



Dear POBMS Families,

As we end the calendar year, it is a time for reflection on all that has been accomplished as well as a time to look ahead toward a new and exciting year! We are very proud of all of our students and their accomplishments during the fall semester at Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School.

Our fifth grade students have transitioned into middle school, getting acclimated with the new faces and places throughout the building. I am always sure to find a reason to smile when I walk down the fifth grade hallway, no matter what time of day, and see our students in action. They are truly remarkable.

As I sit and write this message to you, our sixth grade students are buzzing about and participating in our traditional sarcophagus project. Students have been grouped with new friends and teachers for two mornings, where they have been busily creating an Ancient Egyptian representative of their groups!

Our seventh graders have gotten used to being “upstairs” and are making great strides as they take on more independence and the responsibility that comes with that independence. My, how they’ve grown since they arrived as fifth graders two short years ago!

And our eighth graders, who are just about half way through their last year of middle school, have continued to lead the way for all of our students in so many ways. Our MAP Leaders have made their presence known in all MAP groups, leading projects such as the recent plate project in which all students were given a chance to write kind words about all of their classmates. Plates have been collected and a wall of kindness will be posted in the cafeteria!

We are also in the end stages of our auditorium renovations, and I’m happy to report that it is looking beautiful! We are awaiting some final installations, and then we will be ready to rock and roll – most likely in time for our drama performance. I’d like to send a very special thank you to our Stratford Road friends for their hospitality as we moved our winter concerts over to their newly renovated auditorium earlier this month.

Whether you are staying local, or traveling over the vacation, I wish you all a healthy, happy, and safe vacation and holiday season. As we begin the new year, may you all find peace and prosperity, and may 2019 be the best year yet!

Sincerely,

Alice Bowman

Principal, POBMS