

Around Manhasset Schools

Manhasset Elementary Schools: Great Body Shop Overview *Teachers and Principals Give Presentation to Parents*

The Great Body Shop Comprehensive Health Curriculum was the topic of discussion at a recent Joint SCA meeting hosted at the Shelter Rock School. Classroom teachers from both Munsey Park and Shelter Rock Elementary Schools, along with their principals, provided parents with an in-depth presentation of the district-wide curriculum that is having a positive impact on children's health attitudes, knowledge and behavior. The presentation outlined how the Great Body Shop provides the most reliable and up-to-date information for students and their families.

Aligned to state and national standards for health education as well as the Healthy People 2010 initiative, "The Great Body Shop" is being taught by classroom teachers, kindergarten through sixth-grade. The heart of The Great Body Shop is its student issues. During the four weeks that a unit is being taught, each student has their own personal copy to study at school, which then goes home where it becomes a family health resource.

The monthly parent bulletins are sent home by each classroom teacher to inform parents about the things their children will be learning that month. It also includes suggested family reading materials, helpful family websites and information directed to parents to enhance and support the classroom learning.

As parents are the primary educators



Standing left to right: Dr. Jean Kendall, principal, Munsey Park Elementary School; Stephanie Gervino, fourth grade teacher, Munsey Park Elementary School; Meg Blank, fourth grade teacher, Munsey Park Elementary School; Margaret Griffith-Miles, third grade teacher, Shelter Rock School; Christine Chiu, first grade teacher Shelter Rock School; Robert Geczik, Principal, Shelter Rock School. Seated, left to right: Tricia Cash, Manhasset SCA President, Munsey Park Elementary School; Mary Jane Reilly, Manhasset SCA President, Shelter Rock School.

for children when it comes to health and safety, the Great Body Shop enables parents and teachers to work together

and builds a strong partnership between home and school by taking this dual approach to health education curriculum.

Inside North Hempstead History

By Joan G. Kent, Town Historian

Nassau Hospital, founded in 1896 in Mineola was Long Island's first voluntary hospital, and was the only major hospital in North Hempstead, until North Shore Hospital in Manhasset went up in 1951.

In 1897, Nassau admitted 91 patients, performed 27 operations, and reported two births and eight deaths. The nearest competition was Flushing Hospital, founded in 1884. (It wasn't until 1921 that the hospital in Glen Cove opened.) Many children from North Hempstead had their tonsils removed in Mineola in the '20s and early '30s when the operation was deemed almost as important as a small pox vaccination. It soon outdrew Flushing as the place for North Hempstead people to seek help. The much sought after private rooms had maple furniture and often, private duty nurses in starched white uniforms.

The year after construction began on North Shore Hospital, ground was broken for Long Island Jewish Hospital in New Hyde Park. In September 1952 the framework was up. In 1953 volunteers launched a campaign to raise funds to complete the project. It is unlikely that the founders of North Shore or LIJ envisioned a future when the two would join to become one of the largest hospital systems in the country.

Nassau Hospital was renamed Winthrop University Hospital in the 1980s, and is now a 591-bed university-affiliated medical center. In 2007 it provided inpatient care for 34,773 men, women and children; chronicled over 4,529 births and logged 56,625 emergency visits.

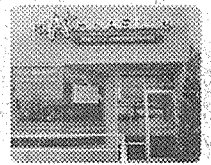
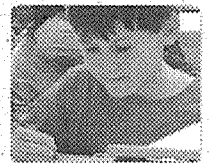
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