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### The Next Chapter

Another school year has drawn to a close – the journey that started for the Class of 2011 in the '90's can now be referred to as a "mission accomplished." The

late nights of homework and studying, practices, recitals and concerts, assemblies, etc...they are now all part of the East Islip memories that our students, and we as parents, will take with us.

So on everyone goes; graduation is not the ending, but rather that point in time to pause (for at least a day or two!) and reflect on not only how much has been accomplished, but also how much is awaiting these fine young men and women as they continue their journey to the future, be it in college, employment or service

in our military!

As parents and neighbors, we too move forward to the next chapter of our lives. Whether it's about "one less" child in the school district, or the last one finishing up, our lives will adjust.

Over the summer the school district will similarly "adjust" to changes – most significantly and happily, we welcome our new superintendent, Mr. Jay Finello, to the district and wish him well as he joins us in July and prepares for the upcoming year. Other staff members throughout the district are being interviewed and hired to fill spots left by retiring teachers as well as to meet the ongoing needs and requirements of the district.

Similarly the buildings will receive annual "tune-ups and maintenance," in particular to

accommodate our new kindergarteners and preschoolers at each of our four elementary schools this fall; Mr. Tartaglia and the Grounds and Maintenance staff have begun to ready the buildings for our newest students!

Enjoy the summer and the chance to refresh and recreate yourselves. The 2011/12 school year is just around the corner and we'll begin the "next chapter" for another group of students, looking to build on our successes and further improve our East Islip. Rest assured that your School Board is keenly aware that the upcoming year is an important and challenging one, and that we will work diligently to provide the best programs and services we can. We have much to be proud of, but still much to accomplish!

Have a great summer, and feel free to reach out to me or the Board if you have any questions or suggestions. Most importantly – Get Involved!!



It is a pleasure that I write to you as your superintendent of schools for the 2011/12 school year. I am honored to have been selected by the members of the Board of Education; and it has been wonderful to

receive such a warm welcome by the East Islip community.

Although it is summer vacation for our students, the district's administrative team has been working hard to establish the foundation for what we believe will be an outstanding school year. All of us are confident that students on every grade level will receive an education second to none. With the closing of the Early Childhood Center, we are in the process of relocating teachers and support staff to their new homes. Our elementary buildings are preparing for the preschool and

kindergarten students. We wish to welcome our parents and their children to a new and exciting experience.

The East Islip School District is known across Long Island for its exceptional academic and co-curricular programs. Be assured that when classes resume in September, students will be offered a comprehensive education, complete with the courses, teachers, materials and facilities they need to attain success.

Please take a moment to become familiar with the information contained in this Beacon of Hope newsletter. In a separate mailing you will receive a district calendar with a schedule of school events and pertinent school and district information. We invite you to visit our schools often and come and watch our students soar. Hundreds of free events will be open to the public this year. From athletic games, school plays, concerts and

recitals to academic fairs and intellectual competitions, we are confident you will be as impressed with East Islip's students as we are.

In these challenging economic times, New York school districts are being asked to stretch their resources further, effectively doing more with less. Here in East Islip, all of us are committed to tight fiscal management and economizing wherever possible. We pledge to be good financial stewards as we pursue excellence in every facet of our operations.

East Islip is a wonderful community. By working together, we will continue to offer our young people an exceptional educational experience that meets the needs of each individual. Should you ever have any questions about our public schools, please feel free to call any of our buildings or district offices. We are here to serve you.

Best wishes to all for a rewarding, successful and enjoyable year!

# FTK Foundation Donates \$50k

At the May 17 Board of Education meeting in East Islip, the For the Kids (FTK) Foundation's past-president Pat Diesu and current president Nancy Goldfader presented the Board of Education with a check for \$50,000. The donation is slated to be used for technology at each of the district's schools, with \$10,000 for use within the music department. This money was raised throughout the year at FTK events such as the Carnival, Golf Outing and Gala.

