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AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE GUEST SPEAKERS

Schreiber

Stephanie Greenberg, Illisa Sternlicht

Students gain understanding about communicating with the deaf-blind community through a presentation by a deaf-blind speaker and a field trip to the Helen Keller National Center, increasing sensitivity to people with disabilities.

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MINDFULNESS, YOGA, AND COACHING

Schreiber

Ira Pernick, Orly Dotan, Erica Fazzari, Roopali Gupta

Students develop effective techniques to cope with stress and anxiety that will become lifelong skills through this before-school program.

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A CAPPELLA CHOIR

Schreiber

Matthew Gawronski

Students have the opportunity to explore the vocal aspects of a cappella music along with the process of arranging and composing in this style.

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Schreiber

Cristi McAleer, Patrick Faraday

Students with academic delays gain an enhanced understanding of math and English, improved written expression, reading analysis, and study skills through this after-school program.

A SLICE OF RASPBERRY PI: SMALL COMPUTERS, BIG IDEAS

Schreiber

Bryan Beach, Adam Wolfert

Students explore coding, problem solving, and physical computing on a deeper level by building an actual tactile computer.

DRONES AND AVIONICS

Schreiber

Fred Feldmann

Students are exposed to the science that allows drones to fly through hands-on activities with drone kits in a new class at the high school.

ORDER IN THE COURT

Schreiber

Kaylan Erikson

The addition of a podium and gavel gives a realistic courtroom feel to the Business Law Honors classroom.

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STOCK TRAK GLOBAL PORTFOLIO SIMULATIONS

Schreiber

Stephanie Saraceni, Kaylan Erikson

The purchase of software that can create customizable portfolio management and track live stock prices will enhance the experience of students taking the new course Wall Street/Portfolio Management.

PRINTMAKING: PROCESS AND VARIATION

Schreiber

Miranda Best

Art curriculum is enriched with the addition of materials needed to create and embellish gel press prints.

FROM THE STUDIO TO OUTDOOR STUDY: TAKING PLEIN AIR TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Schreiber

Nicole Thomas

Painting students immerse themselves in an ever-changing outdoor classroom using transportable materials and furniture as the masters have done for centuries.

CASTLE LEARNING

Schreiber

Alicia Cotter

The addition of a web-based review, testing, and assessment tool will enhance teacher instruction and the student learning process.

COURAGE AND SONG: ACTIVISM IN WORDS AND MUSIC

Weber

Jeff Moss, Holly Gober, Tom Barbara

Blue and Yellow House 8th-grade students have the opportunity to learn firsthand from leaders of the Civil Rights movement to enhance their understanding of the power of protest and activism.

DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

Weber

Holly Gober, Tom Barbara

Blue and Yellow House 8th-grade students study the differences between pre-WWI society and the 1920s through dance by learning the Waltz and Charleston in a historical context.

LANDMARK'S ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE SERIES

Weber

Landmark on Main, Kevin Scully

The Latin Grammy winning all-female Mariachi band, Flor de Toloache, will lead a workshop for middle school band students.

WEBER TENOR CHOIR

Weber

Matthew Gawronski

Aspiring tenor vocalists have the opportunity to sing repertoire specifically tailored to their vocal range.

TECHNOVATION: TECHNOLOGY MEETS CREATIVITY

Weber

Michael Czachor

Students work collaboratively and creatively in an inclusive environment in this before-school technology program.

WEBER ROBOTICS CLUB

Weber

Jeanne Zeh

Continuation of a Robotics Club for students in grades 4 through 8. Students learn about robotics, computer science and coding, and participate in various competitions.

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PROBING FORWARD

Weber

CarrieAnn Lindstadt-Iurka

iPad Apps and adapters allow students to link older generation probeware to updated technology to enhance scientific exploration in and out of the classroom.

FORENSICS IN THE CLASSROOM

Weber

Chris Buchman

Real-world applications used in forensics, medical laboratories, environmental science, and genetics are brought into the classroom with the addition of electrophoresis systems.

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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AT THE SANDS POINT PRESERVE

Weber

Tracy Strianese, CarrieAnn Lindstadt-Iurka

Seventh-grade students engage in a dynamic hands-on environmental study of various ecosystems at the Sands Point Preserve.

BREAKOUT OF THE CLASSROOM

Weber

Chris Buchman, Tali Lieberman

Students participate in Escape the Room style games and work collaboratively to solve math problems, answer history questions, decipher a code, and analyze a passage to unlock the box and win the game, through the Breakout EDU platform.

