Dear Parents and Staff and Students,

Our Science Fair was a huge success held on March 30th in our gymnasium. Over 400 science projects were on display for parents and classes to see. The exhibit was open all day with classes scheduled each period. Parents were invited back after school, from 4-6pm, if they could not make it during the daytime. Our science teachers (Mr. Helstrom, Ms. VonVange and Mr. Esposito) and science director, Ms. Rae Montessano chose winners to move on to the Brookhaven National Lab Science Competition. We are proud to announce the winners are:

**Sixth Grade**
- 1st Place - Danny Collins
- 2nd Place - Rachel Roday
- 3rd Place - Sean Paton

**Fifth Grade**
- 1st Place - Lindsay Saginaw
- 2nd Place - Sam Bergman
- 3rd Place - Kenny Fajardo

Our World Math Day final results from April 1st were:

**Most problems answered correctly**
- 1st place - Douglas Villalba
- 2nd place - Justin Knowles
- 3rd place - Anthony Christy

**Most total correct answers**
- 1st place - Gabriella Bartley
- 2nd place - Rachel Roday
- 3rd place - Nicholas Earle

A BIG Thanks to Mrs. Barrassi and Mrs. Mahoney for organizing this.

During the month of March, we had several guest speakers visit. Mr. Leavy (Humanities Director) and Mr. Grackin (Assistant Superintendent of Finance) came into some 6th grade Social Studies Classes to share their experiences from China. Our students learned first hand about Chinese traditions and language. Christian Verfenstein’s cousin visited Mrs. Flaggerty’s class from Japan. They enjoyed learning about different cultures. If anyone has an experience to share, please notify your child’s teacher.

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**Woodhull Intermediate School**

**MESSAGE FROM MRS. STOKKERS**

March Madness
Mrs. Suarez started this competition almost 10 years ago. It was a great fund raiser for new Smartboards. Thanks to our players:

- Mrs. Christina Anderson  Mr. Chris Hender
- Ms. Tamara Castillo  Mrs. Laurie Jovans
- Ms. Keli Connors  Mr. Scott Leonardi
- Mr. Paul Esposito  Mr. Mike Marinello
- Mr. Manny Feliciano  Mr. Keith Meyers
- Ms. Cindy Fennessey  Mrs. Carrie Postel
- Mrs. Paula Gasparino  Mr. Jarrett Stein
- Mr. Mark Helstrom  Mr. Jason Suarez
- Mr. Todd Hiscox  Mr. Eric Triolo

Mrs. Stokkers—Coach
Cheerleaders
“Advertising Club”
Ms. Diane Grassi
Ms. Peggy DeLaRosa
Mr. Richie Signorelli
Ms. Debbie Caravetto
Ms. Anna Naccarato

Fun was had by all. Thank you PTA and BAD DAWGS.

Congratulations to Emma Breithabth, a 6th grader from Mr. Army’s class for placing 2nd in the Gymnastics State Championship in “All Around” category. Emma practices 6 days a week at Gold Medal Gym. In April, she will be going to the Regional Competition in Massachusetts. If she places in the top 6, she will move on to Nationals. Good luck, Emma.

As May approaches, so does our New York State Assessments. Mrs. Bernie, our Language Arts Coordinator, gave an overview of the New English Language Arts Assessment at the last PTA meeting. She demonstrated the format and rubrics for grading. Many parents that attended this “Parent University Workshop” at the last PTA meeting, thought the presentation was very enlightening.

The NY State assessment dates are listed below. Please make sure your child is in attendance on these days as we must have 95% attendance. Arriving on time is critical as any student coming in after 9:30 will not be able to take the test in their classroom.

Sixth Grade News

Our second Greenkill trip will leave Tuesday morning from Finley at 8:30am. Please remember no cell phones.

