

April 27, 2018

Dear Parents,

While it is hard to believe, our teachers will now begin the class placement process for the 2018-19 school year. We make class placement decisions based on the best interest of all children in the class and ask you to continue to trust our professional judgement in determining class placements. Our teachers see the full picture of learning styles, needs, and personalities when they are developing the class make-up. Having said this, we do value input from parents as you are aware of the various teaching styles in your child's academic career. As always, we will be following the Board of Education procedure regarding class placement:

*In accordance with Board of Education procedure EO40.17, The building principal will have the responsibility and the authority for the assignment of each student to his or her class and, therefore, his or her teacher with the best interests of the child in mind. The principals will not take requests to place children with particular teachers. The parent(s) will have the opportunity to inform the principal or designee in the spring prior to classroom assignments concerning the child's learning style, specialties and difficulties, and particular needs, personal or educational. The parent(s) is/are also encouraged to discuss with the principal the child's progress in the fall once classes are under way. However, the principal will make the final determination in placing all children.*

If there is something imperative you feel would benefit our staff in the placement process, please provide us this information in writing. We ask for letters to be delivered to the main office and not sent via email to ensure they are received. Please remember your letter should not contain a request for a specific teacher. Additionally, placement with a teacher that an older sibling had will not be automatic. All children have different needs and it is not a foregone conclusion that having a student placed with the same teacher as a sibling will be the best possible placement. We take each child's academic and social emotional needs into account when determining placement, therefore having a teacher you are familiar with may or may not be in the child's best interest. It is important to note, teachers will reference these letters during the placement process, and I ask you to refrain from writing any negative comments about a particular teacher. Similarly, while there are occasions when it is necessary to ensure particular students not be placed together, we ask you to keep your peer requests to a minimum. It is vital for children to continue to develop new friendships at the elementary level.

Finally, our teacher line-up in grades 3-5 will be changing for the 2018-2019 school year. All teachers in grades K-2 are assigned to their present positions for next year.

The teachers are assigned as follows:

3rd grade Christine DelPiano (coming from Glenville School), Jenna Mazzilli, Karen Nagy

4th grade Keturah Engle, Sandra Grandinetti, James Librandi

5th grade Stacey Fabion, Mary O'Connor, Heather Stewart

Should you hear of new families moving into your neighborhood, please encourage them to come and register their children as soon as possible to ensure we have accurate enrollment projections.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. All letters must be received by Monday, May 11, 2018. Formulating class lists is a lengthy process, therefore any letters coming in after this date will not be considered.

Sincerely,

Trish McGuire  
Principal