*At the meeting Pat and Nancy are pictured presenting the check to past-president of the Board, Ken Cronin.*



*(L-R) Principals Lisa Belz, Danielle Naccarato and Aileen O'Rourke support the FTK.*

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*FTK President Nancy Goldfader and Board trustee Kim G. Phillips celebrate the annual event.*



*The Diesu family (with eldest son absent from photo) supports father, Dwayne, who is the evening's honoree.*



*Members of the FTK Board together with event volunteers.*

# Oh, the Places They Will Go: *Class of 2011 Takes the Next Step*



After the threat of rain postponed the graduation from its usual Friday evening time slot, the graduates awoke to a sunny morning for their participation in the 84<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises of the East Islip High School on June 25. Following the processional, Principal Bill Brennen addressed the graduates by reading excerpts from the popular childrens book "Oh, the Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss. Mr. Brennen summed up this fitting and popular tribute to graduates with, "Live life without limitations;....Don't be afraid of bumps in the road; face them with confidence and determination."

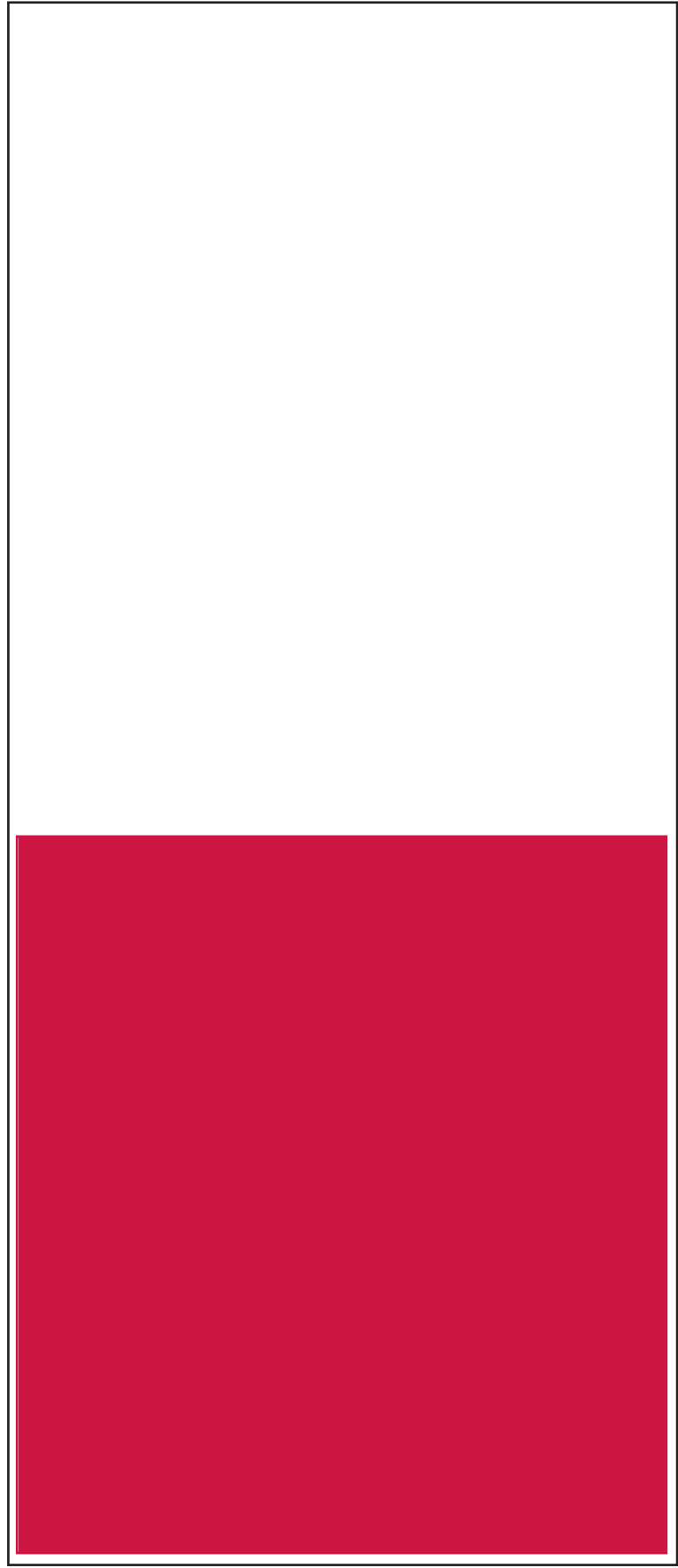
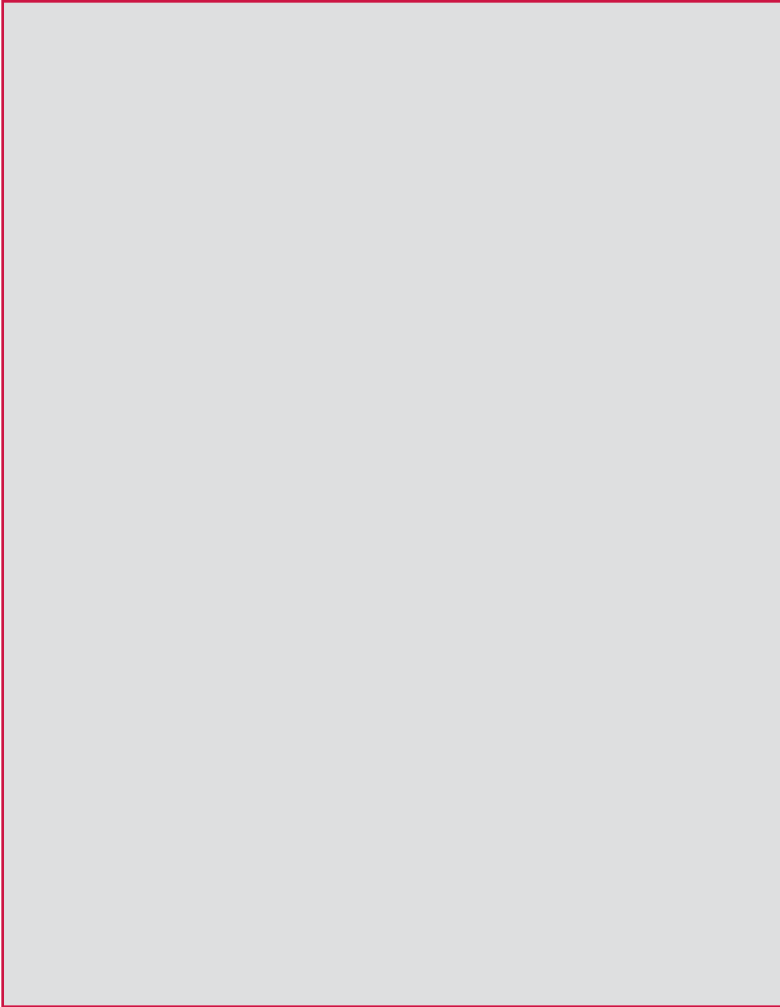
Despite their nerves of speaking in front of crowds, Valedictorian Virginia Dantis and Salutatorian Evan Kaplan gave excellent addresses to their peers. Evan urged, "We are all unique...become who you want to be." Virginia gave advice that included, "Thank everyone who helped you get here today...don't be afraid to try new things...and always remember the times we spent together."

