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Mission Statement

The mission of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District is to provide an academically challenging and stimulating environment for all students, and to enable them to realize their full potential to be happy, ethical and analytical citizens of the world.

We do this by:

making tolerance, acceptance, respect, honesty and kindness expectations for all students, and for members of the Plainview-Old Bethpage school community;

identifying each student's academic, social-emotional, aesthetic and physical needs, and striving to meet those needs; and

encouraging communication between and among students, teachers, parents, administrators, and community members.

Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD



Recommended Reading For 5th Graders

Fiction

Secrets of Tamarind

Nadia Aguiar

Four years after leaving the lost island of Tamarind, Maya, Simon, and Penny Nelson return to stop the Red Coral Project, a sinister group mining the magical mineral ophalla there and, in the process, ruining the magnificent island.

How Lamar's Bad Prank Won a Bubba-sized Trophy

Crystal Allen

When thirteen-year-old, bowling-obsessed Lamar Washington finds out that his idol is coming to town, he finds himself involved in some unsavory activities as he tries to change his image to impress people.

City of Orphans

Avi

In 1893 New York, thirteen-year-old Maks, a newsboy, teams up with Willa, a homeless girl, to clear his older sister, Emma, from charges that she stole from the brand new Waldorf Hotel, where she works. Includes historical notes.

The Mistaken Masterpiece

Michael Beil

Sophie and her friends, who call themselves The Red Blazer Girls, embark on solving a case involving mistaken identities, switched paintings, and some priceless family heirlooms.

Jefferson's Sons: a founding father's secret children

Kimberly Bradley

A fictionalized look at the last twenty years of Thomas Jefferson's life at Monticello through the eyes of three of his slaves, two of whom were his **sons** by his slave, Sally Hemings.

Odd Girl In

Jo Whitemore

Twelve year old Alex Evins is a loner, a tomboy, and a first class prankster, following in the not so glorious footsteps, of her older twin brothers, Parker and Nick. A loner tomboy learns how to be a success in a hilarious way.

Down the Mysterly River

Bill Willingham

Top notch Boy Scout Max "the Wolf" cannot remember how he came to be in a strange forest, but soon he and three talking animals are on the run from the Blue Cutters, hunters who will alter the foursome's very essence if they can catch them.

The Dragon's Tooth

Nathan Wilson

When their parents' seedy old motel burns down on the same night they are visited by a strange man covered in skeleton tattoos, Cyrus, Antigone, and their brother Daniel are introduced to an ancient secret society, and discover that they have an important role in keeping it alive.

Crow

Barbara Wright

In 1898, Moses Thomas's summer vacation does not go exactly as planned as he contends with family problems and the ever-changing alliances among his friends at the same time as he is exposed to the escalating tension between the African-American and white communities of Wilmington, North Carolina.

The Detention Club

David Yoo

Sixth-grader Peter Lee, in a desperate attempt to regain the popularity he had in elementary school, discovers that serving detention can win him important friends, much to the dismay of his over-achieving eighth-grade sister, Sunny.

How to Beat the Bully Without Really Trying

Scott Starkey

Rodney, an admitted coward, moves to Ohio where the middle school bully immediately singles him out, but when a stray baseball knocks the bully out just as he is about to beat Rodney up, Rodney gains an undeserved reputation as a tough guy.

Jake Ransom and the Howling Spinx

Greg Taylor

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Killer Pizza

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Heat Wave

Cassie Waters

When the Riverside Swim Club's star performer breaks her leg and poor swimmer Grace is tapped to take her place, Christina hopes to win crush Mike's affections by arranging for him to give Grace swimming lessons, a plan that goes awry when Mike falls for Grace instead.

**Part of the Pool Girls series*

Small Acts of Courage

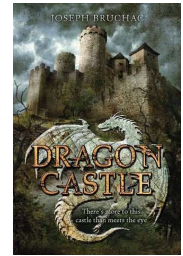
Gloria Whelan

In 1919, independent-minded fifteen-year-old Rosalind lives in India with her English parents, and when they fear she has fallen in with some rebellious types who believe in Indian self-government, she is sent "home" to London, where she has never been before and where her older brother died, to stay with her two aunts.

Dragon Castle

Joseph Bruchac

Young prince Rashko, aided by wise old Georgi, must channel the power of his ancestor, Pavol the great, and harness a magical dragon to face the evil Baron Temny after the foolish King and Queen go missing.



