



Plainedgeschools.org June 12 , 2025

A Message from Superintendent of Schools-
Dr. Edward A. Salina, Jr.

As Superintendent, I'm incredibly proud to share that Plainedge High School has been recognized as a National School of Character! Under the dynamic leadership of our administration, Plainedge has grown into more than just a hub of academic achievement—it has become a true community grounded in purpose, inclusion, and strong character.

Congratulations to the entire Plainedge High School family on earning this prestigious honor. This national recognition is a powerful affirmation of our unwavering dedication to nurturing a culture where character development is at the core of everything we do. At Plainedge, we don't just educate—we cultivate integrity, inspire excellence, and empower the next generation of leaders. That's the impact of a district that L.E.A.D. for P.R.I.D.E.

I am also proud to announce that two of our elementary schools, John H. West Elementary School and Eastplain Elementary School, were selected by Character.org as 2025 Promising Practice recipients. There are only 230 schools nationwide that have received this distinction. Our programs have demonstrated a significant impact and strongly align with the principles that help schools and organizations cultivate a culture of character.

The month of June marks a significant period in our schools — a time for final exams, award ceremonies, field days, and, of course, our moving up ceremonies and high school graduation. To our seniors, congratulations on reaching this milestone. Your hard work, determination, and spirit have left a lasting mark on Plainedge. We are proud of all that you have accomplished and excited for what lies ahead in your journeys.

To our younger students and families, thank you for your continued support. Each of you contributes to the strength and unity of our school community, and together we've built an environment where students can thrive.

Thank you again for making this school year a success. I am incredibly proud to serve such a dedicated and supportive community. Wishing you all a safe, joyful, and memorable June.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Salina

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Superintendent of Schools



National School Of Character **Plainedge High School**

With immense pride, Dr.Salina announces that Plainedge High School has been recognized as a National School of Character!

Plainedge has become more than just a place of academic excellence; this prestigious recognition is a testament to the school's unwavering commitment to fostering a culture where character development is at the heart of everything we do.

We **L.E.A.D. for P.R.I.D.E.**, empowering students with Loyalty, Empathy, Accountability, and Determination to live with Positivity, Respect, Inclusion, Dedication, and Empowerment.



2025 Promising Practice Recipients

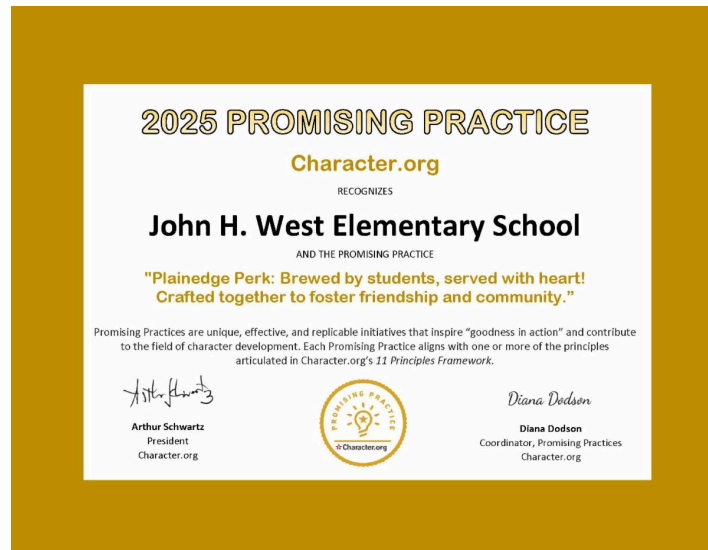
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John H. West Elementary School - “*Plainedge Perk*” serves as a vibrant hub where collaboration meets community spirit. The coffee shop is run by a dynamic team of general education students from the student council and their peers in special education. This innovative coffee shop transforms Friday mornings into a celebration of inclusivity and teamwork. The student council members guide their special education schoolmates through the art of brewing delicious coffee, creating an engaging, hands-on experience that fosters essential people skills. Our initiative creates a caring community where everyone feels a strong sense of belonging, as student council members mentor their special education peers, offer guidance and encouragement while learning valuable social skills together. By demonstrating respect for one another, being responsible in their tasks, and fostering an inclusive atmosphere, students actively contribute to a culture where everyone feels welcome. The coffee shop becomes a pivotal space where our core values come to life.

Eastplain Elementary School - Eastplain Elementary School - “*Eastplain P.R.I.D.E. (Positive, Respectful, Inclusive, Dedicated, Empowered) Sheets*” are an integral part of the Character Education Program at Eastplain. When someone witnesses a student demonstrating good character, they complete an Eastplain P.R.I.D.E. Sheet, which is shared daily in the school’s morning news broadcast and hung on the Character Strong bulletin board to be visible to the school community. It is a visual reminder of the great acts of character happening daily throughout the month. A new addition this school year is that parents can submit Eastplain P.R.I.D.E. Sheets when they witness their children demonstrating the core values

outside of school. It brings the core values to life, and students take ownership of them.

