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October Family Monthly Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that our Governing Board for the 2020-2021 school year was formed at the General Assembly on September 17th, 2020. Our parent members are as follows: **Marco Alessandrini, Jack Algieri, Nara Facchinello, Ivana Iulianella, Annelisa Rende, Adrienne Taylor, Joseph Paglia, and Melissa Sanzari.** The staff members are: **Nadia Barrafato, Catherine Laberge, Chloe Laliberte, Nadine Randoll, Rocco Simone, Laura Teoli and Connie Parry.** In addition there is myself, Ms. Amato (school principal) and Ms. Canale (East Hill vp). The Regional Parent delegate is Annelise Rende and our alternate is Joseph Paglia. **Our Governing Board Chairperson is Marco Alessandrini.** We would like to welcome the members on board and thank them for their commitment and dedication. We are looking forward to a great school working together with our partners!

First Governing Board Meeting – Monday, October 5th, 2020 at 7:00PM and it was a Virtual meeting on TEAMS.

At the meeting, the Governing Board members discussed amongst many other points COVID and the use of masks. GB passed a resolution that they support and strongly recommend the use of masks for all during the day except when the children are eating.



The dates and times were decided and will be made available to all our parents. All our parents are encouraged and invited to attend these meetings. A copy of the Governing Board minutes will be made available on the website once approved by the Governing Board.

We've Been Busy!

- **Welcome Back Celebration: Friday, September 6th, 2020**

The East Hill staff would like to thank the East Hill Home and School for organizing our annual Welcome Back Celebration! With these unprecedented times we have to think of the box and our themes may be different, but it all worked out. Our theme was of Bubbles...depicting the reality we are living now in our class bubbles. The weather was perfect for us to have a fun and exciting time with our new and returning East Hill students and the entire East Hill Family.





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- **Orientation Video:**

On Wednesday, September 16th at 3 pm was the time that all teachers had set up their virtual video to be viewed. It was indeed a great pleasure for staff and admin to prepare these informative videos. Unfortunately, what is lacking with presentations as such, is that we did not get to meet the families. I believe that the time will come when we will be able to meet again. Till then, stay in touch with the teachers and with admin as we are a call or message away.

- **Picture Day**

Thank you to H&S for organizing our school pictures. Parents will receive proofs within the next few weeks and instructions on how to order pictures. There will be a "retake day" for the students who might have been absent or have their eyes closed. We will keep you posted on the date. At that time, we will also have the siblings photo.



School starts are always busy but this year it has to be said it was busier than ever. WE made sure that all our health and safety measures were in place. Ensuring that the children are understanding and following the protocols. It's busy!! It's hectic!!! Indeed essential!! We have been taking every single student's temperature every single morning from day one and we continue to make this our daily routine. All the guidelines from the Education Minister, Public Health and from our Board are being followed. Nothing is being spared, as we are dealing with our children and staff's health and well being. We are invested in keeping everyone safe and healthy to the best of our abilities. WE are in this together. We cannot let our guards down! If there is a time, it is now! We need to stand together, united as one and work at flattening this curve. Numbers keep creeping quickly to the point that the Health Care Workers are concerned. If everyone does their part we will together help control the spread. The basic commitment is wear the mask, wash hands, and social distance!

Thanksgiving is approaching, this would be the time now as difficult as it may be, to refrain from socializing. Stay within your immediate family only. I understand it's easier said than done, but we need to do this. Believe me it pains me immensely not spending Thanksgiving with my mom, siblings, and their families, but it needs to be done. Otherwise, 14 days later we will see the results that our actions will have.

We need to stop the spread! We need to flatten this curve. If we all do our part this can be temporary. So...TOGETHER! UNITED !! AS ONE!!!! Lets do this!!

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!! Be well!! Stay safe!!



*Regards,
Libby Amato*



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