

*The West Word*  
*John H West Newsletter*



*June 2013 Year End Edition*  
**SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER**



# **THE LAST EVER ISSUE!!!**

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*CONGRATULATIONS*



*CLASS OF 2013*

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## *Class of 2013*

*"We just made the number lucky"*

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Joseph Aquilano  
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Joseph Cavaliere  
Jonathan Cook  
Paulie Daniell  
Catherine Dietz  
Marcela Dorrani  
Victoria Fischetti  
Nicholas Geoghegan  
Benjamin Goshin  
Rebecca Gruter  
Michael Iannucci  
Luke Kozikowski  
Dion Kuinlan  
Andrea Layedra  
Stephanie Lin  
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Kevin Meyenhofer  
Griffen Mugavero  
Chris O'Connor  
Marissa Parisi  
Cierra Rainey  
Ellen Ricketts  
Emily Serpico  
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Christopher Whalen  
Hayley Wolter  
Megan Zedalis

Alex Abrams  
Alexa Almeida  
Alex Assenmacher  
Raffaele Bellocco  
Juliet Ciani  
Nicole Corsetti  
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Brooke DiFede  
Jenna Engel  
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Casey Hagerstrom  
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Andrew Kruegel  
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Louis Lembo  
Daniella Lopopolo  
Luke Manzutto  
Andrew McKeown  
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Zachary Napoli  
Carly Oliver  
Andrew Pipitone  
Ethan Rengifo  
Anthony Sanseverino  
Sean Svraka  
Zohia Uddin  
Rory Whyte  
Elena Yaccarino  
Anthony Zheng

Zachary Abrams  
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Daniella Cottone  
Paras Dhawan  
Danielle DiTomasso  
John Fentnor  
Marissa Galante  
Brendan Godfrey  
James Gruter  
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Dylan Kruegel  
Vincent LaLuna  
Nicholas Leonidas  
Christopher Lyons  
Lourdes McCabe  
Stephanie McKeown  
Michael Morra  
Victor Obando  
Frankie Ortiz  
Alexis Polant  
Lidia Resto  
Lauren Seery  
Victoria Tiedemann  
Patrick Walsh  
Jessica Witkiewicz  
Zachary Zarra



## *A message from your Principal - Carol Muscarella*

As I was driving home the other day, I looked through the rearview mirror in my car and noticed that the warning stated, "Objects in the mirror are closer than they appear," and that caused me to think about this school year. At the beginning of every school year it seems as though we have so much time before the year is over, but now that the end is here, it's hard to believe that it was actually "closer than it appeared." This school year has certainly proven to be one that would test our community and our country with many challenges, and I am proud to have been part of the Plainedge community as, together, we weathered the many storms starting with Hurricane Sandy. As we end this school year, the John H. West staff is very appreciative for all of the support that you have provided this past school year. In addition to all of the challenges this year has brought, our school year has also been very busy with lots of learning and activities. We hope that it has been a year of social and academic growth for your child/children. We enjoyed meeting and working with the hundreds of children and parents who passed through our doorways on a daily basis.

A special thank you must be given to the West PTA for supporting both the students and our teaching staff. Your enthusiasm, vitality, and boundless energy were an example to all of us. The funds that you raised to support our many school activities are greatly appreciated. It has been a pleasure working with each of you. Thanks for everything! To the students, we would like to say that with only a few weeks remaining in the present school year, it is important that we think back on the time that has passed and reflect on those learning events that have made this a year to remember. Thank you for trying your best on a daily basis to become strong, independent and responsible learners. Be proud of what you have accomplished this year as you continue to grow into fine young people and strong learners.

**LEARNING NEVER TAKES A VACATION!** Reading is the key to all we do at school. This year the district will be requiring all students K-12 to complete a mandatory reading assignment. Letters with specifics about requirements and recommending reading lists for your child's grade level will be sent home at the end of June and will also be posted on the District's website. The Plainedge Public Library will be hosting their Annual Summer Reading Program and will be coming to our school to talk to our students about participating in the Library's exciting summer reading activities. Please remember to read! read! read!

On behalf of all of our John H. West staff, please have a safe and happy summer. It is truly a privilege to work with each of your children. A great staff, wonderful children and very supportive parents are a winning combination for John H. West. Thank you for your trust and goodwill this past year. At West we are truly thankful for being a part of such a great community, and we look forward with excitement to the 2013 -2014 school year.

Fondly,

Mrs. Carol Muscarella



### **A note from the Co-Presidents**

It is hard to believe that this school year is almost over. It has flown by too quickly. It was our honor and privilege to serve as your Co-Presidents these past two years. During our Co-Presidency, it was our goal to reach out, to work together, and stay focused on the **“big picture.”** We can only hope our goal was accomplished. The key to our success rests in people like you, there are so many members to thank for their unselfish contributions to our PTA. Thank you to all who have stepped up to the plate to fill positions often wearing two hats, or more at a time. We want to thank you for your dedication, and being there from the very start.

For those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to get involved, please think about even giving one hour of your time to help out next year. It is the best way to show your children that the school and their parents can work together. Even if you couldn't participate as a volunteer at our events, we strive each year to have 100% enrollment in our membership. As a member of our school's PTA you are then automatically a member of the New York State PTA and the National PTA. Both organizations that work to better the lives of our children. We urge you to join as a member each and every year.

Our hope for the future of our PTA is that as more parents hear of our PTA and our enthusiasm, others will seek information and want to become involved. The PTA spirit is alive and well with all our members, old and new.

Congratulations to the class of 2013! We are proud of your accomplishments at John H West and we look forward to celebrating this important milestone in your lives.

