

PORT VIKINGS MEDIA

Schreiber

Jeremy Klaff, Nick Schratwieser, Larry Schultz

Updated professional equipment will help to continue the expansion of the media program at Schreiber, resulting in enhanced media coverage of the Port Athletic program and its athletes.

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TRADITIONAL MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE PAINTING WITH EGG TEMPERA

Schreiber

Nicole Thomas, Miranda Best

Tenth- through twelfth-grade art students will participate in a visiting artist workshop with historian and icon painter Patricia Miranda to create traditional Renaissance and Medieval egg tempera paintings.

THE ART OF METAL MAKING

Schreiber

Joy DiPasquale

Through a visiting artist workshop, art students will explore creating art for body adornment, jewelry and small sculptural forms while learning metalsmithing skills. Co-funded with HEARTS.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE IN COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Schreiber

Elizabeth Zucker

Updated photography equipment will enhance the photography courses at Schreiber and expand opportunities for students to gain additional skills.

MEANING-MAKING THROUGH MUSEUM EDUCATION

Schreiber

Nicole Thomas, Miranda Best, Kevin Scully

Students in advanced art classes will participate in a museum learning series at The MET and MOMA through guided tours and workshops related to their classroom learning of art and history.

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LANDMARK ON MAIN STREET'S ARTIST IN RESIDENCE SERIES

Weber, Schreiber

Richard Mayer, Kevin Scully

Landmark on Main Street will offer workshops, master classes, and/or multicultural, interactive performances with professional musicians for students at Weber and/or Schreiber. Co-funded with HEARTS.

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VOICES OF FREEDOM

Weber, Schreiber

Kevin Scully, Beth Javeline, Kathryn Behr, Nick Schratwieser, Kaitlin Szczesny

In collaboration with the Louis Armstrong House Museum, students will work with world-renowned performers to experience artistic works across three disciplines.

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LEARNING AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) CORE EXTENSION

Weber

Holly Gober, Ilissa Sternlicht, Stephanie Greenberg

During Core Extension, eighth-grade Blue House students will be introduced to American Sign Language as a language to be learned and spoken through a deaf-blind presenter. This grant is presented in collaboration with the Helen Keller National Center.

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WEBER CHESS AND SCRABBLE CLUB

Weber

Dena Bocchino

This club will provide the opportunity for sixth-through eighth-grade students to learn the art of chess and Scrabble.

DANCE PARTY!

Weber

Holly Gober, Thomas Barbara

During the immigration unit, Blue and Yellow House eighth-grade students will learn various dances from Russia, Italy, China and Greece.

DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

Weber

Holly Gober, Thomas Barbara

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

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GLEN COVE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL AND TOLERANCE CENTER VISIT

Weber

Thomas Barbara

All eighth-grade students will visit the Glen Cove HMTC to study the impact of the Holocaust and reinforce the importance of tolerance and respect for people of all backgrounds.

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YOU'VE GOT GAME!

Weber

Zachary Siegel

During homebase, Weber sixth-grade students will use board games to build communication skills and a greater sense of belonging.

THE MUSIC AND STORIES OF THE AMERICAN SHARECROPPER

Weber

Thomas Barbara

All eighth-grade students will experience the American folk art known as The Blues. Students will read, listen to, discuss and compose poetry and music ending with a performance and extended workshop with renowned artist Toby Walker.

EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: MARCIA LEVINE IN HONOR OF THE ED. FOUNDATION & ROBIN SIGMAN

ALL ELEMENTARY SCRABBLE CLUB

All Elementary

Julie Katz, Lisa Cangliamosi, Melissa Koulouris, Heather Hoffman, Kimberly Singh

Fourth- and fifth-grade students will be introduced to Scrabble and the strategies of the game, culminating with a tournament between all five elementary schools. Co-funded with PWUFSD.

BOOK BREAK

All Elementary

Kimberly Pinto, Jennifer Fitzsimmons, Joanne Koukoulas, Suzanne Mody, Angela Barbieri

Inspiring the next generation of readers by making best selling author events available to all students through livestream and recorded author talks on the books read in the classroom.

