

Notebook

Connetquot
Central
School District

Winter 2015

Together Toward the Future

Board of Education

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Districtwide Program Takes a Stand Against Bullying and Drug Abuse

Last fall, at schools across the Connetquot School District, students, teachers and staff participated in the weeklong event *United We Stand for a Drug and Bullying Free Community*. The program served as a powerful, educational and creative effort to address two of the more challenging topics facing today's youth.

The many schools in the District tackled the subjects of bullying and drug abuse in different ways. At John Pearl Elementary School and Edith L. Slocum Elementary School, for example, peer mediators from the fifth grade performed informative and entertaining skits for the student body. The skits demonstrated how bullying—verbal or physical—is not only inappropriate, but also harmful, especially to young children. Those in attendance were encouraged to take a stand when they encounter bullying. The performances also outlined the myriad dangers and problems that arise from drug abuse. At John Pearl, the show culminated with students and audience members taking a pledge to commit to a drug-and-bully-free school environment. At Slocum, the peer moderators encouraged their younger schoolmates to “fill their dignity buckets” with good thoughts and deeds on a daily basis.

Guests who gave powerful, first-hand accounts of the dangers of bullying and drug abuse visited both Connetquot middle schools. At Oakdale-Bohemia Middle School, Ginger Katz, the founder of the Courage to Speak Foundation, gave a moving account of losing her son to drug abuse years ago. Since that tragedy, Ms. Katz has used her experiences to mentor and educate youths across the country. Her presentation targets middle-school students tempted to use tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and illicit prescription drugs and is carefully designed to inspire middle school students to resist drugs and make healthier decisions. Founded in 1996, the Courage to Speak Foundation is dedicated to a promise Ms. Katz made years ago: to help prevent her tragedy from happening to another family.

Retired Suffolk County Police Officer Paul Failla visited the campus at Ronkonkoma Middle School. Mr. Failla presented an innovative and proactive character education program specifically tailored to secondary school students. His speech focused on dealing with bullying, and he offered tactics to avoid confrontation, stay safe on the internet, and steer clear of drugs.

“Mr. Failla’s unique sense of humor and real life experiences engaged the students in important and difficult topics,” said Charles Morea, principal of RMS. “He talked to students about conflict resolution and accepting personal responsibility.”

No problem is solved by ignoring it. Bullying and drug abuse are unfortunate realities of life, but by tackling these problems head-on through initiatives such as *United We Stand for a Drug and Bullying Free Community*, we can help put an end to both of them.



Superintendent's Message

On behalf of everyone in the Connetquot School District, I'd like to wish all of you a healthy and prosperous 2015. With the holidays long gone and winter winding down, all of us here in the Connetquot School District are looking ahead to spring; to exciting things happening in our District's academic, arts and athletics fields. But before we look ahead, we should take a moment to look back at some of the wonderful accomplishments already achieved by our students this year. In addition to myriad achievements in academics, students in the District have distinguished themselves in the past month by displaying a heartwarming commitment to community outreach and positive school culture.

The *United We Stand for A Drug and Bullying Free Community* program, which you can read about in further detail on page 1, was embraced by schools throughout Connetquot. It demonstrated clearly and definitively that our students are grasping a fundamental truth: All the education in the world can be rendered meaningless if a child's life is ruined by bullying or drug abuse. The *United We Stand for A Drug and Bullying Free Community* was more than just words; it was a commitment to action made by students at every level in our District. Many schools also used the holiday season as a way to give back. Whether it was through the organization of toy drives or the holding of a road race for charity, members of Connetquot recognized the responsibility that comes with being a member of the community.

On the administrative side, one of the hallmarks of spring is the annual budget season. With the budget vote fast approaching, I urge each of you to consider attending an upcoming Board of Education meeting and expressing your views. (Please see the full schedule, including budget meetings, listed below.) By working together, we can develop a budget for the 2015-2016 school year that maintains our outstanding programs and activities while keeping taxes low. Doing so will ensure that our good work, exemplified by the wonderful successes of our students, continues next year and into the future.

Sincerely,

Lynda G. Adams
Superintendent of Schools

Important Board of Education Election Information

Deadline for Submission of Petitions for Nominations of Board Candidates:

- Nomination Petition packets are available as of March 3, 2015 in the office of the District Clerk
- Nomination Petitions are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2015 (a minimum of 39 signatures from Qualified Voters of the District)

Deadline for submission of petitions for propositions to be placed on the ballot

- Petitions are due no later than **March 20, 2015** for the Board's consideration
- Absentee Ballot applications are available as of **March 5, 2015** and are available on the District website
- Last day to register to vote with the District is **May 14, 2015**

Important Contact Information

Connetquot Central School District
CHILD ADVOCATE
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A Message From Your Board of Education

Winter has almost ended—as it always does—and with that, spring will arrive shortly. When you step outside, stop for a moment and take a deep breath...it smells wonderful: A new beginning.