Greenkill—2nd Trip
April 5th (coordinated by Ms. VonVange)
Ms. VonVange  Mr. Suarez
Mr. Dierking  Mrs. Lipow
Mrs. Jovans/Ms. Connors  Mrs. Nowack

Our first Greenkill trip (coordinated by Keith Meyers) was a great success. The weather for this trip was cold and snowy, but it didn’t cool the spirits of the students. The stay at home programs were equally as exciting with field trips.

In 6th grade Social Studies the students continue to learn about the ancient civilization of the Eastern Hemisphere. For the 3rd quarter we have been studying ancient Egypt, China and Greece. The students learn how each civilization developed, their culture/belief systems and language.

School of Rock is preparing for their concert June 10th.

Fifth Grade News

In Science, we have completed the Unit F - Light and Sound. We had an exciting time exploring the properties of light, while carrying out different experiments to analyze how light travels and how different substances affect light and the way it travels. We utilized the “ESP Kit on Light” in order to accomplish this task. Making our own portable telephones, experimenting with distance and various mediums, we observed and recorded their effects on sound. There was a lot of communicating happening among students. Each class prepared for the WOODHULL SCIENCE FAIR held on March 30th.

We are preparing for the NY State Assessments in English Language Arts. We have generated our engines by productively prioritizing our time towards READING FOR PARP, which has been extremely successful for us. We have consistently beaten our previous hours each week and will continue to STRIVE TO DO OUR BEST! In Math, we continue to stress how IMPORTANT it is to KNOW YOUR MULTIPLICATION FACTS!! All the topics we are covering, LCM, GCF, Prime and Composite Numbers, Exponents, Prime Factorization, Fractions, etc., are all dependent on this knowledge and expertise!

Pepe Santana Assembly

On Tuesday, April 12th, Pepe Santana, an expert in Andean Music will visit our school with his musical group Inkhay. Mr. Santana has been a consultant for the National Museum of the American Indian and the Smithsonian Institute in New York. He will present a program to the 5th grade students about Andean culture and Inkhay will perform for them. At the conclusion of the program, the students will perform the two songs that they have learned with Mr. Santana and his bank. Three hundred and forty panpipes playing all together is an amazing sound!

SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS 5th & 6th Grades

English Language Arts “Race To Mount Skills”

Our reading teachers Mrs. Swanson, Ms. Karivalis and Mrs. Fiordialisi have organized a fun ELA skills competition to promote and practice English language arts skills. Each Monday morning, a specific skill will be announced and the TEAMS will compete against each other by logging onto Survey Monkey and answering five multiple choice questions similar to questions on the New York State English Language Arts test.

Every Friday, each team’s score will be tallied and the winning team on each grade level will be highlighted with school announcements and a flag hanging near the winning classroom doors.

Mrs. Marino, our art teacher, created a bulletin board by the gym and cafeteria to display how each team is doing. Each team will have a mountain climber and students can watch them climb the mountains.

“Race to Mount Skills” will last from 4-6 weeks. The ELA skills that our students will be quizzed on are: figurative language, content clues, making inferences, finding the main idea, fact or opinion, cause and effect, compare and contrast. Students and teachers will be able to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses.

PARP

Parents as Reading Partners is being calculated each Monday from previous reading logs. Please ask your son/daughter to read and earn a gumball for every 12 hours.

Come to Ben & Jerry’s for a free ice cream cone to support Tri-CYA
Tuesday, April 12th

Anti-Bullying Presentation by Suffolk County Police Department

The last scheduled presentation was snowed out. Please put this new date on your calendar: May 11th, 7-9pm @ Huntington High School. Until then, closely monitor your child’s computer sites and history of where they have been. Computers should be in a family area where parents can oversee. Cyberbullying is prevalent and very dangerous. We have reviewed safety precautions while using computers, but they need to be reinforced at home. Please see technology E-board for more information or Ms. Stokkers E-board by going to Hufsd.edu website go to click bar and scroll down to e-boards, find the name of department or specific name.