Celebrating the People Behind the Numbers

2017 Student Achievement Report

“That reputation for academic excellence precedes us, at the local, national, and even international level,” shared Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Ted Cannone (right) as he introduced Garden City Public School’s 2017 Student Achievement Report (SAR) at the Board of Education’s December 4th Work Session.

The annual SAR, now in its eighth year, yields data that inform us of students’ performance over time. It guides the development and evaluation of goals, identifies patterns of strength and weakness, and makes visible how Garden City’s students’ performance compares to national, state, and local samples.

This year’s report varied from previous SARs in that the information was front-loaded. “Quantitative data tell you a lot about the state of a school district,” explained Dr. Cannone. Multiple charts and graphs were used to analyze college-readiness indicators including SAT and ACT results, Advanced Placement (AP), College Level, and Regents exam scores, and how Garden City’s students place within our comparator group.

The data report was followed by each content or building-level presenter telling the story of the people behind the results using collages of student photos. “The things that make [the results] happen are the students and families who are very, very motivated to achieve, and the professionals that help them reach that level,” said Dr. Cannone.

This year’s report, which is available in its entirety on the district website, revealed many impressive results. Listed below are just a few of the highlights:

- Garden City High School was named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education
- Schooldigger.com and U.S. News & World Report ranked our public high school as #1 and #2, respectively, on Long Island
- Of the Class of 2017, 91% now attend a four-year college
- SAT Mean Scores have risen 56 points in Critical Reading; and 38 points in Mathematics in just the past two years
- For the first time, more of our students took the ACTs than the SATs (colleges accept both; some do not require either)
- With 5 being the highest possible score, 85.4% of students who took the AP exams in May, 2017 received a score of 3 or higher; 49.8% received 4 or higher; and 21.3% received a perfect score
- More than half of the Class of 2017 took 7 or more AP and/or College-Level classes while at the high school
- A new Garden City record was achieved on AP exams with The College Board designating 74 Scholars with Honor for 2017
- Garden City tied with Jericho for the highest percentage of students earning a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

Dr. Cannone concluded the report by touching on future initiatives including creating a “20-20 Foresight” vision for the district, and continued support for Engineering and Robotics.


Superintendent Search Update

In its mission to seek out a new leader for Garden City Public Schools, the Board of Education was deeply involved in the Superintendent Search process during the month of December. The Board interviewed individual candidates presented by the district’s Executive Search Firm Consultants: Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA). This fall, the consultants sought top school leaders from across the nation, most being sitting superintendents, and based their recommended candidates to the Board on the Leadership Profile HYA developed from parent, staff, and community input. “We are happy to report that the initial and second round of interviews went very well,” stated Board President Angela Heineman. “We are looking forward to finalizing our selection in early 2018, and sharing the news of the selection of a new Superintendent of Schools with our entire community.”

Spreading Holiday Joy

Building character by attending to the needs of others is an integral part of student life in Garden City Public Schools. With deep gratitude to Garden City’s students, parents, and staff for their selfless generosity, included here are just a few highlights of the Holiday drives and special events that were held in all seven buildings this season: Homestead kindergarteners visited a local nursing home to sing Holiday songs (above). Multiple schools collected hundreds of gifts for the Toys for Tots program (right). All schools held various drives to benefit hurricane victims. At Stratford, fifth graders in Mrs. DiMartino’s class again “adopted” troops serving in Afghanistan, collecting sundry items and writing holiday messages of hope and thanks (below), and fifth graders from Kids Helping Kids organized a coat, hat, and glove drive for the Mary Brennan Inn. Stewart again held its Holiday Craft Fair with proceeds going to benefit several charities. Garden City Middle School kicked off its annual “GC Cares” program during which students can pursue community service projects in small teams.

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Garden City Public School’s 2018 Winter Program for Kids is offering exciting classes such as Lego Robotics, yoga, Zumba, and arts and crafts. Classes for students in grades K - 6 meet on Saturday mornings at the middle school. Meeting dates are as follows: January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, and March 3, 10, and 17 (no class on February 24; snow make-up 3/24). The catalog was sent home with each K-6 student and is also currently available online. Registration is by mail, or interested parents can register in person from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting January 8, 2018 in the Continuing Education Office, 56 Cathedral Avenue.

