

PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dr. Mary O'Meara
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Good afternoon, POB School Community.

I hope your children enjoyed another week of school and the sudden drop in temperatures has you excited for the fall season. We are continuing to hear from families how glad they are to be back in the buildings with many commenting on the refreshed JJP library, the upgrades to POBMS' cafeteria and gym, the new parking lot at MMS, and the playground equipment and musical playgrounds at the elementary buildings which are filled with children during the day and after school.

The distinctions for our students continue to be awarded. This week, we were notified that two POBJFKHS students have been named Long Island Scholar Artists by the Long Island Arts Alliance. Only 20 Art, Music, Theatre, and Dance seniors across Nassau and Suffolk counties are awarded this prestigious title each year. Please take some time to view the following press release from L.I. Arts Alliance in *Newsday* and be on the lookout for Nikhita's student profile in the September 26th printed edition of *Newsday*. Elif's profile will be featured in April 2023.

<https://www.newsday.com/services/programs/long-island-arts-alliance/long-island-scholar-artists-newsday-fr353skt>

This week, 5th graders at POBMS began using their lockers. As I walked the building today, two 5th grade teachers spent over 10 minutes "gushing" about their group this year. One commented, "The level of good citizenship I am observing is amazing." This teacher went on to explain how helpful the students are to one another and her. The other teacher was clearly excited that one of his 5th graders had a positive start to the day by getting his locker open "on the first try!" I share this with you because we are seeing the continuation of smiles and good spirits in our schools, and I hope you are seeing the same at home.

The next Board of Education meeting on October 3rd will include a program evaluation on the secondary science program. The work conducted by our teachers and Mrs. Barry, Chairperson of Science, Research, and Engineering, on this program evaluation is an example of a priority area discussed at the last Board of Education meeting, *Academic Excellence for All*. Program evaluations like this one ensure POB programs are reviewed and kept relevant for our students. This level of work also serves as an example of our educators' and instructional leaders' expertise and commitment to our students.

Have a wonderful four-day weekend. Wishing all who are celebrating Rosh Hashanah a peaceful holiday with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary O'Meara
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