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POCANTICO HILLS CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child(ren) to preK on Tuesday, September 4th. For some families, this may be your child(ren)'s first experience with attending school at Pocantico while for others, you may have already had an older child experience preK here at Pocantico. Regardless, I am sure that we all agree that a universal full-day preK program for children of our District is something to be quite proud of. I am certainly looking forward to this experience as your new principal at Pocantico and look forward to meeting you and welcoming your child on our first day of school.

Please make note of the flyer from the Pocantico PTA inviting all incoming preK students and their parents to a pool party on Thursday, August 30th. For those that can attend, it will surely provide an informal opportunity for children and their families to meet one another and casually mingle before the start of the school year. Families are asked to RSVP to Kristen Kumar at kristenkumar@gmail.com.

For those that have already had a child attend preK at Pocantico, you might make note of some program changes in the transition to the District. Our incoming students will begin on the same day as the rest of our children in the upper grades but will enjoy an abbreviated day that will begin at 11:00am and conclude at 1:00pm. Please note the agenda below, as this first day has been scheduled to acclimate your child with their new building, meet their teachers, provide a brief bus ride for students and culminate with an ice cream social on the preK playground. Students will begin a full day on Wednesday, September 5th.

11:00-11:15—Students arrive in the circle and are escorted to library

11:15-11:45—Greeting from Mr. Harrington and read aloud

11:45-12:00—Teachers to bring students to classroom for a brief activity

12:00-12:15—Let's Find It!—Location of important places in building

12:15-12:30—Students outside to circle for bus tour/student bus ride, parents stay behind for brief overview of schedule with Mrs. Carrigan and Mrs. Lepore

12:30-1:00—Students return and enjoy ice cream social on preK playground

Our Superintendent, Mrs. Carol Conklin-Spillane, our Supervisor of Special Services, Ms. Celia Strino and our Director of Curriculum and Technology, Mr. Adam Brown, along with myself will be available throughout the morning to answer any questions you have regarding your child's preK experience. Parents are encouraged to stay for the duration of the program on September 4th. In the event that you may not be available, families are welcome to send a parent or other guardian to accompany your child. Should you have any questions prior to September 4th please feel free to reach out to me directly at 631-2440 ext. 712 or email me at bharrington@pocanticohills.org

I look forward to meeting you on September 4th and until then, please enjoy these remaining days of summer!

With Warm Regards,

Brent B. Harrington
Principal