Parent University
All residents are invited to attend Garden City’s 2018 Parent University Thursday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Garden City High School. What is Parent University?

In its fourth year, Parent University is an evening set aside for parents and caregivers of children in grades Pre-K to 12 to participate in a series of workshops facilitated by area professionals and district personnel. The free workshops are sponsored by community organizations, including educators, to best reflect current topics and trends. It is an opportunity to sharpen parents’ skills as we work together to raise healthy, well adjusted, and successful children. Registration will be online only from January 3rd through January 24th. Childcare will be available for children ages 4 to 12. For more information, please contact the Parent University Team at: www.gardencitypu.com.

Community Support Services Fair
Please join us for the Fifth Annual Transition and Support Services Fair on Thursday, February 15th, 6 to 8 p.m. in the high school library. Meet with representatives from support agencies, learn about the roles of the social worker, children and adult services, and much more. Call 478-1500; 478-2035 for more information.

Snow Removal Reminder
Local law mandates that a property owner must clear his/her sidewalk within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall. Property owners whose property abuts a school bus stop must clear the area to ensure student safety.

Kindergarten Registration
Registration for all kindergarten-aged students entering school in September 2018, will be held at Hemlock School during Registration Week:
January 16 - 19, 2018
8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Please check the district website to access all the needed forms: www.gardencity.k12.ny.us, click on Parents, Registration Resources.

‘Tis the Season
Joyous Winter Festival Holiday Concerts took place across the district during the month of December. Parents and guests were treated to vocal and instrumental performances featuring Garden City’s K-12 talented young musicians!
What’s New in Our Schools?

There is always something new and exciting going on in classrooms across the district. Whether it’s learning ballroom dancing (top), discovering the world of augmented reality (center), or learning yoga and mindfulness (bottom), K-12 students are, by design, immersed in a robust, stimulating curriculum.

What students experience each day in the classroom is the result of careful, deliberate work by school leaders. While mandates from the state Education Department, such as implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards, drive some of the changes, much more is based on current research, data (national, state, and local), and the district’s outcome goals for each school year.

Led by the appropriate director or curriculum coordinator, each content area in the district’s educational program undergoes a rigorous five-year cycle of review. During Year 1 - the “Spotlight Year” - a comprehensive review of the curriculum takes place, from content to pedagogy. Focus is on unfolding the scope and sequence of the subject, i.e., how a student experiences the curriculum within the educational program and its efficacy as measured by local and state assessments. The department teams then make recommendations based on their findings.

In Years 2-5, departments conduct ongoing reviews of the recommendations, their implementation, and their effects. Periodic reports are given to the Board of Education with an eye to returning to a ‘Spotlight Year” when the cycle resets.

In the “Spotlight” this year is the district’s K-12 art curriculum. A comprehensive program that begins in Kindergarten and culminates with students having the option to take Studio Art Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Art (left) for college credit in high school, the curriculum offers a wealth of information and opportunities for skill development. “The Art Committee is collaboratively reviewing current teaching models and ensuring best practices in building college and career readiness at the high school level,” explained Dr. Nina Prasso, the district’s Music & Art curriculum coordinator. “The committee is also aligning the current curriculum with the new 2017 New York State P-12 Learning Standards for the Arts that are to be implemented in September, 2018.”

Holiday Giving

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Members of the National Junior Honor Society collected donations for the Child Life Program at Winthrop University Hospital, and conducted a fund raiser to benefit Cancer Center for Kids at Winthrop University Hospital’s Childhood Leukemia Research Program. At Garden City High School, students in the new “Maker Space” in the library media center learned to knit from Dr. Nina Prasso (left) to add small scarves to teddy bears bound for local children. Students also created bracelets to donate to “Reason to Smile,” a charity that builds schools for students in Kenya. The high school’s Gay-Straight Alliance Club (above) held a bake sale raising $300 for an organization involved in teen suicide prevention.

2018-2019
Budget Calendar

All meetings will be held at Garden City High School, 8-15 p.m.

