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BES News

Weekly Newsletter

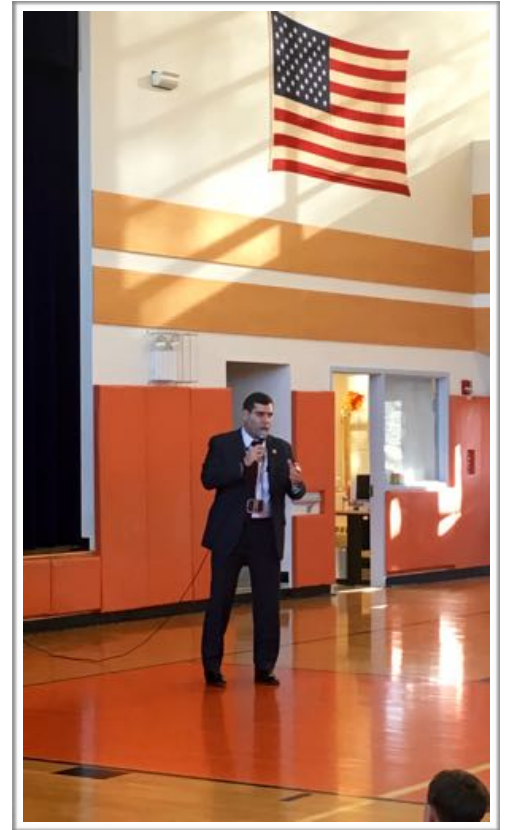
Police Commissioner Sini Introduces Dallas 5 to BES

Police Commissioner (and Babylon Elementary School dad), Timothy Sini, introduced a special officer to the Babylon Elementary School students this week. Dallas 5, a key member of the K-9 squad, accompanied his human officer partners in a full school assembly showing off his tricks and abilities to the amazement of all. His partner officers educated the students and staff in attendance about the unique skills the K-9s bring to a police force. First, they have a great sense of smell. If someone was to get lost, police officers can use the dogs to help find the person quickly. Their sense of smell and their quickness can also help find something or someone hiding.

The 22 police dogs currently in use are brought over from Europe. Officers train and speak to the dogs in German to prevent confusion when they give commands to people while on patrol. The K-9 officers are considered true partners in keeping our community safe.

The officers shared that police dogs learn through training, just like we do at school. Students were encouraged to always go to school and work hard so that one day they can use their special skills to help others in our community.

We would like to thank Commissioner Sini, the officers, and Dallas 5 for teaching us all about police dogs!



SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS BY SUPPORTING OUR PTA

Clipping Box Tops = Free Money for Our School. Each one is worth 10 cents for our school. We've collected \$766 so far. Help us get to our goal of \$2,000 this year.

Clip and send them in to school! Thank you for your support!

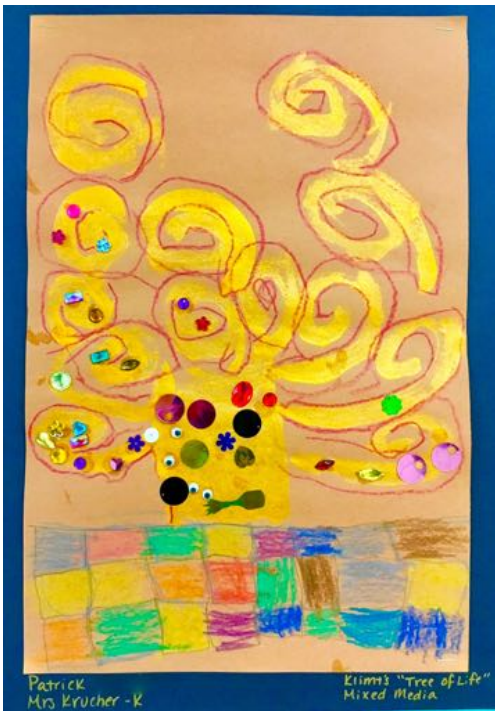


Student Artwork Glistens...



Tree Of Life

Kindergarten students spent some time studying Austrian artist **Gustav Klimt** and his painting **"The Tree of Life"**. They used gold paint to create a tree with long, swirly branches and metallic crayons for the ground that their tree is rooted in. Jewels were then added to emulate the beautiful shapes and colors Klimt painted on his tree. Finally, the students added eyes to their trees to show that much like themselves, their trees were watching, learning and growing.



Upcoming Events



BABYLON K-6 PTA LIPSYNC 2017

New this year-K-6 event

When: Friday January 27th, 2017

Time: 5:30pm (Grades K-2), 7pm (Grades 3-6)

Where: Rowe Hall, Babylon High School

What: Lipsync & dance to a favorite song for the audience

Babylon K-6 PTA

FAMILY STEM Night



Science | Technology | Engineering | Math

Thursday, February 9th
6:00-7:30 pm
Elementary School

Winter Benchmarking

Earlier this month, we began our routine winter benchmarking to measure the growth of students K-2. Winter benchmarking includes brief classroom assessments administered by the teacher to each student to help inform classroom instruction. The **STAR computerized assessments are also administered** during the students' technology period over the course of this month. Kindergarten students sit for one testing session (assessing early literacy skills) while first and second graders sit for two testing sessions (one math, one reading). Testing sessions typically last one technology period. Score reports for the STAR assessments will be sent home to parents upon conclusion of the testing cycle. We are looking forward to seeing the growth of our students over the first half of the year!



Harlem Wizards tickets (event on March 18th) now available in the School Store www.BabylonPTA.org, starting at just \$15/seat!



The PTA recently advertised a great way to bring in free money for our school!

If you shop at Stop & Shop, take 5 minutes to register your Stop & Shop rewards card. **Babylon Elementary ID #07256**

www.stopandshop.com/aplus, scroll down, select **REGISTER YOUR CARD** from the red box on the right marked FOR CUSTOMERS. Otherwise, call the A+ Hotline at 1-877-275-2758 for assistance. Last year, the cash earned was used to help pay for tons of recess equipment.

Don't forget to read the
flyers attached to our
eBlasts!

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