



# North Shore Schools

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*Discovering Your Dreams*

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Dear Sea Cliff School Community,

It is with great excitement that I introduce myself as the new principal of Sea Cliff Elementary School! I am honored to have been selected to join the North Shore School District, which is widely known for its dedication to learning through purposeful, inquiry-based, child-centered experiences. The Shared Valued Outcomes developed by our district are consonant with my belief that the education of the whole child is essential to developing intelligent, insightful individuals.

I join Sea Cliff School with nearly seventeen years of experience in the field of education. My extensive experiences in the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District ranged from classroom educator, reading specialist, lead teacher, and Academic Intervention Services Coordinator where I had the privilege to support hundreds of learners throughout my career. In addition to my role as educator, I am the very proud mother of three wonderfully creative and talented boys: Luke (7), Jack (6), and Mark (5). Please know that I view all of the children of Sea Cliff School as if they were my own and will work tirelessly to ensure that they have meaningful, successful, and engaging learning experiences.

As we eagerly prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, our faculty and staff have been involved in numerous professional development sessions across content areas geared towards rewriting and enhancing curriculum and improving professional practice. As we enter the second year of North Shore's Strategic Plan, we will expand on the pillar of Teaching and Learning by introducing an Exploration and Enrichment block. During this block, our students will have the opportunity to experience a variety of play-based activities in the areas of science, social studies, health, and wellness. We will be piloting 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms with the introduction of flexible furniture intentionally designed to foster the skills and dispositions outlined in our Shared Valued Outcomes. Our Social Emotional Learning will be enhanced by ensuring that each student has a trusted adult/mentor at school. This school year promises to be filled with the rich and varied educational experiences that we have come to expect from our fantastic Sea Cliff School educators! Additionally, our wonderful clerical and custodial staff have been diligently preparing our school for the arrival of students on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

As you begin the school year with us, you will meet a number of staff that are new to Sea Cliff School including Ms. Lisa Daly (ENL), Ms. Carolyn Dipreta (School Counselor), Mr. Stephen Carr (Health), Mr. Craig Spector (Security), Ms. Andie Ebert (Special Education from GWL), Ms. Nina Becker (Teacher Assistant from GWL), Ms. Donna Segal (Occupational Therapist from GWL/GH), Ms. Kelly Butler (Special Education Aide), Ms. Marie Maher (Special Education Aide), and Ms. Eva Norris (Monitor). Please accompany me in welcoming them as they join our wonderful school community!

Finally, I would like to share with you a new space that is being created for Sea Cliff students called the Engineering Design Lab. The goal of this new space is to allow students to innovate by developing their natural curiosity through purposeful exploration. Included in this space is a magnet wall, Ozobots, a light laboratory, a Lego wall, and a myriad of building materials including PVC pipes, pipe insulation, arc planks, and much more! The Engineering Design Lab will be available to students during the school day, including indoor recess. I anticipate this space will be a big hit with our students!

I am thrilled to embark on this educational journey with you for what is sure to be a year of inspirational learning and memorable moments! I look forward to cultivating our partnership in the education of your child(ren).

Warmest regards,

Mrs. Jeanette Wojcik