February 6: Budget Work Session #1: Overview of Superintendent’s Budget and Revenues

February 13: Regular Board Meeting; Budget Work Session #2: All Non-Instructional Areas/Administrative and Capital Components

March 13: Budget Work Session #3: Instructional Components I

March 20: Regular Board Meeting; Budget Work Session #4: Instructional Components II

April 11: Work Session #5: Additional Budget Review (if needed)

April 17: Regular Board Meeting; District Budget Adoption

May 8: Work Session; Budget Hearing

May 15, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.: Budget Vote and Board Election

Super LAC & School Security

Leaders of the joint Legislative Affairs Committees of Garden City, Manhasset, and North Shore school districts, known as the “Super LAC,” began their advocacy work this fall with an eye toward supporting legislation that would modify NYS law to allow public school districts the option to decline local boards of election designating public schools as polling locations. There is currently no legal mechanism in NYS for a public school to “opt out” of being used as a polling place.

On Election Day, an altercation took place at Homestead between a voter and a poll worker that required police action. Trustee Bob Martin explained the incident in public session at the December 14th Board Meeting. Fortunately, this past Election Day was Parent-Teacher Conferences and the conferences had concluded when the incident took place. “This was a wake-up call,” said Trustee Martin. “We believe there is a danger.” Martin explained that the Super LAC will be sending letters to local and state leaders to support proposed legislation that would provide schools an “opt out” option.

The district has spent thousands of dollars on security measures and training of staff to ensure that students are safe. Yet, on days when polling takes place, “our doors are open to anyone who presents themselves as a registered voter,” Martin stated.

With school security an ongoing concern, the Board approved a comprehensive security audit by an outside agency at the December meeting for the purposes of analyzing systems currently in place in the district in order to maximize their efficacy. Superintendent Groveman, an expert in the field of school security, explained that the district has been working with the Village Police to provide access to the district’s security cameras in case of an emergency.
This fall, Garden City High School music and art students achieved at the highest levels (clockwise from the top left): Dr. Nina Prasso, coordinator of Music & the Arts (left), is pictured with 2017 All-National Mixed Choir Honor Ensemble’s Alexis Grace Spera (alternate), and Rose Kelly, with music teacher Mr. Stephen Mayo; Mr. Mayo is pictured with senior Annalise LoBiondo (left) and junior Elizabeth Fetherston who were selected to perform at the Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall in February, 2018; Long Island Scholar Artist Alan Jian (music) and Award of Merit winner Kaylah Bozkurtian (art) are pictured with art teacher Shawn Uttendorfer and Dr. Prasso at the Scholar Artist Opening Reception in September; GCHS’s Marching Band captured 2nd place in the NYS competition; 2017 All-State students are pictured with music teachers Dr. James McCrann and Mr. Stephen Mayo (back row): Alexis Grace Spera, Alan Jian, Rose Kelly, Liam Dougherty, Brandon Gong; (front row) Amanda Nastasi, Stephen Iovino, Seunmgin Woo, and Margaret Chiang with music teacher Mrs. Margaret Gullotta, and Dr. Prasso.

Additionally, a record 91 young Garden City musicians were selected as Nassau County All-County Musicians to perform at the Tilles Center in January, 2018:


Stratford: Luciana Ciccone, Giana DeVito, Gracie Krawiec, Abigail Jesberger, Julia LoPiccolo, Margaret Grace Narula, and Emma Reis.

Middle School: Tyler Barbaro, Rebecca Barry, Abigail Benzing, Brendan Bohn, Jack Brita, Ellie Cohen, Andrew Cresciuillo, Molly Dougherty, Sophie Ergo, Bianca Frascogna, Sophia French, Maria Gaztanaga, Ryan Glenn, Tyler Glenn, Eric Hartmann, Lauryn Holzkamp, Lia Labate, Corinne Lafont, Victoria Liu, Mary Kate Logler, Ethan Melgar, Aidan Metz, Emma Nagler, James Nagler, Lauren Persaud, Kevin Roberti, Avery Ross, Daniel Vasquez, Aidan Wu, and Jimmy Zheng.

