In a community that traces its origins back 377 years, Seaford has a long and rich history, and the schools have been an integral part of that history. Children were once educated in a one-room schoolhouse, then a two-room schoolhouse, and finally in six schools at the District’s peak enrollment during the Baby Boom era.

From Jerusalem Avenue to the Great South Bay, residents of all ages are filled with “Seaford Pride,” whether they have lived in the community since birth or moved in later to raise a family. There is a great connection to the town that originated as a result of Captain John Seaman’s land purchase. Appropriately, Seaford High School is located on Seaman’s Neck Road.

School-age children begin their education at Manor School in the north and Harbor School in the south, and of course they then come together in sixth grade at Seaford Middle School. “Seaford Pride” is visible throughout the middle and high school, from the Vikings mural on the back of Seaford Middle School overlooking the football field, to the high school’s Renaissance entrance. The main hallway at Seaford High School features the group picture of every graduating class since the inaugural Class of 1958.

Even today, the schools remain the focal point of the community. The District, in cooperation with the Seaford 9/11 Memorial Committee, hosts one of the largest gatherings on Long Island each year at Seaford High School.

The school-community partnerships are many. Musical ensembles perform at the Historical Society’s Fall Festival and the Wellness Council’s Hot Chocolate Run. The District partners with the Lions Club for the annual blood drive. The Wellness Council hosts activity night for middle school students, and Seaford High School’s Student Council receives generous donations from many residents for its annual Thanksgiving food and holiday toy drives.

“Seaford Pride is much more than just a slogan,” Superintendent Dr. Adele V. Pecora said. “It is realized by the caring and giving actions of our teachers, students, administrators, parents and staff that results in a unique feeling of belonging which is woven into the fabric of the entire Seaford community.”

Board of Education President, Bruce Kahn, sees Seaford as a place where people look out for each other and are always ready to help a neighbor in need, which was most evident after Superstorm Sandy. It’s a place where people come out to celebrate their “Seaford Pride,” lining the streets for the Memorial Day and Homecoming parades.

“It’s about the community coming together,” he said. “The Homecoming parade, football games – people whose children graduated 15, 20 years ago still come back.”

Students are celebrated for all their unique talents in academics, the arts, athletics, community service and more. From the spelling bee champions to the school musicals to high school graduation, it is all a reflection of our “Seaford Pride.”
CAREY JEAN BLOCK
Seventh Grade, Seaford Middle School
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EMILY FAGAN
Junior, Seaford High School
“Seaford Pride is the community getting together as one and knowing that we’re all a team. I love going to a school where everyone is so close.”

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**PostEr contEst WinnErs**

Students from the elementary schools were recognized in the Seaford Lions Club Community Blood Drive annual poster contest. First and second prizes were awarded.

Seaford Manor School: Sam Englert and Trinity Bergen (kindergarten), Madison Rainey and Alessandra Maresca (first grade), Brielle Garcia and Mary Bevan (second grade), Liam Fox and Kara Hoehn (third grade), Nicholas Altman and Bella Doering (fourth grade) and Carrie Cassarello and Sabatina Saleta (fifth grade).

Seaford Harbor School: Sofia Cadena and Jack Hunter (kindergarten), Mya Gallagher and Alexa Miller (first grade), Abigail Roth and Emma Bremen (second grade), Anthony Zanazzi and Leah Conklin (third grade), Grace Cullingford and Anna Cadena (fourth grade) and Madeline Ulzheimer and Allie Agostino (fifth grade).

**Middle school sciEncE Fair**

Seaford Middle School students were recognized for their outstanding work in the school science fair. The young scientists worked independently or with partners, exploring a wide variety of scientific concepts. The winners were:

- **STEM** – First Place: Jackie Bodycomb and Ella Tietz (eighth grade); Second Place: Megan Reder and Kylie Siverstein (seventh grade); Third Place: Carey Jean Block and Joanna Bello (seventh grade)
- **Grade 7** – First Place: Emily Richardson; Second Place: Nadia Matos and Rachel Schnaier; Third Place: Lilli Dobbin
- **Grade 8** – First Place: Justin Cettina and Ryan D’Orio; Second Place: Jackie Bodycomb

Additionally, Nadia and Rachel won first place in the 22nd annual Science Fair Competition, hosted by the Nassau Community College Honors Program, on March 7. They were recognized for their project, “The Effect of Climate Change on Sea Life.”

**ATHLETIC AchiEvEMEnts**

The boys varsity bowling team, in an undefeated season during conference play, won its third Nassau County championship. Joe Ledesky and Joe Gallagher earned All-League honors, Casey Fjellstad was All-League and Jason Donovan was All-Conference.

The girls varsity bowling team was undefeated in conference play and won their third Nassau County championship. Paige Donovan, Hailey Galison and Melissa Mele earned All-League honors and Allie MacLean was All-League.

Several winter track members were conference champions, including Sarah Keane (1,500- and 3,000-meter races), Jason Linzer (1,000-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter races), Al Munro (high jump), Anthony Munro (55 hurdles) and Ashley Sidoti (55 hurdles). Jason finished third in New York State in the 3,200-meter race and also won the Nassau County Outstanding Distance Runner award.

The wrestling team ranked second in the division and placed second in the individual county tournament. Nick BRAND, Nick DiCanio, Jack Godoy, Nick Luciano, Tom Lynch, Jake Murphy, Brendan O’Hagan, Pat Quinn, Vito Valentino and Andrew Volpe earned All-County honors, and Matt Bertram, Dennis Lynch and James Rappa were All-Conference.

**SCOPE aWards**

Four Seaford school community members were honored by SCOPE Educational Services:

- Administrator Service Award: Scott Bersin, principal of Seaford High School.
- Board Service Award: Natalie Pedisich, trustee of the Board of Education.
- Teacher Service Award: Wendy Maddalena, a math teacher at Seaford High School.
- Support Staff Service Award: Cathy McKenna, a clerical worker at Seaford Middle School.