*Have a fun-filled summer!*  
*Jenn & Marie Elaina*

## NEWS FROM THE



School's almost out for summer! Before we retreat to a slower schedule, here are just a few reminders/ suggestions:

- 1) Any student that has medication in the Health Office at school must have a responsible adult pick it up before school ends. I am not allowed to store medication over the summer. Anything that has not been picked up must be thrown away. And since we all know how expensive medication is, please make sure that you make arrangements. Feel free to call me if you need help with the logistics.
- 2) Children entering grades K,2, and 4 are required to submit physical examination forms within 30 days from the start of school. If your child has a physical over the summer, you can mail the form to the school or drop it off in my mailbox in the Main Office. Please make and keep a copy for yourself as well just in case it gets misplaced. Some doctor's practice charge for filling out paperwork or making copies, so you should always keep a record for yourself.
- 3) Keep your child safe over the summer. Review pool rules (never dive into a pool that you do not know the depth of, only swim when there is an adult present, etc.), enforce use and re-application of sunscreen, and insist on helmet use for bikes, skates, skateboards, etc.
- 4) Keep checking your child's scalp for lice!! Studies have shown that common sources of infestation are camps, sleepovers, and vacations (sleeping on common pillows). Signs of lice infestation are continual scratching of the scalp, and small clear to white nits ( they look like sesame seeds) that are very close to the scalp and do not brush off).
- 5) And last but certainly not least, enjoy the extra family time. Play games, watch movies, and read! Have a picnic, give extra hugs, and celebrate relationships. Make time for fun! Relax, rejuvenate, and refresh so that students return to school with wonderful memories and are ready to learn.



**Have a fun and safe summer!!!**

**Jennifer Smith, R.N.**



# District Info

## Plainedge Schools Budget Passes

Voters in the Plainedge School District approved the school budget for 2013-14 on May 21. **The vote was 1302 in favor and 830 opposed.** Proposition 3 was also approved and authorizes the Board to expend \$500,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to further the district's capital program. Voters also re-elected Douglas Pascarella to the Board of

Education, re-elected Debra Grieci to fill the Board of Education seat vacated earlier this school year, and also elected Raymond Paris to the Board of Education. The budget for the Plainedge Public Library was also approved.

**Congratulations**  
to our contest winner



And the Winner is....

This year's contest theme was "The Future is Now". The Winner is "Recycle, Study and Be Healthy by Daniel Chung a 4th grade student in Mrs. Newman's class at Schwarting Elementary school. The other four semi-finalists will also appear inside the calendar.



The new menu item receiving the highest votes was ***The Grilled Club Sandwich.***



Dear Parents,

As your school's partner in managing school-related fees, mySchoolBucks® would like to provide you with an end of year checklist before we head out for summer break... The following information is provided as a guideline; it is important to refer to your district's policies regarding your lunch account.

Before the last day of school...

- If your account is scheduled for automatic or recurring payments... please disable these options for the summer.
- If your student is graduating or transferring to a different school outside of their current school district... contact the Food Service Department at your student's school regarding the current account balance and next steps for your account. Funds cannot be transferred between districts.
- If your student is graduating to a different school within the same district... your student's account balance will transfer with him/her as long as the new school also offers mySchoolBucks.

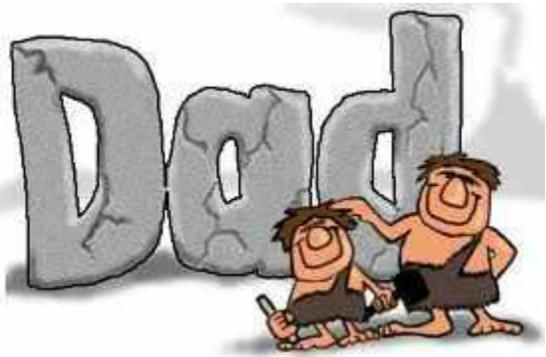
Thank you,  
mySchoolBucks®



## What's going on at West.....

**\*\* End of the year parties are for students ONLY In accordance with school policy and in the interest of the students safety, unless you have signed up to volunteer at the end of the year parties, you will not be allowed to enter.**

June 7th	Field Day	(Raindate - Monday June 10th)
June 11th	Fathers Day Boutique	(see schedule below)
June 12th	Fathers Day Boutique	
	<b>1st Grade End of Year Party **</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>
	<b>Kindergarten End of Year Party **</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>
June 13th	Fathers Day Boutique	
June 14th	Half Day	12:00 pm dismissal
June 14th	5th Grade Party (Dance)	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
	This is a Drop off party - <b>No parents allowed.</b>	
June 17th	<b>5th grade BBQ **</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
June 18th	<b>3rd Grade End of Year Party**</b>	<b>1:25 pm</b>
	<b>2nd Grade End of Year Party**</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>
June 19th	<b>4th Grade End of Year Party**</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>
	Kindergarten Graduation Celebration	1:30 pm
June 20th	5th Grade Moving up ceremony	11:00 am
June 21st	Last day of school	10:10 am dismissal



The schedule for all classes is listed below. **In accordance with school policy and in the interest of the students safety, you must be on the volunteer list to enter the boutique.** If you would like to volunteer please contact: Jenn Dorane or you can sign up on our website. Please send your child's money in on the day their class is scheduled to go. **(If sending in a check, please make payable to John H West PTA)** If the children are shopping for certain people (i.e., Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, Godfather, etc), please indicate who and

how much they can spend on the envelope you send the money in. This will help the volunteers to assist your child when it is their turn to shop.