How Not to Run for President

Catherine Clark

When Aidan, an ordinary Ohio twelve-year-old, saves a presidential candidate from injury during a campaign appearance and his heroic deed is broadcast everywhere, he and his family discover the seamy side of being in the media spotlight.

The Unforgotten Coat

Frank Cottrell

When two Mongolian brothers inexplicably appear one morning in her sixth grade class, Julie, who lives in a town near Liverpool named Bootle, becomes their new friend and "Good Guide," navigating them through soccer, school uniforms, and British slang.

Ruby Redfort: look into my eyes

Lauren Child

Thirteen-year-old Ruby, a genius code-cracker and daring detective, gets an anonymous call setting a challenge that leads her to the headquarters of Spectrum, a highly secret anti-crime agency that needs her help to crack a code, but soon Ruby uncovers dastardly plans of the Fool's Gold Gang.

The Chronicles of Harris Burdick

Various Authors

Renowned storytellers share tales inspired by the thought-provoking illustrations in Chris Van Allsburg's "The Mysteries of Harris Burdick," including Kate DiCamillo, Lois Lowry, Stephen King, and Jon Scieszka.

Freaky Fast Frankie Joe**Lutrica Clifton**

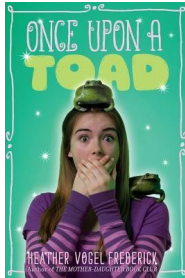
Eleven-year-old Frankie Joe Huckaby, forced to live with the father he never knew, a stepmother, and four half-brothers in Illinois, starts a delivery service to finance his escape back to his mother in Texas, not realizing he is making a better life for himself than he ever had with her.

The Mighty Miss Malone**Christopher Curtis**

With love and determination befitting the "world's greatest family," twelve-year-old Deza Malone, her older brother Jimmie, and their parents endure tough times in Gary, Indiana, and later Flint, Michigan during the Great Depression.

The Cheshire Cheese Cat**Carmen Deedy**

A community of mice and a cheese-loving cat form an unlikely alliance at London's Cheshire Cheese, an inn where Charles Dickens finds inspiration and Queen Victoria makes an unexpected appearance.

**Once Upon a Toad****Heather Frederick**

When her mother goes on a NASA mission, Cat Starr is sent to live with her father, stepsister Olivia, and younger brother Geoffrey, but interference by her inept fairy godmother causes toads to appear when Cat speaks and gems to fall from Olivia's mouth, bringing one to the attention of jewel thieves and the other to a secret government laboratory.

Darke**Angie Sage**

Apprentice Septimus Heap must enter the Darke to save the Castle and the Wizard Tower from destruction, but he needs the help of many to battle the spreading Darkenese.

Glory Be**Augusta Scattergood**

In the summer of 1964 as she is about to turn twelve, Glory's town of Hanging Moss, Mississippi, is beset by racial tension when town leaders close her beloved public pool rather than desegregating it.

True Blue**Jane Smiley**

In 1960s California, eighth-grader Abby Lovitt has trouble with True Blue, the newest horse on her family's ranch, a beautiful dappled gray who is so often spooked, Abby wonders if he is haunted by the ghost of his deceased former owner.

Storm Runners**Roland Smith**

Twelve-year-old Chase Masters travels the country with this father, a "storm runner," but he is tested in ways he never could have imagined when he and a new friend are caught in a hurricane near St. Petersburg, Florida.

The Silver Bowl**Diane Stanley**

From the age of seven when she became scullery maid in a castle, Molly has seen visions of the future which, years later, lead her and her friend Tobias on an adventure to keep Alaric, the heir to the throne, safe from a curse.

Hothead

Cal Ripken

Connor Sullivan, All-Star third baseman on his Babe Ruth League team, has a terrible temper and problems at home, but when the sports editor of the school paper threatens to publish an embarrassing story about his tantrums, Connor must make a change.

May B

Caroline Rose

When a failed wheat crop nearly bankrupts the Betterly family, Pa pulls twelve-year-old May from school and hires her out to a couple new to the Kansas frontier.

The Drop

Jeff Ross

Alex wants to be a part of the elite Backcountry Patrol of snowboarders, but first he and three other hopefuls--Dave, Bryce, and Hope--must endure a series of tests that forces them to confront their own fears and the treacherous mountain terrain.

