

Superintendent's Highlight of the Week
October 20, 2017
Hurricane Relief III

The students at Old Bethpage Elementary School frequently discuss the importance of being activists in the larger community. They have raised money for and written letters to veterans, collected food for local pantries and most recently joined together to support the many victims of Hurricanes Irma, Maria and Harvey.

Fourth grade students Abigail and Naomi Akirav approached Mrs. Gray, the principal, with the idea of a student led group they called the Care Standers (a play on the word up-standers) which consisted of 18 students, including Abigail's second grade sister Hannah. The students worked with Mrs. Gray, PTA president Elena Pavic, and PTA member Mrs. Berko, to identify a charity that donates 100% of the funds collected to hurricane victims. Daily, during morning announcements, members discuss empathy, the importance of giving back and making changes in the world outside the four walls of Old Bethpage. Students work together to collect money from students and staff, counting it every Friday. The care standers hope to continue the work around caring for others and engaging kids to be activists.



Just another great way our POB students are leaving their footprints of excellence in our district.