High School: Lara Abruzzo (Band & Chorus), Constantina Bassias, Julia Bedeian, Olympia Van Blenis, Abigail Brita, Jeanne Butler, Margaret Chiang, Sarah Colletti, Alexandra Davidson, Elizabeth Derridian, Julia DiCaprio, Liam Dougherty, Caroline Feryo, Elizabeth Fetherson, Sarah Fetherson, Matthew Fiore, Audra Fitzgerald, Caroline Flanagan, Eva Gaberlavage, Ellen Gaine, Emma Gardner, Brandon Gong, Stephen Iovino, Alan Jian, Marybeth Kane, Rose Kelly, Ella Labate, Morgan Lafont, Annalise LoBiondo, Molly Madigan, Rebecca Melkonian, Grant Molloy, Emily Moody, Ryan Murphy, Amanda Nastasi, Nicholas Rovelli, Paige Sanossian, Cate Schick, Alexis Grace Spera, Paul Stein, Grace Taylor, Garret Treanor, Robert Treanor, Mina Wu, and Sarah Wu.

Achievements in Music:

- All-National
- Carnegie Hall
- All-State
- LI Scholar Artists
- NYS Second Place

High School: Wendy Tang (10), pencil, marker, watercolor. Students in Ms. Denise Holz’s Studio Art 1 art classes used images of pencils in creative ways. “For my artwork, I used pencils to fill the tail of the peacock; it’s regular, but irregular,” said young artist Wendy Tang. “I also used gradient colors to make the work more colorful.”

Middle School: Benjamin Kaiserman (8), pencil. Students in Mrs. Lori Biondi’s class created a series of “blind” contour drawings to prepare themselves to draw a self-portrait from observation. “They used a mirror, but were not allowed to look at their paper as they were drawing,” said Mrs. Biondi. “Afterwards, students were able to look at their paper and incorporate contour line drawing and proportion in order to capture a likeness.”

Stratford: Michaela Molgano (4), mixed media: printmaking, watercolor. “Fourth grade students stepped into the role of architect as each designed his/her own cities,” shared art teacher Ms. Ashley Howard. “Each student created beautiful city landscapes and reflections through the process of printmaking. Along with their city reflections, students created brochures to invite tourists to visit their created cities!”

Homestead (above): Evan Persaud (K), collage. “Using Mondrian’s famous abstract paintings as inspiration, our artists created their own compositions using bold, primary colors,” stated art teacher Ms. Nicole Leyland.

Locust (left): Kieran Moon (K), paint, paper. “Students studied pine trees and created their own winter landscapes,” said Ms. Leyland.
Performance & Presentation: Creative Spirits Soar Across the District

High School: Mary Foxen (10), colored pencil. “This distorted self-portrait project was done by the Studio Art 2 students,” explained art teacher Ms. Amanda Marino. “The students studied the history of the self-portraits, each artist’s use, and the level of distortion throughout their work.”

High School: Deanna Turner (9), pencil. “Students selected an image and used the grid system to create their drawings,” said teacher Mr. Dennis Fediw. “They then used each section as an opportunity to experiment with mark-making. Students also were asked to focus on value.”

High School: Paige Accetta (12), photography. “Paige manages to capture beautiful moments in time full of joy and emotion with her photography,” said photography teacher Mr. Jason Karp.

Middle School: Megan Riggers (?), oil pastel. “The drawings created by seventh grade art students were based on the cave drawings of Lascaux,” explained art teacher Mr. Joe Wilkinski. “The students used oil pastel to create animals like those that so inspired our ancestors. They did accurate drawings and showed excellent use of value. I am proud of the students’ hard work!”

Middle School: Tyler Glenn (8), marker. Students in Ms. Torie Zimmerman’s art classes at the middle school created abstract portraits utilizing principles of color theory. Tyler commented: “Every person’s inspiration in their artwork reflects who they are.”

Middle School: Xia (Hank) Han (12), pencil. “The project was to create a dynamic portrait that challenged the traditional ideas of a portrait,” said Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Art teacher Mr. Shawn Uttendorfer. “I think Hank made great choices in framing the face with negative space and line.”

High School: Sarah McDonald (12), acrylic. “This is a beautiful approach to painting a portrait,” said Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Art teacher Mr. Shawn Uttendorfer. “Sarah is trying to push herself outside of the traditional methods of rendering by adding color with blocking strokes, much like the technique used by French Post-Impressionist painter Paul Cezanne.”

