

Middle School English The Tops

This past fall, the eighth grade team from Manhasset Middle School's English Department was honored by the New York State English Council. The team received a "Program of Excellence" award. This award is presented to exemplary English Language Arts programs, which support creative instruction and learning, and that have been in place for at least three years.

The award was presented in Albany at the 64th annual Conference of the

New York State English Council, a professional association of educators in English Studies, Literacy and Language Arts.

In addition to receiving this prestigious award, given to only six programs in New York State, the eighth grade team was invited to present at the organization's annual conference. The title of their presentation was "Exploring Character Development with Charles Dickens and the Common Core."



From left: District Coordinator-English Dr. Patrick O'Reilly and teachers Eric Shapiro, Lori Pellegrino, and Leslie Skolnik.



Celebrating Earth Day

Munsey Park students participated in Planet Manhasset's "Recycled Art" contest to celebrate Earth Day this year. Students created outstanding and imaginative projects... a fish tank, Easter basket, robot to name a few! One winner was picked from each grade and received a prize from Planet Manhasset. Their projects were put on display in school for all to enjoy. Contest winners are pictured with Dr. Kendall, Principal, and Mrs. Dessi from Planet Manhasset in alphabetical order: Angeline Caamano, Ruby Cacioppo, Jack Croce, Emma Dessi, Lily Kauftheil, Maria Roditis, Paul Roditis, Yianni Roditis and James Rowa.

Gift And Give Back

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In search of a unique Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation or Teacher's gift? During the month of May, shop at wit & whim of Port Washington, an eclectic gift store carrying vintage, contemporary, Americana and global fair trade gift items. Each month, wit & whim chooses a charity to donate 100 percent of profits to and in May, Manhasset CASA will be the beneficiary.

Wit & whim will host a reception for Manhasset CASA on Tuesday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to kick off the promotion. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Shop owner Laurie Scheinman stated, "The need for organizations like Manhasset CASA is increasingly important due to the struggles kids and young adults face every day with drugs and alcohol."

Since 2001, Manhasset CASA has existed in the Manhasset community as a resource to reduce the illegal,



From left: Michelle Selby, Manhasset CASA volunteer, Laurie Scheinman, owner of wit & whim, and Caryn Sawyer, executive director of Manhasset CASA.

underage use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among young people. CASA strives to reach youth before they get into trouble by connecting parents, school, community and youth as partners in this common goal.

Wit & whim is located at 6 Carlton Ave. in Port Washington. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



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