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DIVING INTO A GOOD BOOK!

Legislator D'Amaro Surprises Students At Sunquam Mystery Reader Day



Legislator D'Amaro participates in Sunquam Elementary School's Mystery Reader Day

(MELVILLE, NY... March 25, 2013) – Sunquam Elementary School in Melville recently invited Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) to highlight the importance of

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reading by participating in its "Mystery Reader Day." The special event was held in conjunction with the annual Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) statewide program.

Sunquam PARP Committee Co-Chairs Allison Gruberger and Jill Varlack planned an entire day-long celebration built around the theme "Dive into Reading." Legislator D'Amaro surprised the students in Mrs. Belz's 5th grade class and shared "John, Paul, George & Ben," a humorous story about several of America's founding fathers (John Hancock, Paul Revere, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson) when they were children. The book is by author Lane Smith.

"As an avid reader with a love of American history, I enjoyed sharing this fun, comical tale with the Sunquam students. It was great to watch their faces light up as the characters came to life and the students began to relate to these important figures from our Country's past," said Legislator D'Amaro. "I once again thank the entire Sunquam community for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful event and applaud them for showing the children how important it is to 'take the plunge' and 'dive' into a good book."

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Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro represents the 17th Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington, Huntington Station, South Huntington, Melville, West Hills, Cold Spring Hills, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is chairman of the Ways & Means committee and vice chairman of both the Parks & Recreation and Economic Development & Energy committees of the Suffolk County Legislature.