Hemlock: Peyton Miller (1), collage. “Our first grade artists prepared for the winter season by producing artwork inspired by Ezra Jack Keats’ children’s story, The Snowy Day,” said Ms. Leyland. “Each student created a nighttime snowy landscape illuminated by the moon and included his/her own photograph. The first graders learned about value by mixing tints (adding white) and shades (adding black).”

Ms. Melissa Pashayan. “The concept focuses on the interaction between positive and negative space, a relationship embodied in the ancient symbolism of the Yang and the Yin, and the interaction between the positive and the negative spaces represented by the dark and light contrasting paper.”

Stewart: Michael Tusiani-Eng (5), paper. “For this project, we discussed the origin of the Japanese word ‘Notan’ (meaning dark-light),” explained art teacher
GC Teams Capture Long Island Titles - Again!

Capping off its second consecutive undefeated season, Trojan Football won the Long Island Class II Championship with a 24-6 victory over North Babylon on November 24th before a packed stadium at Hofstra University. The jubilant team held the coveted trophy high as hundreds of GC fans cheered them on.

On December 6th, the team celebrated again at the 52nd Nassau County Gridiron Banquet as the team and coaching staff accepted the prestigious Rutgers Cup for the second year in a row. Head Coach Dave Ettinger (left, coaching players during the Class II finals) was named Nassau County Coach of the Year by NCHSFLCA. Senior Andrew DeSantis was named Athlete of the Week by Newsday on December 8th.

On November 1st, the Varsity Field Hockey team captured its fifth consecutive Long Island Championship. “We are so proud of the girls for a successful season culminating with a win in the Long Island Championship,” explained assistant coach Janet Rogler. “Our season ended with a loss to long-time rival Lakeland High School, but we are anxious to rebound and compete for the New York State Title in 2018!” Congratulations to Liana McDonnell, Jennifer Madjid, and Kylie Tierney for being named All State players, and Liana McDonnell for being named to Newsday’s All Long Island First Team and Ella Heaney to Newsday’s All Long Island Second Team. Liana McDonnell was also named All Region All American by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association.

Boys Soccer captured the Long Island Championship over Hauppauge High School on November 5th at Mitchell Field. “Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Paul Cutter was selected as Newsday’s Nassau County Coach of the Year after leading his team to the Long Island Championship and advancing to the NYSPHSAA Soccer Semi-Finals,” said Athletic Director Dawn Cerrone. “A well-deserved honor!” Sophomore William Castoro was named to Newsday’s All Long Island Second Team. Rounding out the season, Girls Varsity Swimming & Diving (far left) captured its 19th consecutive Nassau County Championship with Gabriella Meringolo, Melody Pompay, Elizabeth Fetherston, Mia Bonvissuto, Katie Lew, Lauren Kuzma, and Sophia Boccia named All Long Island. The Boys Golf team (center) earned the Conference title, Marcus Garcia and Alexandra Hildreth were named Nassau Zone Physical Education Winners (near left), and senior Julia Beckmann (right) was named Newsday’s Nassau County Player of the Year for Girls Varsity Volleyball.

This fall, 18 Garden City High School seniors committed to play sports at his/her future college. Pictured at left wearing his/her future college jerseys are (front row, left to right): Delany Comerford, Julia Beckmann, Deanna Weisenburger, Michael Handal, Robert Lucano, Cole Dutton, Tyler Wuchte, Kyle Steinbach, and Liam Muldoon; (back row) Rose Kelly, Megan Slovensky, Jennifer Medjid, Alexa Pyatsky, Gabriella Meringolo, Kerry McHugh, Kevin McNiff, James Buckley, and Edward Dolan.
National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
On November 7th, Garden City High School’s Principal Nanine McLaughlin accepted a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School award in Washington, D.C. on behalf of the school district. GCBS was one of only five schools on Long Island to receive the award as an “Exemplary High Performing School.” This year, a total 342 schools from across the nation were recognized by the U.S. Department of Education at the Gala Blue Ribbon Ceremony.

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists
Three Garden City High School students were named Semifinalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship competition. Pictured above with Principal McLaughlin (left) are (front row, left to right) Brandon Gong, Jack McKernan, and Julia Choi with (back row) guidance counselors Karen Whiston, Patrick Doyle, and Jeanne Kennedy. Twenty-nine GCHS students have been named as Semifinalists since 2009.

