You didn’t teach us from books
You taught us from your soul.
In our lives you have played
A very important role.
You didn’t just teach us from
What was there in our syllabus.
You taught all those things
Which were important for us.
Thanks so much for being
More than just a teacher.
You have coached our lives
By being our Mentor.
Happy Retirement!

Saying goodbye is always difficult especially if it has to be said to a person who has been an integral part of the school. The students and staff of OPJMS bid a tearful farewell to Mrs. Chauhan. She leaves behind her a vacuum which will be difficult to fill.
A perfect and harmonious amalgamation of velvet heart and iron determination, she maintains mental equanimity in the toughest situations. There is no one who can match her stature. She has been a bold lady carrying an amiable disposition and smile.
We remember thinking that it would be hard to say goodbye and we were right it was really hard. Yet, we consider ourselves fortunate to have met such a special person, a person that we care so much about that it makes saying goodbye to her hard. As we say goodbye, we remind ourselves that farewells are not forever, nor are they end. They are simply words to say that we will miss her dearly and that we will remember her fondly.
Her farewell was as grand as her persona, extending for two days. Of course, everyone wanted to bid adieu (though with a heavy heart) to the lady who was more than a teacher or an administrator or a Vice Principal.
She was the mentor and inspiration for all. First, the farewell was hosted by the students who expressed their heartfelt gratitude for their teacher as she used imagination instead of textbooks and motivation instead of punishment to teach them. Each class was given a stipulated period of time to say goodbye in their own special way. The class representatives from each section presented Mrs. Chauhan a bouquet of flowers and a greeting card made out of their creativity and true love for her. These were the true expression of their feelings - respect and affection. This was followed by speeches delivered by the children sharing their fond memories with their Chauhan Ma’am. A few children also sang for her, creating an ambience charged with emotions. Mrs Chauhan, emotionally roused, was also carried away.

The highlight of the programme was a video montage prepared by the students of class X and XI showcasing the pivotal role played by Mrs. Chauhan at OPJMS. As the students and teachers spoke about her, she went down the memory lane to cherish those fond memories and abiding moments. Tears and sobs filled the air in the farewell party of the teacher who had given knowledge, wisdom and insight to her students.

The teaching faculty and administrative staff also hosted a farewell for their leader. She is the ideal for every teacher as she suggests rather than dogmatizing and inspires her listeners.

Mrs. Chauhan had the ability to influence people, motivate them to find the best solution when they confronted challenges. She encouraged the team members to set up goals and helped them to achieve those. She had a sense of direction and a vision for the group and its members.

We have seen leaders who know their own skills and effectively deploy them, but Mrs. Chauhan was a step ahead. She was aware of the strengths and shortcomings of the team members. She helped team members to contribute using their strengths and overcome the shortcomings using training and her guidance.

She possesses intelligence, alertness and listening skills required to manage teams. Her action-oriented approach and positive attitude are the qualities that have inspired all of us. We all thank her for all the support, guidance, help, appreciation and opportunities she provided us for our growth both professional and individual.