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Dear Parents,

There is great excitement in the halls of Heights School as we prepare for the arrival of our new kindergartners and the return of our “senior” students, the first graders.

Heights has been a busy place this summer! Our classrooms have been meticulously cleaned by our dedicated custodial staff, while our office personnel have been receiving supplies, answering phone calls and preparing information for the opening of school. Our teachers are arriving to prepare their classrooms for the welcoming of their new students, who they will confidently lead down the path of learning at Heights. We are looking forward to implementing a new reading program, Journeys, while maintaining the best practices of the Teachers College Program. Common Core Standards continue to be the focus of our instruction.

Character Education, as always, will be a priority at Heights and is supported by the Second Step Anti-Violence Curriculum. Throughout the year, our youngest students are engaged in classroom discussions, assembly programs and day to day conflict resolution that builds strong character and social skills. Children are taught to empathize, manage anger appropriately, and seek adult support when social situations are challenging. Through the support of our Social Worker and Psychologist, children become confident in their ability to resolve conflicts. As Building Administrators, we are an integral part of that learning process.

Throughout the year, we will offer parent workshops on topics related to curriculum as well as those related to the social development of your child. Please check the website often to become aware of the dates of such workshops.

In closing, we would like to welcome you and your family to the 2017-2018 school year and look forward to working closely with you and your child. Know that our doors are always open to you and that we welcome the opportunity to talk about any concerns that might arise about your child.

See you soon!

Fondly,

*Regina Colardi*

*Principal*

*Michelle Hazen*

*Asst. Principal*