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## STUDENTS 'BOOK A TRIP WITH THE PRESIDENTS' AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL READING EVENT

*Legislator D'Amaro Invited as Guest Reader*



*Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) engages in discussion and answers questions with 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Mrs. Kieninger's class at Chestnut Hill Elementary during the schools Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) community reader event.*

*(DIX HILLS, NY... February 21, 2012)* – Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) helped Chestnut Hill Elementary School students “Book a Trip with the Presidents” when he recently participated in the Half Hollow Hills school’s Parents as

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Reading Partners (PARP) Community Reader Event. Legislator D'Amato read a book about President John F. Kennedy to two 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes during the February 9<sup>th</sup> event. As a history buff, he was also able to share additional insight with the students and answer their questions about the 35<sup>th</sup> President.

PARP, a program developed by the New York State PTA, is a collaborative effort among parents, staff and the community to build a reading partnership between the home and the school.

"I was very impressed with the depth of knowledge and keen interest that students had about President John F. Kennedy," said Legislator D'Amato. "The Chestnut Hill PTA did a terrific job hosting this event and I thank the organizers for inviting me to participate. PARP provides students with a tremendous learning opportunity and I encourage them to continue their zest for reading both in and out of the classroom."

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*Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amato (D-Huntington Station) represents the 17<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington Station, South Huntington, Huntington, West Hills, Melville, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is Chairman of the Budget & Finance committee, Vice-Chairman of the Environment, Planning & Agriculture committee, and a member of the Human Services and Public Safety committees of the Suffolk County Legislature.*