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**A Message from Interim Superintendent of Schools-**  
**Carol F. Muscarella**

Dear Plainedge Community,

As we wrap up the month of May, I continue to be inspired by the energy, accomplishments, and sense of pride that define our Plainedge school community. This time of year is always filled with exciting events, celebrations, and milestones, and it serves as a wonderful reminder of the strength of our students, staff, families, and community partners.

Across the district, our students continue to excel in academics, athletics, the arts, and service to others. From impressive student achievements to meaningful classroom experiences and community events, there is so much to celebrate throughout Plainedge Public Schools. We are especially proud of our seniors as they begin finalizing plans for their futures and participate in events recognizing their hard work and accomplishments.

As we head toward the final weeks of the school year, I encourage everyone to take time to enjoy the end-of-year activities taking place across the district. These moments highlight the extraordinary spirit of Plainedge and the many ways our students continue to shine.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Plainedge Public Schools. Together, we continue to create outstanding opportunities for all students to learn, grow, and succeed.

Warm regards,  
Carol F. Muscarella  
Interim Superintendent of Schools



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**Thank you Plainedge: Budget Vote**



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**Charles E. Schwarting Promising Practice**

We are proud to announce that the Charles E. Schwarting Elementary School “Bristol Buddies” program has been recognized by Character.org for its outstanding commitment to character development, service learning, and community engagement! Through meaningful partnerships with seniors and veterans at The Bristol, our Student LEADers are building connections, spreading kindness, and proving that leadership begins with empathy and service.

Congratulations to the entire Schwarting community on this incredible honor!

**WE ARE PROUD!**

**Charles E. Schwarting  
Elementary School**

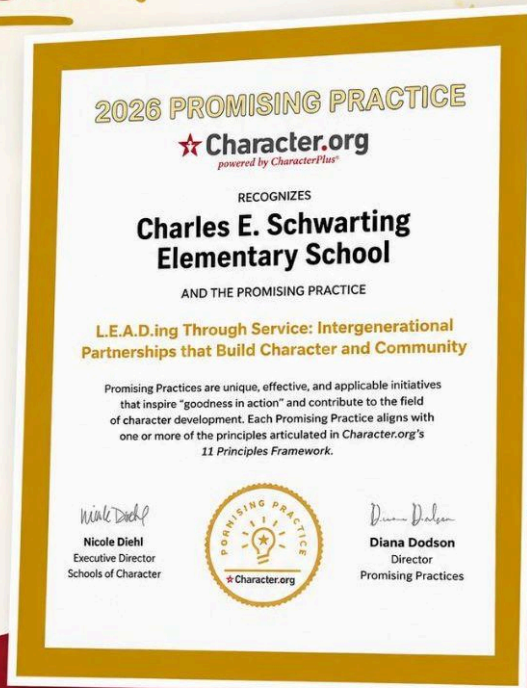
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**2026 PROMISING  
PRACTICE**

**Character.org**  
*powered by CharacterPlus®*



**L.E.A.D.ing Through Service:  
Intergenerational Partnerships  
that Build Character and  
Community**

★ Thank you to our students, staff,  
families, and community partners  
for leading with character every day!



**STRONGER TOGETHER.  
BUILDING CHARACTER.  
BUILDING COMMUNITY.**

## John H. West Field Day

West students brought Plainedge P.R.I.D.E., energy, and excitement to an America-themed Field Day filled with games, laughter, and school spirit.

From the Liberty Leap Sack Race and United We Balance Egg & Spoon Race to the Constitution Clean-Up Relay, Freedom Dash Relay, and many other patriotic stations, students spent the day racing, cheering, and celebrating together in a fun and memorable Field Day experience.





## Pen-Pal Day

The Puppy Pen-Pal event was all about friendship, wellness, and fun! Fifth graders from all three elementary schools met their pen pals in person and spent the day participating in exciting team-building and wellness activities including yoga, soccer, green screen fun, mandala photos, cup stacking, and so much more!





