

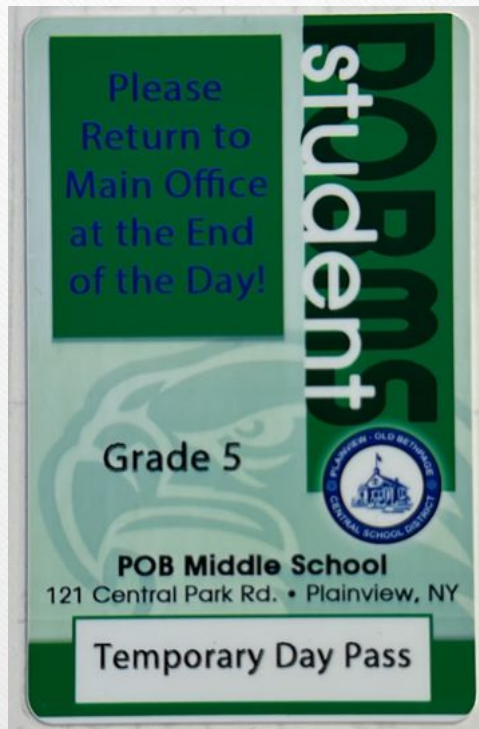
Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School

Welcome Parents!
Incoming Grade 6
Parent Transition Meeting
6:30 PM

Ms. Kerry Farrell, Principal
Mrs. Dorothy Drexel, Assistant Principal
Mr. Brian Ciampo, Assistant Principal
Ms. Barbara Rusnack, School Counselor
Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Student ID Badges

- ID badges must be worn around the neck at all times.
- Each grade has their own color.



- 5th Grade - Green
 - 6th Grade - Orange
 - 7th Grade - Yellow
 - 8th Grade - Red
- Each ID badge has a picture of the individual student it is issued to.
 - Student pictures must be visible at all times.
 - Must be worn all day, every day.



The Role of the School Counselor:

Ms. Barbara Rusnack

- Assist students in making decisions, managing emotions, coping with crises, overcoming barriers to learning
- Help students set short- and long-term goals, improve attendance, reduce and resolve conflicts
- Work to create a positive learning environment; teach self-management skills; act as an advocate for students
- Provide academic, career, and personal/social counseling to enable students to make informed decisions toward achieving their future goals

Grade 6 Scheduling

- **Teams of Teachers**

- English Language Arts (ELA) / Social Studies
- Math / Science

- **Block Scheduling**

- ELA and Math are blocked with alternating 80 minute/40 minute periods
 - Day 1: 80 minutes ELA/40 minutes Math
 - Day 2: 40 minutes ELA/80 minutes Math

Grade 6 Scheduling

- **Specials**

As a general example, order may change:

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Art/ PE	Art/ PE	General Music/ PE	General Music/ PE
French	Spanish	Chinese	Coding

- ❖ *Please note: Academic Supports (such as Resource Room, Math/Reading AIS) may take the place of one or more of the Specials, depending on individual needs and teacher recommendations*

Periods	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
1	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
2	ELA/Math	ELA/Math	ELA/Math	ELA/Math
3	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
4	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
5	Science	Science	Science	Science
6	PE/Art	PE/Art	PE/Gen. Mus.	PE/Gen. Mus.
7	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
8	French	Spanish	Chinese	Coding

Future Decisions:

- 6th Grade:

- Super Acceleration is available in Math for those that meet the eligibility criteria
- Email from Ms. Regina Lee, Director of Math, in April reglee@pobschools.org

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The student has exhibited mathematical strengths since elementary school which are noted on the elementary report cards.
 - Consistently achieved 4s on the elementary report cards in mathematics.
 - Remarks in the comment section of the elementary report cards recognize mathematical strengths.
- The student has taken all applicable NYS math assessments and achieved a high Level 4 on each NYS math assessment.
- The student has a 95 or better assessment average in Grade 5 in quarters 1 - 3.
- The student's grades in quarters 1 - 3 in Grade 5 are consistently above 95 in both math and science.
- Teacher feedback, which speaks to the student's ability, academic achievement, and eagerness to take on challenges, supports such advancement in mathematics.
- NWEA MAP Growth score places the student among the top national percentiles.
- The student demonstrates mastery on an in-person departmental exam that is aligned to the NYS Learning Standards and assesses the student's understanding of Math 6 concepts. (Written parental permission required.)

Future Decisions:

• Seventh Grade

- Math 7 vs. Math 7 Accelerated
 - Director of Mathematics, Ms. Regina Lee reglee@pobschools.org
- Choose one language: Spanish, Chinese, French, or American Sign Language (ASL)
 - Director of World Language, Mr. Leo Rivera
LRivera@pobschools.org

• Eighth Grade

- Earth and Space Science vs. Science 8
 - Director of Science, Mrs. Dame Forbes DForbes@pobschools.org
- Algebra vs. Math 8
- Studio Art vs. other specials
 - Coordinator of Art, Dr. Ben Wiley BWiley@pobschools.org

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