

Dear POBMS Families,

Welcome Back! We are incredibly excited to begin the 2018-2019 school year at Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School. This year promises to be a year filled with many wonderful opportunities for all our students as we work to create a school community where everyone feels supported, challenged, and safe. As we begin this year, we pledge to you, our students and parents, that we will continue our focus on creating engaging, meaningful, and rigorous learning experiences in our classrooms, combined with special events and performing arts groups, extracurricular clubs and activities for every interest, and athletic teams certain to encourage our POBMS Hawks to be involved and stay connected!

The District theme for the year, ***Keys to Success***, rings true to the entire Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School community, as we strive to address the needs of all our students, and to develop the whole child. We believe that focusing on the whole child is the ***Key to Success*** that our middle school aged children need and deserve from us.

At Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School, we are focused on supporting the whole child and creating a school environment that addresses not only the academic, but social-emotional needs of our students as well. We encourage you to stay connected to us and to talk to your children every day about what's happening in school.

We invite and encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us to seize opportunities and prepare all our students as they meet new demands and responsibilities while learning more about themselves every day. Please know that we highly value home/school communication here at Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School. Open lines of communication are vital and play an integral role in each student's success.

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together. We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want and value your involvement and support in your child's education. Your active participation is a ***Key to Success*** for your children during their middle school years.

As the school year begins, we are thrilled about all the updates that our school has undergone and continues to undergo. This summer, we have had extensive construction in four of our science classrooms, and work has begun on our auditorium renovations. While some of these projects have made us all demonstrate flexibility, we are certain that the positive impact that each project has on the overall middle school experience will be well worth any inconvenience.

Again, we welcome you to POBMS and to our wonderful learning community.

Sincerely,

Ms. Alice Bowman – Principal

Ms. Dorothy Drexel – Assistant Principal

Ms. Kerry Farrell – Assistant Principal