Board President Ken Cronin distributed diplomas to each of the graduates. After the move of the tassels from left to right and the celebratory cap toss, the class left the field with many places to go.



# Congratulations Graduates

Jamielyn Abad	Tamoor Chaudry	Ralph Gallo	Michelle Leonardo	Michael O' Toole	Iram Shafiq
Michael Agosti	Cristin Ciaravino	Eric Gangi	Michael Lettenberger	Nikolette Odierno	Laura Sherman
Kevin Ahearn	Alisa Cipolla	Shawn Gao	Dylan Levesque	Lidia Orellana	Taylor Scinski
Laila Ahmad	Nicole Clarke	Jamie Garcia	Jillian Liebergall	Elyse Orski	Kaitlyn Siems
Kevin Alfieri	Samantha Clyne	Kathryn Garcia	Elizabeth Linz	Jonathan Otten	Stephen Simonetti
Brian Allmendinger	Leanza-Marie Cocco	Kailynn Gehringer	Amanda Little	Justin Ovalle	Ethan Smith
Michelle Alvarez	Maria Guadalupe Conde	Thomas Gianni	Amber Livoti	Lauren Padula	Trevor Smith
Victoria Amato	Nicholas Converso	Thomas Gisonna	Monica Lobo	Dina Palazzolo	Samantha Snyder
Nicolas Ancona	Tyler Conway	Erin Glynn	Anthony Lockwood	Adam Palumbo	Joseph Sousa
Briana Anderson	James Cook	Joseph Griffin	Lindsay Long	Andrew Pardo	Jake Spratley
Leah Arden	Jonathan Cooke	Jannine Guardiola	Samantha Lowe	Vincent Parisi	Stephen Stauffer
Frank Artura	Janelle Cooley	Matthew Guida	Alexia Lukken	Veronica Pasha	Nicholas Stiles
Gianna Artusa	Nicole Corriveau	Lynn Gustie	Mary Lycke	Victoria Pastrana	Michael Stitt
Nicole Aygar	Jack Coughlan	Christopher Guzzetta	Bryan Maddock	Rocco Pelosi	Edward Stock
Brett Baehr	Daniel Crochiere	Cathryn Haggerty-	Keith Madocks	Anthony Perry	Michael Strassburger
Alex Baier	Christian Cruz	Chessman	Leah Maguffin	Shannon Philbin	Nicole Stringer
Victoria Baio	Virginia Dantis	Elizabeth Hand	Kristina Maio	Caroline Phillips	Catherine Swezey
Joseph Barbato	Amanda DaSilva	Valerie Hardoon	Bryan Mangam	Dylan Polis	Matthew Taft
Brian Barclay	George Daskalothanassis	Ryan Harmer	Frank Mantell	Dominick Porcella	Annette Tekverk
Gregory Barnes-Acerra	David DellaVecchia	Ashley Helm	Christopher Marchese	Alex Portera	Ella Terry
Daniel Baroncelli	Danielle DeMario	Michael Higgins	Colin Maretsky	Philip Postiglione	Edward Terwilliger
Nicole Basile	Jennifer Derry	Brandon Hightower	Kristina Marinaro	Paige Pozzuto	Eric Thomesen
Nadine Beck	Raymond DeVecchis	Laura Hill	Elizabeth Marku	Marlon Pun	Nicole Timoney
Kerri Becvar	Frank DeVeglio	Danielle Hillebrand	Paige Marrero	Tyler Quick	Sarah Torelli
Tyler Begley	Matthew DiGiacomo	Taylor Hole	Nicholas Martin	Bridget Quinn	Deanna Torino
Kevin Behan	James DiGiovanna	Michael Holley	Robert Martin	Adam Ramadan	Elaina Tornincaso
Giavana Benedetto	Teresa DiMaggio	Cassandra Holliday	Lauren Martinez	Omar Rana	Emily Torres
Garrett Bernichon	Jessica Donnelly	Anna Hovestadt	Nicholas Mast	John Raynor	Devin Tracy
Christina Bilello	Racheal Donnelly	Amanda Hovland	Kevin Mavrich	Krystal Regan	Sarah Tryon
