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## Get Messy For A Cause

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Parents usually discourage their kids from getting covered in whipped cream, paint, dirt and slime; but this Saturday, getting messy will be the rule as Carle Place High School hosts the Muddy Puddles Project.

The event, run by the Student Organization and Key Club, will help raise money as part of Carle Place's annual Battle of the Classes. Every year, the high school's four grades battle it out through various activities to see which can raise the most money for a different charity. This year's charity is the Ty Louis Campbell Foundation, which raises money to find new innovative ways to treat pediatric cancer.

"Our own town has been affected with cancer, so we thought this would be a good way to tie everything together," said Key Club president Shannon Weilert. "Last year we donated to the Lexie Bean foundation, so we thought this would be a good transition. Everyone's motivated about this type of stuff [in Carle Place]."

The school's goal is to raise at least \$25,000 for the foundation. Last year, the school raised over \$20,000 for the Lexie Bean Foundation and in 2012, they raised \$23,000 for the Ronald McDonald House.

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## BOE Talks Crime, Budget

Powells Lane with 15 desktops stolen. A window was broken at the high school that same morning," she said. "These incidents were reported to the respective police precincts and an investigation using Crime Stoppers is in progress. The district's notification sequence has been changed and simplified, and enhanced coordination of all agencies involved has been confirmed."

Lagnado also spoke briefly on the ongoing process around district's

2015-2016 budget being crafted, in particular, she focused on the calculation of the district's tax cap, as well as the potential impact the district's ever-increasing enrollment rate—estimated by Lagnado to be at least three percent a year— could have upon the final budget.

"The office of the State Comptroller issued the Consumer Price Index (CPI) at 1.62 percent. The tax cap

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Student Organization and Key Club members with Ty Louis Campbell co-founder, Cindy Louis Campbell

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Battle for the Classes takes place in February and is only for high schoolers, who will duke it out in competitive events such as an obstacle course and tug 'o' war. But this year, the two clubs thought it would be a good idea to have an event that kids of all ages, could take part in.

"It's a great event and there are a lot of fun things for all age groups. Anyone is welcome," said Weilert.

Muddy Puddles, which will take place in the Carle Place High School Girls Gym Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to noon, encourages kids to "be kids" and get messy. There will be a dinosaur dig station, relay races, face painting, a whipped cream

challenge, a water balloon toss and more. Admission is free and donations are welcome.

The Ty Louis Campbell Foundation, also known as "SuperTy" was founded in memory of Ty Campbell Louis, who died at 5 years old after battling a rare and aggressive form of cancer. "SuperTy" was created in his honor to raise

awareness for pediatric cancer and to help fund the progress that is being made in developing more effective and less harmful treatment for a range of pediatric cancers. The foundation's Muddy Puddles Project is a celebration of children and childhood.

Find out more at [www.cps.k12.ny.us](http://www.cps.k12.ny.us) or at [muddypuddlesproject.org](http://muddypuddlesproject.org)



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