**Tuesday, June 11th: Meaney, Montaperto, Murphy, Daring, Simner, Weber, Nale, Cleary**  
**Wednesday, June 12th: Nuccio, Ralph, Hennessy, Heller, Burgess, Stenzler, Wynne, VanRoten**  
**Thursday, June 13th : Sindel, Salzano, Higgins, Mitchell, Hopkins, Adragna, Avgeris**



Congratulation's West on another successful Box Top campaign!!

'Twas almost the start of summer vacation And inside of John H West's walls

You could hear happy voices all through the halls.

When, what to my wondering ears should I hear, But a voice on the morning news, heard loud and clear.

**"Attention, attention, please listen to me. I've got an announcement that fills me with glee."**

You have summer homework, but please don't you groan. It's simple and easy and it's done at your home.

I'm talking about Box Tops, a dime that is square. Tell everyone we collect 'em so they'll be aware.

Look high and look low And soon your pile will grow. Grab your scissors and clip (But be careful not to slip!)

And please take care To leave the expiration date there. Ask your family and friends to save them too.

They'll gather a lot to help us get through. Clip Box Tops all summer long and shortly you'll have a big stash.

Bring them into school in the fall and we'll turn your Box Tops into cash. Just remember the golden Box

Top rule: In order to earn money for school, Look for Box Tops that might be headed for the trash. Quick, cut it out, because it's worth 10 cents cash! Have a great summer vacation. And when you come back,

you can win a Box Top celebration!

Click on this link to find fun activities to help you collect those box tops!!! Earn cash for your school, all summer long! As you prepare for summer picnics, reunions and celebrations, think Box Tops, and the many products that will help you earn cash for your school. You'll find a complete listing of participating products at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Each month, help your child color, decorate and attach 10 Box Tops to that month's collection sheet. In the fall, bring them back to class to earn much-needed cash for your school!

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=6115>



**KAREN SALZANO RETIRES!!!!!!  
WEST BOX TOP NUMBERS MAY  
DROP DRASTICALLY IN THE 1ST  
QUARTER OF BACK TO SCHOOL  
2013**



**Don't let this headline become a reality,  
Help support your school by clipping Box Tops!**



In a world filled with video games that sense movement, books that can be read on electronic devices and three-dimensional television displays, the games of your childhood may seem quaint and downright antiquated at first blush. Upon closer examination, however, you may realize that the playground is one place where little has changed. These 10 classic games are sure to be just as popular with today's kids as they were among you and your own playmates of days gone by.

1. **Hopscotch** – All you need for this classic game is a bit of sidewalk chalk, a decently-sized pebble and some coordination. Teaching kids the hopping pattern is almost as much fun as the game itself! If the prospect of skinned knees and the parent-sanctioned throwing of rocks is off-putting, consider an indoor hopscotch mat and a beanbag instead.

2. **Dodgeball** – Splitting kids into two equally-sized groups and handing out a few balls can provide for hours of good-natured fun. This is one game that improves with the addition of more players, so there's no one left out when you're dealing with a large group. The rubber dodgeballs that were standard 20 years ago are still available in sporting goods stores

and from online retailers, but opting for a few foam balls with softer surfaces might be a more safety-conscious move.

3. **Horse** – If all you have on hand is a basketball and access to a hoop, you're not restricted to a few games of one-on-one. Horse is a faithful standby that's ideally suited for two players. Because there's no guarding, Horse may also be a safer alternative to traditional basketball for younger children.

4. **Mother May I?** – Remember all of the giggles resulting from a successful tag? Share the fun of Mother May I? with your own children, but be sure to explain that it's not okay to answer every request with a "No, you may not" to avoid losing the game. Use Mother May I? as an example of inevitable loss, and a chance to impart good sportsmanship skills along with proper grammar usage.

5. **Simon Says** – Whether you're on the playground, in the car or in the living room, Simon Says is an infinitely portable game that requires no more equipment than a few players and great listening skills.

6. **Foursquare** – Before there was a social networking application called Foursquare, it was a beloved playground game. Relive the days before social media seemed to take over everyone's life by teaching your child the original meaning of Foursquare!

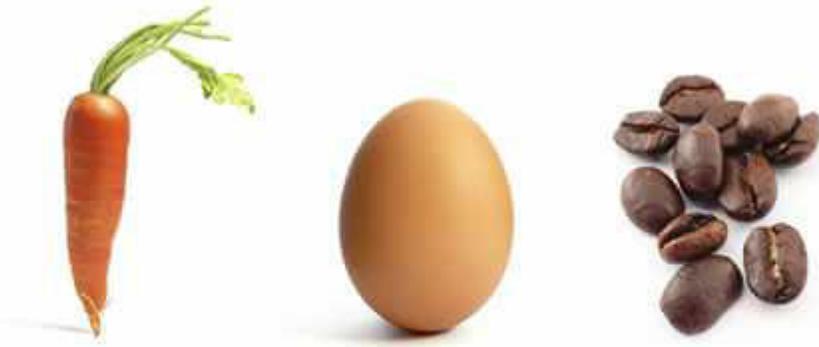
7. **Tag** – Kids sometimes have a larger supply of energy than the patience available to their parents and caregivers, which is why any game that helps them burn off some of that excess energy is a blessing. There's something timeless and almost perfect about tag, as it's difficult for kids to claim that another is cheating, so disputes are few and far between. Just be sure that all kids understand the importance of tagging one another gently, as rough tags can happen in the heat of competition.

8. **Red Light, Green Light** – Getting caught moving after the traffic light commands everyone to "freeze!" is more funny than frustrating, and the awkward poses borne of freezing in mid-movement are an endless source of humor. Show your kids how to play Red Light, Green Light by participating in a few rounds, then sit back to watch the show!

