



September 14, 2020

Dear PRES Families,

Thank you so much for your partnership and commitment to helping us reopen school successfully! We had a great first two days of school thanks to you, our parents, our students, and our staff. Everyone worked together to learn and implement new routines, greet students virtually and in-person, and return to school safely. As we continue to tweak and improve our daily routines, I am hopeful and optimistic that we will defy the odds and continue to have a safe and successful school year. Thank you for completing the daily health screenings and sending your children to school with the necessary supplies. In our first 2 days, we managed to process approximately 170 health screenings each morning and load 90 students safely into their cars each afternoon at pick-up. Thank you for your patience with our new procedures!

**WELCOME NEW FACES TO PRES:**

**Jeff Konigsberg** - Mr. Konigsberg is joining PRES as our new art teacher! Jeff comes to us with 17 years of experience in art education, K-12. Jeff earned his Masters of Science in Art Education from the Massachusetts College of Art and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting and Printmaking. Please join me in welcoming Mr. K to PRES!



**Michelle Groak** - Mrs. Groak is joining our kindergarten team from Mount Kisco Elementary School, where she taught kindergarten and pre-kindergarten for many years. Michelle loves teaching kindergarten and is thrilled to be joining us at PRES. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Groark!

**Bryanna Benvenuti** - Ms. Benvenuti is joining us as a learning specialist leave replacement for Mrs. Kristen Mascaro, while Mrs. Mascaro takes a necessary medical leave of absence. Ms. Benvenuti earned her Masters of Arts in Educational Psychology and her Bachelors of Arts in Psychology and Special Education from Marist College. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Benvenuti!

**Lena Nurenberg** - Mrs. Nurenberg joins us as a full-time permanent building substitute. Mrs. Nurenberg earned her Masters of Science in Education at Bank Street College and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Loyola College. Ms. Nurenberg taught in New York City and pre-kindergarten at the Pound Ridge Community Church Playschool. She has also served as our PTA chair. Please welcome Mrs. Nurenberg to the PRES staff!

**Dana Brindisi and Gabriella Centrone** - We are fortunate to have two graduate school interns working with us at PRES. Ms. Brindisi conducted her student teaching at PRES last year and Ms. Centrone served as one of our interns last year. We are thrilled to have both back at PRES!

**PLEASE PACK CHROMEBOOKS AND CHARGERS:** For students in grades 2-5, please have your child bring his/her Chromebook AND charger back and forth to school in case the Chromebook doesn't hold its charge.

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:** Please note that our Back to School Night for ALL grades (K-5) will take place on **Tuesday evening, September 29, 2020**. On this night, teachers will provide information about the curriculum and what to expect during this school year. BTSN will be conducted virtually via Google Meet. More information to follow.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are all in this together!

Sincerely,  
Amy Fishkin