

## Superintendent's Highlight May 17, 2019



We bridge learning across the years in POB in many special ways. This year there have been many examples of collaboration between our high school students, Child Care and our wise partners at the Senior Citizens Club. Each month 10 to 15 students from the POBJFKHS National Art Honor

Society, led by Julia Martin and advisor Rosemarie Elder, have visited Child Care and, in May, to the Senior Citizens Club to take them step-by-step in a fun-filled Paint Day. The art work that was created, along with friendships formed, made for a special time.



The American Sign Language Honor Society students and French Honor Society students, led by high school senior Meryam Syed, taught lessons to Child Care students to give them new languages through games and other interactive activities. Director Cheryl Dender stated that the Child Care students look forward to these new experiences with new mentors piquing their interest in languages other than English.



The partnership with the National Honor Society, led by advisor Kelly Baum, was kicked off by an amazing afternoon of lunch and theater for our Senior Citizens. The caring and catering of our Senior Citizens by our high school seniors was heart-warming, as they catered lunch, had an orchestra quartet and made sure our Senior Citizens were taken care of throughout lunch and the performance of *Mamma Mia*. This collaboration continued with two technology tutoring days where our Senior Citizens were taught how to use their phone Apps, texting, FaceTime, I-pads and laptops. Laughter and friendships formed as

both groups look forward to making this a monthly activity next year. One senior citizen remarked that this was the first text they had sent to their grandchildren, who were pleasantly surprised.

This kind of collaboration only happens in a district that values learning and respects all learning partners. Plainview-Old Bethpage truly is a special place to live and learn!!!

