



**Shelter Rock Parent Council Meeting
September 23, 2010
Shelter Rock School Auditorium**

Mary Jane Reilly, SCA President, opened the meeting with welcoming remarks and then proceeded to introduce **Mr. Geczik**, Shelter Rock Principal.

Mr. Geczik discussed in detail the vigorous process it entailed to hire the new staff at Shelter Rock School starting with 1) a paper screening of 1,100 applicants, 2) phone screening, 3) committee interviews (after technical surveys) and some teaching demonstrations, 4) Principal and Vice Principal interviews and 5) concluding with interviews by the superintendent's office. He then proceeded to introduce the new staff:

- Mrs. Ellen Chavoustie – Grade 4
- Mr. Michael Christy – Grade 6
- Ms. Lisa Dajczak – Grade 5
- Mrs. Cheryl Manolakes – Grade 2
- Mrs. Despina Papadopoulou – Math Specialist
- Mrs. Colleen Puccio – Grade 3
- Mrs. Melanie Rosen - Secretary
- Ms. Kristy Sebring – Grade 4
- Mrs. Stacey Weinstein – Grade 4
- Ms. Jennifer Wilkinson – Resource Room

Returning Staff

- Mrs. Cheryl Fritz – Grade 2
- Mrs. Christine Tsang – Grade 1

Enrollment

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| • SC K,1& 2 | 1 section | 11 students |
| • SC 2, 3 & 4 | 1 section | 6 students |
| • Kindergarten | 5 sections | 79 students |
| • Grade 1 | 5 sections | 104 students |
| • Grade 2 | 5 sections | 102 students |
| • Grade 3 | 5 sections | 113 students |
| • Grade 4 | 5 sections | 104 students |
| • Grade 5 | 5 sections | 124 students |

- Grade 6 5 sections 125 students
- **TOTAL** **37 SECTS** **768 STUDENTS**

Construction and Building Maintenance Update

- Complete repainting of all corridors and stairwells.
- Carpeting removed and new tile flooring in 5 classrooms.
- New ceilings were installed in the main corridor.

He also acknowledged Rosemary Johnson's contributions.

He discussed administrative matters including the arrival procedure of school buses and emphasized that cars are to stop for any unloading school buses. There is sometimes a police officer parked in the driveway and a moving violation (\$500 fine, points, court appearance) will be issued if cars do not stop for buses that are unloading.

Dismissal procedures were also discussed and parents were asked to please notify the school prior to 2:15 of any change in a child's normal dismissal routine.

Mr. Geczik then turned the podium over to **Mary Jane Reilly**, who discussed the following:

1. The **high level of parent volunteers** at Shelter Rock School (25% of families are in a leadership role such as committee chair or Room Rep; over 125 parents have submitted volunteer forms to date) was emphasized and applauded.
2. **Ambassador Program** – Parent volunteers called 17 new families to personally welcome them to Shelter Rock and to answer any questions they may have. In some cases playdates were arranged and friendships forged. Feedback was positive from both the Ambassadors and new families. Thanks to Katie Lane and Robin Held for coordinating this program.
3. **Heroes Week** – was held September 13-17 – Celebrating our community and personal heroes. Firefighters from Plandome and Manhasset-Lakeville, as well as Officers from the 6th precinct, welcomed the students to school each day. The children were beaming with excitement to see these local heroes at their school, dressed in their turnout coats, helmets and boots. Grades 4-6 made chains with the names of their personal heroes that are hung in the hallway. The heroes, along with a student, led the pledge each day. Thank you to Robin Held and Melanie Kaye for coordinating this program.
4. The on-going **Open Houses** where there is the opportunity for parents to support the SCA via L&T discount coupon sales, Spirit Wear sales,

Septa pocket calendar sales and Bloomingdale discount coupon sales to support the Tower Foundation.

5. **School Supply sales** – 91 families participated, with a profit of \$413. Thanks to Maria Brunetti for coordinating this sale.
6. A **Kids Holiday Gift Bazaar** will be held Nov. 29- Dec. 31 where children may shop for inexpensive gifts for family members. This is not a fundraiser but rather an opportunity to let children participate in the act of giving and thus putting the focus on giving instead of receiving during the holidays.
5. The next joint SCA Parent Council meeting will be held on October 20th at Shelter Rock School (Red Ribbon Week).

She then introduced the Shelter Rock SCA Executive Board, Grade Level Chairs and Committee Chairs and stressed that a chair for the SCA Fair (our biggest fundraiser) is still needed.

SHELTER ROCK SCA Parent Council 2010 - 2011

Executive Board

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Mary Jane Reilly introduced **Cindy Cardinal, chairperson of the Manhasset Board of Education**, who encouraged parents to attend Board of Education meetings which are open to the public and are held every other Thursday evening. Information other than district business is often discussed including curriculum information.

Mary Jane Reilly then opened the floor to questions for **Mr. Geczik**. There was one question about why children cannot use the playground when their bus arrives early in the morning. Mr. Geczik responded by saying that supervision and safety is the primary focus, and there is not enough staff to supervise the children in the playground properly.

As that was the only question, the meeting was adjourned.