

**Babylon Grade School Eblast**  
**Steve Goldberg, Principal**  
**February 11, 2016**



**Important Dates:**

- Feb 15-19 Schools closed for Mid-Winter Recess
- Feb 22 Bd. of Ed Work/Study mtg. 7:30pm @ HS
- Mar 4-6 All-School Musical @ HS Rowe Hall, Into the Woods
- Mar 7 Bd. of Ed Reg. mtg. 7:30pm @ HS
- Mar 8 SEPTA mtg. @ 7:00pm @ HS
- Mar 9 Grade 1-6 Pops concert, 7:00pm @ Rowe Hall
- Mar 11 Lip Sync Grade 1-2 @ 5:30pm; Grade 3-6 @ 7:00pm
- Mar 13 Daylight Savings Time begins
- Mar 14-18 GS PTA Spring Scholastic Book Fair



**Save the date.....**

Superintendent Rozzi will be hosting **"Coffee with the Superintendent"** at each school during the school year. Please see the attached invitation from Superintendent Rozzi for more details.



***A Message from the Principal***

This past weekend, the First Lego League competed in their first tournament. Over the last few months, the team members worked hard on creating the three components of this year's Trash Trek Challenge; the Robot, the Core Values poster and the Project Presentation.

The students were asked to identify a piece of trash in their everyday lives and find a solution that will help remove that piece of trash from our landfills. The Babylon Programming Panthers chose pencils. They recognized that at end of the day, pencils were thrown away, dropped on the floor (but picked up by custodians) or broken. They realized many pencils become trash before they are used to their fullest potential. They asked the custodians to collect all pencils that have been found around the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade wing at the end of the day and instead of placing them back on desks, rather place them into a bucket in Ms. Brown's room.

The students then calculated how many pencils were found at the end of a 3 week period. They used this information to complete their project. They calculated approximately how many pencils have the potential to be thrown away in each building, our district, Suffolk County, Nassau County and finally Long Island each year. They came up with two solutions. One was the design of a more functional pencil and the second would be to take broken pencils to the art rooms to be used to create pieces of art. (We created a tree, turning the unused pencils back into what they originally came from). They presented this project to the judges the day of the tournament in the form of a game show. The students also programmed an autonomous robot to score points on a themed playing field. Each round, the students beat their prior score landing them in the top half of the tournament. Way to go Babylon! Throughout the sessions the students studied the Core Values and incorporated them into their everyday lives. They had the chance to present their poster to judges and participate in a team building challenge.



This has been a wonderful experience for all involved. The students were amazing. All of their hard work and dedication showed. Ms. Brown and Mrs. Stork couldn't be more proud of them. They used Gracious Professionalism throughout the season and at the tournament. But most of all, we all had FUN! Way to go Babylon!

## BMGS News...



**The Harry Chapin Practice-A-Thon:** During the month of March, music students across New York State are invited to take part in a Practice-A-Thon with all proceeds going to local food banks. The goal of the Harry Chapin Practice-A-Thon is to strengthen students' practice habits while supporting New York State local food banks. Please see the attached letter for information on how to get involved.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the **Babylon UFSD After School Program** will be starting on February 22, 2016. Attached is a letter and application for those interested in participating in this program.



**Cafeteria News:** Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> will be Tasty Tuesday. Students will be sampling Fruitables Juices. Tuesday will be Lucky Tray Day as well.

Some of our **students' artwork** will be in the SCALA/Bacca art show at Babylon Old Town Hall, February 11<sup>th</sup>-March 5<sup>th</sup>. The hours are 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. They will be closed Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and open on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Artist reception for students and families is Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 p.m.



### Reminder from the Health Office...

Staying healthy is a challenge during this cold and flu season. Please reinforce the importance of frequent hand washing and cough etiquette. Cough etiquette involves teaching your children to turn their heads to cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue or the inside of their elbow if a tissue is unavailable and wash hands afterward. Please keep sick children home. If you have any questions or concerns regarding whether to send your child to school, feel free to call. A quick phone call about your child's health status will also help me track the latest health trends. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



### Other School News...

**Babylon Varsity Softball Fundraiser:** Please see the attached flier for a five BELOW fundraiser, which is taking place during the month of February. The attached flier must be presented to the cashier at the time of purchase.

## Other School News Cont'd...

**Into the Woods Comes to Babylon** Come one, come all to see "Into the Woods" in Rowe Hall on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., or Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. We hope to see you there!

**Superintendent's Message:** Attached please see a message from Superintendent Linda J. Rozzi.

## PTA/SEPTA NEWS...

**Science Fair:** Attached is a permission slip for this year's science fair. Please return slips as soon as possible. The science fair will take place on March 22, 2016.

**Pick a Reading Partner (PARP)** is underway. Please see the attached documents for information on this event.

**Harlem Wizards vs. Babylon Panthers:** The Harlem Wizards game is taking place on **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** at BHS. See the attached flier for additional information and to see how to purchase tickets for this event.

**Farmigo** is an online farmer's market that sources local healthy, fresh food and delivers them weekly directly to the Elementary School. PTA earns 10% on all orders. Attached is a flier with more details. Consider giving Farmigo a try.

## Other News...

**Babylon Public Library:** Attached please find the March Children's Room Happenings. Also attached is a flier about FREE passes to local museums. Check out what is available!

**The Mike Greene Great Guy Foundation** presents the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Game Night, taking place on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please see the attached flier for more details.

**Babylon Village Youth Cheer:** If your child is interested in joining the cheer team for Fall 2016, see the attached flier about registration.

**Girl Scout Troop #360** is having a food drive for St. Joseph's R.C. Church from February 22<sup>nd</sup>-March 7<sup>th</sup>. See the attached flier for details.