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# Sachem's Best

## WENONAH ELEMENTARY TO HOST "STUFF-A-BUS" FOR ISLAND HARVEST

Wenonah Elementary School in the Sachem Central School District will continue their annual tradition of hosting a "Stuff-a-Bus" fundraiser to benefit Island Harvest. This year's event will take place on Saturday, April 17 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

"Stuff-a-Bus" is a charitable program in which the community and students come together to collect food donations for families in need. The public is encouraged to contribute by donating nonperishable items such as canned goods, cereal, paper products, baby food and boxed side dishes. Please do not donate items in glass containers.

Wenonah Elementary School is located at 251 Hudson Avenue in Lake Grove. If community members have any questions, please call (631) 471-1881 for additional information.

## AUTISM AWARENESS AT TAMARAC

April is Autism Awareness month. In honor of family and friends with Autism it was time to spread the word. The girls got together and made over a 150 awareness ribbons to share with the entire third grade class and staff at Tamarac Elementary school.



Starting from bottom left front is Joelle Vetter, Madison Dombroski, Ashley Augello, Back left is Mackenzie Dellomo, Kristen Bashen and Olivia Vetter

## DROP-IN LOUNGE FOR TEENS

Sachem Community Youth Services offers a drop-in lounge for youth ages 10-20. Come play pool, foosball, video games, bumper pool, ping-pong, board games, and other activities. Come hang out with your friends or make new ones. All programs are free. The center is located at 232 Ronkonkoma Avenue in Lake Ronkonkoma. Sachem CYS offers these programs in a supervised, safe, and friendly environment. For more information, please call 585-1811.



## VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

For just 1 hour per week you can make a difference in a child's life. Become a volunteer tutor/mentor for the Sachem Community Youth Services. All sessions take place at the Sachem Public Library. Choose your own schedule, grade level, and subjects. Training and materials are provided. Please call Sachem CYS at 585-1811.

## ALL-STAR READING PARTNERSHIP!

Each year, Hiawatha Elementary School in the Sachem Central School District participates in Parents as Reading Partners (PARP), a national literacy program that encourages young students and their parents to read together at home. Principal Dr. Anthony J. Mauro and his staff at Hiawatha Elementary challenged their students to read a combined 1,200 books over the course of three weeks.

The elementary students received some extra motivation to reach their goal from members of the Sachem High School North Football team and their Head Coach David Falco. The athletes visited Hiawatha Elementary School on three different occasions to participate in the PARP kick-off assembly and to read to classes. The collaboration was a great success!



## COUNSELING

Sachem Community Youth Services offers free, short term, formal counseling to youth and their families residing in the Brookhaven portion of Sachem School District. Counseling is being provided by a social worker. Please call 585-1811 to make an appointment.

## TEENS EARN MONEY DOING YARDWORK



Sachem Community Youth Services has yardwork, housecleaning, and other odd jobs for Sachem/Brookhaven Town residents, ages 13-20. For more information please call 585-1811.

## SACHEM CYS YOUTH COUNCIL

Do you want to make a difference in your community but don't know how you can help? If you are between the ages of 10-20 and want to join a team of other teens in order to organize community service projects, plan trips, and have a voice in your community, call Sachem Community Youth Services at 585-1811.

## FREE ARTS & CRAFTS PROGRAM



Sachem Community Youth Services offers a free Arts and Crafts program for ages 7-12 every Tuesday from 4-5PM. Come be creative and have fun! Please call 585-1811 for more information.