

August 2018

Dear Connetquot Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the last few weeks of beautiful summer sunshine with your family and friends! It's with great excitement that I introduce myself, Nicholas Bilotti, as the new interim principal of Connetquot Elementary School. As a father of three young children, I can appreciate firsthand the formative K-2 years and want you to know how honored I am to have the opportunity to lead your school and guide and your children.

I've been dedicated to the field of education for more than 24 years having spent 22 years here in East Islip as a social studies teacher, high school assistant principal and most recently a middle school assistant principal. I'm anxious to bring my experience to CES to help provide academic opportunities for our students that are rigorous, nurturing, fun and help build positive relationships, as I wholeheartedly believe that in order for students to be successful, they have to be excited about coming to school! An excellent educational experience is not possible without the collaboration of parents, staff and administration, however. The cooperation of these groups is essential for students to achieve success at any level. I feel fortunate to call East Islip my home for the past 22 years. I look forward to witnessing the same enthusiasm and "EI pride" at Connetquot that I've experienced at all levels throughout my career.

The following are a few key upcoming dates to help you plan for the 2018/2019 school year:

- **Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
First Day of School!
- **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 – 7:00pm**  
Mix & Mingle ... and meet new friends!
- **Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm**  
Meet the Teacher Night

As we embark upon a new school year, I would also like to share a few tips to help you stay both informed and involved:

- ✓ Frequently check the school website [http://www.eischools.org/schools/connetquot\\_elementary](http://www.eischools.org/schools/connetquot_elementary) and read the *CES Newsletter* for important information and updates!

- ✓ Work closely with your child's classroom teacher throughout the year and keep active in the Connetquot Elementary School's PTA. We always need and welcome parents to assist with our many activities!
- ✓ Monitor your child's daily schoolwork and homework assignments, as its essential your children know you're aware of their assigned work and are available to help.
- ✓ Encourage reading in your home and consider signing up for the East Islip Public Library's multiple programs throughout the year.

And finally, please find **your child's class assignment** at the close of this letter. Please know that this placement is a result of considerable thought and attention, each decision having been based on careful reflection and deliberation regarding class combinations and the best placement of each and every child. Please visit the website for additional information, as follows:

- **Grade Level Supply Lists** - see Virtual Backpack
- Superintendent and Principal Welcome Back Letters
- Manners Matter
- Superintendent Wellness and Allergy Policy Update
- Code of Conduct
- Patriot Day Letter and Bibliography
- Districtwide Committee Application
- PTA and FTK Information

I look forward to a wonderful year and working closely with you to help your children grow. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have any questions, concerns or would simply like to say hello. Lastly, on behalf of myself and the entire staff at CES, please enjoy your remaining days of summer!

Sincerely,

*Nicholas S. Bilotti*

Interim Principal