

# Around Our Schools



The CP senior BOTC Team gets ready to battle it out with the rest of the grades.

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On March 2, Carle Place High School hosted its fifth annual Battle of the Classes, Battling for a Cause (BOTC). BOTC is an event that encourages spirited competition among the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors while raising money for charitable causes in our community. Officers of the student organization and Key Club, along with BOTC chairs have spent the past four months organizing and preparing for the big night.

This year the Student Organization and Key Club chose to raise funds for Gracie Sweet, a 2-year-old little girl with an inoperable brain tumor. Gracie is the daughter of Sarah Tucker Sweet, who graduated Carle Place High School in 1997. In addition, a donation was also made to the Ronald McDonald House of New Hyde Park.

Throughout the course of the event, students competed in events such as floor hockey, volleyball, speedball, Pictionary, body trivia and many other activities. The highlight of the evening is always the class skits. Each grade has been holding skit practice for months and did a phenomenal job with their presentations.

The students of Carle Place broke their attendance and fundraising records this year. Approximately 70 percent of students attended the event raising over \$21,000. Congratulations to the seniors, class of 2012, on their first-place finish and to freshman Augie Cavallaro, who was the high fundraiser, raising \$4,490.

BOTC provides the students of Carle Place High School with a service learning opportunity, allows them to become involved in their community, and encourages school spirit.

Thank you to all the community businesses for your generous donations and for making this year's BOTC the best yet.



Battle of the Classes chairs and advisors are shown with checks for the Ronald McDonald House and the Gracie Sweet Fund.

## The Art Guild's Scholarships for Nassau County High School Students

The Art Guild is pleased to announce its second annual student scholarship for Nassau County high school students. This spring, three scholarships will be awarded to seniors graduating in 2012 who will be pursuing the arts after graduation, and who have demonstrated their commitment to any of the visual arts. This includes but is not limited to: drawing, painting, sculpture, fashion design, set design and photography. Students who apply must be graduating seniors and attend high school in Nassau County. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$500. The application is available online at [www.theartguild.org](http://www.theartguild.org), and must be postmarked by April 16. For further infor-

mation contact Diane Bares at [DBares@TheArtGuild.org](mailto:DBares@TheArtGuild.org) or 304-5797.

The Art Guild of Port Washington, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization located at Elderfields Preserve, 200 Port Washington Blvd in Manhasset. Its mission is to provide encouragement, education and a forum for the appreciation of the visual arts. The Art Guild strives to offer residents from local and neighboring communities an avenue to broaden their creative pursuits. It is an organization open to all people with a common goal to advance the visual arts. For additional information, visit [www.theartguild.org](http://www.theartguild.org) or call 304-5797.