SPONSOR: JESSICA & ANISH MELWANI, HERSH & FERN COHEN

TALK ABOUT AN ADVENTURE!

All Elementary

Lucy Gable, Cassidy Lowery, Kristen Cagnard, Lauren Redino, Lisa Carus

Fourth-grade ENL students will participate in Nassau BOCES Outdoor Adventure Program where they will develop communication, cooperation, trust and problem-solving skills through team building exercises.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE (CHALLENGE) ELEMENTARY ROBOTICS CLUB

Daly

Kimberly Pinto

Fourth- and fifth-grade students will work as a team to identify a real-world problem and create an innovative solution through the use of research, engineering and coding. Students will enter the First Lego League Challenge competition where they will have to create and program a robot to showcase their work.

SPONSOR: THE KAMENSKY FAMILY

MOBILE ED STEAM MUSEUM

Daly

Lucia Laguarda

The multi-purpose room will be transformed into a state-of-the-art, hands-on children's museum focused on STEAM education where all students will interact with the twelve learning stations.

GREEN SCREEN PRODUCTIONS

Daly

Kimberly Pinto

In this club, third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students will be given the opportunity to research topics of interest and creatively share their expertise through the production of short green screen video projects.

CONTINUING THE THRIVING DART FROG ECOSYSTEM

Daly

Susan O'Brien

A continuation and remodeling of an established dart frog ecosystem that will allow fifth-grade students to observe and learn about organisms within the ecosystem.

FIELD TRIP TO QUEENS ZOO

PWUFSD Pre-K

Amy Singer

Pre-K students will visit the Queens Zoo, giving them both visual and tactile exposure to the different animals they are studying.

YOGA AND MINDFULNESS FOR THE RISE AND TLC CLASSES

Daly, Guggenheim, Manorhaven

Casey Cheffo-McNulty, Jillian Manoff, Kayla Salerno, Loren Maroof, Nora Balber, Patrick Nash, Susan Cominski, Amy Branch

RISE and TLC students will gain the tools necessary to relieve stress and anxiety, and internal balance and improve focus through yoga and mindfulness exercises.

EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: LEO MARINO & FAMILY

GUGGENHEIM LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Guggenheim

Kimberly Licato, Jillian Mott

This club will empower fifth graders to sharpen their leadership skills through activities centered around fifth grade standards, including writing, speaking and research.

GUGGENHEIM ELEMENTARY CHESS CLUB

Guggenheim

Natalie Miller, Kimberly Licato, Lance Yoon

Third- through fifth-grade students will be taught the intellectually challenging game of chess by a Chess Master and engage in friendly competition.

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PAL-O-MINE THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN FIELD TRIP

Guggenheim

Jennifer Norton, Loren Maroof, Nora Balber

The Guggenheim RISE and TLC first- and second-grade students will partake in an experiential learning experience through the Equine Assisted Learning program which will incorporate life skills and expectations through interactions with horses and small animals.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL AND TOLERANCE CENTER VISIT AND SURVIVOR TESTIMONY ASSEMBLY

Guggenheim

Marci Haworth, Mike Duda, Serena Troiani, Natalie Miller

Guggenheim fifth-grade students will visit the HMTc in Glen Cove and will additionally have an in-school assembly where they will hear first-hand testimony from a Holocaust survivor.

SPONSOR: PAULA & ROB WHITMAN

PLAYGROUND COMMUNICATION BOARDS

Manorhaven

Cassidy Comerford, Amy Branch, Sue Cominski, ENL Department

A communication board will be installed on the playground for students with limited verbal abilities, allowing children to communicate by pointing to various symbols and pictures.

MANORHAVEN ELEMENTARY CHESS CLUB

Manorhaven

Emilio Cruz, Eric Mace, Lance Yoon, Steve Brody, Diane Stillerman

Third- through fifth-grade students will be taught the intellectually challenging game of chess by a Chess Master and engage in friendly competition.

