Teachers Pitch In to Help Beautify Mount Kisco

On a misty May morning last spring, donning gloves and toting trash bags, Bedford Teachers’ Association members along with five Fox Lane High School seniors picked up litter along Main Street and Moore Avenue in Mount Kisco. Working in partnership with the Village of Mount Kisco’s Beautification Committee, the BTA adopted these streets to beautify in preparation for Mount Kisco’s annual Memorial Day Parade. Pictured above, are Carol Bisbano, WPES, Jennifer Tully, MKES, Adam Yuro, FLHS and Andrew Weidman, FLMS, along with several FLHS seniors, who helped in the clean up.

FOX LANE HS ART STUDENTS AID IN HISTORICAL RESTORATION PROJECT

Three Fox Lane High School art students recently participated in the initial photographic documentation of the restoration of the cemetery adjoining the Bedford Historical Society, “The Old Burying Grounds”.

Stephanie Hon, a sophomore enrolled in Photo 1, Elie Andersen, a junior enrolled in Advanced Photography 3, and Colleen McNamee, a senior enrolled in Advanced Photography 4, volunteered to spend the morning of September 26, 2009 photographing the beginning of this undertaking.

Art teacher Jody Chadwick and photography teacher Stephanie Poggi-Sanfelice, FLHS, joined the students as they photographed the cleaning and straightening of the tombstones, as well as the natural beauty of the cemetery. The Bedford Town Historian, John Stockbridge, contacted the school about this great opportunity to partner with the community to restore the oldest cemetery in Bedford. The FLHS Art students are excited to be a part of a continuing project that focuses on the enhancement of our town’s history for the benefit of future generations.

President’s Message

The mission of the Bedford Teachers’ Association is dedicated to ensuring the most productive instructional conditions for teachers and the best possible learning opportunities for our students. As educators, we recognize the need to maintain and build a healthy and meaningful relationship with the community we serve. We believe that communication between parents and teachers creates an atmosphere of cooperation and a unity of purpose that ensures the highest level of achievement for our students.

Sincerely,
Adam H. Yuro
President, Bedford Teachers’ Association
All I Need is a Pencil, Paper and a Canoe...

English teacher Dave Albano, FLHS, believes in getting his students into their element for writing. So, for the new Philosophy of the Wild literature course, Dave gets his students outside, touching and thinking about all the possible ways they can make sense of their interactions with the natural world. One of the most exciting ways he does this is by field trip. The class paddles the Housatonic River and hikes Anthony’s Nose in the Bear Mountain area. Throughout the trips, students make observations about ecology, geology and other natural phenomena. Students recognize this as a new genre that allows scientific observation to be integrated into creative writing. These observations intertwine the joy of being outside with the act of writing and then later emerged in the naturalist essays they wrote. “I was blissfully amazed at their ability to find fun in the gray and wet of that day,” reports Dave of their canoe trip.

THE BTA IS MAKING STRIDES AGAIN

The Bedford Teachers’ Association, sponsored by NYSUT, participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Manhattanville College, Purchase NY on a rainy Sunday morning, Oct.18, 2009. Friends and family met at the NYSUT tent before the event began and “Nurse Liz” Pezanowski, FLHS, BTA Making Strides Coordinator led the collection call by collecting close to $900 in donations, so making a difference in the fight against breast cancer could continue.