TAEKWONDO FOR FOURTH GRADERS

Daly

Sheri Suzzan, Melissa Voyer, Joni Sturge, Alex Eisen, Nancy Flynn

The World Taekwondo's Super Six Program reinforces students' participation in STARR (Safe, Truthful, Accepting, Respectful, And Responsible), Daly's school charter.

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THE DALY NEWS

Daly

Kimberly Pinto, Sheri Suzzan

In its third year, the Daly News allows students in grades 4 and 5 to create an online publication in this after-school newspaper club.

DRUM FIT! GET ON YOUR FEET AND MOVE TO THE BEAT

Daly

Michael Killoran, Stephanie Joannon

Stability balls, drum sticks, and music are incorporated into a morning intramural program for 4th and 5th graders; the activities are incorporated into physical education classes as well.

THE DALY STEM CLUB

Daly

Kimberly Pinto

Students in grades 3 through 5 work on inquiry-based science, technology, engineering, and math-related activities in the before-school program.

ECOSYSTEMS AND THE DART FROG

Daly

Susan O'Brien

Fifth-grade students study a self-contained tank filled with plant life, waterfalls, substrate, and dart frogs to learn about ecosystems through observation, exploration, investigation, and hands-on interaction.

DISCOVERING NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE WITH TEEPEE TED AND THE TRAVELING WILDERNESS MUSEUM

Guggenheim

Colleen Deriu, Teresa Marussich, Annie Thornton, Rebecca Filner

Second-grade students participate in an immersive adventure with Teepee Ted and the Traveling Wilderness Museum, designed to build awareness, understanding, and appreciation of Native American Culture.

TAEKWONDO FOR THIRD GRADERS

Guggenheim

Claire Galanek, Annie Thornton

Third-grade students will gain a deeper understanding of Korean culture while developing the Super Six character traits: focus, cooperation, self-control, respect, responsibility and perseverance, through Taekwondo.

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Guggenheim

Michael Killoran, Christine Piserchia, Brandy Miller, Stephanie Joannon

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GUGGENHEIM STEM CLUB

Guggenheim

Suzanne Mody, Teresa Tiberia, Maribeth Betsch, Padma Baburam

Students in grades 3 through 5 engage in hands-on, STEM-based activities including computer programming, software design, and electrical engineering designed to ignite scientific discovery in this before-school program.

A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: THE FINAL CHAPTER

Guggenheim

Natalie Miller, Virginia McMahon, Cassidy Wolfert, Nicole Friedlander, Christine Piserchia, Erica Albin

Grade 3 ENL Students and all 4th and 5th graders sleep at the American Museum of Natural History and conduct experiments connected to the exhibits that will be highlighted.

WINTER WEDNESDAYS: MINDFUL EXPLORATION AT GUGGENHEIM

Guggenheim

Kimberly Licato, Annie Thornton

Students in 4th and 5th grade participate in a series of weekly activities including mindful outdoor time activities, artistic expression, and movement during the winter months.

CANTA CONMIGO: AN INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH LANGUAGE THROUGH SONG

Guggenheim, Manorhaven

Jessica Medina, Jennifer Lenney, Trish Rex, Stefanie Seidner, Alissa Zendzian, Nora Balber, Patricia Brennan, Kim Grennan, Virginia McMahon, Angela Pfeiffer, Jessica Melwani

First-grade students gain a better understanding of cultural diversity within their school and community with the introduction of Spanish vocabulary and language skills through song during a 4-week workshop.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Guggenheim, Salem, Sousa

Julie Katz, Lisa Cangialosi, Melissa Koulouris

Fourth- and fifth-grade students are introduced to Scrabble and the strategies of the game. The club will culminate with a tournament for students in participating schools.

MANORHAVEN CHESS CLUB

Manorhaven

Diane Haut, Lourdes Perez, Nina Evans

Students in grades 3 through 5 learn the intellectually challenging game of chess during this after-school program.

MANORHAVEN EARLY BIRDS

Manorhaven

Megaera Regan, Marialina Corbo, Pat Charles, Bridge Green, Lucy Gable, Jacqueline Toomla, John Davis

A physical activity program for select students in grades 3 through 5 which significantly improves academic performance through exercise before school.

MORNING STEM CLUB

Manorhaven

Lourdes Perez, Jeanine Oleksiw

This before-school club for grades 3 through 5 introduces and develops technology skills in computer programming, robotics, and 3D printing.

