

Dear Seaman Families,

Welcome to what is gearing up to be another amazing year at Robert Seaman Elementary School. Despite the heat on day 1, the excitement around the building was evident. Many new friends were made, routines have been established, and we are fully in the swing of things. We were joined on day 1 by News12, Newsday, and CBS News. Our students interviewed with poise and confidence. We welcome many new families to our school this year. This is the largest new enrollment we have had in several years.

Julio, our long time custodial worker, has returned after a year out of the building. The entire Seaman family, especially the children, have been thrilled to welcome him back. We do have some staffing changes that I would like to share - Mr. Ciminelli, our art specialist, has been moved up to the High School, and in his place, we welcome Ms. Laura Gilfedder, who is joining us from the HS. Our new 4th and 5th grade orchestra, and 5th grade band teacher is Ms. Melanie Kenyon. Mrs. Verone will be leading the 4th grade band. We added a sixth co-teaching class. This brings the number of co-teaching classes in grade 3 from one to two. Mrs. Iaccarino will be the special educator and Ms. Hofmann is the general education teacher in the classroom. Our new English as a New Language teacher is Ms. Allison Eckert. We have one new classroom aide joining us this year - Ms. Amanda Gherardi will be working in Mrs. Vernon and Mrs. Votke's (formerly Ms. Garrison) fourth grade co-teaching class.

I would like to remind you that we have many air-conditioned spaces in the building that the children have been using. Teachers are taking advantage of those rooms. On extremely hot days, we do keep the children inside for recess and utilize the air-conditioned rooms. We have already had our first fire drill and it ran exceptionally well. Over the summer, the district has put automatically locking doors (that cannot be unlocked) on every classroom door. The doors can only be opened with a teacher's ID card. In the coming weeks, we are also adding a device that prints out visitor passes with a picture on it. Please be reminded that everyone must show identification to enter the school building during regular school hours.

Our first PTA Meeting of the year will be this Wednesday, September 5th, at 9:30am, in the cafeteria. Our PTA will then be hosting a Welcome Breakfast for all new families immediately following. **Know Your School Night** will take place this Thursday evening. This is an evening designed for adults only. Families of students in grades 3-5 will report to their child's classroom from 6:30-7:00pm, and families of students in kindergarten through grade 2 will meet their child's teacher from 7:30-8:00pm (we rotate the grades every year). More information will be forthcoming on Tuesday.

We are extremely proud of our Niche ranking. Not only do your children attend school in the best public school district in the country, they are also attending the #1 Best Public Elementary School in New York State, for the second year in a row (#8 in the nation). You are equal partners in our success and the entire Seaman staff values every ounce of support you provide to us. Thank you!

Please click on the link below to view the Tweets (photographs) from this past week. This site does glitch, so please let me know if you cannot open the link.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend - see everyone on Tuesday,
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