



# Salk Spirit Rise & Shine

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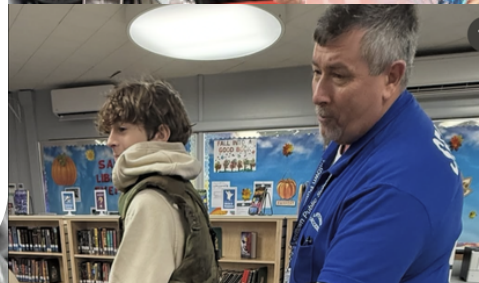


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2025/2026

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## VETERANS VISIT

Mrs. Mckevitt and Mrs. Insana organized an unforgettable veteran visit. Eighth grade students had an opportunity to meet with veterans that served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. The students had a chance to hear about their experiences and to express gratitude for their service. The veterans told eighth graders about their time and even let some try on their uniforms. What an honor it was to have the time to spend with these veterans who continue to show integrity throughout their lives. All of Salk thanks them for their time served to help protect our country, and thank you for coming to inform our students.







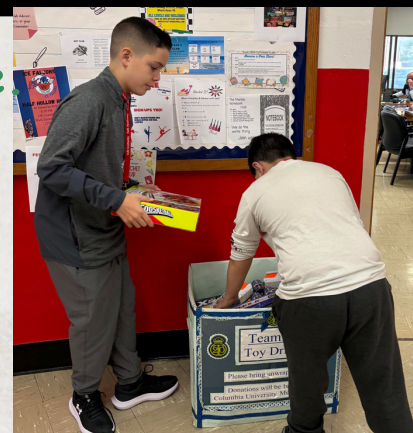
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## INTEGRITY AT SALK



Salk hosted their annual Team 20 Toy drive. This event was organized by Mr. Conigliaro, Mr. Zampaglione, Mr. Sheehan and Mrs. Fernandez. Every year Salk continues to come together to donate in memory of Lorenzo Fernandez. Students continue to show integrity by donating, even when no one is looking. All the toys went to children at the Columbia University Medical Center. Thanks to all those who donated such wonderful toys to brighten a child's holiday season.



## TEAM 20 TOY DRIVE

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IN HONOR OF LORENZO FERNANDEZ

PLEASE DONATE NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS TO MAKE THE HOLIDAY SEASON BETTER FOR CHILDREN. ALL DONATED TOYS WILL BE DELIVERED TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, WHERE LORENZO BRAVELY FOUGHT HIS BATTLE WITH CANCER. THESE GIFTS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO PEDIATRIC PATIENTS TO BRIGHTEN THEIR DAYS AND SUPPORT FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

COLLECTION FOR THE TOY DRIVE ENDS FRIDAY 12/12!

Thank you!



## COAT DRIVE

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This is a chilly winter season and there are some people who don't have coats to stay warm. Good thing our Builder's Club swooped in to help. This year, Builder's club organized a coat drive to help families in need. Salk donated six bags of coats to help these families stay warm.

