



Stratford Road Elementary School

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Dear Stratford Road Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back! As the summer winds down, we hope you and your family had time to create new memories while enjoying your time together. The first day of school, Wednesday, September 4, will be a *full day*.

The beginning of a new school year is always very exciting as school supplies are gathered and children prepare to see teachers and friends. One important way you can help your child to get ready for school is to encourage reading. All children left school in June with a few books checked out for summer reading. We hope they were enjoyed; please remember to bring them back so others can enjoy! Additionally, a trip to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library or local bookstore will help you child end the summer with a good book to begin the year.

As school begins, you will learn about the curriculum, classroom routines, and grade level events. Our Back-to-School Night will take place on Tuesday, September 10; please see the letter on our website for specific times. Throughout the year, we will share information with you about ways to support your child at home and keep you up-to-date about happenings at school. You will also find out about plans and goals of the Stratford Road PTA. An effective, well-rounded education is one that introduces children to cultural and aesthetic arts. Many of our cultural arts programs, such as the circus and author visit, are available due to the dedicated efforts of our PTA. Please continue your support as you participate in fundraisers and volunteer to ensure successful events.

I'm excited to welcome new members to our school community: Jennifer Giustiniani, kindergarten; TBD, special education .5 grade K ICT grade, TBD, grade 1 special class; Amanda Hankin, grade 2 special class; Rachel Newman, .5 psychologist; Patricia Yale, instrumental teacher; Sheryl Saltiel, Discovery Lab; Jason Luecken, night custodian-in-charge; Ron Dubiel and TBD, evening security guards; and our new aides- Jeanette Buffalino, Laura DeVito, Diana Moore, Orit Plotkin, Lauren Sardelli, Alyssa Szydal, and Carmine Szydal.

Besides staff new to POB, I'd like to officially welcome district colleagues who are now joining us at SR- Andrea Carruth, from Pasadena, ENL; Amy Krolick, from POBJFK and Mattlin, speech language; Lori Maurer, from Old Bethpage, special education grade 3 ICT; Mersina Onesto, from POBJFK, part-time physical education/health teacher; Robbin Sigman, from Pasadena, special education grade 1 ICT; Jennifer Temkin, from Pasadena, .5 AIS math; Arda Victor, from Pasadena, .5 AIS ELA; and aides- Yvette Constantino and Christina Percell.

This year we have 32 classes- five in grades K, 1, and 2, four in grades 3 and 4, as well as nine special classes. Your child's class placement information for 2019-2020 will be available through the

Infinite Campus Parent Portal on Wednesday, August 21. Class placements were carefully considered with input from those faculty members who know your child. ***Changes 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 on our Infinite Campus Parent Portal, 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 over the next week for additional information:

- Stratford Road Monthly Calendar
- Back-to-School Night
- School Supply Lists
- Elementary School Parent Handbook
- Code of Conduct
- Wellness Policy Guidelines
- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Although we know your children are eager to see their classrooms, we are unable to permit any visits to the school; our building is still being prepared with construction and cleaning. We appreciate your cooperation with this request.

Educator and author Dorothy Cohen wrote in her book, *The Learning Child: Guidelines for Parents and Teachers*, that “the heart of any educational experience lies in the interaction of people with each other and with their total environment.” We look forward to working closely with your family and a year full of success and positive accomplishments. Enjoy the remaining days of your summer.

Sincerely,

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