



Observer

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Holiday Festivities

Kindergarten students from Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School celebrated the holiday season with a music showcase and gingerbread houses on December 16th.

In the morning, the kindergarteners dressed in their best holiday outfits and performed a variety of holiday and winter songs for family and friends. Later that day, the celebrations continued as students created their own gingerbread houses in the classroom.

Each student was able to invite one special person to join them in the building and decorating process. The kindergarteners used empty milk cartons as the foundation of their gingerbread houses. Using frosting and graham crackers, the students built the walls of their houses and had fun decorating their creations with an assortment of different candies and treats.



STEM Night

James H. Vernon School hosted STEM Night on December 6th. Students in grades 3-6 and their family members and friends rotated through different STEM stations in the building, deepening their understanding of science, technology, engineering and mathematical concepts.

In the school's gymnasium, students and their family member or friends enjoyed watching impressive science experiments through a fire and ice show from Mad Science

Long Island. The host, "Static Shannon," taught audience members about conductors, sublimation, sound waves and more with dazzling demonstrations. In the school's gymnasium, students had fun programming their own Dash robot. They were challenged to complete tasks with Dash such as knocking down bowling pins and navigating around a cone. Students also struck a pose at the selfie station and visited new places with the help of virtual reality goggles.



They continued their hands-on exploration with a fun Rockin' Rollercoasters station in the school's cafeteria. Led by the Long Island Children's Museum, each student worked with a family member or friend on

assembling a rollercoaster with an array of materials such as bendable tubes, cups, duct tape and straws. Their goal was to get a marble to travel through their rollercoaster from one point to the next.

Musical Performance at Radio City

The Oyster Bay High School Chamber Singers boarded a bus to Manhattan on December 6th for the experience of a lifetime. Under the direction of Christopher Fludd, the choir took the stage at Radio City Music Hall and served as the opening act for the Rockettes to share the holiday spirit with fans of all ages. The high school choir performed a five-minute a cappella set before the curtain opened on the Radio City Christmas Spectacular. They then watched the entire show in the company of 86 members of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich community, including their classmates, teachers and members of the Board of Education and administration. We are so proud of these talented students! Thank you to Erica Giglio Pac, K-12 Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, and Mr. Fludd for making this a reality.



Gingerbread Month

Students at James H. Vernon School celebrated Gingerbread Month. Throughout December, third grade classes visited the school's library and read different adaptations of "The Gingerbread Man." The students also participated in fun, hands-on activities related to the story.

The third graders built a virtual bridge online for a gingerbread man. They also participated in a STEM activity where they were challenged to work together to build a hideout for the gingerbread man so that the fox would not be able to find him. Students used materials such as modeling clay, straws and tape. The final gingerbread activity was a Dewey Decimal scavenger hunt around the library to find gingerbread babies.

Fencing Champions

The Oyster Bay High School Varsity Boys and Girls Fencing Teams competed in the annual Brentwood Holiday Tournament on December 17th. Fourteen teams from Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester attended the all-day event. Oyster Bay High School was the smallest school on Long Island to compete and took home two of the six gold awards.

Senior Aurora Aschettino received gold in girls foil for the second consecutive year, and sophomore Jason Sun received gold in boys epee. In addition, sophomore Scarlett Shelley placed third in girls saber, and freshman Riley Baehr and sophomore Lauren Pinnock placed seventh in saber and epee, respectively. The District congratulates all these student-athletes on a successful tournament!



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