

Supervisor Romaine Attends Longwood Middle School's "Our Community Then and Now" Event

posted on 6/22/2015 4:27:55 PM

June 22, 2015



Farmingville, NY - On June 17, Supervisor Ed Romaine attended Longwood Middle School's "Our Community Then and Now" event that showcased handmade replicas of Coram, Middle Island, Ridge and Yaphank as they were in the early 1900s. The displays were created by students in the sixth grade that also dressed in clothes from the early 1900s and performed songs from Irving Berlin's Musical Review, "Yip Yip Yaphank." The legendary composer wrote the songs in 1918 while he was in the United States Army's 152nd Depot Brigade stationed at Camp Upton in Yaphank during World War I. The camp was located on land now occupied by the Brookhaven National Laboratory.

"The students did a wonderful job preparing the displays and I applaud their efforts," said Supervisor Romaine. "It's important for young people to study the history of their community so they can better understand where we've been and where we are going to be in the future."

Pictured back row, left to right are Supervisor Ed Romaine, Sixth Grade teacher Michael MacKenzie, Longwood School Board member Michael Loguercio, Sixth grade teacher Melanie Holroyd and music teacher Sandra Palminteri with students from Mr. MacKenzie and Mrs. Holroyd's class.

Division of Public Information * Office of the Supervisor

One Independence Hill • Farmingville • NY 11738 • Phone 631-451-6595