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MANORHAVEN MENTORS—GOING STRONG

Manorhaven

Barbara O'Donnell, Bonni Cohen, Pat Charles, Diane Haut, Kim Singh

This thriving program matches adult volunteers with select 4th and 5th-grade students to form relationships in a school-based mentoring program.

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AILEYDANCE KIDS

Salem

Erin Leitman Scott, Pia Ferrante, Ralia Polechronis, Cara Hristoforatos, Kristina MacHarg, Adam Block, Julie Kozinn, Tara Trapani, Amy Suh Kim, Beth Messinger

This 8-week workshop from the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater Group introduces 1st-grade students to West African music, dance, and oral tradition.

TAEKWONDO FOR THIRD GRADERS

Salem

Pia Ferrante, Abby Duffy

All 3rd-grade students learn about South Korean culture and the Super Six character traits: focus, cooperation, self-control, respect, responsibility, and perseverance, through Taekwondo.

LET'S GET MOVING: STEM IN THE AM!

Salem

Joanne Koukoulas, Pia Ferrante

Students in grades 3 through 5 expand their scientific discovery skills through computer coding and active learning processes in this before-school program.

GO GO...GREEN SCREEN!

Salem

Joanne Koukoulas, Pia Ferrante

Students have hands-on experience with audio/visual production and presentation with the addition of green screen technology.

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LANGUAGE THROUGH ART

Salem

Jennifer Anicito, Pia Ferrante, Marilyn Turtz, Kristen Cagnard, Jessica Guarino

ENL students benefit from the use of visual art curriculum developed by the J. Paul Getty Museum to bridge language barriers.

BRINGING BOOKS TO LIFE

Salem, Daly

Danielle Mattina, Pia Ferrante, Lauren Winters, Sheri Suzzan, Michael Elcock, Susan O'Brien, Nicole DiCarlo, Stacy Medford, Andrea Schieck, Casey Cheffo

Fifth-grade students will read the memoir *I Will Always Write Back*, making connections through an in-school visit with the author and by writing about their own memorable small moments.

SUBMERGE STORYTELLING

Salem, Sousa

Erin Scott, Rebecca Schwartz, Pia Ferrante, Ralia Polechronis, David Meoli, Dina Maiella-Marro, Colleen Lucie, Cory Drewes

Fourth graders at Salem and Sousa have an interactive, hands-on literary experience that immerses them into a story as they transform their classroom to become the setting.

FRENCH LANGUAGE IMMERSION AND COOKING PROGRAM

Sousa

Colleen Lucie, Suzanne Potucek, Mary Lou Wright, Jennifer Szillus, Janine Clark

Fourth-grade students are immersed in French culture and language through cooking lessons led by a native French speaker.

TAEKWONDO FOR THIRD GRADERS: SUPER SIX LIFE SKILLS

Sousa

Justin Ryan, Diana Conway, Marisa Johnson, Kathleen Wengenosky

All 3rd grade-students learn about South Korean culture and the Super Six character traits: focus, cooperation, self-control, respect, responsibility, and perseverance, through Taekwondo in connection with the school-wide RULER program.

CYBER STARS PLUS

Sousa

Marisa Johnson, Jeanne Zeh, Lisa Cangialosi

Students in grades 3 through 5 will learn coding, engineering, and robotics in an after-school club and participation in First Lego League competitions.

KINDERNEERS AT PLAY

Sousa

Carolina Petrides, Jill Lowe, Karen Kirschen, Leslie McWatt

Kindergarten students have the opportunity to explore, design, build, and code through play with the addition of a STEAM Center to each classroom.

GO GREEN-GREEN SCREEN

Sousa

Janet Moser, Lisa Cangialosi, Dana Wisselman

The addition of equipment and software allows students to create green screen enhanced digital videos across multiple grade levels and content areas.

DISTRICT CHORAL FESTIVAL

All Schools

Kevin Scully, Amanda Johnson, Alexis Berberabe, Ryan Ocenna, Stephen Connolly, Allison Friedman, Matthew Gawronski, John Spiezio

Choral students from all seven schools will have the opportunity to perform at the Tilles Center/LIU Post with a commissioned piece as the finale.

EXPRESSIVE ELOCUTION

All Elementary

Elise May

This standards-based program helps vocally empower and prepare students to present speeches, reports, dramatic enactments, debates, and themselves in interviews and performances.

