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Dear Judy Jacobs-Parkway Families,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a relaxing and peaceful summer vacation with plenty of opportunity to spend time together. The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, September 5th. It will be a *full* day of school! Students will be having lunch in school and will be able to buy hot lunch or bring their own bagged lunch.

The start of a new school year is always exciting as children look forward to seeing friends and meeting their teachers. Schedules and routines are adjusted and there is a definite change in the air! One way to prepare for the new school year is to begin making changes from summer to fall routines gradually over the next few weeks. Establishing school year bedtimes and putting them into place before the school year starts will help your child's transition. Another way to help prepare for the new school year is to encourage your children to continue reading with a trip to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library.

As the school year commences you will learn about curriculum, grade level events and classroom routines. Back-to-School Night is on Tuesday, September 19. Information regarding specific times can be found in the district calendar. During the year we will be sharing information with you about ways to support your child's learning at home and keep you up-to-date with school happenings and events. You will also receive information from the Judy Jacobs-Parkway PTA. An effective and well-rounded education is one that introduces and exposes students to cultural and aesthetic arts. Our PTA is dedicated to providing programs and activities for our students that are purposeful, support the curriculum and enrich the education of our children. Please continue your support of our PTA during fundraisers and events and we encourage you to attend our monthly meetings, the dates of which are on the district calendar.

This year we have 19 classes at Judy Jacobs-Parkway. Three in Kindergarten and four each in grades 1-4.

Please join me in welcoming some new faces to our school community. Let me begin with Joanna Gentile, Assistant Principal. Ms. Gentile is an alumna of POBJFKHS and comes to us from POBMS where she taught English to 7th and 8th graders. On fourth grade, Rebecca Elenio joins us and we have a new .5 XR teacher, Dina Futterman. We have a new Band teacher, Glenn Chiarello and we welcome Dr. Lionel Chan, Chairperson for World Languages, who will be teaching one section of Chinese at JJP. We welcome Stephanie Graziosi, .25 elementary counselor as well as Debbie Lovett who will be our .5 Math AIS teacher. Many of you know Mrs. Lovett from her years teaching 4th grade at JJP. Rachel Lindsey will be our .25 STEAM teacher. We welcome aides Cori Almont and



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Hasana Hayat and in our front office, Sharon Yarmeisch has been hired to take over for Janine Kachadourian who has become the Principal's secretary at Old Bethpage. This year we will have a full time security guard at JJP and we are happy to welcome Alfred Gross to the staff.

Your child's placement information for 2017-18 will be available on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal on Wednesday, August 23. Class placements were carefully considered with information from those faculty members who know your child. Changes in placement *cannot* be requested at this time. Additionally, transportation information is posted within the portal. The Transportation tab will have your child's bus stop assignments. If you have not yet registered, information can be found within the district website; this ensures access to report cards, attendance and important school/district emails and phone calls. If you are not registered, you will need to request paper copies of all school information and communications.

Within the next few days you will receive a mailing including free and reduced lunch applications and PTA/SEPTA memberships. In addition, please visit our district and school website for additional information including:

- ✓ Code of Conduct
- ✓ Wellness Policy Guidelines
- ✓ Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- ✓ Curriculum Resources
- ✓ Delayed Opening Procedures

As many of you are aware, there is a great deal of work being done at JJP this summer including the addition of a new instructional space. Our custodians have been working diligently to have the building ready for your children on September 5. Although we know that your children are eager to see their new classrooms we are unable to permit visits to the school as the building is still being prepared with construction and cleaning.

On behalf of the Judy Jacobs-Parkway faculty and staff we wish you an enjoyable remainder of the summer and we look forward to seeing you all on September 5!

Sincerely,

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