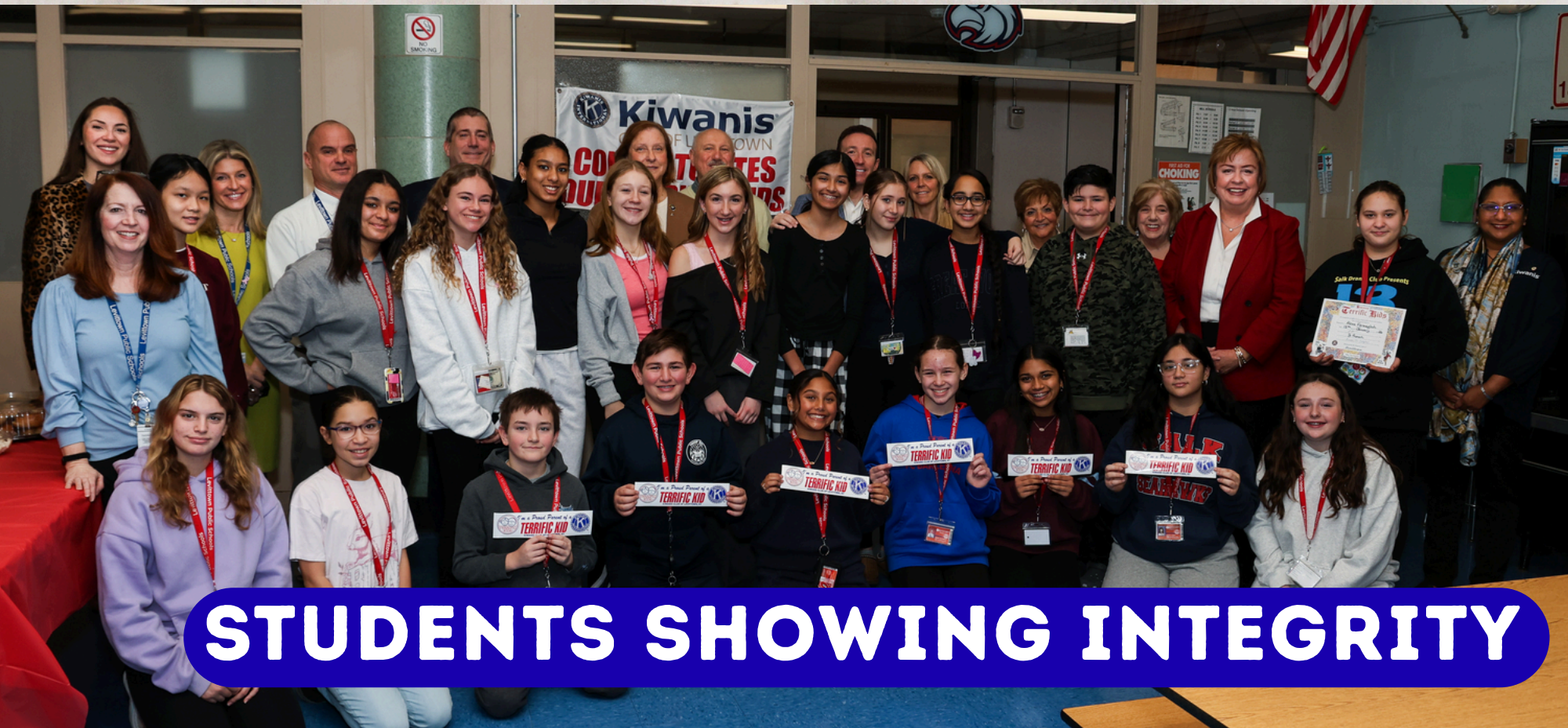




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## Terrific Kid Awards



### STUDENTS SHOWING INTEGRITY



Terrific kid awards are given to students who have done at least eight hours of community service. This year, students could also be nominated by a teacher, or a peer for being an all around terrific person. After the awards were given, students attended a ceremony where they enjoyed refreshments and received a certificate.

Gunish Gulati  
Liliana Mirza  
Juliana Gielarowski  
Kayla Rodriguez  
Kaiya Casey  
Ziyu Liu  
Aliana Lanzot  
Alexa Fermaglich  
Zara Memon  
Isabella Chlebek

Taylor Sheedy  
Sophia Holland  
Amber Hufford  
Hunter Kaplan  
Madelyn Canty  
Aarya Chattoo  
Sanari Yousuf  
Alessandro Maffia  
Declan Brown  
Morgan Heerey





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### WELCOME TO SALK MISS LOPES

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UNIVERSITY

What inspired you to be a teacher?

My 3rd grade teacher inspired me. She made learning exciting and fun, and she showed me how great school can be. Now we're both 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, which is so cool!



When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I always wanted to be a teacher! My sister and I used to play pretend school, and I loved being the "teacher" every time.



What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my free time, I love traveling, trying new restaurants, going on walks, working out, and hanging out with my friends and family.



If you weren't a teacher, what would you want to be?

If I wasn't a teacher, I would want to be an interior designer! I love decorating and making spaces look nice.

What do you like about being a teacher at Salk?

Salk is such a special place to me because I went here as a kid. It's where I met my closest friends and made some of my best memories. Now, being back here with amazing students and an awesome staff makes my 6th grade heart so happy. I loved Salk then, and I still love it now!



What do you like about being a teacher?

I love helping students discover new ideas, watching them grow, and bringing energy and fun into learning every day.



Where did you go to college?

I went to Molloy University!

What is your favorite subject?

Growing up, my favorite subject was always English, but now I love science because it's hands-on, exciting, and I get to teach it in so many fun ways!



Who was your favorite Teacher?

My favorite teacher was my 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Anderson. She still teaches me things today, and I'm forever grateful for her support and guidance.







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## HOLIDAY JAMBOREE



Mrs. Papach has done it again. It was the most festive day of the year at Salk. The Jamboree was a complete success due to all of her efforts! The entire school came together to help raise money for St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. Students got to participate in games, raffles, and even buy gifts for family members. Salk raised over \$3000 to be donated. Thank you to all the clubs, students, and staff that gave up their time to help contribute to the Jamboree!







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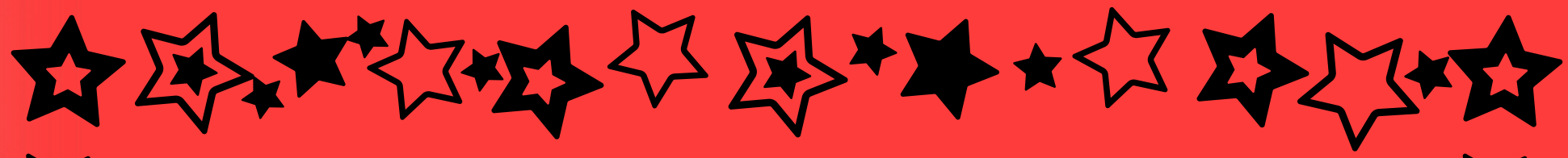
**CONNECTIONS  
CLUB  
SHOWING  
INTEGRITY**



Connections Club organized a cat supply collection for a local rescue group. The rescue group came to Salk to explain the importance of how to properly care for animals. They brought with them four adorable kittens.

## STUDENT **RISE** AWARDS

**STUDENT RISE AWARDS ARE GIVEN  
OUT TO STUDENTS WHO EXEMPLIFY  
THE RISE CHARACTERISTICS**



- ★ Luke Bivona
- ★ Jeremy Wan
- ★ Francesca Rogers
- ★ Donovan Leeb
- ★ Jason Link
- ★ Kayla Rodriguez
- ★ Alexis Edmonds
- ★ Jack Granai
- ★ Emma Stiene
- ★ Carter Llorente
- ★ Jack Nessler
- ★ Matthew Sulfarro

- ★ Scarlett Alston
- ★ Thomas Santosus
- ★ Sabrina Amari
- ★ Samantha Hanson
- ★ Rien Hamerman
- ★ Kelsey Centonze
- ★ Christian Dean
- ★ Keegan Lynch
- ★ Colin Cultrone
- ★ Shea Granai
- ★ Alex Mirsky

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