

Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School

Welcome Parents!
Incoming Grade 5
Parent Transition Meeting
7:00PM

Ms. Kerry Farrell, Principal
Mrs. Dorothy Drexel, Assistant Principal
Mr. Brian Ciampo, Assistant Principal
Ms. Barbara Rusnack, School Counselor
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

5th Grade School Counselor:

Ms. Barbara Rusnack

- To help all students
- Apply academic achievement strategies
- Manage emotions and apply interpersonal skills
- Plan for postsecondary options

This is done through:

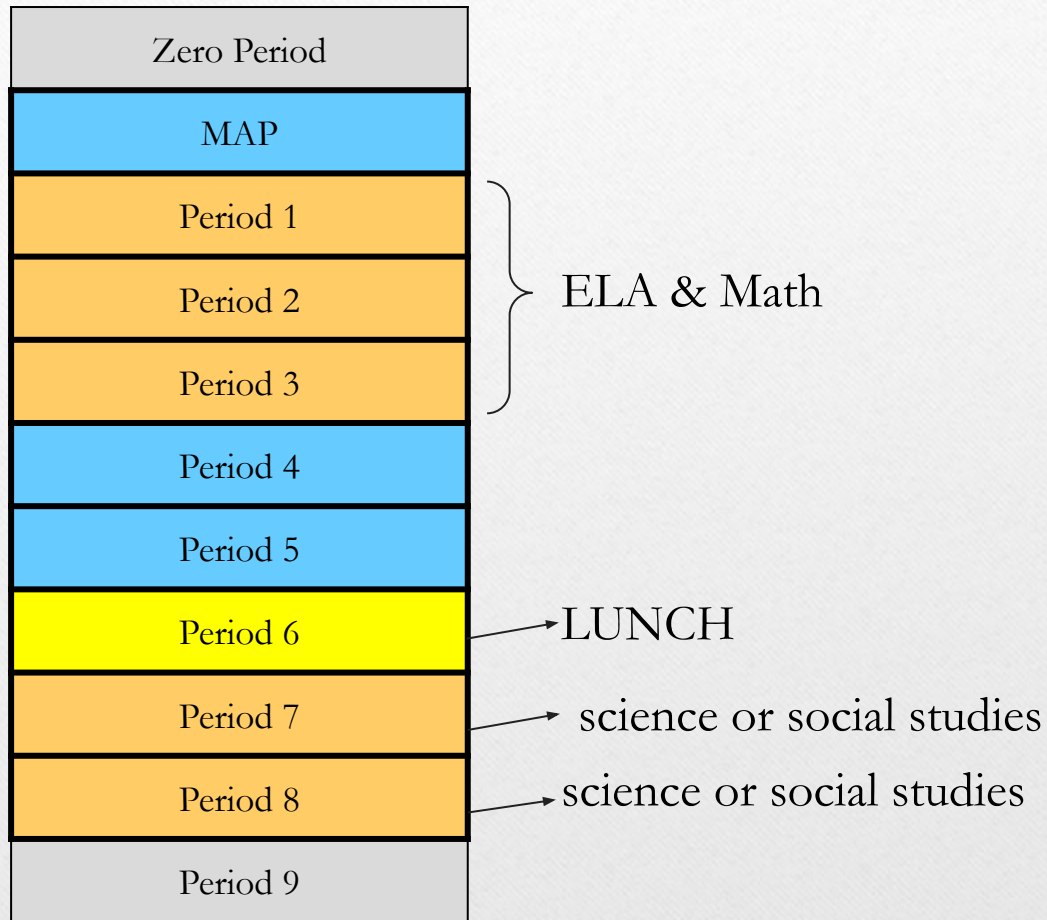
- Individual counseling
- Group counseling
- 5th Grade Academy
- Articulation & advocacy
- Parent/orientation programs

2025-2026 School Year

BELL SCHEDULE #1 - Regular Day

PERIODS	TIMES
Zero Period	7:49-8:30
MAP	8:40-8:50
Period 1	8:54-9:35
Period 2	9:39-10:20
Period 3	10:24-11:05
Period 4	11:09-11:50
Period 5	11:54-12:35
Period 6	12:39-1:20
Period 7	1:24-2:05
Period 8	2:09-2:50
Period 9	2:54-3:35

A Typical Day (current year)



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Periods	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP
1	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
2	ELA/Math	ELA/Math	ELA/Math	ELA/Math
3	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
4	PE/Health	PE/Health	PE/Health	PE/Health
5	Art/Coding	Art/Keyboarding	Music/Chinese	Music/Romance Languages
6	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
7	Science	Science	Science	Science
8	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies

5th Grade Specials

- ★ Four Quarters Per Year
- ★ Six Day Cycle
- ★ Specials Meet Odd/Even
- ★ **Health and Physical Education** Meet All Year
- ★ **General Music and Art** Meet every other day for Two Quarters (or a Semester) Each
- ★ **Coding, Keyboarding, Chinese, and Romance Languages** Meet every other day for One Quarter Each

What is MAP?

MAP - Middle School Advisory Program

Students meet with a MAP group (approximately 12-15 students in varying grade levels) once each day for 10 minutes. Students discuss a wide range of middle school topics and participate in organized activities.

