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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I hope you are all having a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. We will be welcoming students back to school on September 6th, 2022. It is with great pleasure that I write to you as the new elementary school principal and partnering with Mr. Anthony Vaglica, as assistant principal. Mr. Vaglica and I have been working closely this summer to ensure a smooth transition to the new school year.

Attached you will find the class lists, which include some new families who have registered over the summer. All of the new families (Grades 1-5) are encouraged to attend the **New Families Orientation on August 26th**. The New Families Committee will be contacting new families directly regarding this orientation.

Please see the [2022-23 district calendar](#) for a list of holidays and vacations for this school year. Also, please see our [school supply list](#) if needed.

Throughout this spring and summer, we have been recruiting new teaching talent for our school. Several candidates were interviewed for open positions and recommendations were made to the Bronxville School Board. Congratulations and welcome to the following new teachers:

New Faculty

Emma Sheehan, full year second grade replacement

Ms. Emma Sheehan, returns to Bronxville for a third year. This year Ms. Sheehan will serve as a full year leave replacement teacher in the second grade. Last school year Ms. Sheehan was a first grade leave for Mrs. McMullen. Prior to her first leave replacement in the district, Ms. Sheehan was a teacher resident here at Bronxville Elementary School. Ms. Sheehan exemplifies professionalism and her ability to build wonderful relationships with students, colleagues and families. Ms. Sheehan received her Bachelor of Science in Education from SUNY Oneonta and her Masters Degree in Special Education and Literacy from Manhattanville College.

Krystle Tawil, Third Grade

Ms. Krystle Tawil, also returning to Bronxville, joins us from teaching second and third grade in New York City at P.S 153 The Helen Keller School. Prior to teaching in the city, Ms. Tawil completed a two

year teaching residency here at Bronxville Elementary School. We are excited to welcome Krystle back! During the interview process, Ms. Tawil demonstrated her ability to connect with students and keep them engaged throughout the lesson. She presented strong knowledge of best teaching practices in the elementary classroom. Ms. Tawil received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Early Childhood Education and her master's degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Manhattanville College.

Alexandra Barraco, 4th grade Leave Replacement

Ms. Barraco will be the fourth grade leave replacement teacher for Lauren Wright from the beginning of the school year until December break. Ms. Barraco joins us from Siwanoy Elementary School in Pelham where she was a fifth grade leave replacement. Prior to that position, Ms. Barraco served as a first grade leave replacement at Lee Jackson School in Greenburgh. Ms. Barraco received her Bachelor of Arts in English from Pace University and her Master of Arts in Teacher, Elementary Education from Western Governors University.

Patsy Manganelli, Physical Education

Mr. Manganelli joins the Bronxville physical education teaching staff this year with teaching experience in New York City public and charter schools. Mr. Manganelli is also the Bronxville varsity football coach. We are excited to have a member of the BXV athletics department as part of our PE teaching team! Mr. Manganelli received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Mercy College and his Master of Science in physical education and sports pedagogy from Manhattanville College.

New Teacher Residents

We also welcome the following new teacher residents this year who will be working closely with their grade levels:

Angela Belizze- Kindergarten
Laura Nieves- First Grade
Zeina Samarneh- Second Grade
Megan Fay- Third Grade
Jaimee Iannarilli- Fourth Grade
Carolyn LaVigna- Fifth Grade
Ross Wolosky- Fifth Grade

Best,
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