



Great Neck Elementary School

Billie Shea, *Principal*

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Welcome to Great Neck Elementary School! Our first day of school is **Wednesday, August 29, 2018** and we will be hosting an **Open House** for students in Preschool and Kindergarten on **Monday, August 27th from 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.** AND we will host an **Open House** for grades 1 through 5 on **Tuesday, August 28th from 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.** Our goal in hosting these evenings before the start of school is to provide students with an opportunity to meet their classroom teacher and see their classroom before the start of school. We want to make the beginning of the school year as exciting and stress-free as possible and having the opportunity to meet their teacher, see their classroom(s) and their peers before the start of school helps calm some of those first day jitters students may experience. Knowing where to go and what to expect helps students to feel calm and confident coming in to the first day of school.

To prepare for the upcoming school year, we have some information to share with you.

- School begins at 8:25 a.m. and children are dismissed at 3:10 p.m. Any student arriving after 8:35 a.m. is considered tardy and must stop in our office to pick up a Tardy Slip. Any student coming in late must be accompanied by a parent to the office to be signed in. Buses typically arrive at Great Neck between 8:25 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
- Bus transportation information can be accessed on our district website at www.waterfordschools.org.
- If you choose to drive your child to school, please have him/her here between 8:25-8:30 a.m. You will enter the school property from Goshen Road. Student drop off and pick up is located on the side of the school. Please be sure to pull up as far as you can without blocking the crosswalk if you are dropping your child off and not parking. You can pull up beyond the crosswalk to the first turn and safely drop your child off. **Please be sure that your child exits your vehicle from the passenger's side of the vehicle (sidewalk side) to ensure their safety.** Also, please be mindful of keeping the flow of drop off traffic moving. If you need to unload things for your child, please park. This allows us to keep the flow of traffic moving and alleviates any congestion on Goshen Road.
- If you prefer to pick up your child at the end of the day, please send a note to school, and we will add your child's name to our Dismissal List. At dismissal time, all "walkers" will be called to the gymnasium where their parents sign them out. We ask parents to wait in line outside the side entrance. **Preschool parents will be called in first (between 3:00 and 3:05 p.m.) to sign their child out for dismissal.** Please be patient with us for the first few weeks as we get to know new faces.

On behalf of all of the staff at Great Neck, we look forward to working together with you to provide an optimal educational experience for your child.

Sincerely,

Ms. Shea

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