

Superintendent's Highlight February 8, 2019

Last week, the Drama Cadets once again dazzled us with their amazing performances of *Once Upon a Mattress* on the brand new stage at Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School. With a wide range of talented singers, dancers, and actors, the show was an absolute hit. The story goes that Prince Dauntless, played by Steven Kevelos, is in search of a beautiful princess to marry. His mother, Queen Aggravain, played by Zoe Cali, has other plans! When Princess Winnifred, played by Carlotta Vingelli, answers the call to answer the



challenge that Queen

Aggravain has levied, she makes an unusual arrival! With the help of her lady-in-waiting, Lady Larken, played by Sarah Fitzgerald, she helps to prepare Princess Winnifred for the challenge that Queen Aggravain and the Wizard, Michael Savino, have concocted. Of course, Lady Larken has her own agenda - to marry the handsome Sir Harry, played by Daniel Karp. All in all, the shows were spectacular and made history at POBMS!

A theatrical experience like this always brings so many in the community together when growing a production from the very first reading to the closing bows. Watching the POBMS Drama Cadets bring this show to life was miraculous. They were patient -

rehearsing diligently in several locations until the new auditorium was ready for the debut of this magnificent production.



Praise must be given to the magnificent cast of almost 70 students who so wonderfully embraced the story and characters. Because of their dedication and talent, they have once again created a beautiful piece of theatre that will forever be a part of the canon of amazing works performed in the District. They continually reach to set new heights, and this production has exceeded all expectations.

Many thanks must be given to all involved in the production including Adam and Kaitlyn Slawitsky, the director and producer, the parents and the entire staff that helped make this production top notch! The many creative minds and visions helped bring *Once Upon a Mattress* to life, and helped this classical piece of fiction set in the Renaissance Era come to life!

