

# MUFSD Tiger Tracks

February, 2016

## Hommocks and MHS Robotics Teams Bring Home the Gold in Two Separate Competitions!

First at the middle school and then at the high school....This month was full of great news on the robotics front. Hommocks Middle School's robotics team -- sponsored and led by the Larchmont-Mamaroneck STEM Alliance -- took home 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the First Lego League robotics competition's Trash Trek Challenge. The "Roaring Robots" had a strong performance in all categories, but made the biggest splash when they presented their "Write Again" pencil dispenser, which they conceptualized, created and put into use to recycle pencils. This was their first-ever robotics competition. [Read More...](#)

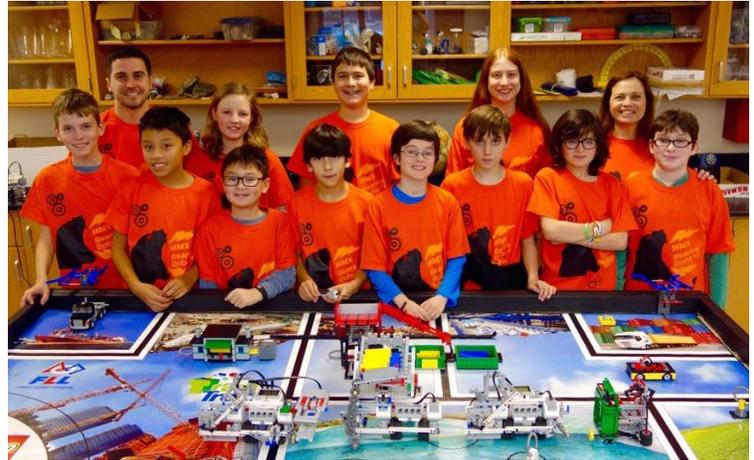
At the high school, the Robotics team worked for weeks to refine its robot for the FIRST Tech competition designed to meet this season's engineering challenge. The team won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the qualifying event in Riverdale and will move on to the Regionals this Sunday on Long Island. [Read More...](#)

## MHS Robotics Space Renovations Among New Mamaroneck Schools Foundation Grants

At the School Board meeting earlier this week, the Mamaroneck Schools Foundation awarded \$230,000 to our schools for 25 bold, innovative projects for the 2016-17 school year. These creative, teacher-initiated grants will reach across all six schools, and across disciplines, to impact the lives of thousands of our students. Among the grants is a plan to transform the current MHS robotics space into a well-equipped robotics lab with tools and equipment easily accessible and organized so students can work more efficiently. [Click here](#) for a full listing of the new grants. This year, the Foundation celebrates 20 years of enhancing education in our District. Since 1996, MSF has secured about \$3.75 million for some 430 grants.

## Sports Highlights : Girls Relay Record, Con Ed Award, State Run in Skiing & Hockey Hopes

**Track & Field:** Six Mamaroneck track athletes will head for Cornell University for the Track and Field State Championships on March 5, including our girls 4x800m team made up of sophomore Lauren Schpiz and seniors Shari Rauls, Lauren Chapey and Katie DeVore. Their time of 9:01:81 is the fastest time run this season in NYS and in the U.S. Also at the State qualifier, senior, Sean Ideozu placed First in the 300m, and junior, Sam Morton, placed Second in the 3200m. Good luck to our Tigers hoping to bring home Mamaroneck's first Track and Field State Championship!



MUFSD's robotics teams, even in their early stages, are making their mark and doing high-level work. Shown Above: Our Roaring Robotics team from Hommocks Middle School, which brought home the Gold at the recent First Lego League all-day competition. Shown below: Our award-winning high school robotics team.