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## **STREAM NIGHT**

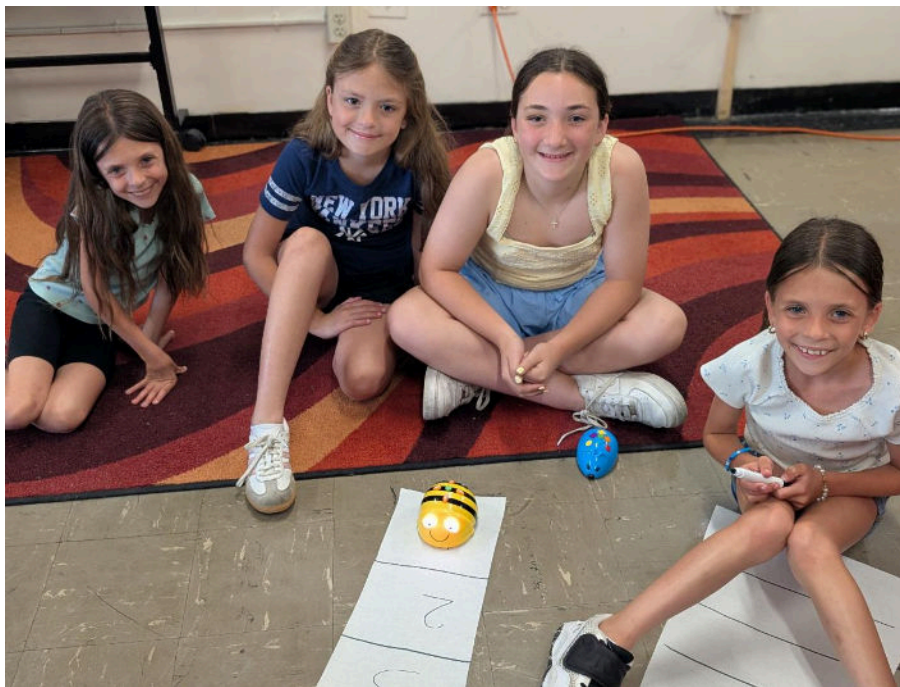
Our 8th Annual Family STREAM Night was a spectacular evening filled with creativity, innovation, and hands-on learning for Plainedge families in grades PreK–8!

Students and families explored a wide variety of engaging, interactive workshops designed by our incredible STREAM Team. Activities included building robotic hands, creating lava lamps and slime, launching cotton balls, designing spaghetti bridges, experimenting with Oobleck, racing balloon-powered cars and paper airplanes, coding with Python, exploring robotics, and so much more.

From science and technology to engineering, art, and mindfulness activities like family yoga, there was truly something for everyone to enjoy. The event showcased the curiosity, collaboration, and excitement for learning that make the Plainedge community so special.

A heartfelt thank you to our Board of Education, Central Administration, STREAM Team, facilitators, staff, and families for helping make this unforgettable evening a tremendous success!





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### **Teacher Appreciation Week:** **Spotlight on NBC's The Today Show**

What a special day for Plainedge Public Schools and the Plainedge community! In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, NBC's Today Show selected John H. West Elementary Kindergarten teacher Miss. Flanagan for a special national spotlight! Miss. Flanagan, a beloved kindergarten teacher at John H. West Elementary, was nominated by parents of former students in recognition of the lasting impact she has made on so many young learners.

As part of the celebration, NBC brought her entire class to the Today Show Plaza, where students joined her in teaching a special lesson live on air. To top it all off, the

segment included an incredible \$50,000 donation to Plainedge Schools from Melissa and Doug Toys!



### Elementary Best Buddies

Our Elementary School Best Buddies celebrated their final get-together of the school year with an afternoon filled with smiles, friendship, and fun! Students enjoyed making friendship bracelets, coloring Memorial Day themed pictures, and creating lasting memories together.





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## **National Merit Scholarship**

Congratulations to Plainedge High School senior Francisco Martinez on being selected as a recipient of the prestigious National Merit \$2500 Scholarship!

This highly competitive scholarship, awarded by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, recognizes some of the nation's most academically talented students for their outstanding achievement, dedication, and excellence.

This prestigious recognition is awarded to less than one percent of high school seniors nationwide, making it a truly remarkable achievement. Francisco earned this honor through his outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), reflecting his exceptional academic talent and dedication.

On behalf of the entire Plainedge school community, congratulations to Francisco and his family on this remarkable accomplishment. We look forward to seeing all that he will continue to achieve in the future.



