

Observer

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Roosevelt Hosts Science Night

Aspiring young scientists and their family members attended Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School's Second Grade Science Night on Feb. 1. The special event was held in the school's kindergarten wing and featured hands-on science investigations and STEM challenges.

At the start of the night, each second grader received a lab coat and goggles, along with a folder mapping out their schedule for the evening. The students colored their lab coats as Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School Principal Devra Small and science and technology teacher Regina D'Orio kicked

off the event. They thanked the families for coming out and acknowledged the team of people who helped bring the event to life, including Supervisor of Science Daniel Moy, teachers, staff and members of the Oyster Bay High School National Science Honor Society who helped at each station.

Throughout the evening, second graders and their family members rotated through five different interactive stations. Students explored the difference between individual fingerprints, built their own teddy bear zipline, tested how many drops of water could fit on a coin, designed their own hoop glider and observed



what happens when a liquid mixes with a solid. They tapped into their problem-solving skills as they made observations and asked questions during each activity.

Both students and family members enjoyed the challenges and working together. The evening was a great way to come together to celebrate the wonder of science.

Third Grade Biography Wax Museum

Third graders from James H. Vernon School hosted their annual Biography Wax Museum on Feb. 1 in the school cafeteria. Family and friends were invited to attend as the students played the part of wax figures, dressing like the famous individual that they studied.

Leading up to the anticipated event, the third graders learned about narrative nonfiction and biographies. They then were each challenged to select a famous individual to study. Students selected famous athletes, musicians, historical figures and more. They learned about their subject, completed a graphic

organizer and created a hanger mobile displaying information about their individual of study.

During the Biography Wax Museum, each student was stationed at a table where they posed still like a wax figure. Some also brought in accessories such as a microphone or a paint brush to help them play the part. With the press of a button, the students came to life as their individual of study and shared facts with guests. The experience was a great way for the third graders to celebrate their narrative nonfiction and biography unit.



Nassau County Fencing Champions

The Oyster Bay High School Fencing Team had a strong showing at the Nassau County Individual Fencing Championships held on Feb. 3 at Cold Spring Harbor High School. Freshman Luke Kugler and sophomore Gabriella Sherlock came out on top, each winning the Nassau County Individual Championship for their respective fencing discipline. Luke earned a gold medal in épée and Gabriella earned gold in foil.

After both sustaining injuries earlier in the season – Gabriella tore her hamstring and Luke suffered a knee injury – this was an impressive achievement for the fencers and was a testament to their hard work and dedication to the sport. Congratulations to both fencers on their well-deserved wins!



Roosevelt Students Spread the Love



Students from Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School continued their annual tradition of giving back ahead of Valentine's Day. Led by art teacher Meredith Brustman, each student from pre-K to second grade created their own Valentine's Day card in art class to help spread the love this holiday season to a local veteran.

The cards were submitted to the Town of Oyster Bay's Valentines for Veterans initiative and Nassau County's Valentines for Veterans program to distribute to veterans at American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War posts, as well as other posts, hospitals and nursing homes.

MULTIPLICATION BOWL

James H. Vernon School hosted its 12th annual Multiplication Bowl for third graders on Feb. 15. Students worked for months on mastering their multiplication facts. On game day, the third grade classes went head-to-head to determine the multiplication champions. Teacher-coaches worked tirelessly to make sure students were ready for the big day. This year's multiplication champions were Kristine Friedman and Jennifer Spelatis' third grade class! Congratulations to all the third grade students for their effort and persistence in becoming multiplication masters.



Commercial Collaboration

Oyster Bay High School students in Alex Dollin's Writing and Producing Digital Content class and Angela Kowalsky's Virtual Enterprise (VE) class gathered in the school's new cOllaB space for a special video project. Virtual Enterprise is a national educational nonprofit program where students learn business by running a business in the classroom.

Both classes worked together to produce videos for VE's National Video Commercial Competition. Students were challenged to create a 30 to 60 second video advertisement to gain attention for their VE company. In the cOllaB space, the students brainstormed commercial ideas from every detail, including storyboarding, casting and marketing strategies. They then filmed, edited and produced their commercials, which were submitted into the national competition. The students had a great time working together and learning from each other throughout the experience.