

Happy Thanksgiving...



From Lorna,
Superintendent
Of These Wonderful
POB Schools



Made especially for you by:

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To: *The POB Staff and
Their Families*

*Thank You For
Providing The Keys
To Open The
Wonders of Our World*

When I count
my blessings,
I count you twice!

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The Seven Wonders

A class of students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, Egypt's Great Pyramids; The Taj Mahal; The Grand Canyon; The Panama Canal; The Empire State Building; St. Peter's Basilica; and China's Great Wall received the most votes from the students.

While gathering the votes, the teacher noticed that one student, a quiet girl, HADN'T turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there are so many." "Well, tell us what you have and maybe we can help." She hesitated a little, and said, "*Then I think the Seven Wonders of the World are... 1. to Touch; 2. to Taste; 3. to See; 4. to Hear; 5. to Feel; 6. to Laugh; and 7. to Love.*"

The teacher was startled, and the room was so quiet that you could hear a pin drop. The quiet girl had challenged them to think a little differently and reminded us that the things we overlook as simple and ordinary are often the MOST wonderful, and we DON'T have to travel far and wide just to experience them.

Slow down...to touch; to taste; to see; to hear; to feel; to laugh and to love. Enjoy your gifts!

We often are so busy carrying out our various responsibilities that we forget to give thanks for the obvious: families that love and support us and colleagues who cheer us on, in good times and bad.

I have the gift of being a Superintendent in a district with amazing students, a committed staff, parents who support our schools and a Board of Education that keeps me focused on the things that make a difference for the future. I am blessed to be able to serve in this wonderful place.

This Thanksgiving let us celebrate the gift of love, laughter and family as we join our loved ones over our feasts. Embrace the Seven Wonders as you reach across the table to taste the traditions of the season; touch the special someone that you may not have seen since you dropped them off at the dorm room or danced with at their wedding; laugh boisterously over the simple joy of the gathering; and be thankful that there is this kind of joy present in your life.

Ever thankful for your love and support,

Lorna