Extended Map Activities

Once a month, MAP groups meet for approximately 30 minutes to work on a culminating activity. School wide activities will happen at this time, such as our Pep-Rally, Unity Day activities and Veterans Tea.

What is teaming?

Teaming

- Students are typically on a team of two/three teachers for their four core subject areas: Math, Social Studies, Science and ELA.
- There's a double period of ELA and Math every other day.

Where do students keep their belongings?

Fifth graders will have lockers. We do not assign lockers right away to give students a chance to acclimate to their new routines and surroundings first.

Do 5th graders have time to unpack?

All students have 10 minutes to unpack and get to MAP.

Students arrive at 8:30 or earlier -MAP doesn't begin until 8:40

There's only 4 minutes passing time - what if they're late to class?

Fifth graders are eased into this process!

- ★ Initially, teachers tour the building with their classes.
- ★ In the beginning, all teachers are aware that students may be late because they are still learning the building.

Lunch and Rec

- ★ The lunch/rec period is split into halves
- ★ Students choose their own tables and who they'd like to sit with
- ★ MySchoolBucks App
- ★ No pre-ordering lunches (except for Gluten Free/Special Diet)
- ★ Snack - teachers will permit a light snack in the morning

When is extra help (Remedial)?

- ★ Remedial is Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday during period 9 (2:54-3:35 PM).
- ★ There is a 9th period bus - information provided in August in the Parent Portal.

How are the social-emotional needs of fifth graders met?



- ★ A series of 40-minute lessons, delivered throughout the school year taught by the fifth grade school counselor and teachers
- ★ Created using New York State's Mental Health Education Literacy in Schools document, as well as the tenets of the book *Leader in Me*

Clubs and Activities

- ✓ Clubs meet during zero period on Mondays and Wednesdays. A few clubs meet on Fridays during period 9.
- ✓ 5th graders may participate in intramurals during zero period
- ✓ Sampling of clubs: Art, Book, Climate, Computer, Drama, First Lego, Leo Club, Newspaper, Chess, Student Council
- ✓ Club Fair in the Fall

Music @ POBMS!

BAND



ORCHESTRA



CHORUS



*Students can sing in chorus and play in either band or orchestra!

Band and Orchestra also have weekly instrument-specific lessons.

*Didn't play an instrument in 4th grade? It's not too late! We welcome all beginners!

Performance Opportunities:

*Winter and Spring Concerts

*NYSSMA Solo Festival

*Jazz Ensemble Club

*Chamber group performances at various events throughout the year

More questions? Please contact Mr. Rodgers @ mrodgers@pobschools.org

Preparing for the 2025-2026 School Year

Students will visit POBMS on:

- May 28th-Stratford Road will visit.
- May 29th-Pasadena will visit.

They will be greeted by POBMS Student Council Members, listen to a performance from our 5th and 6th grade chorus students, meet our administrators and guidance staff, and take a tour of the school.

Building the Home/School Relationship

- ✓ Please make sure we have your most current email address!
- ✓ Every Five Weeks – Progress Report/Report Card
- ✓ Parent Portal on Infinite Campus
- ✓ Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ✓ Communicate with your child's teacher



What's the purpose of the portal

- Review in partnership with your child
- To inform parents and students about the student's progress
- It is not to focus on every grade, but to help our students find success
- Concerns should be addressed with the classroom teacher

Cell Policy

- Cell phones must be “off and away” from 8:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.
- Students will not have access to their cell phones during their lunch periods.
- If students need to contact their family, they can use the phone in the main office.

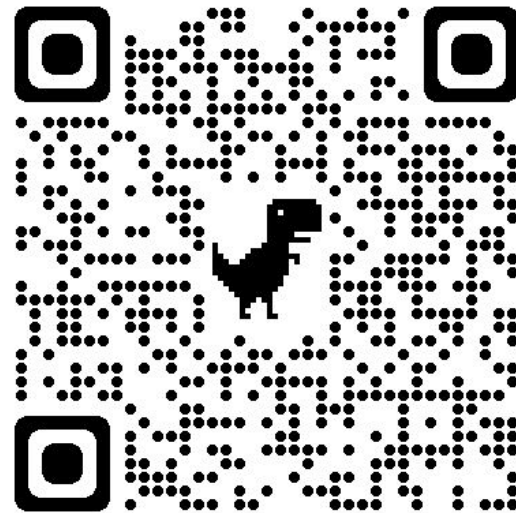
NYS Health Requirements

- Need health exam completed on official NYS Physical Exam Form and handed in by 1st day of school (can submit earlier)
- Any health exam dated September 3, 2024 or after will be accepted.
- **Girls are due for scoliosis screening. Ensure your child's pediatrician completes the screen and documents on form.**
- Email this completed form to your elementary school nurse or POBMS school nurse, Maureen Sher, RN
- Reach out with any questions (516) 434-3318 or Msher@pobschools.org

NYS Health Requirements cont...

- Must be completed on official NYS Examination Form (tracker forms will not be accepted)

[NYS Physical Exam Form](#)



Some advice...

The best thing that you can do to get your child ready to be at POBMS is positivity and excitement. Help them feel your confidence that they are ready.



Parent Square



Please check Parent Square regularly for important information and deadlines!

English:



Spanish/Español:



Korean/한국인:



Traditional Chinese/
繁體中文:



Simplified Chinese/
简体中文:



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