

Highlight – Elementary Music Concerts

This is the time of year when a superintendent gets to appreciate the true meaning of a district that places the support of the Arts a priority. I began the week with the Elementary Art show, now on display in the POBMS gallery. If you have not had an opportunity to see the impressive work of our young artists, please take some time to do so. There are several pieces that I am eyeing for the board room display and calendar.



Our community was also treated to four delightful musical concerts at each of our elementary schools. During each concert, we were able to experience a variety of moments that demonstrated the musical foundation our

students will build upon for years to come. This year we were showcasing the hard work of our third grade students, with their recorders doing such numbers as the Muffin man at Old Bethpage. They even had a sighting of a muffin man during the performance. We begin with the recorder and by the senior year we see the progression to orchestras and bands that rival Lincoln Center stage performers.

A diverse variety of selections were chosen for the elementary concerts, ranging from Broadway classics such as “Camelot,” “Pippin,” and “Fiddler on the Roof,” or traditional band marches that led the imagination to a fleet of Roman Centurions, or the familiar melodies of Vivaldi and Dvorak arranged to introduce the young musicians to the great composers of the past several hundred years.

Applause must be given to the elementary music staff for their fine work: Jeanne Candal, DeeDee Edwards, Heidi Grabowski, Judith Rilling, Nicholas Geluso, Chris Ripley, Linn Demilta, and Craig Slote. The musical roots established by them provide our students with a program rich in musicality, artistry and creativity. A great foundation for the work to come. They make magic happen each time we hear our students perform.



Bravo to our young musicians, their parents, guardians, and their teachers. Thank you for another fabulous concert season!