

KENT CENTER SCHOOL

Principal's Report

September 6, 2017

Enrollment: 229

On August 24 Kent Center School held our Kindergarten Open House. It was a very successful afternoon. Twenty-two students, along with their parents, learned about bus behavior, their new school and met with several members of the school staff. They visited the kindergarten classrooms and received a binder with materials about their new school and classroom. It is always such a delight to see these new faces at KCS!

KCS opened its doors for all students and staff on the first day of school, August 28, at 8:15 a.m., fifteen minutes earlier than in previous years. Students now arrive at 8:15 a.m. and must be in their classrooms at 8:25 for announcements. Classes begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. With the help of Trooper Andrew Fisher as well as the wonderful staff of KCS stationed at strategic points to greet students, children and parents proceeded to their classrooms with smiles and ease. The first four days routine was quickly adhered to with little glitches!

This year KCS is instituting FLEX. FLEX stands for the Flexible Learning EXperience. There are two facets to FLEX. The first is designed primarily for grade level remediation and enrichment, depending on the needs of the students. Students can meet with teachers, retake assessments, or continue independent work on projects.

The second part of FLEX will take place weekly on Tuesday afternoons. During the first term, teachers are offering cross grade-level enrichment activities not normally available in the regular curriculum. All students and teaching staff are involved in this endeavor. Our two themes for the term are perseverance and balance. As all participants become familiar with the format, we hope that student-initiated projects will become more common in future terms.

KCS is pleased to welcome the following new staff members:

Eileen Bambery, paraprofessional in grade 2

Ashley Bauer, returning as a special education paraprofessional in Kindergarten

Jennifer Caeners, paraprofessional in PreSchool

Karen Iannucci, Special Ed Teacher, Pre-School

Georgia Kapetanopoulos, Math Intervention Teacher

Christopher Rose, Grade 6 Science Teacher

Upcoming Events:

9/5–10/27 – 8-8:20 a.m.	KCS Marathon
9/5	Picture Day
9/13 – 6:30-8:00 p.m.	Open House
9/21-9/22	No School – Rosh Hashanah
9/27	1 p.m. Dismissal – Professional Development
10/3	Fire Safety – grades PreK - 3