9. **Freeze Tag** – When you have a large group on your hands, a regular game of tag can leave the title of "It" shuffling very quickly. This classic spin leaves everyone frozen after they're tagged, making for funny sights and longer games as "It" chases down every member of the opposing team.

10. **Red Rover** – Kids come hurtling across the playground from one line to another, barreling into the opposing team and either breaking through their defenses or landing squarely on the ground as they're trounced. Make sure that Red Rover games happen on a patch of lush grass that's free of debris, and that everyone understands the difference between blocking and throwing someone.

One major difference in the way kids play today and the way that they entertained themselves a few decades ago can be attributed to the advent of the "helicopter parent" culture. Some games, like dodgeball and Red Rover, have fallen from favor with some parents out of fears regarding their safety. The fact that you're not afraid of a few bumps and bruises doesn't mean that the parents of your kids' playmates feel similarly. Before introducing a potentially dangerous game, be sure that your kids know the proper safety precautions and are prepared to have a game or two broken up by an anxious adult



## Would you rather be the carrot, the egg, or the coffee bean?

A young woman went to her grandmother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted . . .to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed that as one problem was solved, a new one arose. Her grandmother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She then pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her granddaughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?" "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied. She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The granddaughter then asked, "What does it mean, Grandmother?" Her grandmother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity — boiling water — but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water. "Which are you?" she asked her granddaughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?" Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity? Do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor of your life. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you changed by your surroundings or do you bring life, flavor, to them?

**ARE YOU A CARROT, AN EGG, OR A COFFEE BEAN?**

# Things to do.....



Join the PBK Summer Reading Challenge! Summer is the perfect time to instill a love of reading in your child. From now through August 26th, read all the award-winning books on one of our recommended lists and qualify for fun prizes.

<http://www.potterybarnkids.com/design-studio/articles/summer-reading-challenge.html>



## Seven Tips for Early Literacy Learning

The long days of summer are perfect for getting kids engaged and excited about reading. Whether you're home or traveling, it's important to incorporate fun language lessons to get children on the path to fluency. Here are seven tips for kids who know the alphabet but aren't reading independently.

Here are our top tips to prevent the summer slump:

- Tip #1:** Focus on the letters of their name.
- Tip #2:** Recognize each letter and know their sounds.
- Tip #3:** Introduce uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Tip #4:** Practice early writing techniques.
- Tip #5:** Connect objects with words.
- Tip #6:** Practice print referencing.
- Tip #7:** Read, read, read!



Old Westbury Gardens Kids & Family Programs: June 29th 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Crayon Tour!

People are buzzing about the wax origins of our beloved childhood favorites- Crayons! Venture to the Walled Garden beeskep to discuss busy bee life including wax production. Hear about the process of crayon creation including historical natural pigments and seek out the Garden's plant life inspirations for some of Crayola's most beloved colors. Children conclude our tour with a Sun Catcher Craft to color their bedroom windows. Free with admission. A series of educator-led thematic tours and activities to accompany classic stories designed for ages 4-12.



**Pottery Barn Story and Crafts - Pottery Barn Kids - Roosevelt Field**

Hours: 11 am

Cost: FREE

Ages: Pre-school & younger

Address: 1 Old Country Road Garden City, NY 11530

Phone: 516-739-2688

Website: potterybarnkids.com

Little ones and their parents or caretakers will enjoy exciting stories and do fun crafts in this hour-long adventure.

Encourage your little one's love of reading by joining the weekly story time. Receive a Book Club Passport at your first story time and a special gift after attending five.

Father's Day Card-Making - 06/13/13, 06/14/13, 06/15/13

Pottery Barn Story and Crafts - 06/18/13

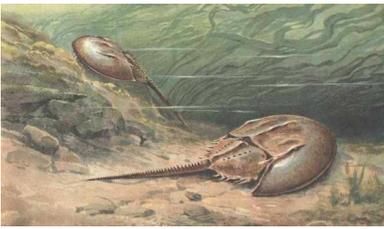
Story Time Book Club - 06/18/13

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09/17/13 09/24/13



### **When is a Crab not a Crab? - Sands Point Preserve**

Date: June 30, 2013    Hours: 12-1pm    Ages: All Ages

Price: \$5 per car, \$2 walk in

127 Middle Neck Road , Sands Point, NY 11050    Phone: 516-571-7900

Website: [sandspointpreserve.org](http://sandspointpreserve.org)

Description: Bring the family down to Sands Point to Preserve and learn about this prehistoric creature, the Horseshoe Crab.



### **Oyster Bay Cruise Nights**

Date: July 02, 2013

Hours: 5-10pm

South Street and Audrey Ave. Oyster Bay,

Phone: 516-922-6464    Website: [visitoysterbay.com/cruise-night](http://visitoysterbay.com/cruise-night)

Come out and see some of the finest cars on Long Island. From radical to rat-rods, Duesenbergs to Ducatis, car and motorcycle enthusiasts are invited to bring their precious rides out for public viewing. Downtown restaurants and stores will be open, so come on up to Oyster Bay for a terrific time. FREE to walk in, \$5 to show car. Live Music. 50/50 Drawing.



### **Sand Casting**

Date: July 27, 2013

Hours: 11am-3 pm

Price: \$5 craft fee

50 Barry Drive , Glen Cove, NY 11542    Phone: 516-571-8010    Website: [garviespointmuseum.com](http://garviespointmuseum.com)

Celebrate the beginning of summer and make a beautiful keepsake of the beach using seashells, beach glass, and sand.



