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Superintendent's Message

Dear Bound Brook Community,

One of the things that makes Bound Brook School District special is the rich and diverse cultures of our students, staff and their families. This month is an especially important time as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15.

During this time, students in all our school buildings are learning about and celebrating how Hispanic people have shaped our nation's history and will continue to do so long into the future. Here is a sampling of the exciting ways our schools are celebrating:

- Bound Brook High School (BBHS) fills the hallways with the rhythmic beats of Spanish music every Friday, creating an immersive cultural experience for students and staff.
- Community Middle School (CMS) enhances its morning announcements by featuring readings of poems penned by prominent Hispanic poets, providing insights into their creative contributions.
- Smalley School is adorned with vibrant flags representing Hispanic countries, and students can savor diverse Hispanic cuisines during lunchtime, fostering a deeper appreciation for the cultural flavors of our community.
- Lafayette School is taking students on virtual class journeys around the world, shedding light on various facets of Hispanic heritage and fostering global awareness.
- LaMonte/Annex students are introduced to the significance of Hispanic Heritage Month during their morning meetings, where they can learn and celebrate together.



We invite everyone to join in our celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month by sharing your own experiences and activities on social media. Don't forget to tag the school district in your posts.

¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana!

Sincerely,
Alvin L. Freeman, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

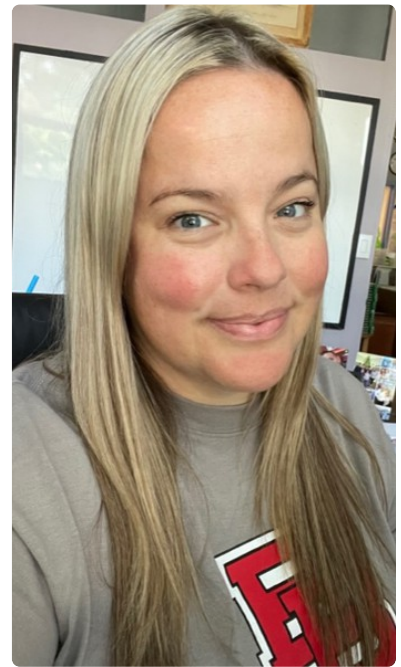
Meet our New Principal at Lafayette Elementary School

Ms. Kehayas explores her journey that led her to Bound Brook, her motivations to become a school principal and what she is looking forward to the most in the 2023-24 school year.

Please tell us your educational background and what you've done prior to joining Bound Brook.

I have been in the education field since 2009. I have a masters in Childhood and Special Education as well as a masters in Educational Leadership.

I spent a majority of my teaching career serving the students and families in the Bronx working for the New York City Department of Education. I was a special education teacher, an instructional coach and most recently an assistant principal. I would oversee instruction in kindergarten and first grade as well as all special education classes in kindergarten through fifth grade.



What made you want to work at Bound Brook?

I fell in love with the area years ago, and I have seen the development and growth of the community recently. It has been my dream for a while to move here - close enough to my remaining family on the East Coast but away from NYC. I want to be part of the community where I teach and lead. I want to impact change in the school, in the classroom and in the community. I feel like I can accomplish this in Bound Brook.

What inspired you to become a school principal?

I was fortunate and lucky enough to work with a principal who believed in building capacity and encouraged teachers to use their strengths, genius and talents to build a better tomorrow for our children and grandchildren. She was the one who helped me come out of the classroom (literally and figuratively) to share my best practices with other teachers and collaborate to meet the needs of all our students. She is a phenomenal teacher, educator and leader, and if I am half the principal she is - then I would consider myself successful.

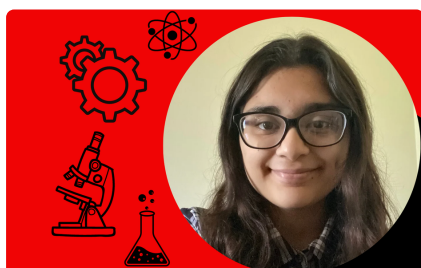
Find out what Ms. Kehayas looks forward to most this school year!

Did you know?

Bound Brook High School will operate as an early dismissal on **Thursday, Oct. 26** for SAT/PSAT testing. Seniors will take the SAT - the old fashion way with paper and pencil. Juniors and sophomores will take the digital PSAT/NMSQT and freshmen will take the digital PSAT 9. **For more information and resources click the lightbulb!**



More #BoundToAstound Stories...



Bound Brook High School Senior Named Governor's STEM Scholar

Kayrine Calderon, a senior who aspires to be a hematologist, has been named to the 2023 class of Governor's STEM Scholars.

[See how this prestigious selection highlights her success and aspirations.](#)



BBHS Program Prepares Students for College and Career Readiness

The transition from high school to college doesn't have to be bumpy, if you have the right guidance and support along the way.

[See why the College & Career Readiness Now summer bootcamp is so popular.](#)



The Power of Wrestling: Recap of the Summer Wrestling Program

Tapping into the rich history of Bound Brook wrestling, Coach Manny Kakas is inspiring the next generation of Bound Brook wrestlers.

[See which BBHS alumni returned to the mat to teach participants signature moves.](#)

Two College Board National Recognition Programs Awardees at BBHS

Congratulations to Emanuel Munoz Cordero and Isaac Solis Mora for being named National Hispanic Recognition Award winners.

The College Board National Recognition Programs award academic honors to underrepresented students including Latino, Black, Indigenous, and rural area students. Only the highest-scoring students **nationwide** who took the PSAT/NMSQT and designated themselves as Hispanic qualify for this honor. Learn more about this honor at bigfuture.collegeboard.org.

Congratulations, Emanuel and Isaac!



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