

Superintendent's Highlight of the Week

April 22, 2016

This past weekend the cast and crew of the POBJFKHS Drama Cadets took us into another world, as only they could do, with astounding brilliance. From the minute the curtains opened for *The Little Mermaid* we knew that this, the 30th Olivari production, was going to be another hit destined to rival Broadway. There was joy on stage from the cast of nearly 80 members, including some of our elementary students who stole the show and, of course, Principal Murray.



Students auditioned in October and have been in rehearsal since December, under the vocal direction of Robert Lombardo and choreographer Kelly Alcantara. Alumni and Broadway makeup/wig designer Brian Strumwasser gave the cast workshops on makeup and wigs, as well as designed them for our production. There were over 100 costumes made by Merry Goldfarb, a former community member, who returns each year simply for the love of working with the Drama Cadets.



I simply cannot say enough about the level of excellence each student achieved in this production. Richard Olivari knows exactly how to bring out the best in each of them and that has made all the difference over the years. I cannot wait to see what he has in store for us for next year!!!