



Manhasset School Community Association
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Dear Manhasset Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back. I hope you had a safe, relaxing and fun-filled summer.

We all remember our first day of school. My first school memory was walking down the sidewalk to the Kindergarten wing, where my teacher, Mrs. Miller, stood smiling at me and my parents as we approached. I hesitantly let go of my mother's hand and peered through the door. School looked really fun! All the desks were lined up neatly and there was my name on a desk – this was where I belonged. And today, as that first bus rounds the corner, we see the new teachers, the new classes and friends we have yet to meet. Our students at the High School, the Middle School, Shelter Rock and Munsey Park will notice how beautiful the schools look this Fall as our staff has worked tirelessly over the summer to present schools that they will be proud to attend. Back to school is an exciting time for our students, the Manhasset School staff and parents alike. Many opportunities lie ahead and we are eager to get started.

The SCA is also excited to begin the new school year. We hope to provide a conduit between parents and the school and create a genuine partnership. Our partnership will enrich communication at all levels and ultimately improve the educational experience our students receive. To help meet that goal, the SCA website will provide you with important announcements, school related information and SCA news. We hope you will visit the site often at www.manhassetzca.org for updates and encourage you to join our e-mail list. Become involved by attending Parent Council, Executive Board and the Board of Education meetings – we welcome your voice and participation.

The SCA will give parents an opportunity to be engaged in their children's school life. Research shows that in schools where parents are involved, students have increased test scores, increased grades and higher graduation rates, better school attendance, lower suspension rates, decreased use of drugs and alcohol, and fewer incidents of violent behavior.

Parental involvement can take on many forms and the SCA will be working hard this year to provide many opportunities for parents to be part of our schools including Book Fairs, Halloween Parties, Red Ribbon Week and Photo Day at the elementary schools; Opening Day Picnic, Book Fair, Halloween Party and End of Year BBQ at the Middle School; and the Homecoming Dance, Summer Studies, Educational Grants and Student Elections at the High School. In addition, there are multiple enrichment and fundraising events including Community Education, Family Theatre, Saturday Series, the SCA Luncheon, and the SCA Fair at the Executive level.

On behalf of the SCA Executive Board and all the volunteers who work so tirelessly and enthusiastically for our children, I thank you for your support.

A strong system of education that allows all students to reach their potential is possible when parents and schools work together.

Sincerely,

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