Timothy Bishop	Travis Driever	Katherine Hromadka	Alexis Mazza	Darrin Reilly	Edward Tuskan
Danielle Bochicchio	Kyle Echevarria	Robert Husfeldt	Stephen McCarroll	Hunter Reyes	Katharine Umbdenstock
Charles Bollenbach	Alicia Elliott	Dylan Hutchinson	Kristen McDermott	Donald Rice	Victoria Uruburu
Carl Bono	Makenzie Emerson	Kevin Hutchinson	Jennifer McGarity	Stephen Rieger	Jahn Usmani
Amanda Borbee	Tara Ernst	Lori Ilardi	Melissa McGrath	Kenneth Risco	Katelyn Vaiana
Michele Borbee	Eric Fackelman	Edward Ippilito	Shannon McGuickian	Alyssa Rivera	Frank Valva
Jonathan Bouza	Joseph Falcone	Robert Ippilito	Patrick McGuinness	Joseph Rizzo	Steven Vargas
Kirsten Brady	Neal Falcone	Erin Jacobsen	Keith McKenna	Kamil Roszkowski	Thomas Vecerina
Sarah Brady	Anthony Fanni	Jillian Jacobsen	John McLean	Mathew Roth	Darwin Velasquez
Adam Brigandi	Gerard Faraone	Michael Janover	Eric McMahan	Emilio Rovalino	Kimberly Ventiere
Kelsey Brotzman	Anthony Farino	Christopher Joyce	Brian Meditz	Krista Ruisi	Tara Ventimiglia
Hayley Brown	Dean Fatsis	Timothy Kaczynski	Joseph Mee	Philip Ruisi	Laura Vetter
Shannon Brown	Connor Faughnan	Ryan Kane	Paige Meehan	Megan Saliu	Anthony Visconti
Gregory Bryant	Kristen Feeney	Evan Kaplan	Matthew Meier	Anthony Sallemi	Aubrey Vollmuth
Gabriela Buffolino	Brittany Ferrara	Edward Karika	Valeria Mendez	Maureen Sallie	Thomas Volpe
Alexander Buksa	Andrew Ferremi	Connor Kelly	Christina Menis	Karen Sanchez	Brendan Ward
Jesse Busch	Reilly Ferrin	William Kelsey	Brittany Middlemiss	Ryan Sanders	Brittany Ward
Curtis Businski	Joseph Fischer	Carolyn Kenney	Jose Morales	Emily Sandino	Andrew Waterbury
Tania Cabrera Salazar	Julie Fishman	Keith Kirschenheiter	Rosanna Moran	Jessica Sanfilippo	Kevin Wendel
Jessica Calamusso	Frances Flancbaum	Kyle Knoth	Sara Morici	Ryan Sanford	Diana Wieland
Cody Caligiuri	Alison Fleece	Amanda Komulainen	Kaitlin Morris	Chelsea Sapienza	Nicholas Wilkinson
Marisa Caliguri	Kyle Flynn	Alexandra Kopsky	James Motsiff	Michael Scarola	Christina Wilson
Taylor Cammeyer	Dean Franciotti	Katelyn Koslosky	Bridget Murphy	Tyler Schaper	Victoria Wisdom
Nicole Camp	Jason Francisco	Joseph Lafata	Chad Murray	Jennifer Scharfschwerdt	Jeffrey Wong
Daniel Capone	Joseph Fremgen	Gina LaGrassa	Kelly Murray	Conrad Scheiber	Ian Wright
Thomas Carew	Zachary French	William Langman	Katherine Naccarato	Alex Schilling	Audrey Zamichow
Ryan Casey	Christopher Frey	Christopher Lau	Christina Narkon	Carly Schnitzer	Andres Zapata
Dylan Castronova	Tara Friel	Charles Lehner	Cody Negrón	William Schrader	Ken Zhang
Ryan Cavanaugh	James Frost	Christopher Leis	Colin O' Connor	Meghan Schreyer	
Brendan Cefalu	Caitlyn Fusco	Brittany Lemon	Matthew O' Connor	Louis Seda	
Paul Cefalu	Nicole Gabriel	Gabrielle Lemon	Thomas O' Neill	Christopher Seitz	
Edin Charuk	Nicole Gallagher	Brendan Lemp	Katelyn O' Reilly	Meghan Selzer	