Another sure sign of spring is the arrival of budget time. The Board of Education, working with the Connetquot Administration, is meeting in preparation of the 2015-2016 budget. As New York State continues to cut education funding, it becomes even more important that you, the members of the Connetquot community, are made aware of the effects these cuts can have on all of us. The Board of Education has made a commitment to District residents to provide current and accurate budget information. With hectic schedules, it is not always possible to attend the informational meetings being offered to the community. If you can't attend a meeting, you can always pick up the phone and call the Superintendent of Schools or the Board of Education if you have any questions. The 2015-2016 proposed budget will be posted on the District website at www.ccsdli.org during the budget process, and a final budget will be adopted at the April 14 Board of Education meeting.

In addition, our new administration is taking a hard look at our curriculum and programs so that our students may successfully compete in the society we live in today. Remember that education brings positive outcomes and as a result empowerment! Empower your children to achieve their dreams.

Sincerely,

The Connetquot School District Board of Education

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Board of Education 2014-15 Meeting Schedule

District residents elect the Board's five members to three-year terms, which they serve without pay. All Board meetings are open to the public, and we encourage all District residents to attend. Regular monthly meetings generally take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Barney Stejskal Board Room of the Administration Building, located at 780 Ocean Avenue in Bohemia, unless otherwise noted. Lee Kennedy is the Board president for the 2014-15 school year, with Leo R. Marinick serving as vice president. Serving as trustees are Milynn Augulis, Theodore J. Imbasciani and Kim Pepe. Andrea B. Wilson, District Clerk.

- **March 17, 2015** – BOE Budget Meeting
- **March 24, 2015** – BOE Planning Session / Budget Meeting
- **April 14, 2015** – BOE Business Meeting / Budget Adoption
- **April 28, 2015** – BOE Planning Session
- **May 12, 2015** – BOE Business Meeting / Public Hearing
- **May 19, 2015** – BOE Meeting / Budget Vote and School Board Election
- **May 26, 2015** – BOE Planning Session
- **June 9, 2015** – BOE Business Meeting
- **June 23, 2015** – BOE Planning Session

WINNERS & ACHIEVERS

Connetquot High School Inducts 38 Into National Foreign Language Honor Society

In an increasingly diverse nation—and, by extension, an increasingly diverse job market—it is more vital than ever for school districts to offer high-quality foreign language programs. It is also important for students to embrace that education. Nearly 40 CHS students have distinguished themselves in the District’s foreign-language programs and were inducted into the prestigious National Foreign Language Honor Society.



At a ceremony held in CHS’ Eric Martinsen Auditorium last November, the Connetquot School District Foreign Language Department announced the induction of 38 new members to the National Foreign Language Honor Society. Guest Speaker Selin Celikoyar congratulated the students and spoke of the opportunities she has had as a result of her own foreign language studies. Assistant Principal Mark Sidman along with advisors Cheryl Sosa, Eileen McGinnis and Adriana DeFelice congratulated the inductees and spoke of the myriad advantages of foreign language fluency in the workplace. The Honor Society oath was administered by students Steven Crescenti (Italian), Jami Goldson (Spanish) and Paul Root (French).

Congratulations to the 2014 Honor Society Inductees:

French: Sandy Lu and Matthew Pinto; **Italian:** Dennis Aveta, Emma Breiner, Kerry Collins, Amber Hughes, Christopher Lopez, Sophia Mazzaro, Kaylee McAllister, Grace McGinnis, Courtney Mears, Iliana Millwater, Jordan Walker and Salina Saullo; **Spanish:** Amanda Adair, Aleena Ali, Hira Ali, Lauren Ballinger, Kerry Bonesteel, Liam Cullen, Christina Fandaros, Travis Foerschner, Nick Hull, Ayesh Kfiatri, Hafeza Mim, Patrick Morga, Alexa Ostermann, Matthew Pinto, Deanna Reigh, Sarah Sauber, Elissa Savino, Cameron Schoeller, Stephen Silver, Samantha Smith, Caitlyn Streng, Zarin Tasnim, Brenna Venth and Matthew Wichroski

National Junior Honor Society Inductions at Connetquot Middle Schools

Last fall, over 100 students from both Oakdale-Bohemia Middle School and Ronkonkoma Middle School were inducted into the schools’ National Junior Honor Societies (NJHS). At separate ceremonies held at the schools, each inducted student was presented with a certificate signifying their acceptance into the prestigious society. Several members of the Connetquot School District, including Assistant Superintendent Dean Mittleman, NJHS advisors Lori Senia and Vincent Malafronte, members of the Board of Education, and building principals were on-hand to acknowledge the accomplishments of the students.



