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JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

I hope you are enjoying the warm weather and had an opportunity for rest and relaxation this summer. The faculty and staff at John F. Kennedy Elementary School have been diligently preparing for the arrival of your child and the new school year. We are looking forward to welcoming our incoming third grade students. In addition, we are excited to continue to work with your fourth and fifth grade children and provide all of our students with educational experiences that are both meaningful and engaging.

I thank you for the support you have provided in the past and encourage you to continue to work closely with us in the following ways:

- Check the Website and read the *JFK Newsletter* for important information and updates.
- Encourage reading in your home. Consider signing up for the East Islip Public Library's multiple programs throughout the year.
- Monitor your child's daily schoolwork and homework assignments. It is essential that the children know you are aware of their assigned work.
- Keep the lines of communication open between your home and our school. Children benefit from knowing that their teachers and parents collaborate.
- Work closely with your child's classroom teacher throughout the year and keep active in the John F. Kennedy Elementary School's PTA. We always need and welcome parents to assist at our many events.
- Please visit our Twitter page @ jfkeipride.

The **First Day of School** for students is **Thursday, September 6, 2018**. **"Meet the Teacher Night"** is **Thursday, September 20, 2018** at **6:30 p.m.**

For the safety and welfare of all students, the East Islip School District has clear guidelines outlined in the Board of Education's *Wellness and Allergy Policies* relating to food items that are brought into the schools. Students' individual snacks brought from home will continue to be only for their own consumption. The district has adopted a non-food based policy for birthday celebrations, therefore please do not send in any food items for your child's birthday. In addition, we are a latex safe school and no latex balloons will be allowed in the building.

You will receive your child's class assignment for the upcoming school year on the parent portal beginning August 29, 2018. This placement is a result of considerable thought and attention. Each decision was based on careful reflection and deliberation regarding class combinations, and the best placement of each and every child.

John V. Dolan
Superintendent of Schools

To ensure the safety and welfare of all students, please remember to take special care at arrival and dismissal times. The circular driveway is reserved for school buses only. For security purposes, parents are reminded to wait outside the building for their children. If an older child is responsible for picking up a younger child, please plan for a prearranged meeting area in front of the building. All bicycles must be locked to the racks in front of the building and students who ride a bicycle to school must wear a helmet. Please note, the side parking lot **cannot** be used for drop-offs and pick-ups.

Grade Level Supply Lists are posted on the Website (Virtual Backpack) for your convenience. Also, please note the following additional items to be viewed on the Website.

- ✓ Superintendent's Welcome Letter
- ✓ Manners Matter
- ✓ Superintendent Wellness and Allergy Policy Update
- ✓ Code of Conduct
- ✓ Computer Network Letter
- ✓ Patriot Day Letter and Bibliography
- ✓ Districtwide Committee Application
- ✓ PTA information
- ✓ FTK information

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at dsmith@eischools.org or call 631-581-1608.

On behalf of the entire staff at John F. Kennedy Elementary School, we hope that you enjoy the remaining days of summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

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