Chasing the Nightbird

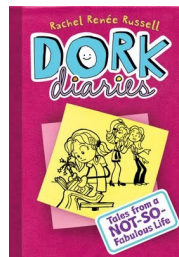
Krista Russell

In 1851 New Bedford, Massachusetts, fourteen-year-old Cape Verdean sailor Lucky Valera is kidnapped by his estranged half-brother and forced to work in a mill, but while Lucky is plotting his escape he meets a former slave and a young Quaker girl who influence his plans.

Dork Diaries: Tales from a not-so-fabulous life

Rachel Russell

Fourteen-year-old Nikki Maxwell writes in her diary of her struggle to be popular at her exclusive new private school, then of finding her place after she gives up on being part of the elite group.



Adventures of Beanboy

Lisa Harkrader

Wheaton, Kansas seventh-grader Tucker MacBean loves comic books, so when his favorite comic has a contest to create a sidekick, he is hopeful that he can win, thereby fixing his struggling family.

The Midnight Zoo

Sonya Hartnett

Twelve-year-old Andrej, nine-year-old Tomas, and their baby sister Wilma flee their Romany encampment when it is attacked by Germans during World War II, and in an abandoned town they find a zoo where the animals tell their stories, helping the children understand what has become of their lives and what it means to be free.

Horse Camp

Nicole Helget

Told in their separate voices, twelve-year-old twins Percy and Penny are excited to spend a summer riding horses on their Uncle Stretch's Minnesota spread, until they discover it is a pig farm.

Take Me to the River

Will Hobbs

When North Carolina fourteen-year old Dylan Sands joins his fifteen-year old cousin Rio in running the Rio Grande, they face a tropical storm and a fugitive kidnapper.

Wereworld: Rise of the Wolf

Curtis Jobling

When a vicious beast invades his father's farm and sixteen-year-old Drew suddenly transforms into a werewolf, he runs away from his family, seeking refuge in the most out of the way parts of Lyssia, only to be captured by Lord Bergan's men and forced to battle numerous werereatures while trying to prove that he is not the enemy.

A Tale of Two Castles

Gail Levine

Twelve-year-old Elodie journeys to Two Castles in hopes of studying acting but instead becomes apprentice to a dragon, who teaches her to be observant and use reasoning, thus helping her to uncover who is poisoning the king.

The Underdogs

Mike Lupica

Small but fast twelve-year-old Will Tyler, an avid football player in **the** down-and-out town of Forbes, Pennsylvania, takes matters into his own hands to try and finance **the** city's football team, giving **the** whole community hope in **the** process.

Wildwood

Colin Meloy

When her baby brother is kidnapped by crows, seventh-grader Prue McKeel ventures into the forbidden Impassable Wilderness--a dangerous and magical forest in the middle of Portland, Oregon--and soon finds herself involved in a war among the various inhabitants.

Troubletwisters

Garth Nix

When their house mysteriously explodes and they are sent to live with an unknown relative named Grandma X, twelve-year-old twins Jaide and Jack Shield learn that they are troubletwisters, young Wardens just coming into their powers, who must protect humanity from The Evil trying to break into earth's dimension.

Sparrow Road

Shelia O'Connor

Twelve-year-old Raine spends the summer at a mysterious artists colony and discovers a secret about her past.

The Wizard of Dark Street

Shawn Odyssey

In 1877, in an enchantment shop on the last of the Faerie roads linking New York City to the Land of the Fey, just after twelve-year-old Oona opts to relinquish her apprenticeship to her uncle, the Wizard, and become a detective, her uncle is stabbed, testing her skills.



Dogtag Summer

Elizabeth Partridge

In the summer of 1980 before she starts junior high school in Santa Rosa, California, Tracy, who was adopted from Vietnam when she was six years old, finds an old ammo box with a dog tag and picture that bring up painful memories for both her Vietnam veteran father and her.

Liar, Liar: the theory, practice and destructive properties of deception

Gary Paulsen

Fourteen-year-old Kevin is very good at lying and doing so makes life easier, but when he finds himself in big trouble with his friends, family, and teachers, he must find a way to end his lies forever.

Here Lies Linc

Delia Ray

While researching a rumored-to-be-haunted grave for a local history project, twelve-year-old Lincoln Crenshaw unearths some startling truths about his own family.

The Lightning Thief

Rick Riordan

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

****Part of the Percy Jackson & The Olympians series***