Founded in 1929, the National Junior Honor Society is America’s premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle school students. NJHS honors students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character.



Congratulations to the 115 newest members of the National Junior Honor Society:

OAKDALE-BOHEMIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Anna Audia	Timothy Ciavolella	Harrison Finnerty	Emily Karl	Gabrielle Milewczik	Maggie Overbaugh	Paige Sapienca
Kristin Balsler	Casey Collins	Sarah Forster	Lauren Kelly	Christina Mirro	Emily Palazzotto	Kirstin Schwasnick
Emma Bartik	Madison Dailey	Richard Frosch	Brennan Lopez	Sarah Mirro	Thomas Passannante	Jacquelyn Smillie
Christopher Battista	Julia DeCristofaro	Kaylee Gallen	Courtney Lyons	Sara Mistler	Ampry Pen-Arias	Lauren Spillane
Alexa Belrose	Matthew Dolan	Matthew Goodis	Gwynn Mak	Alexandra Moore	Gabriella Perticone	Noah Thielke
Jake Birkmaier	Thomas Domozych	Bryan Guarneri	Gabrielle Malfer	David Muchnick	Amanda Pisano	Emily Thornton
Lauren Bizzaro	Eva Edwards	Alexandra Hardie	Hannah Mayer	Philip Neunzig	Nicole Pratt	Jacob Tokofsky
Joshua Blanco	Kristen Ehlers	Amy Hartman	Emma McKean	Kelly Nylan	Kelsey Richardson	Ryan Vaughn
Delia Blanthorn	Jack Engeldrum	Meghan Hughes	Michael McMahon	Julia O’Neill	Natalia Rodriguez	Jordan Wischhusen
Madeline Boettcher	Nicholas Fandaros	Storm Johnson	Taylor McMahon	Christina Otero	Emily Rogalle	Camryn Zelli
Joyann Castilletti						

RONKONKOMA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Hannah Ahmed	Gabrielle Cascio	Emily Fieseler	Joseph Kasten	Ryan Maraviglia	Natalie Parla	Alexis Smith
Kendall Deanna Arndts	Julia Chesnowitz	Jesse Freitag	Lauren Kennedy	Camryn Miller	Grace Piel	Keyleigh Smith
Olivia Auriemmo	Victoria Cipriani	Anna Grottola	Kendall Lillie	Nicholas Mott	Amanda Reynolds	Alex Szczepanski
Keerthi Banothu	William Clifford	Kristina Gutierrez	Aisling Llerena	Michelle Muscolo	Joseph Savino	Kylie Toth
Gina Barbera	Patrick Curley	Karley Hokenson	Dylan Macejko	William Obert-Thorn	Celina-Grace Schenk	Racquel Walsh
Victor Barsotti	Darren Dutton	Ericka Jarymiszyn	Mikayla Mackin	Madison Obremski	Nicole Schuppert	Karissa Woods
	Olivia Esposito	Kory Kaelin				

Checking in Around the District

Bosti Community Gives Back With Second Annual Wash-Kit Project

At **Edward J. Bosti Elementary School**, giving back to the community is an integral part of the school experience. That's why so many students and teachers recently participated in the school's Wash-Kit Project, an initiative that provided local families in need with essential toiletries and hygienic items. Under the direction of Bosti's speech and language therapist Laura Chiarelli, children and their instructors collected soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions and more, and distributed them to nearby homeless shelters. Funding for the items came courtesy of generous donations from local community and business members and a financial grant from the Connetquot Foundation for the Advancement of Children.



"It's our hope that the students will continue to work together for a common goal," said Ms. Chiarelli. "We want them to empathize, to be compassionate toward others in need." If you are interested in donating to the cause, please call Ms. Chiarelli at 631-244-2291, extension 3003.



