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Recognizing Faculty and Students of the Joseph A. Edgar School



(L-R): Third Grade Teacher Mark Yashowitz, student Kayla MacKay, Legislator Anker, student Jadon Hess, and Technology Club Advisor Laurie Varriale.

Hauppauge, NY; December 2013 – On December 17th, Legislator Sarah Anker recognized teachers and students from Rocky Point’s Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School before the Suffolk County Legislature. Awards were given to students and faculty who coordinated the annual Veterans Day Assembly, an event hosted by the school each year to show appreciation for our local veterans.

This year’s assembly featured a performance of the Star Spangled Banner by the High Notes chorus, student artwork displayed on a projector, and patriotic Veterans Day T-Shirts. During the assembly, student council members distributed letters of appreciation and were asked to speak words of gratitude to veterans in the audience.

“As the daughter of a Navy veteran, and Vice Chairwoman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, I am proud to recognize the faculty and students of the Joseph A. Edgar School,” said Legislator Anker. “The Veterans Day Assembly is a wonderful tradition and I commend the teachers and students for celebrating our local veterans.”

The Veterans Day Assembly was founded 15 years ago by former teacher Sal Lentini. For the last 10 years, Third Grade Teacher Mark Yashowitz has overseen the coordination of the assembly since Mr. Lentini’s passing, along with the help of Technology Club Advisor Laurie Varriale and Chorus Director Craig Knapp.