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### **USA Football Select Bowl**

Congratulations to Gianna Ponticello on being selected to compete in the 2026 Stars & States event! We are incredibly proud of this outstanding achievement and excited to see Gianna compete on a national stage with hometown pride!

Stars & States is a premier 5v5 flag football competition showcasing emerging athletes and coaches from across the country. Featuring boys and girls divisions from California, Texas, Florida, and the Tri-State area (New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut), the event brings together top talent for a true National Championship-style experience. The event highlights include multiple days of competition, skills challenges, team practices, meetings and walk-throughs, and team-building activities. Athletes and coaches will also benefit from onsite coaching development, national trials scouting exposure, college coach visibility, state team uniforms, and a full national team simulation experience.

We look forward to following Gianna's journey to Los Angeles, CA in June and celebrating this exciting opportunity!



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## Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students on being inducted into the Nassau BOCES Barry Tech National Technical Honor Society! This outstanding achievement recognizes their hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence in their technical studies. We are so proud of their accomplishments and look forward to all they will achieve in the future!

### Congratulations

Liam McKie

Aiden Mulvey

Morgan Como

Dylan Loccisano



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### **Congratulations Aidan McNeil**

Congratulations to Plainedge High School junior Aidan McNeil on advancing to the next round of the prestigious Roger Rees Awards!

After his outstanding performance as Quasimodo in this year's production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Aidan has been selected as one of the Top 50 high school theater performers in the greater New York area. He will participate in workshops and coaching sessions in Manhattan with industry professionals as he competes for the opportunity to represent New York at the national level.

We are so proud of Aidan and this incredible accomplishment! Break a leg!

Learn more about the Roger Rees Awards by visiting:

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/article/50-Student-Nominees-Selected-for-the-2026-Roger-Rees-Awards-20260506>

<https://rogerreesawards.com/>



### **Plainedge Middle School - Life Skills**

The Plainedge Middle School Life Skills class has spent the year learning about appreciation and what it means to recognize those who make a difference in our school community.

For Staff Appreciation Day, students created personalized aprons for our cafeteria staff to thank them for always being so kind, thoughtful, and caring.

These dedicated individuals do so much more than prepare and serve meals; they help create welcoming environments, support student well-being, and make a positive impact on our schools each and every day. We are so grateful for all they do!



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## **New York State- Kid Safe Online Contest**

Congratulations to Plainedge High School freshman Jackson Lehmann for being named a contest winner in the New York State Office of Technology's Kids Safe Online Poster Contest!

This statewide contest encourages students in grades K–12 to promote safe and secure internet use through creative poster design. Jackson's outstanding work helped inspire others to think about cybersecurity and online safety.



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## **USA Football Select Bowl**

Huge congratulations to Madison Crandon on being selected for the USA Football Select Bowl!

This is an incredible achievement, earned by competing among some of the top rising flag football athletes in the country and earning a spot on one of the sport's biggest national development stages. The Select Bowl brings together elite talent from across the U.S. to train, compete, and showcase their skills in front of National Team scouts and coaches, all as part of the pathway to Team USA.

We are so proud of you, Madison! Keep representing with hard work, heart, and Plainedge pride!

We look forward to following Madison's journey to Los Angeles, CA in June and celebrating this exciting opportunity!

Learn more here: [bit.ly/SelectBowlExperience](https://bit.ly/SelectBowlExperience)



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### Girl Scout Gold Award

Leah is a Plainedge High School Senior. She completed a Girl Scout Gold Award project this year. As her focus, she developed a cookbook for students in our Skills program. The Gold Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve and represents the ability to solve real-world problems, leadership and lasting community change. The goal of the cookbook is to teach students with disabilities cooking skills in a resource that provides directions in a modified manner including visuals, clear language, and detailed instructions. Leah shared this resource with our students and staff, and it has been used in some of our classroom activities.



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### 100th Career Goal

Congratulations junior captain Peyton Wise, on achieving her 100th career goal an exceptional milestone reached by only a select group of student-athletes in our school's history. With 127 career points and counting, Peyton's leadership, dedication, and performance continue to exemplify excellence in our athletic program.