Cirque du Jour! Returns to Cherokee Elementary School

Cherokee Street Elementary School's annual *Cirque du Jour!* is always one of the highlights of the school year. After spending two weeks preparing in their physical education classes, fifth grade students held the show on December 12 for a delighted audience comprising fellow students, teachers, family and friends.

While practicing for the performance, students learned the various forms, styles and skills often seen at the circus. They learned to juggle, stilt-walk, use the diablo stick and perform as clowns. The value in this program is that it teaches young students to embrace different arts and cultures all while getting necessary exercise. The students' ability to grasp the difficult skills so quickly is always remarkable. Congratulations to Cherokee fifth graders for another wonderful show!

Team Alexa: Duffield Community Rallies Behind a Friend in Need

Alexa Temple, a student at **Helen B. Duffield Elementary School**, is fighting Childhood Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. In November, Duffield community members came together to show their unwavering support. Teachers, students and family members organized a community dinner at a McDonald's in Ronkonkoma. A portion of the proceeds from the dinner were donated to the Temple family to help cover some of their medical costs. Other events, including a 50/50 raffle, were held to help raise money for Team Alexa, as the school is calling the efforts.

In our schools, it is not uncommon to see a close-knit, familial atmosphere. And just like a family, members of Duffield are coming together to provide support and love when one of their own is battling a difficult disease. Congratulations to all those on Team Alexa; our thoughts are with Alexa Temple as she combats this illness.



Idle Hour Hosts Native American Exhibition

The history of Native Americans is a fascinating, complicated and essential subject for our students. One way in which educators at **Idle Hour Elementary School** are addressing this important aspect of American history is through the annual Native American Exhibition. Held each fall, the exhibition immerses children in the contributions and lifestyles of our country's indigenous people. The celebration includes a feast consisting of traditional Native American cuisine, replicas of clothing, weapons and tools on exhibit and readings on the topic.

In the weeks leading up to the exhibition, students prepared projects on Native American history and presented them to their families and friends in attendance. Congratulations to all those who participated, and thank you to the parents who helped prepare the meals for the feast.

Professional Songwriters Visit John Pearl to Work With Students

Last month, singer-songwriters Beth and Scott Bierkos visited **John Pearl Elementary School** to work with students in preparation for the school's upcoming Everyday Heroes assembly. Everyday Heroes is way to for students to show gratitude for the less-heralded members of their community, including parents, teachers, neighbors and local volunteers. The Bierkos led classroom-based workshops to encourage students to become more expressive during the process of creating songs. Through their work, students developed songs that they will eventually perform at a ceremony later this year.

Beth and Scott Bierkos are award-winning professional singers and composers who have been working with students and performing nationally for decades.



Checking in Around the District

Slocum Students Organize Toy Drive for the Holidays

The holidays, of course, are about more than the distribution of presents. They are about community, about good will toward our fellow men, women and children. Students at **Edith Slocum Elementary School** understand this; it's why the school's student government worked so hard to organize a toy drive in partnership with the Make a Wish Foundation.

Taking in donations from community members, parents, and staff at Slocum, members of the student government organized the drive and made sure all the items were distributed. They were assisted in this pursuit by their club advisors Ms. Rote and Ms. Guarnieri. Thank you to all those who participated in this important project; it reminded all of us about the true meaning of the season.



Sycamore Students Learn About One of History's Greatest

Author Bethany Hegedus and illustrator Evan Turk paid a visit to **Sycamore Avenue Elementary School** this past fall to talk about the creative process and their new book *Grandfather Gandhi*. At an assembly in front of the entire school, Ms. Hegedus and Mr. Turk gave an elaborate video presentation to share the story of Arun Gandhi and his grandfather Mahatma, and they answered any questions the students had. In addition, Sycamore music teacher Ms. White led students in singing songs of peace and harmony.

Organized by Sycamore librarian Laura Mansfield, with the support of the school's PTA, the assembly allowed the students to better understand the work of Mahatma Gandhi. The driving force behind India's peaceful struggle for independence from Great Britain, Gandhi championed a message that was later used by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King in the quest for equal rights in America.

OBMS Hosts Annual Tri-M Honor Society Benefit Concert

In November, Melissa Johnson, advisor to the **Oakdale-Bohemia Middle School Tri-M Music Honor Society**, welcomed parents, siblings, students and friends to the 4th annual Tri-M Benefit Concert. The concert featured performances by 21 OBMS students, including renditions of the holiday classic "Let it Snow" and Billy Joel's "New York State of Mind." The annual show is one of the highlights of the school year, as it showcases not only the talent of OMBS student-musicians, but also the hardworking set design staff and crew.

