

WANAQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school! I hope you had a great summer. Our work together this past year brought progress on many fronts. Now, with the start of the 2016-17 school year, we have new opportunities and challenges to improve the lives and futures of Wanaque's children.

The 2016-2017 school year promises to be one of the most exciting and memorable years in the history of Wanaque Schools for this is the year that we will spend planning for the future of our district, laying the cornerstones for tomorrow. In order for our students to be prepared for the challenges of high school and the 21st Century, we must organize our schools to improve student achievement and the opportunities afforded to our students during their elementary and middle school years. I personally invite each of you to be a part of this exciting project and help lay those cornerstones. Let's be the champions every Wanaque and Haskell student deserves!

Communicating effectively and providing quality service to our schools, families, and community benefits all of our children. Some new initiatives to improve our responsiveness to parents, families, and staff are underway, including using a digital app. to provide quick access to information and communication tools.

The roofing project at Wanaque School went very well, as did our summer cleaning. Classrooms are ready, as are the hallways, gymnasiums, cafeterias and office spaces. The floors were waxed with a new material and quite honestly look like glass! The furniture has been polished and windows washed.

As you know, schools do not get ready without the hard work and dedication of many key staff. I would like to take a moment to personally thank our maintenance and custodial staff and our secretarial and central office staff for their tremendous efforts in making certain we are ready for opening day.

There are many new faces as well as some staffing changes in our schools this year. For your convenience, I have provided you with an update.

District – wide:

New to District

Christopher Paradiso

2015-2016 Assignment

2016-2017 Assignment

Media Specialist

Welcome Back to the District:

Samantha Nash

Sandra Somohano

Cari Jurgensen

Beth Green

Gr. 4 Language Arts (Mat. Leave)

Kindergarten (Mat. Leave)

Gr. 3 (Mat. Leave)

Middle School Math (Mat. Leave)

Assistant Principal, Wanaque

Kindergarten

Gr. 3

Middle School Math

Haskell School

New to the District:

Lauren Griffith

Laura Allen

Emma Valdivieso

Lauren Faulborn

Mathew Tuorto

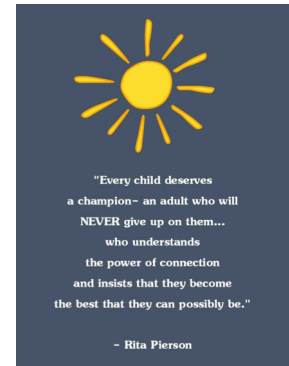
Teacher, Gr. 1

Teacher, Gr. 4 Sci./SS

Teacher, LLD

Speech Language Therapist

Teacher, Gr. 4 Math



Haskell School:

Change in Assignment

Alexandra DeFrance
Elaine Fox
Jessica Hanczaryk
Jennifer Jaisli
Carly Meyer
Barbara Palacios

2015-2016 Assignment

Teacher, Gr. 3
Teacher, Upper BD, Wanaque
Grade 4, Math
Teacher, LLD
Teacher, LLD
Teacher, Grade 1

2016-2017 Assignment

Teacher, Gr. 2
Teacher, LLD
Special Ed. Resource Math
Special Ed. RR/ICS
Special Ed. RR/ICS
Teacher, Basic Skills

Wanaque School:

New to the District:

Stephanie Smith
Melissa Riccio
Sara Mahler
Patricia Lisbe
Kyle Letsche
Jennifer Van Wetering

Teacher, Gr. 5 LAL
Teacher, Gr. 6-8 LAL
Teacher, Primary Autism
School Nurse
Instructional Assistant, Braille
Lunch Aide

Wanaque School

Change in Assignment:

Grace Decker
Amanda Dumont
Chris Pantano
Anthony Saraceni
Sharon Shemeley

2015-2016 Assignment

Teacher, Gr. 3 Wanaque School
Teacher Basic Skills – Haskell
Teacher, Basic Skills
Instructional Assistant
Teacher, Intermediate LLD - Haskell

2016-2017 Assignment

Teacher, Gr. 3 ICS
Teacher, Basic Skills
Teacher, Gr. 6-8 LAL
Teacher, Primary BD
Teacher, Intermediate BD

In our continuing effort to keep parents and guardians active partners in their child's education and to reduce the amount of paper that comes home, the "Opening Day" packet will once again be in electronic format via the Parent Portal. Once you are logged in, you will be able to access the forms and memos by clicking on "Documents" located in the menu bar on the left side of the screen.

If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the main office and we will be more than happy to provide you with a hard copy of the entire packet.

In conclusion, the start of a new school year always brings a promise of new hope, new challenges, new learning and new fun. We are given the opportunity to begin with renewed energy and enthusiasm for our common purpose of sparking, nurturing, and sustaining a love of learning in all of us. Thank you in advance for your continued partnership in providing the very best learning environment and experiences for the students of the Wanaque School District as we embark on what promises to be a fantastic 2016-2017 school year!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ms. D. Cardiello

Donna L. Cardiello
Superintendent of Schools