



Sea Devils

# ISLAND HEIGHTS'S SEA DEVIL TIMES



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Alumni Spotlight

#### Mayor Steve Doyle

Mayor Steve Doyle attended Island Heights Grade School from Kindergarten to 6th grade from 1965 to 1971. Below are some questions we asked the Mayor to answer for our interview.

*What is your favorite memories?*

My fondest memories of IHGS were making lifelong friends. To this day Ed Abelite, Pete Cowdrick, Mike Frankovich, Sue Fioretti and Jim Prior are still friends.

The greatest teachers I had were Mrs Nelson for 3rd and 5th grade. She taught me how to learn. Elmer Hedrick and Fran Gajano were also tremendous in the school and helped me to grow.

The unique small classes allowed lots of individualized instruction and enabled me to be a top student at Central (made Distinguished Alumni in 2000). It helped in college too! My first school was IHGS, my last was Yale.



### Kindergarten Round-Up

Thursday, April 7, 2022  
&  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022

All forms available at  
[www.islandheights.k12.nj.us](http://www.islandheights.k12.nj.us)  
(under Kindergarten Round-Up)

For questions and appointment  
Call (732) 929-1222 Ext. 2



## KEY DATES

**April 7, Wednesday:** Kindergarten Round Up.  
Call for an appointment.

**April 7, Wednesday:** PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm

**April 12, Tuesday:** Kindergarten Round Up. Call for an appointment.

**April 13, Wednesday:** BOE Meeting, 6:15 pm

**April 15-April 22:** School Closed. Spring Break

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT (CON'T)

*What did you want to be when you grew up (while you were in IHGS)?*

I suspect little resemblance exists between my elementary desires of owning my own business and what I eventually did.

I started working at Bradlees, a department store, at age 15. That allowed me to go to college and pay my way through between scholarships and working. Graduating with honors and no debt. A rare feat indeed.

My post college career was in corporate America. I worked for two fortune 100 companies. The first was Prudential and I was a divisional CFO (in charge of the money and budgets). I had over \$20 billion in revenue that I was responsible for and I helped make strategic decisions to help the business grow and take care of the customers.

I moved to Aetna and had several major roles. I worked for the Chairman of the company as Chief of Staff, leading our strategy efforts. I was also responsible for all the doctors, nurses, and all hospital and network contracting with over 6,000 employees.

In addition, I had two other major roles I was responsible for a group of businesses as President and Chairman with over \$2 billion in revenue and 5,000 employees.

My second major role was developing the company operation model and being in charge of operations for the whole company. This was basically all functions from real estate to customer service.

At different times I oversaw the Aetna banking division, and merger and acquisition.

I also served on 15 different boards for charities and for profit companies. From museums to health-related and educational to banking and strategic sourcing.

One of my most enjoyable roles has been my chess work. From writing a weekly chess column in *Star Ledger* and *Staten Island Advance* to being President of the US Chess Federation. I also served at the World Chess Federation level as Vice President for 10 years and I am the only American today elected as an Honorary Member.

Locally after I retired in an effort to give back to the town I grew up in, I currently serve as Mayor.

*What are you most proud of?*

Being married to Bernadette and together with her, raising our children and getting them through college and starting successful lives of their own.

I also enjoy mentoring young people teaching them how to interview and build resumes and then help them begin successful careers. I've written hundreds of letters of recommendation over the years and helping people get jobs. It's called paying it forward.

*Do you have any advice for our current Sea Devils?*

Never give up on your dreams. They can be big or small. But they are yours. Work towards them everyday and when someone pushes back -work even harder.