



Manhasset Public Schools

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Dear Shelter Rock Families,

First and foremost, I hope that this email finds you and your families well and enjoying these final days of summer. For me it was a wonderful summer filled with happy family events and fun with friends. It seems like it was just yesterday that we were waving the children off for the summer as the buses pulled away from school on the last day of classes. Summer time flies!

A lot has happened at Shelter Rock since those buses pulled away! Here are a few highlights.

Please join me in welcoming the following teachers to our school family:

- A warm welcome back to Ms. Beth Van Cott who is assigned to teach a third grade class this year. Last year, Ms. Van Cott taught second grade at Munsey Park School; during the 2014-15 school year, she was a first grade teacher at Shelter Rock School.
- Another warm welcome back to Mrs. Phyllis Parisi-Ellis who will return this school year as a special education teacher. Last year, she worked as a leave-replacement for one of our special education teachers.
- Ms. Farran Palma joins Shelter Rock as a full-time physical education teacher. Mrs. Palma has been a physical education teacher in the Manhasset School District, previously splitting her day between Munsey Park and the Secondary School. Mrs. Palma is replacing Mrs. Bourazeris, Coach B." who retired in June.
- Ms. Dawn Pepe joins Shelter Rock this year as a leave replacement special education teacher for Mrs. Lisa Binetti who will remain on maternity leave for the first half of the school year. Last year, Ms. Pepe worked at Munsey Park School as a leave-replacement teacher in fourth grade.
- Ms. Dawn Farrell, special education teacher, will work with our first grade teachers and students. Mrs. Farrell comes to us from the New York City Department of Education where she was a special education teacher.

Shelter Rock School was under construction this summer! The cafeteria, instrumental music rooms and science room were completely renovated. The spaces are just beautiful and the children will certainly appreciate our newly air-conditioned cafeteria! Please be sure to stop by these rooms during your Open House visits.

In addition, improvements to two Grade 6 science classrooms were completed and a bathroom was installed in classroom 21. All new LED outdoor lighting was installed throughout the campus. You will see a noticeable difference when you are in the parking lot on those dark fall afternoons or for evening events at school.

Some teachers have changed grades this summer. The final class organization is as follows:

- Kindergarten: Mrs. Lidonnici, Mrs. Manolakes, Mrs. Marrone, Mrs. Schwartz
- First Grade: Mrs. Fritz, Mrs. Lundin, Mrs. Perlstadt and Ms. Shackel
- Second Grade: Mrs. Ardito, Mrs. Creighton, Ms. Haas, Mrs. Pistorino and Mrs. H. Weinstein
- Third Grade: Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Puccio, Mrs. Tsang, Mrs. Van Cott, and Mrs. S. Weinstein
- Fourth Grade: Mrs. Kasper, Mrs. Mayo, Mrs. Rosner, Mr. Santiavasci and Mrs. Siver
- Fifth Grade: Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Swaine, Mrs. Tran and Mrs. Watts
- Sixth Grade: Mrs. Bacchioni, Mr. Christy, Mrs. Como, Mr. Sirof and Mrs. Weiss-Begley
- Self-Contained Classes: Mrs. Parisi-Ellis, Mrs. Shea and Mrs. Theo-Moloney

So that is what has been happening around Shelter Rock. I am hopeful that the children will return with exciting stories of their summer adventures. Speaking of returning, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Curry and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday, September 6. September 6 will be a half day for students in grades 1 through 6. (The buses will leave Shelter Rock at 11:30 AM.) Kindergarten students were mailed a special schedule for the start of school. I look forward to seeing you at one (or more) of our Open House Nights scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, September 13 Grades Kindergarten and 1
- Thursday, September 15 Grade 6
- Tuesday, September 20 Grades 2 and 3
- Tuesday, September 27 Grades 4 and 5

Another great opportunity to say hello and have your questions answered is at our first SCA meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 9:30 AM with our SCA President and Vice President, Leslie Fleck and Tara LaSalle. At that meeting you will have an opportunity to meet new staff members.

Take good care of yourself and savor these remaining days of summer with your families and friends! Please tell the children that Mr. Geczik says "Hello!" and that I cannot wait to see them!

Sincerely,

Robert J. Geczik

Principal