

Superintendent's Highlight of the Week: June 27

One Voice for Excellence

I think it is only fitting that I end the school year in a salute to the incredibly talented teachers, administrators and staff in the Plainview-Old Bethpage Schools. We had a lot thrown at us this year with the onslaught of new Common Core assessments, APPR, SLO and standards, and through it all we managed to keep the engagement of our children a priority.

We began the year with a theme "One Voice for Excellence." Each of the highlights this year gave proof of our working collaboratively on the theme. Our students reached new heights in caring about the environment, giving back to the community and competing on and off the field. Having just returned from all of the Moving-up Ceremonies in our schools, I can attest to the fact that our students have been challenged in masterful ways and are ready for the next exciting stage of their lives. A dedicated staff that believes in children is our secret to their success.

We will say goodbye to some terrific folks who have grown the dynasty of excellence in POB Schools for a total of 634 years of service. We wish them well as they move on to enjoy retirement. Among them is Fran Leiboff, who served her children in the K-Center with the utmost of care and dedication. We will miss her gentle ways and kind spirit. Best wishes to Dean Mittleman as he begins his role as Assistant Superintendent in the Connetquot Schools.

On Sunday, we will have the final graduation ceremony for the class of 2014. There is no better voice that we can give to a year of excellence than to see those graduates walk across the stage!!! For those returning, see you for another exciting year in the POB Schools next September.



Photo: The Plainview-OldBethpage Central School District Board of Education honors the professionals who will retire at the end of the 2013-2014 school year at a recent board meeting:

Standing (L to R): Arlene Maupin, Roger Geddes, Genevieve Spelman, Marcia Turlletsky and Robin Zacharius

Seated (L to R): Gale Pine, Fran Leiboff, Susanne Ferrara, MaryAnna Buynak, and Kathy Abbene

Not pictured: Ellen Felber, Carol Levine, Gale Pine, Lorraine Spaterella, Teresa Aiello, Sandra Berman, Harriet Fischer, Marie Kelian, Gino Corrado, Doug Edmonds, Laurence Meyerson, Michael Poitevien, Anna Macaluso, Patricia Maniscalco, Rose Linda Pingitore, Lisa Razon and Dianne Schnur