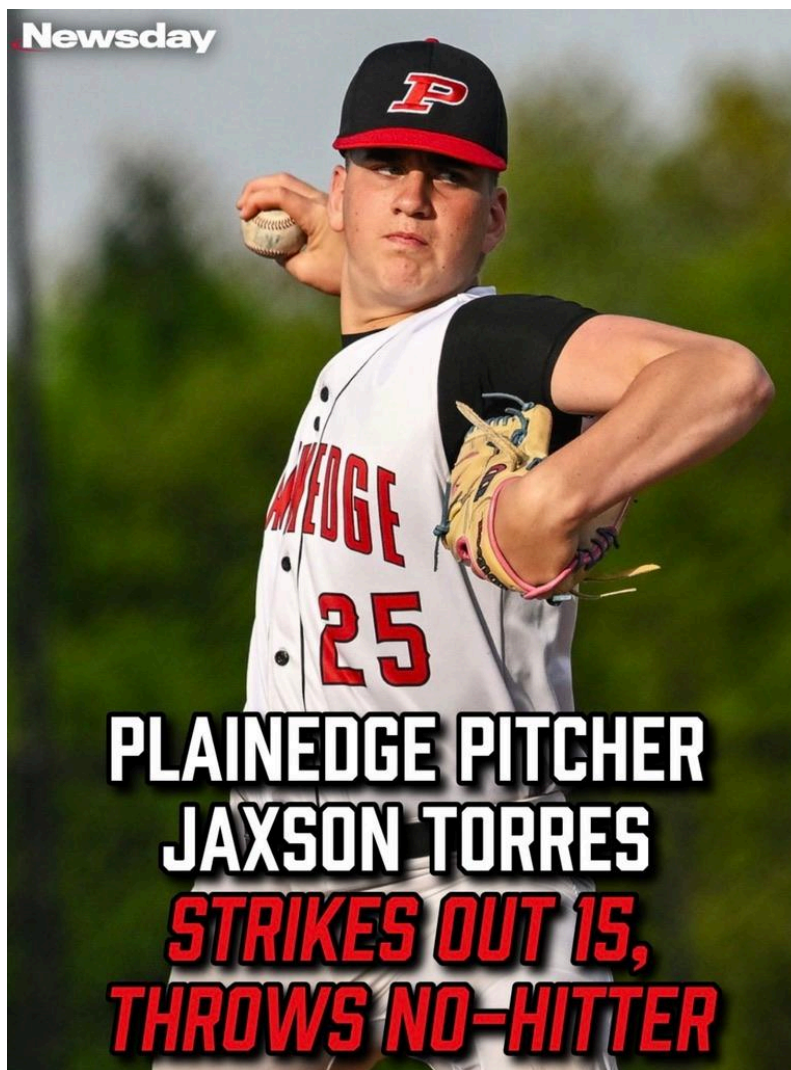
### **Plainedge Varsity Baseball**

Plainedge High School Junior Jaxson Torres delivered a back-to-back performance that he will never forget. Torres threw a no-hitter on 82 pitches, walking one and striking out 15 to lead Plainedge to an 8-0 win over Locust Valley. He then followed up with another dominating performance on the mound. He tossed his second consecutive no-hitter, striking out 13 batters in seven innings on 106 pitches against Wantagh in a 6-0 win seven days later making him **NEWSDAY** Athlete of the week.

Congratulations to Taylor Nitsch for setting a new school record in career strikeouts. With his 217th strikeout, he surpassed the previous record and further solidified his place in our program's history.

Congratulations to Bobby Wescott who hit his 4th home run of the season, making that his 15th on his career. He takes the spot at **#1** in Plainedge's all-time home run

leaderboard. He surpasses Nick Cassio, who had 14 and held the record since 2010.





TAYLOR NITSCH  
PLAINEDGE VARSITY BASEBALL  
ALL-TIME STRIKEOUT LEADER  
#223



BOBBY WESCOTT  
PLAINEDGE VARSITY BASEBALL  
ALL-TIME HOME RUN LEADER  
#15

We invite you to stay connected with your school community by participating in upcoming events and staying informed through our district website, community groups, and social media channels, helping you remain engaged with all that's happening across our district!

Visit [www.plainedgeschools.org/district/](http://www.plainedgeschools.org/district/) to view the 2025-2026 Calendar & School Guide.