Congratulations to our entire school community for their significant contributions to the education and exceptional character development of our students. Your commitment and efforts play a crucial role in shaping the outstanding character of our students.



PHS Girls Flag Football - Long Island Champions

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Flag Football Team on their Nassau County and Long Island Class C championships.



2025 Best Community for Music Education

Plainedge Public Schools has been named a 2025 Best Community for Music Education — for the 7th year in a row! We are so proud of our talented students, dedicated staff, and supportive community that make music thrive every day.



Student Spotlight

Dr. Salina congratulated our Spring 2025 student-athletes for committing to continue their academic and athletic pursuits after high school. We are incredibly proud of all they've accomplished so far. Their perseverance, determination, and hard work will surely lead them to success in this exciting next chapter!

Congratulations

Domenick Caponi - Adelphi University - Golf

TJ Innes - Molloy University - Sprint Football



Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Cooper Forde, a PHS Freshman, for submitting a winning entry in the New York State “Kids Safe Online” Poster Contest! Cooper’s poster will help educate other students and adults about being safe online. During the New York State Cybersecurity Conference in June, it will be displayed at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, NY. Amazing work, Cooper, on this educational campaign!



Special Olympics- Spring Games Recap

Relive the excitement from the Special Olympics Spring Games at Plainedge Public Schools! The energy was off the charts—from fast-paced races to loud cheers and endless smiles. Over 700 athletes gave everything they had, and the crowd showed up with nothing but love and pride. It was a day full of heart, hustle, and happiness. Here's to every high five, every finish line, and the unstoppable power of inclusion!

[Click here to watch the recap!](#)



Dragon Pen Pal Wellness Day

The Dragon Pen Pal Wellness Day was all about connection, wellness, and fun. Fifth graders from all three elementary schools met their pen pals in person and enjoyed a day packed with team-building and wellness activities—yoga, soccer, green screen, mandala photos, cup stacking, and more!





Watercolor Wonders - Bristol Buddies Visit

Superintendent Dr. Salina, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. DePaola, Charles E. Schwarting Principal Jennifer Thearle, and Charles E. Schwarting students took part in a creative intergenerational activity with their Bristol Buddies. Together, they created beautiful watercolor artwork. Students had

the opportunity to express their creativity and engage in meaningful conversations with the senior residents.





Commitment Day.

It was a great day celebrating the bold and exciting decisions of our Class of 2025! Plainedge High School Seniors wore clothing representing their future plans: college, trade, military, etc. Congratulations to our high school seniors! You all have so much to be proud of, and we can't wait to see all that you will achieve in the years to come. The future is bright, and it starts now.



Our STREAM Team created a variety of awesome, hands-on workshops for Plainedge parents and students in grades PreK-8 focused on Science, Technology, Research, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics.

Thank you to the Board of Education, Central Administration, STREAM Team, and facilitators for an amazing, family fun-filled evening.





Congratulations Coach Shaver

The Plainedge School District proudly congratulates Coach Shaver on his well-deserved induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame! Over an extraordinary 32-season coaching career — 29 of those with Plainedge — Coach Shaver has built a legacy of excellence, leadership, and dedication. Under his guidance, his teams produced 125 Nassau tournament place winners, including 22 champions, and 20 state place winners, with four state champions among them. Most recently, he led the Red Devils to the 2024 State Dual Meet Championship. With a remarkable career record of 542-96-3, Coach Shaver's impact on student-athletes and the sport of wrestling will be felt for generations to come. Congratulations on this incredible honor!



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Plainedge Fitness Center

Starting July 1, 2025, the Plainedge Fitness Center's summer hours are **Monday through Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 9:00 PM, and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**, for our community members. There are strength/cardio machines, Echelon Mirrors, dumbbells, kettlebells, and resistance bands that you can use.

Have you signed up for your free membership? **[Click here to learn more!](#)**
[Click here](#) to follow the Plainedge Fitness Center Instagram Account!

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**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR
YOUR FREE GYM MEMBERSHIP YET?**

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: [FITNESS.CENTER@PLAINEDGESCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:fitness.center@plainedgeschools.org)

FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR PLAINEDGE RESIDENTS



PLAINEDGE FITNESS CENTER

Cardio/Strength Training-

This gym session combines the best of both worlds: cardio to boost your heart rate and burn calories, and strength training to build muscle and improve endurance. This session allows you access to our cardio equipment: Treadmills, Stationary Bicycles, Stairmasters, Rowing Machines and Ellipticals, as well as our strength training circuit.

Echelon Mirrors-

This will allow you to select a workout from a library of offerings. Fitness metrics like heart rate, calories burned, and workout progress will be tracked during your session. The interactive mirror incorporates a touchscreen display that allows users to interact directly with the interface.



QUESTIONS? EMAIL: fitness.center@plainedgeschools.org



Eastplain Elementary Student Coin War

Eastplain Student Council held an assembly to announce the winner of the Coin War and to present Ray Moore of The Brian Moore Memorial Fund with a “check”. The amount of money raised was \$2,228! Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this fundraiser a huge success!





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