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Welcome Back Students & Families!

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful transition into the new school year and thank you to our parent volunteers who came up to school to help deliver supplies to the classrooms. We truly appreciate the support we receive from our families throughout the school year.

It was a very busy summer here at 114. However, I missed the excitement and energy of the students and staff so I am happy to have everyone back. Mrs. Folchetti and I have been visiting classrooms to welcome our students back and we have been greeted with smiles, stories, and excitement. The students continually energize us and motivate us to be the best that we can be.

I spent quite a lot of time interviewing candidates over the summer so that I could hire the most qualified and well trained staff members possible. We have several new teachers in the building who bring with them a great deal of experience and expertise and I am so pleased with each of them. Please welcome them to our amazing community when you meet them.

This year, we continue our professional learning so that we can best meet the needs of the amazing students who we serve each and every day. We are so excited to be partnering with Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. This partnership will provide 20 days of on-site training as well as approximately 40 days of training at Teachers College for various staff members. This initiative is being funded in part by Councilman Ulrich and in part by our amazing PTA. We are so grateful for their financial support to make this possible. We are heading into year 2 of Algebra for All which also provides training days for several of our teachers in a hands-on, problem solving philosophy of mathematics instruction. Grades K-4 are transitioning to Envision 2.0 and grades 5-8 will continue to use Engage NY units of study as a basis for our math curriculum. In addition, we are integrating Amplify Science into grades 3-8 for more hands-on learning.

Our Meet the Teacher Night is set for Thursday, September 12th from 4:30-7:30. A separate schedule will be sent home and is posted on our website. Please come and meet our staff and learn more about the expectations and curriculum for this school year.

Looking ahead, our first Dress for a Cause will be held on Friday, September 27th and we will wear Gold shirts to raise money for Childhood Cancer Awareness. Our donation will be made to The St. Baldrick's Foundation.

Thank you all for the on-going support as we strive to be the best we can be for the students of The Belle Harbor School.

I am looking forward to an amazing year together.

Mrs. Welsome

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