SPONSOR: ALEXIS & JARED SMITH

ROLLING RECESS

Manorhaven

Claudia Aliano-Levin, Eric Mace

A rolling recess cart will benefit all students during indoor recess by providing developmentally-appropriate games and movement activities.

SPONSOR: JACOB & JILL MANCZYK

PORTABLE MINI-GYM

Manorhaven

Claudia Aliano-Levin, Jessica Tallarico, Jennifer Kim, Nina Evans

Kindergarten students will be able to engage in developmentally appropriate movement activities throughout the school day.

MANORHAVEN STEM CLUB

Manorhaven

Lourdes Perez, Jeanine Oleksiw

This before-school club for third- through fifth-grade students will introduce and develop technology skills in computer programming, robotics and 3D printing.

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MANORHAVEN EARLY BIRDS

Manorhaven

Amanda Gargiulo

This physical activity program for select students in third through fifth grade aims to significantly improve academic performance for at-risk students through before-school exercise.

SPONSOR: THE SWEENEY FAMILY



The Ed. Foundation

2024 – 2025 Grants

EXPRESSIVE ELOCUTION: VOCAL EMPOWERMENT THROUGH THEATER ARTS

Manorhaven

Laurey Brevig, Armanda Berkery, Melanie Guarneri, Emilio Cruz

An Arts-in-Education program that will help vocally empower and prepare third-grade students to present speeches, reports, dramatic enactments, debates and themselves in interviews and performances.

SPONSOR: THE HIRSCH FAMILY

MUSIC THERAPY

Manorhaven

Susan Cominiski, Cassidy Comerford, Amy Branch
Long Island Music Therapy Services will use music to address the cognitive, emotional and behavioral needs of students in the TLC classes. The use of various songs and instruments will aid in eliciting responses while supporting and encouraging positive growth.

EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: ELIZABETH MILBANK SOBEL & MICHAEL SOBEL

MAKING IT REAL: ENHANCING SCIENCE LEARNING THROUGH UP-CLOSE AND HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES

Manorhaven

Stephanie Seidner, Jennifer Lenney, Patricia Rex, Shari Salazar

First-grade students will enhance their science learning through three on-site visits and one off-site trip to the LI Science Museum.

SPONSORS: JULIE COHEN & DANIEL GOLDMAN, THE MCDERMOTT FAMILY

GAME ON!

Salem, Weber

Marlene Ruskin, Kristen Cagnard, Kimberly Caracciolo, Christina Aro, Regina McLean

A PEP/ENL partnership where students will learn how to play educational board games, teach others how to play these games, and will use these skills when playing games on a monthly basis with their Weber mentors. Students will also be able to borrow these games from a lending library.

SPONSOR: THE EPSTEIN FAMILY

STEP BY STEP: CULTURAL APPRECIATION THROUGH DANCE

Salem

Pia Ferrante, Jena Swerdloff, Andrea Schieck, Nicole DiCarlo, Kevin Scully

A six-day dance residency workshop will teach fifth-grade students Hip-Hop style dance with a focus on cultural appreciation. Co-funded with HEARTS.

AILEYDANCE KIDS

Salem

Pia Ferrante, Kevin Scully

A nine-week dance residency, where first-grade students will learn West African dance and culture during Black History month. Co-funded with HEARTS.

EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: THE EDELSON FAMILY

SOUNDWATERS

Salem

Michael Bitalvo (Salem HSA), Melissa Pereira (Salem HSA)

Fourth graders will engage in hands-on climate science activities that focus on the Long Island Sound's rapidly changing environment, the impact of these changes and how their actions can help protect and preserve this local resource.

SUBMERGE STORYTELLING

Salem, Sousa

Denise Paredes (Sousa HSA), Mike Bitalvo (Salem HSA)

Fourth graders will engage in an interactive, hands-on literary experience that immerses them into a story as their classrooms are transformed to become the story's setting.

FIFTH GRADE LEADERS

Sousa

Karen Silver, Samantha Decicco

Fifth-grade students will build leadership skills by participating in monthly leadership opportunities that promote critical thinking, problem solving, social and emotional intelligence and communication skills, enabling them to become better mentors and leaders in the school community.