## This Month's Sports Highlights (Cont'd)

**Con Ed Award Winner: Earlier this month, Mamaroneck's Alex Ewald was the recipient of the Con Edison Athlete of the Week award.**

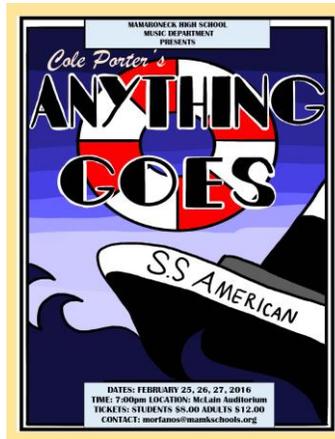
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### Varsity Ice Hockey Advances to Section

**Semifinals** Mamaroneck Tigers (top ranked in Section) defeated Rivertown Legends 10-0 last night in the Sectional Quarterfinal game. Tigers advance to the Section Semifinal game vs. Scarsdale tomorrow at 5:25 pm at Hommocks Ice Rink. Go Tigers!!

**Skating at States** MHS freshman Richard Casey and sophomore Eleanor (Ellie) Lundberg participated in the NY State Skiing Championships earlier this week! Ellie placed 13th and 16th in the Girls Slalom and Giant Slalom respectively, and Richard placed 38th and 45th in the Boys Slalom and Boys Giant Slalom respectively. Congratulations to both Ellie and Richard on an outstanding season!



**ANYTHING GOES Opens Tonight!!** Running tonight, Thurs. 2/25 – Sat. 2/27 (7 pm each night) in McLain Auditorium at Mamaroneck High School. Tickets, \$12 adults; \$8 Youth. For reservations, e-mail [mskdpt@optonline.net](mailto:mskdpt@optonline.net). Come out for this delightful Cole Porter musical comedy and enjoy a night of laughter, love and musical mayhem.



## BOE Approves and Adopts Smart Schools Investment Plan to Meet School

**Connectivity Priority** MUFSD's plan to use \$536,892 in Smart Schools funding to complete Phase II of the District Technology Plan -- replacing all closet switches in Hommocks Middle School and our four elementary schools -- was approved and adopted by the Board of Education at its Feb. 23 meeting. Through this plan, we will ensure ubiquitous wireless connectivity in all instructional spaces. (During summer 2015, Phase I of the IT Network Upgrade Project was successfully completed, replacing two core switches, installing wireless access points in all instructional spaces, fully replacing closet switches at MHS, and partially replacing closet switches at Hommocks Middle School.)

### New Format This Year for BOE Budget Review -- Supt. Recommended Budget Presented March 1; Saturday Line-by-Line Meeting to Be Replaced with Meetings on

**March 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** This Tuesday, March 1, Dr. Robert Shaps will present his 2016-2017 Superintendent's Recommended Budget. Then, in lieu of the traditional day-long Saturday Budget Review meeting, the Board of Education has decided to proceed with a new format that will include Budget Review meetings on two consecutive Tuesday evenings – March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> – also at 7 pm in the Tiered Classroom at Mamaroneck High School:

- ❖ Tuesday, March 1, 2016 – Superintendent Dr. Robert Shaps to present his 2016-2017 Superintendent's Recommended Budget
- ❖ Tuesday, March 8, 2016 – Review of Programs Component portion of budget
- ❖ Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – Review of Capital & Administration portions of budget
- ❖ Tuesday, April 5, 2016 – Continued Budget Discussion; Board reviews budget as a whole

**If you are interested in becoming involved with or learning about the District budget, the time to do so is now!** Here's how the process works.

The BOE is required by NY State law to adopt a school district budget – which represents the District's educational plan and reflects the goals/priorities that the administration has been discussing with the Board and community throughout the course of the year -- by April 19, 2016. The budget that the Board adopts is the budget that the community will vote on during the School Budget Vote on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. After Dr. Shaps presents the "Superintendent's Recommended Budget" (March 1), the Board and community will then have between March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> to comment, ask questions, discuss. Community members are invited to e-mail the Board at any time at [board@mamkschools.org](mailto:board@mamkschools.org). Additionally, public comment is welcome at every meeting during a time designated by the Board. Once the budget is adopted on April 19<sup>th</sup>, it is no longer called the "Superintendent's Recommended Budget"; it becomes the "2016-2017 Proposed Mamaroneck School District Budget."