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# SEPTEMBER 2014

## MANHATTAN BEACH MATTERS

*Our Mission:  
In Partnership with our school and the home, all students will learn to become better thinkers.  
Our goal is to help them be responsible, productive, caring members of our culturally diverse  
Community as they acquire a lifelong love for learning!  
Our Goal: Our goal for this year is to refine teachers practices in order to promote student  
Progress!*

NEW SCHOOL HOURS - 8:10 - 2:30 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY



Ms. Bernadette Toomey, Principal  
Ms. Mary O'Neil, Assistant Principal

Welcome back! P.S. 195 hopes that you all had a wonderful summer. We look forward to having a great school year ahead! This year family engagement will be a key focus. We will continue to keep you informed about events, hold a curriculum night, and provide monthly workshops in October.

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**Two Sculptors**  
I dreamed I saw a studio  
And watched two sculptors there.  
The clay they used was a child's mind  
And they fashioned it with care.

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One was a teacher—the tools he used  
Were books, music, and art.  
The other: a parent, worked with a guiding  
hand,  
And a gentle, loving heart.

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Day after day, the teacher toiled with a  
touch  
That was careful, deft, and sure,  
While the parent labored by his side  
And polished and smoothed it o'er.

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And when at last, their task was done,  
They were proud of what they had wrought.  
For the things they had molded into the  
child could neither be sold or bought.

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⇒ Finally, we get to welcome back Ms. Finale!! Ms. Finale will be one of our Cluster Teachers implementing an Arts program that will support the Common Core Learning Standards taught in the classroom. Students will create works of art using various mediums, and learn to analyze a variety of art work from different time periods and various cultures.

⇒ We would also like to welcome our new dance teacher, Ms. Stephanie Caputo to our P.S. 195 family. Ms. Caputo will teach the children new dance movements, the history of music, as well as music genres. She will also incorporate what they are learning in the classroom into her lessons.

⇒ Thank you!! During the last two months of school there were no double parked cars! I really appreciate your cooperation and as always, the safety of the children comes first. I am hoping your conscientious spirit will continue into the new school year.

⇒ You may have noticed two large boxes that have been installed on the property in front of the building. These metal boxes contain sub pumps and are in place to protect the City's water supply. We have planted trees around one of the boxes in an effort to ensure safety. We ask for your help by not allowing the children on the front property. We thank you for your support in advance.

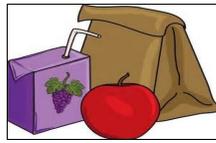
⇒ We want to start a new committee that will work on beautifying our P.S. 195 property. Any parents or community members interested in being on this committee should contact the school. Any and all donations of time or resources would be greatly appreciated!

⇒ We would like to announce our new Ambassador Program. The Ambassador Program provides a comprehensive approach to leadership development in our school community. The program empowers students by providing them with the opportunity to develop leadership, human relations, and communication skills.

⇒ We are pleased to announce that P.S. 195 is now a "Rewards School". This distinction was bestowed upon us based on our progress made over the 2013-2014 scores. Congratulations to all teachers and parents! This is the second year in a row that P.S. 195 was the highest performing school in District 22! Almost 60% of our students met or exceeded proficiency standards in ELA and almost 72% met or exceeded proficiency standards in Math. We will continue to work to achieve even higher levels this year!

There will be a special Parent Night on Tuesday, September 16th from 5:00 to 8:00. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher and learn about the upcoming year in addition to finding out about resources and support systems in place during the year. Please make every effort to attend. More details to follow!

**Breakfast is free for all students every day!! Lunch money is due weekly!!!  
BREAKFAST BEGINS AT 7:30 A.M.**



Get involved!! Join the Parents Association!! More details to follow!



We welcome Mr. Tsibelman, our new physical education teacher!

**We're Going Back To School**



**September Calendar of Events**

September 1st-	Labor Day
September 4th-	First Day of School
September 4th-	Kindergarten 9:15-11:10
September 5th-	Kindergarten 9:15-11:10
September 7th-	Grandparents Day
September 8th-	Kindergarten Full Day
	Orientation 8:30
September 11th-	Patriot Day
September 16th-	Parent Orientation 5:00 - 8:00
September 17th-	Photo Day
September 23rd-	Autumn Begins
September 23rd-	Safety Meeting 10:30 a.m.
September 25th-	School Closed Rosh Hashanah
September 26th-	School Closed Rosh Hashanah

From the Desk of Denise Nordenschild, Parent Coordinator

**“OUR GREATEST JOY IS NOT IN NEVER FAILING, BUT IN RISING EVERY TIME WE FAIL.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson**

**“Happy School Year 2014-2015”**

There are many new faces and changes at The Manhattan Beach School. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new teachers, Amy D’Addario, Kristy LaPetina, Stefanie Caputo, Dance, Mr. Tsibelman, Physical Education, and Amanda Lubliner. Ms. Solomon is filling in for Ms. Panzarino.

We would also like to wish a very fond farewell and best luck to Cheryl Kastner, Anna Kallinikos, Melissa Kapolas, Melissa Hughes, Frank Costa, Vera Toushteyn. On a bright note– Welcome Back– Offra Finale. Congratulations to Amy Panzarino on the birth of her son, Anthony Christian on August 20th.

As we begin our school year, remember hitting the books should not feel like a test for kids or parents. The key to smoother studying is setting up a distraction – free spot and schedule a regular time. Check with your child’s teacher early in the year about expectations and relay any subsequent difficulties your child is having. Don’t hesitate to jot a note to the teacher if you have any issues. Also, children need to know that parents value what they are studying. Pile on praise after assignments are finished.

Once again, have a good school year, please get involved in The Parent Association and please do not hesitate to come in to meet with me or call (347-563-4657) anytime.

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