

## Superintendent's Highlight of the Week: June 13

It's Possible in Plainview-Old Bethpage

This week I was wowed by another outstanding theatrical performance in the District. This time it came from the students in Mrs. Dubrow's third grade class and Mr. Sidito's fourth graders as they collaborated to produce their own version of Cinderella.

As an outgrowth of their fables, fairy tales, and folklore units of study, the classes read and interpreted the fairy tale *Cinderella* from over 30 versions, comparing and contrasting each tale. They had vibrant discussions as they explored the moral of the lessons within. They built upon the underlying themes of family and relationships, abandonment and loneliness, perseverance through adversity, and self-worth to create their own musical adaptation. This version was worth pitching to a Broadway producer as it captured the imagination and keen sense of humor of the Old Bethpage Elementary School students

The parents and staff were involved in the scenery design and beautiful costumes. One student, Max Trovato, a third grader, worked with his grandfather to build the carriage that transported Cinderella to the ball. Board Member Amy Pierno and her family worked backstage with some students. The student sang and danced their way through each number to the delight of the audience. I later found out that the choreographer was a student in the school.

Just goes to show that *"Everything's Possible"* in our POB Schools!

