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A NIGHT OF 1000 STRINGS
All District
Kevin Scully, Jonathan Kobrinsky, Matthew Grosso, John Akios, Carly Clancy, Carol Garofalo
Orchestra students from all seven schools will perform at Tilles Center for the Performing Arts in Spring 2026 with a nationally renowned guest conductor. Co-funded with HEARTS.

SEPTA: EVERY SCHOOL EVERY YEAR
All District
Jeanine Cummings, Krista Citrolo
Motivational speaker Rohan Murphy, a Paralympian and former wrestler, will discuss disability awareness, inclusion, and overcoming diversity.Co-funded with PWUFSD.
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REALITY REIMAGINED: AP ART STUDENTS JOURNEY INTO SURREALISM
Schreiber
Elizabeth Zucker, Nicole Thomas, Miranda Best
Advanced art students will explore Surrealism by visiting the Whitney Museum's exhibition, "Sixties Surreal." A workshop with artist Jason Paradis will deepen students' understanding of this movement.
EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: THE REJWAN FAMILY

ILLUMINATING SUSTAINING: MATERIALS FOR AN ECO-FRIENDLY STUDIO SPACE
Schreiber
Nicole Thomas, Miranda Best
Schreiber art students will begin to integrate eco-friendly materials into studio space by using Sta-Wet Palette for paints. Working with sustainable materials deepens environmental awareness and promotes eco-friendly practices.

STOP MOTION ANIMATION/CLAYMATION
Schreiber
Sarah Jones
9th grade Schreiber art students will have access to the latest equipment to create short stop motion and claymation films.

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.
SPONSOR: HERSH AND FERN COHEN

JEWELRY DESIGN WORKSHOP
Schreiber
Joy DiPasquale
Schreiber art students will attend an all day workshop with Dana Negar where they will learn metal smithing, stone setting and other techniques for jewelry making.

LANDMARK ON MAIN STREET'S ARTIST IN RESIDENCE SERIES
Schreiber
Amanda Kowalczuk
Landmark on Main Street will offer workshops, master classes, and/or multicultural, interactive performances with professional musicians for Schreiber students. Co-funded with HEARTS.
EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: ELIZABETH MILBANK SOBEL & MICHAEL SOBEL

VIKING ROBOTICS
Schreiber
Bryan Beach, John Schineller
Schreiber students who participate in the growing Viking Robotics program will benefit from the puchasing of important supplies that are needed to upgrade the team's Drive Train capabilities to the more superior Swerve Drive system. These important enhancements will better position the team for success at the next level.
SPONSOR: THE LOEWY FAMILY

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS
Schreiber
Milly Hudson
Schreiber High School students participating in Model UN will be able to attend the world's largest, most diverse, and most prestigious Model UN conference/competition for secondary school students. Students will experience a highly engaging, immersive experience in the world of international affairs, problem solving, and diplomacy.
SPONSOR: THE FURSTENBERG FAMILY

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD: THE NEXT LEVEL
Schreiber
Nicole LoPinto
Science Olympiad team members (grades 9-12) will benefit from new advanced equipment to help take them into the next level of competition. Funding provided for various builds including: Electric Vehicle, Helicopter, Robot Tour, Tower and Optics.
SPONSOR: THE BIRBIGLIA FAMILY

MEMOIR & REFLECTION WRITING WORKSHOP
Weber
Jennifer Thompson
7th grade Blue and Green house students will participate in workshop with author Michelle Yadoo. Students will build confidence in writing about their own experiences by utilizing purposeful prompts and learning techniques for sharing and engaging with others.
SPONSOR: PAULA AND ROB WHITMAN

WRITING WORKSHOP WITH AUTHOR MADDY LEDERMAN
Weber
Stacey Portmore-Davies
8th grade Yellow house students will participate in a writers workshop with author Maddy Lederman. Students will create short stories that focus on setting, sensory imagery and character motivations.

MODERNIZATION OF WEBER'S MULTIMEDIA PROGRAM
Weber
Thomas Stepanek
6th and 7th grade students will have access to iPads to create content and movies on a school "safe" device for use during the multimedia unit of the Technology curriculum.