**Children's Day - Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre - Eisenhower Park**

Date: July 28, 2013      Hours: 3-7pm      FREE!!!

Merrick Ave and Hempstead Turnpike , East Meadow, NY 11554

Phone: 516-572-0200

Website: [nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/parks](http://nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/parks)

Rides, face painters, activities. Disney Camp Rock by Plaza Theatrical Productions on stage at 6pm. Bring a blanket and a chair.



Saturday, July 20th - John J. Burns Park from 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Entertainment, Bouncies, Refreshments, Air brush painting, Balloon Art and so much more!!!



**Toni Braxton at Westbury**

Date: August 25, 2013

Hours: 8pm

Price: \$39.50 and up

960 Brush Hollow Road Westbury, NY 11590

Phone: 516-247-5200

Website: [thetheatreatwestbury.com](http://thetheatreatwestbury.com)



### **We Hold These Truths-The Great Art Caper**

April 16, 2013 through July 26, 2013  
Saturday and Sunday

Hours: 10am-5pm, Monday to Friday; 1-5pm

Cost: FREE      112 Hofstra University/Hempstead Turnpike , Hempstead, NY 11549

Phone: 516-463-5672 Website: [hofstra.edu/museum](http://hofstra.edu/museum)

Pick up Great Art Caper materials while in the Emily Lowe Gallery to enjoy self-guided super-sleuthing. Search for hidden clues in works in the exhibit We Hold These Truths and use clues to complete message.



### **300 Long Island**

895 Walt Whitman Road, Melville, NY 11747

Phone: 631 271-1180

Email: [jrizzo@threehundred.com](mailto:jrizzo@threehundred.com)

Website: [300LongIsland.com](http://300LongIsland.com)

“300, it’s bowling – with a twist. What’s the twist? It’s everything entertainment under one roof: state-of-the-art lanes, floor to ceiling video screens, casual-dining and your favorite local hangout with friendly servers.



### **The Big Duck**

1012 Flanders Road, Flanders, NY 11901

Phone: 631 852-3377

Built in 1931 by Riverhead duck farmer Martin Maurer as a store to sell his Peking Ducks to passing motorists, Suffolk County's Big Duck is one of Long Island's most famous examples of roadside architecture. Now open to the public as a gift shop and as an East End tourist information center. The Big Duck Holiday Lighting takes place every year. Come take a photo and visit the gift shop to find one-of-a-kind 'duck-abilia.' Open year round.



Nunley's Carousel

11 Davis Ave., Garden City, NY 11530

Phone: 516 572-4111

Website: [www.cradleofaviation.org/plan\\_your\\_visit/nunleys\\_carousel.html](http://www.cradleofaviation.org/plan_your_visit/nunleys_carousel.html)

Nunley's Carousel is open from 12:00-3:00 PM Tuesday through Friday, and 12:00-5:00 PM Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Open on Mondays that fall on holidays or school breaks. Admission is \$2.00 per ride. The carousel is located in its own beautiful building adjacent to the Cradle of Aviation on Museum Row. Nunley's Carousel was created in 1912 by the Stein and Goldstein Artistic Carousel Co. of Brooklyn New York. The carousel was installed on the Brooklyn waterfront in Canarsie's Golden City Park where it was known as "Murphy's" carousel and operated for 26 years. In the Spring of 1940, it reopened as Nunleys Carousel in Baldwin NY. After delighting three generations of riders, in Baldwin, Nunley's Carousel and Amusements closed in 1995 and was purchased by Nassau County. Nunley's opened in its new home on Museum Row in 2009.



## Sandcastle Contest

Dates: June 27th - August 29th

Hours: 9:30am - 10:30am

Hither Hills State Park 50 South Fairview Avenue, Montauk, NY 11954

Phone: 631 668-3781

URL: [www.nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/](http://www.nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/)

Long Island Summer Sandcastle contests held every Thursday throughout the summer. Come down and view the fabulous Sandcastle creations with your friends and family or bring your shovels and buckets if

you think you got what it takes to be the next Long Island Sandcastle Master.



## Pirate Snorkel Adventure

06/29/2013 - 09/02/2013 (Daily) Hours: 11:30am, 12:45pm, 2pm & 3:15pm  
Atlantis Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center 431 East Main Street, Riverhead, NY 11901  
Phone: 631-208-9200 Admission: \$37.50 plus Aquarium Admission  
URL: [www.longislandaquarium.com/adventures-snorkel.html](http://www.longislandaquarium.com/adventures-snorkel.html)

Yo-ho-ho and a whole lot of fun! Ahoy, mateys! An interactive experience has dropped anchor at the Pirate Snorkel Adventure. Help Captain Poseidon locate his treasure by finding the missing map pieces hidden at the bottom of our own lagoon. While you're searching, be sure to see how many different types of fish you can identify. We're stocked with plenty, including tropical fish from all around the world! And when you're done, walk away with some booty of your own — a \$2.00 arcade card good at our Family Fun Center! Designed for participants of all ages (children must be beyond diaper age, and accompanied by an adult if under 7), Shark Reef Lagoon offers an opportunity to experience the beauty and magic of tropical snorkeling – right on Long Island. We provide everything you'll need for an adventure you'll treasure forever, including: Wet suit, Life preserver, Snorkel gear, Souvenir pirate eye patch,



## Sleepovers with the Sharks!

Tuesday, 07/09/2013 Hours: 6pm-7am  
Atlantis Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center 431 East Main Street, Riverhead, NY 11901  
Phone: 631 208-9200 ext. 426 Admission: \$64.95 (Children 2 & Under: FREE)  
URL: [www.longislandaquarium.com/misc/family-sleepovers.pdf/](http://www.longislandaquarium.com/misc/family-sleepovers.pdf/)

This unforgettable overnight sleepovers is the ultimate shark-lover's experience! Discover the truths surrounding these top ocean predators during this activity-filled overnight adventure. Take part in hands-on activities in our Shark Discovery Lab & crafts station. With an expert guide, take a nocturnal prowl through the Aquarium's animal care areas, including a visit to the food-prep area to learn how we care for and feed our sharks and rays. Dare to sleep near where sharks swim silently just inches from you.



