

Superintendent's Highlight of the Week February 3, 2017

Students in all of our elementary schools ushered in the Chinese New Year, the year of the Rooster, with great enthusiasm. They participated in a myriad of festivities to show off their study of the Chinese language and culture. During Chinese class at Old Bethpage Elementary School, students in first and second grade studied tales about the New Year, including the Chinese Zodiac, and reenacted them for peers. Students learned how to say all 12 of the animals' names in Chinese. Third grade students researched traditional Chinese food served during the New Year and compared the most popular to American cuisine.



Students in fourth grade learned to read and recite popular New Year chants and poems. All of the students learned to sing the popular Chinese New Year song, Gong Xi Gong Xi. Students sang the song over the loud speaker during morning announcements. Fourth grade students learned a variety of dances including the Lion Dance, Fan Dance, and the Ribbon Dance and

performed them for the school during a Chinese New Year Parade. Children in each grade participated in the parade with rooster puppets, masks, lanterns and student made fireworks. Lots of fun and learning took place over the week of celebration.