Anthony Dell'Italia- 5th Grade		Danica Rossi- 9th Grade
		
Emily D'Amore- 8th Grade		Penelope Schoenberger- 6th Grade

**Plainedge Fitness Center**

## Welcome to the Plainedge Fitness Center

We take pride in offering a welcoming, non-intimidating, state-of-the-art fitness center where our community can thrive. Our newly expanded second-floor fitness center features dedicated cardio training space, single-station cable resistance machines, free weights, kettlebells, resistance bands, medicine balls, slam balls, and interactive Echelon Mirrors—providing everything you need for a complete and well-rounded workout experience.



### Fitness Center Hours

Monday-Thursday 5:00 PM-8:50 PM  
Saturday & Sunday 8:00 AM- 11:50 AM  
\*\* Plainedge Fitness Center is **ONLY** open when school is in session \*\*

## Fitness Center Offerings

**CARDIO TRAINING:** To boost your heart rate, burn calories, & improve your endurance. Our cardio equipment includes Treadmills, Stationary Bicycles, Stairclimbers, Rowing Machines and Ellipticals.



**STRENGTH TRAINING:** Machines, free weights, kettle bell, & resistance ball can be used for strength training to help you build & maintain muscle and strength, improve bone density, & boost metabolism

### ECHOLON MIRRORS:

Allow you to select on-demand workout classes, including yoga, HIIT, kickboxing, strength training and so much more. The interactive mirror incorporates a touchscreen display for users to interact directly with the interface.



### Frequently Asked Question

- Q:** Where is the fitness center located?  
**A:** The fitness center is located at Plainedge High School. Parking is available at the rear of the building near the gymnasium. Please enter through the designated fitness center doors.
- Q:** What if I don't have a smartphone?  
**A:** That will not be an issue. Please bring valid identification, and we will be happy to register you upon arrival. When you visit the facility, a student staff member will assist with check-in.
- Q:** Can I stay longer than the hour time slot?  
**A:** Yes. Provided the facility has not reached maximum capacity, members are welcome to remain for as long as necessary..
- Q:** I can only sign up on the hour. What if I show up later or earlier?  
**A:** You can arrive at any time in the hour long window of the time you signed up for
- Q:** I am unsure how to use the equipment  
**A:** Both adult and student staff members are fully trained on all equipment and are available to provide guidance and assistance.
- Q:** What should I bring with me?  
**A:** All members must wear athletic sneakers while using the equipment. You are welcome to bring a towel, water bottle, Bluetooth headphones, or an exercise mat for personal use.

### Questions?

Call: (516) 992-7641  
Email: [fitness.center@plainedgeschools.org](mailto:fitness.center@plainedgeschools.org)

## Membership Eligibility

To qualify for membership at the Plainedge Fitness Center, individuals must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be a Plainedge resident, 18 years of age or older,
- or
- Be a current Plainedge High School student

All prospective members are required to complete a **two-part application** through 1) The Plainedge Fitness Center app. 2) **CognitoForms** for proof of residency **or** provided **in person during regular business hours.**

### How to Book/Cancel a Session

- Open the Plainedge Fitness Center app
- Find the day & time you want to book a session
- Tap the time, then book
- If you cannot attend that sessions, cancel the session by clicking on the session, then cancel booking



**Instagram:** @plainedgefitnesscenter

# WELCOME TO THE **P** LAINEDGE FITNESS CENTER



241 Wyngate Drive  
No. Massapequa, NY 11758

### Free Membership for Plainedge Residence

Mon. - Th. 5:00 - 8:50pm  
Sat. - Sun. 8:00 - 11:50am

\*\*The Fitness Center is **CLOSED** when school is closed\*\*

## Plainedge Fitness Center Membership Instructions

1. Visit the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android) on your mobile device to download The Plainedge Fitness Center App or scan the QR code.
2. Open the Plainedge Fitness Center App scroll down to "register"
3. Register using your email address and create a password
4. After pressing next, enter your "First" and "Last Name" press next to continue
5. Enter your cell phone number and date of birth, then press next
6. You will then be prompted with our "Studio Waiver". Please read the entire "Waiver and Release from Liability" and then press "Start Signing"
7. Place your signature in the red box, and then press "accept and sign," then press "finished"
8. When the "Welcome Message" appears please **check your email** to get to the link to upload your license through cognito forms.
9. Give staff 24-48 hours to approve your membership



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