## Sweet Corn Festival

Saturday & Sunday, July 13-14

Harbes Family Farm & Vineyard 715 Sound Avenue P.O. Box 1524, Mattituck, NY 11952

Phone: 631 298-0700

General Admission Free. Individual Activity Fees May Apply.

A Good Old Fashion Country Time Summer Celebration! \*Live Music with Pure Country \* Vendors \*Country Jen's Hayride \*Pony Rides \*Face Painting \*Corn & Pie Eating Contest \*Storytelling \* Food \*Wine & Beer Tasting and More!



## Rick Springfield

Saturday, 07/13/2013 8pm

The Paramount 370 New York Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743

Phone: 631-673-7300

Admission: \$45, \$54.50, \$65, \$79.50 & \$89.50



## Lighthouses Cruise

Saturdays: July 13, 27, August 17 2013 Hours: 9am-3pm

East End Seaport Museum 3rd Street and Wiggins Street, Greenport, NY 11944

Phone: 631 477-2100

Admission: Please Call [www.eastendseaport.org](http://www.eastendseaport.org)

Take a 6 hour cruise, narrated by local Maritime and Lighthouse Expert. See 6-8 lighthouses upclose, including debarkation for offshore "Bug" Lighthouse tour, box lunch and drink.



## Ice Cream Social at the Hatchery

Saturday, July 20

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium

1660 Route 25A, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

Phone: 516 692-6768

[www.cshfha.org](http://www.cshfha.org)

Celebrate the summer with the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium and enjoy free ice cream.



07/26/2013 - 07/27/2013;

08/02/2013 - 08/03/2013;

08/09/2013 - 08/10/2013

10:30am

Gateway Playhouse

71 East Main St., Patchogue, NY 11776

631 286-1133

The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing Whos, including Jojo, a Who child who gets in trouble for thinking too many "thinks." Horton faces a double challenge--not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left to his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping, and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family, and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!



## Historic Base Ball Tournament

Saturday 08/03/2013 from 10-3 and Sunday 08/04/2013 from 11-3

Old Bethpage Village Restoration Phone: 516 572-8400

Admission: Contact for fee

See Baseball how it was played in the 1800's!



Massapequa Park Street Fair

Saturday & Sunday, August 3-4

Park Boulevard & Front Street, Massapequa Park, 11762

Arts, crafts food and sidewalk sales.



Sunday, August 4 3pm

NYCB Theatre at Westbury 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury, NY 11590

800 745-3000

Admission: \$59.50 - \$29.50



Saturday, August 10

Hours: 1-8pm

Brookhaven Amphitheater Art & Cultural Center at Bald Hill 1 Bicycle Path , Farmingville, NY 11738

A live music event in coordination with Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue and Adoption Center and Guardians of Rescue



### Seafood Festival

Saturday & Sunday, August 24-25

Long Island Maritime Museum 86 West Avenue , West Sayville, NY 11796

Phone: 631 HISTORY Admission: \$8, Per person Kids under 5 Free.

Featuring art and craft exhibitors, seafood, musical entertainment, museum tours, educational workshops, a boatbuilding contest.



### Shinnecock Pow-Wow

08/30/2013 - 09/02/2013

Shinnecock Reservation , Southampton, NY Phone: 631 283-6143

Tribal dances, ceremonies, crafts, storytelling, native foods, demonstrations, competitions and sunset fire lighting.





## Kool Aid Tie Dye T-Shirts

### Ingredients

Sugar-free Kool-Aid mix  
Plastic gloves,

Vinegar  
Rubber bands

Small plastic bowls  
T-shirts.

Mix 1 package Kool-Aid for each color you want and 1 ounce of vinegar in individual plastic bowls until Kool-Aid is dissolved.

Using rubber bands, pull and twist T-shirt into different shapes.

Dip rubber-banded ends in bowls (make sure you wear gloves or your hands will stain).

To set colors, iron on medium-high using an ironing cloth between shirt and iron.

Let set for 24 hours before washing.



## No Bake Dessert

### Ingredients

1 frozen pound cake (10 3/4 ounces) in aluminum loaf pan, unthawed

2 cups raspberry sorbet, softened

1/2 cup coarsely chopped chocolate wafer cookies

Cream of tartar

1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1 cup vanilla ice cream, softened

2 large egg whites

1/2 cup sugar

Remove cake from pan and cut horizontally into 4 slices. Line pan with plastic wrap, leaving 6-inch overhang on two sides. Build cake layers in pan in this order: bottom cake slice, 1 cup sorbet, cake slice, 1/2 cup ice cream, cookie crumbs, 1/2 cup ice cream, cake slice, 1 cup sorbet, top cake slice. (If necessary, return ice cream to freezer as you work.) Wrap in plastic and freeze at least 1 hour (or up to 3 days). In a heatproof bowl, lightly whisk together egg whites and pinch of cream of tartar. Set bowl over (not in) a pan of simmering water and whisk until whites are foamy. Slowly whisk in sugar and cook, whisking, until sugar is dissolved (to test, rub some between your fingertips). Remove bowl from heat and, with an electric mixer, beat on medium-high until stiff, glossy peaks form, about 6 minutes. Add vanilla and beat 1 minute. Remove cake from pan, trim sides if desired, and dollop meringue on top.