National Broadcom MASTERS & National 3M Young Scientist
Garden City Middle School science research student Austin Crouchley was selected as one of 30 National Broadcom MASTERS and one of 10 National 3M Young Scientists for his solar energy device. Austin competed in Minnesota in the 3M Discovery Science Finals (above) and in Washington, D.C. (Broadcom) in October. As a result of Austin being named a Broadcom MASTERS Finalist, GCMS will receive a $1,000 award to support STEM education at the middle school.

Emerging Business Leaders
Teams of students from Garden City High School attended the 15th Annual Emerging Leaders Business Competition held at St. Joseph’s College on November 28th. Pictured above with teacher Dr. Erin McKinstry (far right) are (seated, left to right): Caroline Feryo, Katerina Van Noy, Colleen Maclay, Lauren Hagan; (standing, left to right): Margaret Chiang, Alexandra Michael, Maria Neuheledel, Chase Gladd, and T.J. Schmitt. Absent from photo: Alana Brown, Kieran Brown, and Jalen Hinck.

Prudential Spirit of Community
Ten GCHS students were recently named as 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community winners. Pictured with guidance counselors Karen Whiston and Jim Malone (back, left), Natasha Khan and Tim Casale (back, right) and Director of Guidance Gina Christel (front, right) are (front row, left to right) Julia Fornasar, Lana Hess, Sarah Lane, and John Protano; (back row, left to right) Grace Kelly, Marybeth Kane, Emma Van Dyke, George Germano, Aidan Padala (advanced to state level). Absent from photo: Matthew Spirakis.
GC’s Superstar Achievers

Nassau Region PARP Award
Locust Principal Dr. Jean Ricotta (right) and former Locust PTA Director Donna Krauss (center) recently accepted the 2017 New York State Nassau Region level award at the annual PTA Convention held in early November in Niagara Falls for the school’s “Pick a Reading Partner” (PARP) “Blast Off to Reading” program. Each PTA Region chooses one outstanding program to be judged by NYS PTA members.

Adelphi Leadership Prize
Ten Garden City High School seniors were awarded the 2017 Adelphi Prize for Leadership. Pictured here with Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ted Cannone (left) and Principal Nanine McLaughlin (right): (front row, left to right) Caroline Rieger, Seungmin Woo, Jessica Pedone, Hope Kelly, and Caroline Madigan; (back row) Alexandra Hildreth, Kaylah Bozkurtian, John O’Hare, Layne Meyer, and Maximilian Schwenk.

Photography Prize
Congratulations to Garden City High School senior Abby Paisley, pictured here with photography teacher Mr. Jason Karp, for winning first place and a $100 gift certificate in Garden City News’ Photo and Essay Contest. Abby’s beautiful hand-tinted photo (shown in the upper right corner above) was featured in the 2017 “Guide to Garden City” along with other winners’ photos and the first place essay.

Fall Champions
GCHS departments each nominate a student to honor as a “Champion” - a student who exemplifies hard work, dedication, and kindness. The following were highlighted this fall (left to right): Jacqueline Andreuzzi, Connor Cowie, Mia Bonvissuto, Miranda Griffith, Kelly Hollis, Elizabeth Fullhardt, Grace DeAngelo, Jake Watson, Vincent Aversa, Brandon Gong, Marykate Saunders, Colin McVicar, and Principal McLaughlin.

8X Target Field Trip Grant Recipient
Congratulations and many thanks to Locust teacher Millie Joyce for capturing a Target Field Trip Grant for the eighth consecutive year. “This grant will again pay for the entire first grade to visit the Queens Zoo in the spring,” said Locust Principal Jean Ricotta. “Each year the science curriculum comes to life as students have up-close encounters with animals they study in their natural habitats,” shared Mrs. Joyce.

“Spelling Bee” a Huge Success!
This fall, Garden City High School presented the hilarious musical, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,” to 1,200 attendees lucky enough to see the Broadway-worthy performances. On November 16th, senior citizen residents were treated to a free buffet dinner by the Garden City Teachers’ Association followed by a special show preview. Photos are now available on the high school website.