

August 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is with great pleasure that I write to welcome you and your child/children to the 2011-2012 school year at Westhampton Beach Elementary! I hope your summer has been filled with enjoyable activities with family and friends creating lasting memories. As the new principal, it is truly an honor to become a member of this fabulous school community and I look forward to working with the dedicated staff, parents and community to provide the best possible educational experience for your child/children.

The summer has been a busy time for us here at the Elementary School, as we have been preparing for the upcoming school year. The custodial and clerical staff have done an outstanding job preparing for the arrival of our students. While we have accomplished much, we are eager for the children to return and breathe life back into the building. This is an exciting time of year and the entire Westhampton Beach faculty and staff look forward to sharing a productive and fun-filled school year with you!

The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 6th. Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:00. *Please note, the Kindergarten program will run on half days through Friday, September 9th with dismissal at 12:00 noon. Kindergarten students may ride the bus home or be picked up at the doors to the modular wing for the half days only. On Monday, September 12th, Kindergarten begins full days and dismissal will begin at 3:00 p.m.*

We encourage students to ride the bus to and from school each day. This is especially important to ensure that children arrive not only in a timely manner, but also helps to relieve traffic congestion at arrival and dismissal times. Please be sure to check the bus routes in the district calendar or call Montauk Bus Company at 874-5300 if you need specific information regarding time of pickup. However, if you will be transporting your children to and from school, kindly refer to the enclosed letter describing procedures for walkers, pick-ups and riders.

Please be advised, parents *will not* be permitted to pick up their children in the front lobby *after 2:45 p.m.*, as this compromises our security and is disruptive to our dismissal procedures. We ask that everyone complete the attached dismissal options form and refer to our dismissal procedures and map for further clarification. Enclosed you will also find an informational packet about our before and after school “We-Care” program.

We are excited about welcoming your children back to school and look forward to seeing you at our “Back to School” night on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. I hope that many of you will be able to attend our PTA “Welcome Back Picnic” on Friday September 23rd at 4:00 p.m. Additionally, look for our new weekly “Home/School Communication Folder” that will be sent home each Tuesday to keep you informed of upcoming events as well as community opportunities. Enjoy the rest of the summer vacation, and I look forward to meeting all of you and forming strong and positive partnerships. If you should have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to contact the school at 288-3800 ext. 252.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Slover, Ed.S.
Principal