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SIMPLE SEED JOURNALS/100 DAYS OF GRATITUDE PROJECT

Sousa

Colleen Lucie, Suzy Potucek, Lisa Cangialosi, Phyllis Record, Tim Hynes

Each morning, fourth-grade students will start the day practicing gratitude and positive self-talk. At the end of 100 days, the students will have a finished journal showing their growth in gratitude and emotional learning.

EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: CARRIE & DAVE KERPEN

STORYWALK: LET'S GET MOVING AND READING!

Sousa

Alexandra Cimino, Joy Tamburino

A unique, immersive experience that takes a picture book and turns it into an active reading experience, displaying each page along an outdoor pathway.

SOUSA CHESS CLUB

Sousa

Justin Ryan, Meg Sheehan, Lance Yoon

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SPONSOR: AMY & GEOFF BASS

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) GUEST SPEAKER

Sousa

Ilissa Sternlicht, Stephanie Greenberg

All students will learn how the deaf/blind community communicates and will gain empathy, awareness and appreciation for the importance of diversity and inclusion. This grant is presented in conjunction with The Helen Keller National Center.

DISTRICT CHORAL FESTIVAL

All District

Kevin Scully, Alexis Berberabe, Stephen Connolly, Victoria Devine, Allison Friedman, Matthew Gawronski, Amanda Johnson, Tyler Mason-Draffen, Elizabeth Riordan

Chorus students from all seven schools will perform at Tilles Center for the Performing Arts in Spring 2025 with a nationally renowned guest conductor. Co-funded with HEARTS.

PARENT RESOURCE CENTER STEPPING STONES CLASSES

Preschool, Pre-K

Leila Noor, Nicole Asselta, Hope Pecullan, Analia Quispe

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



The Ed. Foundation

Previously Funded Signature Grants

SCHREIBER GREENHOUSE - Est. 2024

Schreiber

The addition of a dedicated greenhouse will enable students to engage in a more diverse range of scientific experiments, enhancing their research in areas such as botany, environmental science and agricultural studies.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JULIAN H. BERNSTEIN, CLASS OF 1975 AND MARK HARRIS BERNSTEIN, CLASS OF 1972

SCHREIBER HIGH SCHOOL RECORDING STUDIO - Est. 2023

Schreiber

This state-of-the-art, soundproof recording studio integrates with the existing television studio, digital video course, sound engineering course and music ensembles. Students now have a place to create high-quality recordings that can be used for auditions, competitions or integrated into other school programs.

FUNDED BY THE CORNELIA T. BAILY FOUNDATION

THE SCHREIBER HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY & ART LAB - Est. 2021

Schreiber

The upgrade of technology with state-of-the-art interactivity, new workstations and updated software enhances capabilities and fosters interactive instruction for Ed. Tech and Art students.

NEXTGEN MANUFACTURING AND DESIGN - Est. 2019

Weber

"NextGen Manufacturing and Design" equipment is used in a variety of Technology Education units, where students are introduced to three state-of-the-art machines. New units engage students 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.

FUNDED BY THE MILDRED AND SIDNEY EDELSTEIN FOUNDATION

THE DIGITAL LEARNING CENTER - Est. 2018

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

COLLEGE PIONEERS - Est. 2016

Weber, Schreiber

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

FUNDED BY THE LUCERNE FOUNDATION/THE RIMSKY FAMILY

NAO ROBOTS - Est. 2015

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 twenty user stations, and curriculum, along with staff development, into the technology classes for grades six through eight. 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.

FUNDED BY THE MILDRED AND SIDNEY EDELSTEIN FOUNDATION

DOTv - Est. 2013

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 videos and report on local events.

FUNDED BY DOT & ED SLADE

WDOT RADIO - Est. 2004

Schreiber

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 soundboard 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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THE ED. FOUNDATION SUPPORT CENTER - Est. 2004 - 2024

All Elementary

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 Support 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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