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DANCING FIFTH GRADE CLASSROOMS

All Elementary

David Meoli, Bonni Cohen, Pia Ferrante, Kimberly Licato, Sheri Suzzan

All 5th-grade students will participate in a ten-week residency with Dancing Classrooms to cultivate essential life skills through the practice of social dance.

TALK ABOUT AN ADVENTURE! PART II

All Elementary

Erica Albin, Christine Piserchia, Cassidy Wolfert, Nicole Friedlander, Lisa Carus, Stacy Plakotaris, Kristen Cagnard, Jessica Guarino, Jo Ann Miles, Ashleigh Roche, Bridget O'Keefe-Green, Patricia Charles, Marialina Corbo, John Davis, Lucy Gable, Jacqueline Toomla

Fourth-grade ENL students in all five elementary schools develop communication and leadership skills through teamwork at the Nassau BOCES Outdoor Adventure Education Program.

STEPPING STONES CLASS

Parent Resource Center

Leila Noor, Patricia Class, Diana Piza, Hope Pecullan, Nicole Asselta, Jennifer Schiffer, Gail Thrope, Johanna Menzel

This program prepares at-risk pre-schoolers with limited English proficiency for the district's Pre-K program.

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WDOT RADIO

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This began as a donation to establish a high school radio station and has quickly become a part of the fabric and culture of Schreiber High School. The radio station is a vibrant club where students learn programming and development. There are currently two broadcasting classes that utilize the facility. Students can often be found at the sound board recording and creating shows for entertainment and promoting events. Tune in to www.portradio.org to hear some of the latest programming.

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DOTv

Schreiber

The Schreiber TV studio began as a club and has now been incorporated into the high school curriculum. Students can enroll in classes like Sound Production, Film and Television Production and Digital Video Production. This state-of-the-art facility has the technology which allows students to benefit from learning all aspects of writing, recording and reporting, in front of and behind the camera. DOTv has become an integral part of the Port Washington community as many organizations count on these talented students to create video and report on local events.

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THE DIGITAL LEARNING CENTER

Schreiber

The Digital Learning Center is a dynamic workspace and resource for students and faculty to use the most current equipment and technology including various laptops, desktops, interactive whiteboards and new modular furniture that creates collaborative and moveable work spaces. The DLC is home to the Writing Center and the Girls Who Code club. Students, classes, and staff utilize the room for online learning, virtual field trips, telecommunication, collaborative projects, and a host of other educational experiences.

FUNDED BY JAIMEE & DAN LOEWY

NAO ROBOTS

Weber

All middle school students are exposed to the growing field of robotics in a deep and meaningful way. This program integrates two robots, software for 20 user stations, and curriculum, along with staff development, into the technology classes for grades 6 through 8. The robots enable teachers to increase their ability to expose students to a variety of problem-solving skills, along with basic programming, making them better prepared to continue their studies through high school to college and beyond.

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COLLEGE PIONEERS

Weber, Schreiber

This program increases awareness of post-secondary educational opportunities and provides college readiness skills in the first-generation and disadvantaged populations in the Port Washington school district, beginning in 7th grade and continuing through senior year. The program includes college visits, guest speakers, parent workshops, test prep and college application support.

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THE LAPTOP INITIATIVE

Schreiber

Identified students receive a chromebook or laptop to support their studies, increase chances of success, and help eliminate the digital divide.

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THE BLUES: AN 8TH GRADE EXPERIENCE

Weber

All 8th-grade students experience the American folk art known as The Blues. Students read, listen to, discuss, and compose poetry and music. The program culminates with an extended workshop and performance with blues Hall-of-Fame artist Toby Walker.

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NEXTGEN MANUFACTURING AND DESIGN

Weber

Ryan Meloni, Chris Shields

The "NextGen Manufacturing and Design" equipment will be used in a variety of Technology Education units, where students will be introduced to three state-of-the-art machines. New units will have students engaged in automated cloud based mass production, laser cutting, and vinyl cutting while learning about the modern economy. Students will develop confidence and familiarity with high-tech machines and engineering principles with real-world applications for careers in tech industries, manufacturing, design, and more.

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THE ED. FOUNDATION SUPPORT CENTER

The Support Center focuses on improving literacy and math skills for third-graders in need of academic support through individualized attention, homework help, and writing exercises. The Center is led by a Director, along with an intergenerational volunteer staff, and features distinguished guests who provide a variety of creative programming including music, art, yoga, dance and other enrichment experiences.

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