Tri-M is a high school and middle school music honor society of the National Association for Music Education, founded in 1936. It recognizes students for their academic and musical achievements and provides leadership and service opportunities to young musicians. Congratulations to all those involved!



RMS Students Join the Fight Against Juvenile Diabetes

When a dedicated group of students from **Ronkonkoma Middle School** recognized that November was National Diabetes Awareness Month, they decided to get to work. Under the leadership of Ms. Valente, several RMS students began raising awareness about juvenile diabetes by talking to various classes. The students even raised over \$500 to be donated to organizations fighting the disease.

The efforts of these thoughtful students did not go unnoticed; RMS Principal Charles Morea commended each of them for their hard work in educating their fellow students and supporting a worthy cause. Their dedication serves as a valuable example for other students to follow.

CHS 5K Raises Money for a Family in Need

On a sunny but brisk Sunday morning in December, more than 200 runners traveled to Bohemia to participate in **Connetquot High School's** fourth annual *Habitat for Humanity Club's 5k Santa Fun Run!* The runners, being cheered on by their families and friends, followed a course through the Bohemia neighborhood, beginning and ending at the campus of CHS. It was all for a good cause as well. By the end of the event, more than \$5,000 was raised to help a local family build a new home!

Before and after the race, refreshments were provided, served by student and teacher volunteers. CHS Habitat Club advisor Jason Wilans conveyed the enthusiasm of the entire school community when he said, "To those who placed in the run: Congratulations! You did an awesome job. I hope everyone who came out had a good time and I look forward to seeing all of you and more next year for our fifth annual run. Here is to another awesome year. Thanks again to all who came out, and best wishes for a wonderful holiday, health and happiness in the coming year!"



MUSIC NEWS

CHS and Middle School Students Host Choral Arts Day



In late fall, student musicians from Oakdale-Bohemia Middle School and Ronkonkoma Middle School joined their peers at Connetquot High School to present the District's first-ever Choral Arts Day. Held at the high school's Eric Martinsen Performing Arts Center, Choral Arts Day promoted and nurtured an appreciation for choral music and helped acclimate eighth grade students to the choral programs at the high school.

Under the direction of high school choir directors Brad Drinkwater, James Nagle, and Elizabeth Owens, middle school choir directors Lauren Drinkwater and Jean Goloski, students from all three schools formed several choral ensembles at the festival to learn and rehearse a variety of choral music. The day culminated with an afternoon performance. The rousing success of the Choral Arts Day festival portends many more festivals to come and went a long way toward accomplishing the day's goal: fostering a life-long love for choral music.

The Little Mermaid, Jr. Wows Audiences at Duffield Elementary

The various theatrical productions staged by our schools Districtwide are a particular highlight of the school year. Helen B. Duffield Elementary School's Drama Club continued that tradition last December with their delightful reinterpretation of a Hans Christian Andersen classic.

Directed by Karen Pitka and Michael Innace, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* is a variation of the oft-told tale about a young mermaid who dreams of the world above the sea and surrenders her voice to find true love. Duffield's rendition of this story starred Brigid Murphy as Ariel, Anna Hauser as Ursula, and Anthony Palminteri as The Prince. The music, singing and acting were top-notch, and the lavish and beautiful set design—constructed by students and their teachers—was particularly noted.

Parents were invited to see the play on December 3; Duffield students enjoyed a performance during the school day on December 4.



ARTS NEWS

Slocum Students Create 'Shark Tooth' Scrimshaw

History can often be told through the study of long-gone artifacts and artistic relics. Scrimshaw—engraving and carving traditionally done in bone and ivory—is one of the more fascinating examples. In a recent lesson on Native American history, students at Edith L. Slocum Elementary School learned about this beguiling artwork, and even had the opportunity to make some of their own—though not on bone or ivory, of course.

The lesson in scrimshaw was presented by Christina Godfrey of the Long Island Center for Arts and Sciences. While talking about Native American and Long Island history, Ms. Godfrey also took some time to tell the story of scrimshaw, and about how whalers and sailors from years ago made the etchings to pass the time on long journeys. The students had a blast making their scrimshaw replicas.





Athletic News

Connetquot High School Student-Athletes Sign College Commitments

Last fall, at a small ceremony attended by interim CHS Principal Dr. Richard Shear, Director of Athletics Mark Dellecave and proud parents, five student-athletes committed to continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level by signing their letters of intent.