## RUTH C. KINNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



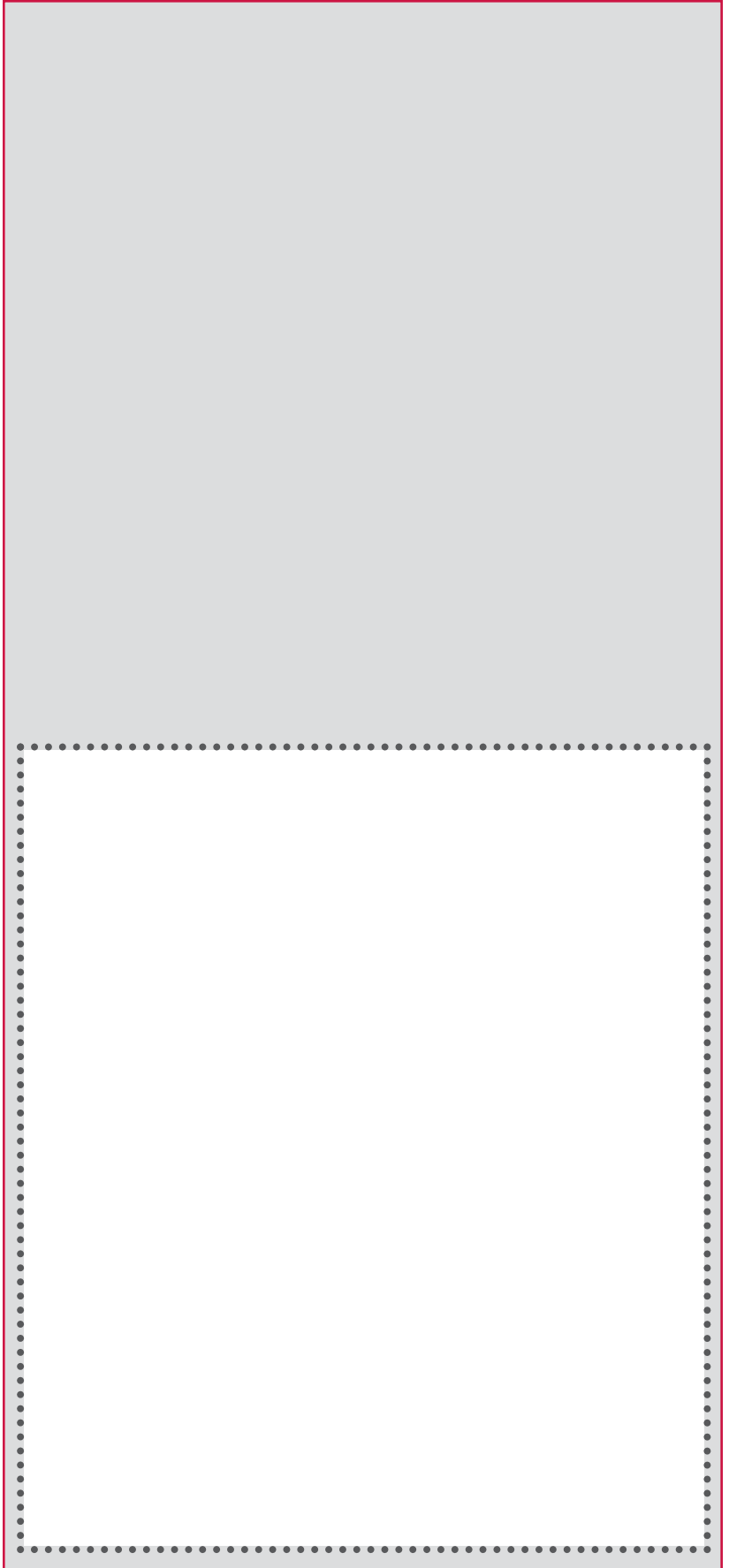
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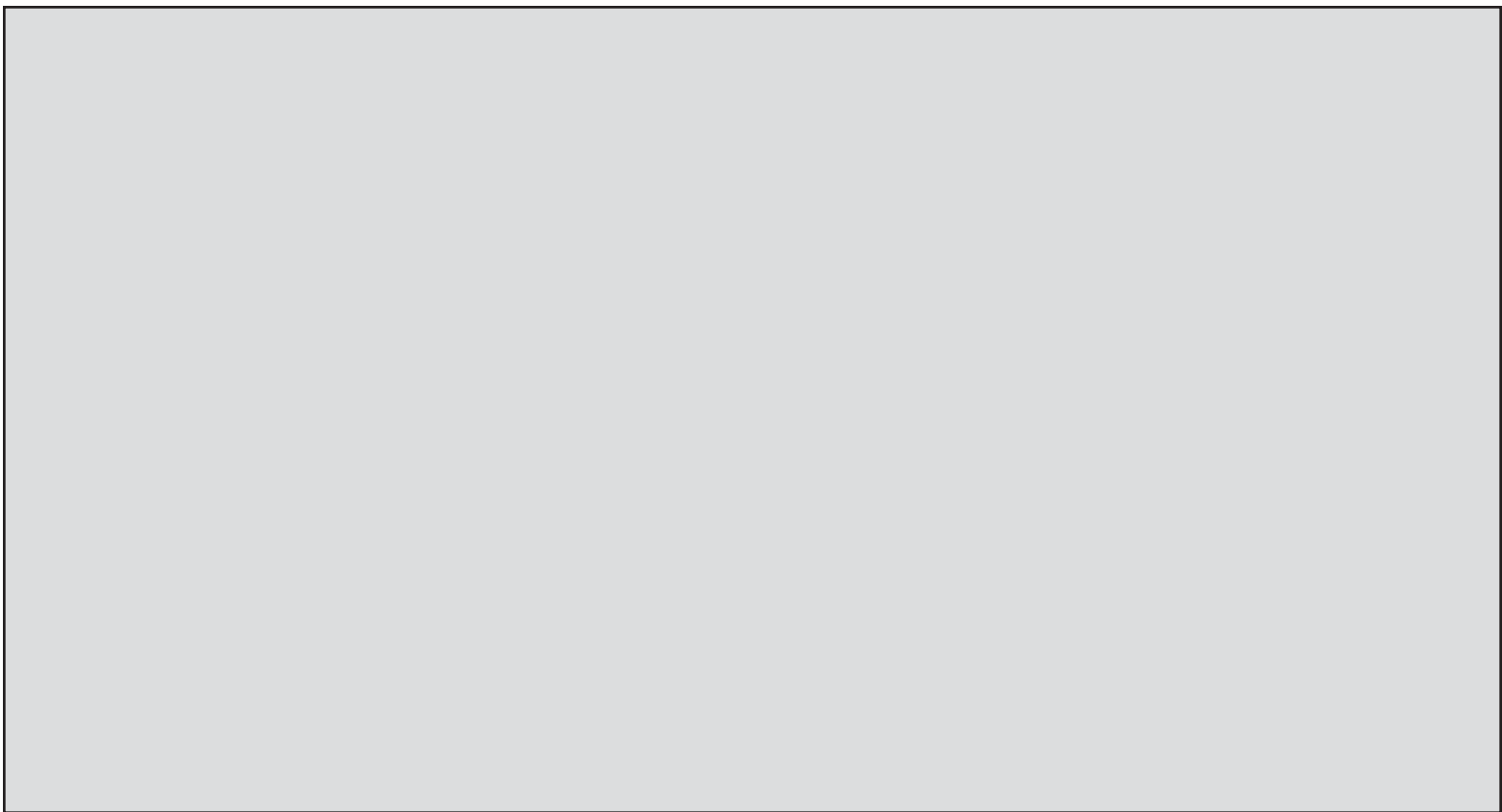
### *Cranes for A Cause*

After studying the culture of Japan and the tragic events that happened there recently, students at RCK wanted to help. Librarian Melanie Ash did some research and came across an organization, Students Rebuild, which was hosting a worldwide fundraiser for Japan through the production of origami cranes. Familiar with origami, Mrs. Ash used her library time with students to teach them the craft and the significance of the crane in Japanese culture. For each origami crane that students created, a \$2 donation was made to the Architecture for Humanity's reconstruction efforts in Japan.

The organization anticipated the receipt of more than 100,000 submissions from around the globe. Ruth C. Kinney, in conjunction with Connetquot Elementary School, created more than 1,000 cranes to put towards the efforts. "The kids were really interested in it," Mrs. Ash said of the unique fundraiser. In Japanese culture, one crane gives good luck for a year, but 1,000 cranes will make your wish come true. Students Rebuild plans to create an art installation with all of the cranes they received.

Fourth-grade students at RCK went back in time to the colonial period of 1565. Students donned typical colonial wear and established a mock village for their parents and peers to travel through and experience life from that time. All fourth graders took on a task from categories such as foods, household chores, toys/games, jobs and school to illustrate the reality of the time. For example, students created games that were played during the era from actual materials that would have been used. They then allowed fellow students touring the "village" to try their skills





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