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The first day of school is **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**. The staff is busy getting ready for our thirtieth year! We're looking forward to having everyone back.

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS Enclosed you will find an index card with your child's homeroom assignment for the year. The staff will be on hand the first day of school to meet and greet the children as they come off the buses. We will be sure every child gets to the right room. It is not necessary for the children to bring the card to school. On the card is a copy of the information we have on file. **Please check it carefully and be sure the address, area code and phone numbers are correct.** Please notify us of any changes or errors prior to the start of school.

Class schedules for middle and upper school students are enclosed.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION Students new to L.I.S.G. and all kindergartners are invited to our special *Orientation Program* **Wednesday, September 2, 2009**, from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Students should check in at the lobby and wait with their parent(s) in the auditorium until the program begins. Parents will stay in the auditorium and meet with Mrs. Yilmaz. We are looking forward to meeting our new students and reacquainting them with the building.

The *Pre-K Orientation*, also on **Wednesday, September 2, 2009**, will start at 1:00 P.M.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES Enclosed are the basic supply lists for the fall. Students who ordered their supplies through the school will have all of these items delivered directly to their homeroom along with preprinted name labels. All others should be sure their name is on all their supplies. Additional items may be requested by specific teachers when school begins. Lower school students will receive these in the mail directly from their classroom teacher. If you have any questions regarding the pre-ordered supply packets, please call our Dean of Students, Mrs. Ziegler.

LAST CALL: Locker organizers for middle and upper school students are available for purchase through the school. If you are interested in purchasing this flexible locker organizer, send in a \$16.00 check made payable to L.I.S.G. The organizer will be delivered to the student's homeroom on the first day of school. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ziegler.

LUNCH PROGRAM The South Huntington School District continues to offer us a hot lunch program. The cost remains at **\$2.60**. Menus for September are enclosed. Please note that only middle and upper school students will be permitted to buy snacks. Lower school students will no longer be able to purchase snacks from the cafeteria. This will help us extend the recess time and promote healthier food choices. Lower school students should bring in a snack every day for the morning and may also bring additional snacks for lunch.

ATTENTION ALL INCOMING LOWER SCHOOL STUDENTS As part of our science curriculum, students will continue using the Radio Shack Electronics Learning Lab. These will be used from kindergarten through third grade. We have made arrangements with Radio Shack so you can purchase them directly from L.I.S.G. at a cost of **\$75.00** with no tax. These will be available the first week of school to those children whose kits are paid for in full. If you have any questions, please contact our Science Chairperson, Mrs. Novick.

BOOKS For all residents of Suffolk County and most residents of Nassau: All textbooks and workbooks your children will use have been sent directly to us from BOCES. These will be distributed to students in their classes during the first few days of school. **For residents of Farmingdale and Hicksville:** Your school districts should have notified you where to pick up textbooks and workbooks. **PLEASE DO NOT WRITE STUDENTS' NAMES IN ANY OF THESE BOOKS, AND DO NOT COVER THEM WITH ANY TYPE OF CONTACT PAPER.** We will need to check these books in and make sure they are the proper ones your children will use. Please have them bring these books to school as soon as possible. Younger children may bring in a few books each day.

SUMMER BOOK LOANS If your children have been loaned textbooks for use during the summer, these need to be returned on the first day of school. New students who have received textbooks for review should return them to Mrs. Schnurer at New Student Orientation. If they do not attend New Student Orientation, they should bring in the textbooks on the first day of school.

TRANSPORTATION If you have not heard from your school district regarding your child's transportation to

and from school, we suggest you call the transportation office at your public school. If you are assigned transportation, but do not plan to utilize it for the year, please notify Mrs. Novick before the start of school so she can assign your child to the proper dismissal group.

ACTIVITY FEE If you have not already done so, please send in your child's \$100.00 activity fee which also includes the Parents Association Cultural Arts fee. If the activity fee is not received by **August 31, 2009** your child will not receive his or her package on the first day of school.

HEALTH WATCH Our school nurse, Mrs. Jacobsen, advises that all medications to be administered at the school must be accompanied by a doctor's note and be in the original bottle.

School physicals are necessary for students entering grades K, 2, 4 and 7, and **all new students** need physicals and proof of immunizations. The required physicals **must be returned by October 13, 2009** to be valid for the 2009/10 school year.

H1N1 VIRUS The latest federal guidelines suggest that students exhibiting any flu-like symptoms should stay at home for at least 24 hours after fever symptoms have ended. Any student who comes to school with a fever will be sent home. Students will be encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly, refrain from sharing personal items, i.e., water bottles, headphones, etc. We're asking that parents reinforce these procedures at home and keep ill students out of school.

Finally, lice can be unwelcome visitors from summer camp. Please check heads carefully and contact your family physician if you suspect your child may be infected. Help keep L.I.S.G. lice free!!

SUMMER READING (For students entering grades four through nine) Book reports and question sheets are due **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**. All readings should be completed before the start of school. Students in grades eight and nine will also take their written exams Monday, **September 14**.

PARENT INFORMATION The Parent Handbook, detailing school policies and procedures will be mailed home next week. Please be sure to read through the handbook and familiarize yourself with our procedures. The handbook is updated annually to reflect issues and concerns that come up each year.

NEWSLETTERS will be sent home with students every **FRIDAY**. Should Friday be a day off, there will be a newsletter the last day of the week. They are filled with important information and notices. The newsletter is also posted on the website.

REMINDER **"MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT" WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009.** Children are **not** permitted in the building. Please plan accordingly.

AFTER CARE Our *After Care Program* is expanding. Options include one to five days a week until 5:00 P.M. or 6:00 P.M. We also have a *Drop-In Program*. Parents may use this service on an "as needed basis" for emergencies. This program may be used for extended times and could be used on a weekly basis. On a day-to-day basis, parents should notify the office in writing, or with a phone call, to let us know if they want their child to stay in After Care for that day. We can help you with your day care needs and homework issues. Please contact Mrs. Eluto, who is our After Care Coordinator, for further information.

CLASS PARENTS Thank you to those parents who have offered to act as class parents for this year. Before we can announce the names of those individuals and their specific classroom assignments, we need more people to come forward and volunteer. As of this printing, we have no volunteers for the following homerooms:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Luxenberg
Third Grade - Mrs. Verne
Fourth Grade - Mrs. Williams
Fifth Grade - Mrs. DeRuvo
Fifth Grade - Mrs. Goldman
Sixth Grade - Mrs. Singh/Eluto
Sixth Grade - Ms. Harvey
Eighth Grade - Mr. Galvin

Class parents are integral to the success of the school year. If you have the time and desire to help, please call the school or send an email to info@liscg.org requesting to be a class parent. Thank you.

PATRIOT DAY - SEPTEMBER 11, 2009 To commemorate the day, we're asking everyone to dress in red, white and/or blue.

WISHING EVERYONE A GREAT LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

WE'LL SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!