THE MUSIC AND STORIES OF THE AMERICAN SHARECROPPER
Weber
Thomas Barbara
All 8th 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

USING LASERS TO ENHANCE MASS PRODUCTION UNIT
Weber
Michael Czachor
New lasers in the technology department will allow 8th grade students to setup and engrave their own projects.

A "TASTE OF THE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE"
Weber
Thomas Barbara
8th grade Yellow house students will visit the NYC Tenement Museum learning about the unique experiences of immigrants living in NYC at the turn of the century.
SPONSOR: THE RABER FAMILY

COOKING UP CULTURE!
Weber
Zachary Siegel, Gardner Smith
6th grade Blue house students will learn about the cuisines of different cultures through a hands-on culinary experience.

GAMERS GUILD
Weber
Matthew DiCarlo, Jennifer Thompson, Kimberly Caracciolo
New club opportunity for Middle School students that fosters strategic thinking, social interaction and problem solving skills through the use of board and card games.

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THE SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE: STEM IN EVERYDAY LIFE
Weber
Carrie Ann Lindstadt-lurka
8th grade students will be presented with a six week agricultural studies workshop presented by the Cornell Cooperative Extension. The program highlights how innovation in science and technology drive advances in sustainable farming practices.
FUNDED BY THE GORDON FAMILY

EXPANDING NATURE'S LOVE OF NATIVE GRASS!
Weber
Carrie Ann Lindstadt-lurka
7th and 8th grade students will be involved in the preparation and planting of native grasses in Weber's Native Garden which was established in 2015.

GAME ON!
Salem, Weber
Marlene Ruskin, Jessica Parekh, Kristen Cagnard, Kimberly Caracciolo, Regina McLean, Alyssa Cianciulli, Nicole Chicarelli, Alize Rodriguez, Christine Piserchia, Erica Albin, Kimberley Singh, Marialina Corbo, Lucy Gable, John Davis, Felicia Mari, Jenna Spienza, Bridget Green
A PEP/ENL partnership where over 150 students will participate to 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.
EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: THE EPSTEIN FAMILY

TALK ABOUT AN ADVENTURE!
All Elementary - ENL Students
Lucy Gable, Lauren Rendino, Lisa Carus, Erica Albin, Jessica Parekh
4th grade ENL students will participate in a Nassau BOCES Outdoor Adventure program which will help students to develop and strengthen communication and leadership skills through team building activities.

SCRABBLE CLUB TOURNAMENT
All Elementary
Julie Katz, Heather Hoffman, Lisa Cangliosi, Kim Singh, Melissa Koulouris
Intra-School wide Scrabble Club tournament which will bring all elementary school participants together for club's culminating event. Co-funded with PWUFSD.

SENSORY HALLWAY
Daly, Pre-K
Heather Hoffman, Jennifer Szillus, Allison Kenney, Casey Horowitz, Erica Kastel, Debra Danow, Nancy Flynn
Sensory pathway will be developed as part of a kinesthetic hallway where Pre-K students can engage in purposeful movement.

PROACTIVE PLAY
Daly, Guggenheim
Casey Cheffo-McNulty, Kayla Salerno, Loren Maroof, Nora Balber, Patrick Nash, Jillian Manoff, Lauren Winters, Casey Horowitz
Elementary students will be supported through cooperative play instruction to assist in conflict resolutions during unstructured play time when the need for independent problem- solving occurs.
SPONSOR: LEO MARINO AND FAMILY

MINDFUL MOVEMENT AND MEDITATION 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.
SPONSOR: LEO MARINO AND FAMILY

JOURNEYS INTO AMERICAN TERRITORY
Daly, Salem
Danielle Commons, Jaclyn Ryan
4th grade students will experience hands-on workshops when the Eastern Woodlands Museum comes to school with artifacts allowing students to explore the Iroquois and Algonquian lives and cultures in-depth.

THE CULTURAL ART EXPERIENCE
Daly
Susan Geffken Burton
3rd through 5th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in the creation of art through Fiber Arts Painting and Clay. Projects will tie into Cultural studies curriculum.

LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB
Daly
Kimberly Pinto
4th and 5th 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.

LINKED IN UNITY
Daly
Lauren Winters
5th grade students will be visited by author Gordon Norman after reading his book LINKED which explores antisemitism and the power of community action.

MOMENT POEMS IN THE CLASSROOM
Daly
Susan O'Brien, Allison Mandelkern, Melissa Voyer, Elise Kreiss
3rd, 4th and 5th grade students at Daly will each receive their own Moment Poems book to be guided through poetry writing exercises exploring how writing can lead to greater emotional intelligence.

THREE CHEERS FOR GEARS! INVESTIGATIONS FOR YOUNG ENGINEERS
Guggenheim
Suzanne Mody
3rd through 5th graders at Guggenheim will ignite scientific discovery by engaging in hands-on, STEM-based activities using LEGO BricQ Motion Essential Sets.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL AND TOLERANCE CENTER VISIT
Guggenheim
Marci Haworth, Mike Duda, Serena Troiani
Guggenheim 5th grade students will visit the HMTC in Glen Cove and will hear first-hand testimony from a Holocaust survivor. Students will also read and discuss her autobiography.
SPONSORS: THE STONE FAMILY, SAMANTHA AND DANIEL CLASTER

EARLY MATH CONCEPTS THROUGH ART, LITERATURE & PLAY
Guggenheim
Heather O'Shea, Erica Albin
Kindergarten through 2nd grade students will explore mathematical ideas and concepts through art, literature and play.
SPONSOR: KAY AND LEO ULLMAN

GUGGENHEIM/MANORHAVEN ELEMENTARY CHESS CLUB
Guggenheim, Manorhaven
Natalie Miller, Emilio Cruz
3rd through 5th grade students will be taught the intellectually challenging game of chess and engage in friendly competition.
SPONSOR: THE SMITH FAMILY

CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT
Manorhaven, Guggenheim, Sousa and Salem
Emilio Cruz, Natalie Miller, Justin Ryan, Pia Ferrante
Inter-School wide Chess Club tournament which will bring 4 elementary schools' clubs together for a culminating challenge.
FUNDED BY JILL AND JACOB MANCZYK

SUBMERGE STORYTELLING
Guggenheim, Manorhaven, Salem, Sousa
Kristina Bresnick, Stacey Patterson, Jenny Block, Sloane Ackerman
4th 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. Co-funded with Guggenheim, Salem, and Sousa HSAs and Manorhaven PTA.

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VICTORIA J .COE VISITS MANORHAVEN
Manorhaven
Stephanie Mack, Dawn Angelin, Elena Gnezda, Isabella Buttler
Manorhaven School will implement One School, One Book. Each student will receive, read and experience a visit from the author of the books from the Fenway and Hattie Series.

BRINGING COUNTING TO LIFE
Manorhaven
Chantelle Persaud, Nina Evans, Jennifer Lenney, Patricia Rex, Shari Salazar, Stefanie Siedner
Kindergarten through 1st grade students at Manorhaven will benefit from a counting collections cart with games that will enhance existing curriculum by promoting mathematical thinking.

READING IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS: STORYWALK AT MANORHAVEN SCHOOL
Manorhaven
Elena Gnezda, Dawn Angelin, Stephanie Mack, Isabella Buttler
StoryWalk is a unique, immersive experience that takes a picture book and turns it into an active reading experience as the pages are displayed along an outdoor pathway benefitting the entire school and community.
SPONSOR: THE REICHENBACH FAMILY IN MEMORY OF KAREN REICHENBACH

OUTDOOR WEATHER STATION
Manorhaven
Melanie Guarneri
An outdoor weather station will engage all Manorhaven students in real-world science and observation.

A JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE
Manorhaven
Jennifer Lenney, Stefanie Seidner, Patricia Rex, Shari Salazar, Stacey Drucker, Deirdre Fronda, Nicole Lalena, Lourdes Perez
The Cradle of Aviation will bring a planetarium to Manorhaven allowing first hand learning about objects that populate the solar system correlating with the 1st and 5th grade curriculums.
SPONSOR: ILANA AND MATT ENGEL

EXPRESSIVE ELOCUTION: VOCAL EMPOWERMENT THROUGH THEATER ARTS
Manorhaven
Laurey Brevig, Amanda Berkery, Melanie Guarneri, James O'Brien
An Arts-in-Education program that will help vocally empower and prepare 3rd grade students to present speeches, reports, dramatic enactments, debates and themselves in interviews and performances. Culminates in 3rd grade Wax Museum presentation.
EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR: THE HIRSCH FAMILY

HABITATS IN OUR OWN BACKYARD
Manorhaven
Jennifer Lenney, Stefanie Seidner, Patricia Rex, Shari Salazar
1st grade students will take a guided hike through the Sands Point Preserve to discover different habitats and their characteristics enhancing the study of plant and animal adaptations and designs in nature.

2nd GRADE CRADLE OF AVIATION
Manorhaven
Lorraine Bellman, Joseph Lennon, Marianne Nell, Alissa Zendzian
2nd grade students will visit the Cradle of Aviation and planetarium to kick off research project on planets.

MANORHAVEN STEAM CLUB
Manorhaven
Lourdes Perez, Jeanine Oleksiw
This before-school club for 3rd through 5th grade students will introduce and develop technology skills in computer programming, robotics and 3D printing.

STEP BY STEP: CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH DANCE
Salem
Pia Ferrante, Nicole DiCarlo
A six day dance residency workshop will teach 5th grade students Hip-Hop style dance with a focus on civic responsibility. Co-funded with HEARTS.

RHYTHMS OF WEST AFRICA: DANCE, AND CELEBRATION
Salem
Pia Ferrante, Kevin Scully
Eight week dance residency workshop where 1st grade students will learn West African dance and culture inspiring acceptance and a global vision of world community. Co-funded with HEARTS, Salem HSA and PWUFSD.

SOCIAL CITY
Salem
JoAnna Ferreira, Gail Martin
Kindergarten and 1st grade students will participate in workshops aimed at helping children grow socially and emotionally. Program includes corresponding parental component.

SALEM CHESS CLUB
Salem
Pia Ferrante
4th and 5th grade students will be taught the intellectually challenging game of chess and engage in friendly competition.

LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB
Salem
Kristina Bresnick
4th and 5th 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.
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EMBRACING INCLUSION
Sousa
Jennifer Beihoff
Visting author and disability educator Amy McCoy will visit Sousa and promote acceptance and inclusion of individuals with disabilities. This is a school wide event and all students will receive a copy of an age appropriate book.

JUST RIGHT READER:TAKE EVERYWHERE LITERARY PACKS
Sousa
Lauren Rending, Jackie Fantozzi-Howland, Jacqueline Toomla
ENL Sousa students will benefit from Just Right Reader books to strengthen school-to-home partnerships by providing resources to support families in their native language as they help shape their children's literacy development.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT AND DANCE UNIT
Sousa
Emily Kellner, Carolina Petrides, AnnMarie Pullicino, Mina Maiman, Kara Haberman, Cheryl Greenberg
Kindergarten students will be engaged by a teaching artist in exciting, fun activities that will help them develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially as they are introduced to dance. Motor coordination, spatial and rhythmic awareness will be developed through a positive learning experience.

SOUSA CHESS CLUB
Sousa
Justin Ryan, Meg Sheehan
3rd through 5th grade students will be taught the intellectually challenging game of chess and engage in friendly competition.

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.

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Previously Funded Signature Grants

SCHREIBER GREENHOUSE - Est. 2025
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.
FUNDED BY DOT & ED SLADE

THE ED. FOUNDATION SUPPORT CENTER - Est. 2004 - 2024
All Elementary
The Support Center focuses on improving literacy and math skills for 3rd 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.
FUNDED BY DOT & ED SLADE, THE JARED FAMILY FOUNDATION, ELLEN & RICHARD FOX, THE MCDERMOTT FAMILY, THE GORDON FAMILY, DARDANA GELLER & STEVEN BAUM

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