

and Scott (Bierko) back in 2010.

## Glen Cove Schools Recognize Red Ribbon Week

Schools throughout the Glen Cove School District recognized Red Ribbon Week with assemblies promoting the prevention of substance abuse. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph A. Laria stopped by several of the schools, where students wore red clothes and donned red ribbons as a symbol of solidarity and took an oath to say no to drug use and other destructive decisions. Red Ribbon

poster contest winners were honored by the local Substance Abuse Free Environment (SAFE) organization and Glen Cove City Mayor Ralph Suozzi also made appearances at the schools to reinforce the message of healthy and smart decisions. Additionally Sergeant Ortiz from the Glen Cove City Police Department spoke with Finley Middle School students as part of their physical edu-

cation lessons. Some schools even performed for the audience, including Gribbin School where a skit about the young girl who only liked junk food stressed the importance of eating healthy.

Red Ribbon Week is held annually throughout the country to teach children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The red ribbons symbolize solidarity against drugs, first demonstrated in the

hometown of former Drug Enforcement Agency agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was murdered by the drug cartel during an investigation. Residents in officer Camarena's hometown donned red ribbons as a message of defiance and intolerance toward the cartel.

*SAFE poster contest winners at Landing School are congratulated.*

