmiero told the students about how she overcame adversity and went on to become a World Record breaker.



Students participate in an obstacle course during the "See Amy Run" assembly in March

HIGH SCHOOL

On March twenty-ninth, thirtieth and thirty-first students from South Side High School presented their annual Spring Musical. This year the performance was of the classic Broadway musical, Cabaret. The hard work and dedication of each and every cast member paid off as the final product was truly outstanding. The featured cast for this play was as follows: Lauren Baez as Fraulein Schneider, Mairead Koehler as Fraulein Kost, Taylor Levy as Sally Bowles, Paul Martino as Herr Schultz, Joey Nizich as Clifford Bradshaw, Justin Wong as Emcee, and Harley Yeager as Ernst Ludwig.





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Congratulations to the South Side High School Boys' Basketball Team who were Nassau County Class A Boys' Basketball Champions! The boys were also Conference A1 champions and were Ranked # 11 in the state for New York Public Schools in a Class A Classification.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 15TH, 2012!

Parents and students alike will have the chance to vote on important issues Tuesday, May 15th. While adults will be voting on the School Budget, students will have the chance to vote on a school selected election that will give them the chance to learn the importance of voting and that their vote does make a difference. The polls for student votes will open at 4 pm and close at 9 pm and will take place in the auxiliary gym of the High School. Poll for the Budget Vote will be open from 7 am to 9 pm and will be held in the High School Gym. For more information about voting please visit our webpage at www.rvcschools.org.



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The District has implemented a new communication process for emergency notifications. School closings and other urgent messages will be sent through ConnectEd, a telephone and email communication system. Contact information on file for students and staff will be utilized for these notifications. Other community members who wish to receive District-wide messages should send an email with their name, phone number and/or email address to connected@rvcschools.org or send a letter to the Business Office in the Administration Building at 128 Shepherd Street, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 requesting to be added to this messaging list. Parents who would like to change their contact information should contact the main office of their child's school.