

PEOPLE



NCRMS competes in FIRST Lego League competition

North Country Road Middle School recently sent two teams to the FIRST Lego League qualifying tournament this year in Massapequa. The two teams spent several weeks programming their robot to accomplish various tasks for the 2010 Body Forward Competition. One of the teams, the Robo Panthers, qualified for the championship at Longwood High School by receiving 2nd place for teamwork on Feb. 5.

Photo: Front row, Anton Fisher, Kenny Sandt, Joseph Mignone, Christian Hatton and Thomas Diragi. Back row, Dara Beseler, Ashley Runyan, Mr. Caruso, William Hucke, Jackson Kramer and Nicholas Panico.



Made on MAC

Four Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate students in the Rocky Point School District have become national finalists in Next Vista's "Made on a MAC" competition.

Under the direction of technology teacher Laurie Variale, students Anna Lee, Jade Pinkenburg, Nina Santoro, and Kaitlyn Walsh submitted a video entitled "POW/MIA Remembrance Table," which was initially created for Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School's Veterans Day assembly. The POW/MIA Remembrance Table is typically used to honor those who are missing in action. In the one-minute video, the students created a model and commented on the symbolism behind the white tablecloth, salt, rose, red ribbon, an overturned glass and a chair. The video will be exhibited at the MACWorld Conference in San Francisco, where a grand prize winner will be determined.

Next Vista is an online resource for students designed to make learning more engaging by studying videos created by teachers and students on a variety of subjects.

Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate students, from left, Nina Santoro, Kaitlyn Walsh, Anna Lee and Jade Pinkenburg are pictured with technology teacher Laurie Variale.

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Families Walk for Hope



Dr. John Wittpenn (third from right) a resident of Mount Sinai and a cataract, refractive and corneal specialist at Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island with OCLI colleagues at the Families Walk for Hope in Port Jefferson on May 7. The walk raised money for the Fortunato Breast Health Center at Mather Hospital. OCLI also serves as a corporate sponsor for the American Cancer Society's annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in October.



Miller Place residents Tristan Walker (second from right) and his mother, Susan Walker (right) with Susan's colleagues, Alexandra Wolf (left) and Nikki Long (second from left), from Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island at the Families Walk for Hope. For more information, please visit www.ocli.net or call 866-SEE-OCLI (733-6254).