## JONES BEACH CONCERTS 2013

For complete schedule visit:

[http://jonesbeach.com/?gclid=CL\\_KvJjrOLcCFcGe4Aod\\_V4Asw](http://jonesbeach.com/?gclid=CL_KvJjrOLcCFcGe4Aod_V4Asw)

# FLEETWOOD MAC

35th Anniversary Rumors

Saturday, June 22nd 8:00 pm

# RUSH

Sunday June 23rd 7:30 pm

# 1D

1D World Tour 2013

Friday June 28th, 7:00 pm

Saturday June 29th 7:00 pm

# 3 DOORS DOWN

Daughtry with Ed Kowalczyk (formerly of LIVE)

Wednesday July 17th 7:00 pm



BIG TIME RUSH / VICTORIA JUSTICE

Thursday, July 18th 7:00 pm



Jonas Brothers  
Live 2013 Pom Poms

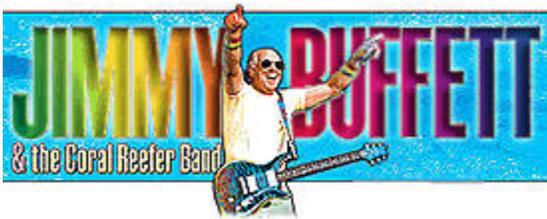
Saturday, July 20th 7:00 pm



Sunday, July 21 7:00 pm



Sunday August 11



Tuesday, August 20  
Thursday, August 22  
Lot Opens: 12:00 pm  
Show 8:00



pm



***Don't feel like traveling to the beach?*** Nassau County Announces blockbuster Free Summer Concert Series at the Harry Chapin lakeside Theatre in Eisenhower Park. Performances are free of charge and begin at 7:00 pm (unless otherwise noted).

Friday June 14th	Jay Black
Friday, June 21st	Oldies Concert featuring Classic Sounds
Saturday, June 22nd	Blues Traveler
Saturday June 29th	TD Banks's Celebrate America and Fireworks Show (5:30 pm)
Wednesday, July 3rd	Mike DelGuidice and Big Shot
Saturday, July 6th	Frankie Avalon
Saturday, July 12th	Lorrie Morgan
Friday, July 26th	Motown Revue and Disco Unlimited
Saturday, August 3rd	Salute to Veterans - starring Tony Orlando (6:45 pm)
Friday, August 9th	Ladies of Disco
Saturday, August 17th	Huey Lewis and the News
Friday, August 23rd	In the still of the Night featuring Frankie Lymon's teenagers
Saturday September 7th	David Cassidy
Saturday, September 28th	Eddie Money (4:30 pm)
Saturday, October 19th	We will survive "Strong Island" 1 Annual Long Island Music Festival



Also at the Lakeside Theatre, beginning at dusk . Free Admission

July 11th	Hotel transylvania	July 18th	Para Norman
July 25th	Madagascar 3	August 1	Ice Age-Continental Drift
August 8	Rise of the Guardians	August 15	Dog Days-Diary of a Wimpy Kid
August 22	Parental Guidance		