“These student-athletes are an inspiration to our younger students and have been a great source of pride for the coaches and their families,” said Mr. Dellecave. “They will be missed, but we are confident of their success as they move on to the next level.”

Making their college commitments at the event were David Brehm (LIU-Post/baseball); Eddie Hart (Limestone College/lacrosse); Alix Lopez (University of Florida/lacrosse); Brandon Morse (Adelphi/baseball) and Tyler Ponzio (Limestone College/lacrosse).



CHS Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team is Suffolk County Champ!

After a sterling season that saw the team finish 16 and 1—including 12 and 0 in league play—the Connetquot High School Girls' Varsity Volleyball team entered the Suffolk County Championship with a surfeit of momentum and high expectations. To the delight of Connetquot fans, the T-Birds delivered. They progressed through the tournament only to come face-to-face with Smithtown East High School—the one team that defeated CHS during the regular season. Up against that formidable challenge, the T-Birds emerged victorious, and claimed the county crown. It was a fitting end to an exciting season. Congratulations to all the student-athletes and their coach Justin Hertz.



CHS Girls' Varsity Swim Team Has Standout Season

The fall 2014 Connetquot High School Girls' Varsity Swim Team is going to be a tough act to follow. In addition to a record-breaking, undefeated season, the T-Birds were named a *Newsday* All-Long Island Team, with the four-person 200 freestyle consisting of Katherine Green, Emma Kopp, Leah Russell and Michelle Wootton taking top honors. It was such a standout season for the T-Birds that Superintendent Lynda Adams made special mention of the team at a recent Board of Education Meeting.

In addition to their success in the pool, several members of the swim team were commended for their contributions to the community. The young women of the Connetquot High School Girls' Varsity Swim Team have distinguished the entire District and have served as role models for all of our student athletes.



Parents of Children Entering Kindergarten September 2015

Registration for kindergartners entering in September 2015 will be held from March 9, 2015 through March 13, 2015 in all elementary schools. Only children who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2015 will be eligible for enrollment. The registration form below was sent to parents of children currently attending the elementary schools in our district. If you are a parent of a kindergarten eligible child and did not receive a letter, please complete the form below and return it to your elementary school as soon as possible. If you have questions concerning which elementary zone you live in, please call the Central Registration Office at (631) 244-2215, ext. 3538.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION VERIFICATION

(PLEASE PRINT)

My child's legal name is: LAST: _____ FIRST: _____ MIDDLE: _____

My child's birth date is: _____ () Male () Female

My address is: (STREET) _____

(CITY / TOWN / ZIP CODE) _____

My telephone number is: (_____) _____

School Attending: _____

I plan to send my child to a private or parochial school in 2015-2016: () Yes () No

Moving out of Connetquot district before September 2015: () Yes () No

My family has other children attending the Connetquot Schools: () Yes () No

If yes, please list other children already in school:

Name:	School:	Grade:	Date of Birth:
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

Pesticide Neighbor-Notification Law

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relationship, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. The Connetquot Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remaining unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application;
- Antimicrobial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA-designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA-designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less, when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects, including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list. If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the Pesticide Notification form, which can be obtained at any of our schools' main offices, and return it to the Connetquot Central School District of Islip, Plant & Facilities Office, 780 Ocean Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716. Attn: Pesticide Notification. Please feel free to contact Timothy Dungate, the Connetquot Central School District of Islip's Pesticide Representative, at (631) 244-2215, ext. 3400, for further information on these requirements. You may also fax your request for further information to Mr. Dungate at (631) 244-2284. Additional notices will be included in **The Notebook** throughout the year.

UPK Program

Connetquot Central School District expects to receive a grant for Universal Pre-Kindergarten. This grant will allow children who will be four years of age by December 1, 2015, to attend a half-day pre-kindergarten program for a year at a selected agency within the School District.

■ **Information and Application:** Please call (631) 244-2215 x3758 for information, or visit our website at www.ccsdli.org for directions and forms.

■ **Application Deadline:** All applications must be received in the District office no later than March 18, 2015 at 3 p.m.

■ **Selection Process:** Students will be selected by lottery on April 14, 2015. This is not a first come, first served basis.

■ **Transportation:** Parents must provide transportation for their children.

AHERA Management Annual Notification

This notification is to inform you that the AHERA Management Plan is now available for your review at the Office of Plant and Facilities. This plan shows the location and description of all known asbestos-containing building materials in our School District. Please contact Timothy Dungate, the District's AHERA designee, at (631) 244-2215, ext. 3400, for any information or to arrange an appointment for review of the plan.