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Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year, Thomas Jefferson School Families!

I hope you join me in my excitement for the new school year ahead. There has been much hard work in preparing the building, facilities, instruction and programming as we approach the fresh, new school year.

Please join me in thanking Mr. Michael Klein, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, his Maintenance Staff as well as Mr. Shaun Reyes, Technology Coordinator, and his summer staff in working around the clock to prepare the building, facilities and technology for our learning community. I also would like to thank Mrs. Jamie Argenziano, our Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction on her work preparing programming and assisting in scheduling for the upcoming school year. And finally, I would be re-missed if I didn't extend a huge appreciation to our Office Staff for all of their on-going work throughout the entire summer so our school year can run smoothly.

With a new school year comes new staff members and a School Resource Officer. I am excited for the opportunity for you to meet all of our staff members throughout the school year. .

Homeroom begins promptly at 8:25am and dismissal is at 3:15pm. Arrival and dismissal procedures are posted on the Thomas Jefferson website. At Thomas Jefferson School, we look forward to helping our students achieve academic, social and emotional growth. We continue to work towards establishing a positive culture which will help to cultivate a welcoming and warm environment for our learners. We live by the R.A.M.S. expectations in Rockaway Borough and we hope we have your support by their continuation at home: **R**espect Self and Others, **A**chieve Excellence, **M**ake Good Choices, **S**tay Safe. We will be working with our students to also empower them to use problem solving strategies as they continue to grow as learners. We look forward to providing our students with challenging, real-life learning opportunities. This year will be our first year of our *full* 1:1 Chromebook Initiative where all students will be issued a district device with 6th-8th Graders bringing devices home each night. Additional information regarding this will be posted shortly on our district website. We also will be holding Parent Academies throughout the school year to help keep parents educated and informed on school happenings as well as relevant and current topics.

Please keep in touch and informed by 'following' our Twitter Feed: @PrincipalTJ, 'liking' our Facebook page Thomas Jefferson Middle School- Rockaway Borough, and checking our school website: rockboro.org for information throughout the year. The home and school connection is so vital to student success and we thank you for that continued support and connection. We look forward to a great school year.

Thank you for partnering with us,

David Waxman