# JULY



JOHN VENDITTO  
Town Supervisor

## Music Under the Stars

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JOHN J. BURNS TOWN PARK</b> Merrick Road, Massapequa <b>9</b> <b>TOBS BAND</b> NY's Hottest Party Band and <b>GLORIA GAYNOR</b> "I Will Survive" "Never Can Say Goodbye" <small>CO-SPONSORED BY: STEEL EQUITIES &amp; BETHPAGE BUSINESS PARK AND KING KULLEN</small>	<b>ELLSWORTH W. ALLEN TOWN PARK</b> Motor Avenue, Farmingdale <b>10</b> <b>THE ZOMBIES</b> COLIN BLUNSTONE ROD ARGENT "Time Of The Season" "Tell Her No" <small>CO-SPONSORED BY: WELLS FARGO &amp; AMBER COURT ASSISTED LIVING</small>	<b>TAPPEN BEACH</b> Shore Road, Glenwood Landing <b>11</b> <b>MEET THE JUMPERS</b> A Rockin' & Swingin' Big Band Orchestra	<b>SYOSSET-WOODBURY COMMUNITY PARK</b> Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury <b>12</b> <b>MAGICAL MUSIC OF DISNEY</b> <i>Around the World with Disney</i> featuring <b>DEAN KARAHALIS</b> and the Concert Pops Orchestra <small>CO-SPONSORED BY: SLOMIN'S SHIELD &amp; ROSLYN SAVINGS BANK-A DIVISION OF NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANK - MEMBER FDIC</small>	<b>JOHN J. BURNS TOWN PARK</b> Merrick Road, Massapequa <b>13</b> <b>"FROM CENTER FIELD TO CENTER STAGE"</b> <b>BERNIE WILLIAMS</b> and his All-Star Band "La Salsa En Mi" "Just Because" <small>CO-SPONSORED BY: DAVID LERNER ASSOCIATES, INC. &amp; SAHNWARD COSCHIGNANO AND BAKER, PLLC.</small>
<b>JOHN J. BURNS TOWN PARK</b> Merrick Road, Massapequa <b>16</b> <b>* Salute to America *</b> Showtime 7:30PM <b>TRAMPS LIKE US</b> A Bruce Springsteen Tribute <b>FIREWORKS BY GRUCCI</b> <small>SPONSORED BY: ASTORIA FEDERAL SAVINGS</small>	<b>ELLSWORTH W. ALLEN TOWN PARK</b> Motor Avenue, Farmingdale <b>17</b> <b>BROADWAY TONITE!</b> Performing songs from some of the greatest musicals of all time.	<b>SYOSSET-WOODBURY COMMUNITY PARK</b> Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury <b>18</b> <b>THE OSMOND BROTHERS</b> JIMMY, JAY & MERRILL "One Bad Apple" "Down By the Lazy River"	<b>THEODORE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL PARK &amp; BEACH</b> Larabee Avenue, Oyster Bay <b>19</b> <b>SATISFACTION</b> The International Rolling Stones Show and <b>ALMOST QUEEN</b> The Music of Queen	<b>JOHN J. BURNS TOWN PARK</b> Merrick Road, Massapequa <b>20</b> <b>Children's Festival &amp; Safety Day</b> <b>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM</b> SEE PAGE 10 FOR MORE INFORMATION <small>CO-SPONSORED BY: SLOMIN'S SHIELD &amp; SWIRLS AND TWIRLS</small>
<b>JOHN J. BURNS TOWN PARK</b> Merrick Road, Massapequa <b>23</b> <b>THE ORCHESTRA</b> Former members of E.L.O. & Electric Light Orchestra Part II "Evil Woman" "Don't Bring Me Down" <small>SPONSORED BY: INFINITI OF MASSAPEQUA</small>	<b>ELLSWORTH W. ALLEN TOWN PARK</b> Motor Avenue, Farmingdale <b>24</b> <b>HELEN REDDY IN CONCERT</b> "I Am Woman" "Delta Dawn" <small>SPONSORED BY: ROSLYN SAVINGS BANK-A DIVISION OF NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANK MEMBER FDIC</small>	<b>THEODORE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL PARK &amp; BEACH</b> Larabee Avenue, Oyster Bay <b>25</b> <b>THE CLUSTERS and TRIBUTE TO THE KING</b> THE NEXT BEST THING TO ELVIS featuring Donny Edwards, Danny Vernon & Garry Wesley	<b>JOHN J. BURNS TOWN PARK</b> Merrick Road, Massapequa <b>26</b> <b>KICKIN' COUNTRY</b> with <b>WALKING THE LINE</b> A Tribute to Johnny Cash and <b>RADIO NASHVILLE</b> Covering the best of modern country	<b>JOHN J. BURNS TOWN PARK</b> Merrick Road, Massapequa <b>27</b> Former Singer & Songwriter of "The Guess Who" <b>BURTON CUMMINGS</b> with the <b>Burton Cummings Band</b> "American Woman" "These Eyes"

<b>JOHN J. BURNS TOWN PARK</b> Merrick Road, Massapequa <b>30</b> <b>GRAND FUNK RAILROAD</b> features founding members Don Brewer & Mel Schacher "We're An American Band" "Some Kind of Wonderful" <small>SPONSORED BY: TIM WHITE HOME IMPROVEMENTS, INC.</small>	<b>PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE COMMUNITY PARK</b> Washington Avenue, Plainview <b>31</b> <b>NASSAU POPS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA</b> CONDUCTOR & FOUNDER <b>LOU PANACCIULLI</b> <small>SPONSORED BY: HEALTHCARE PARTNERS, IPA</small>
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# AUGUST

Shows begin at 8:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

There are no rain facilities. All shows will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Call 516-797-7900 24 hours a day for updated information.

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TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JOHN J. BURNS TOWN PARK</b> Merrick Road, Massapequa <b>6</b> <b>ANDY COONEY and RONANTYNAN TOGETHER AGAIN!</b> <small>SPONSORED BY: ROSLYN SAVINGS BANK-A DIVISION OF NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANK MEMBER FDIC</small>	<b>SYOSSET-WOODBURY COMMUNITY PARK</b> Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury <b>7</b> <b>DR. K'S MOTOWN REVUE</b> America's #1 Motown Revue Band	<b>THEODORE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL PARK &amp; BEACH</b> Larabee Avenue, Oyster Bay <b>8</b> <b>Mike DelGuidice and BIG SHOT</b> Performing the music of Billy Joel & more Featuring Long-time members of Billy Joel's Band <small>SPONSORED BY: DAVID LERNER ASSOCIATES, INC.</small>	<b>JOHN J. BURNS TOWN PARK</b> Merrick Road, Massapequa <b>9</b> <b>DISNEY IN CONCERT</b> <i>Tale as Old as Time</i> Featuring <b>DEAN KARAHALIS</b> and the Concert Pops Orchestra <small>CO-SPONSORED BY: GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER &amp; SWIRLS AND TWIRLS</small>	<b>JOHN J. BURNS TOWN PARK</b> Merrick Road, Massapequa <b>10</b> <b>LOU GRAMM</b> The Voice of Foreigner "Hot Blooded" "I Want to Know What Love Is" <small>CO-SPONSORED BY: STEEL EQUITIES AND BETHPAGE BUSINESS PARK &amp; WESTFIELD SUNRISE</small>

ABSOLUTELY NO SEATING PRIOR TO 4:00 PM



*So long, farewell Auf Wiedersehen, goodbye  
I leave and heave a sigh and say goodbye*

*This will be the final issue of the West Word. I hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter as much as i enjoyed putting it together each month for the last 6 years. .  
For more information on our PTA and upcoming events, please visit our website at  
<http://johnhwestpta.weebly.com/>*

*Sincerely,  
Marie Elaina Melman*