



Principal Peteani Press

Mission Statement:

Every student will graduate prepared for college, career and citizenship.



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“America’s future walks through the doors of our schools each day.” Mary Jean LeTendre (Former U.S. Secretary of Education)

Dear Heatly Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to Heatly for the 2010-2011 school year. On September 8, 2010, I was happy to greet over 300 students on the first day of school. I’m not sure how many of you know this, but I was a business teacher at Heatly for eight years. Due to budget constraints and a particularly difficult fiscal year in 1998, I lost my teaching position due to a Reduction in Force (RIF). From Heatly I went (sadly) to the Bethlehem Central School District where I also taught business and was a class dean. Although I had a wonderful experience at Bethlehem, I was delighted to return to Heatly as principal in 2006. What I am not so delighted about is that there are now many children in school that are the sons and daughters of the children that I taught from 1990-1998 (how did I get old enough for this to happen?!)

The school year is off to a great start and I want to thank all of you for your help in making our first weeks of school such a success. On September 21, 22 and 23, we hosted three nights of Open House for Parents. I would like to thank all of the parents that attended for spending your evening with us to meet your child’s/children’s teacher/s and learn about his/her curriculum, class schedules, procedures and expectations. Because we know that the school and home connection is vital to student success, it is our goal to increase attendance at our Open House events next year as well as to establish other ways to involve parents in school. Please see a short excerpt on the other side from an article by K. Martin related to the importance of parental involvement in schools. Also, please note the request for room mothers/fathers and volunteers on the next page.

There are many new programs and initiatives at Heatly this year that I am excited to share with you. We have four new SmartBoards in the building. SmartBoards are interactive, electronic whiteboards which enhance instruction and learning. The accompanying software makes it possible for teachers to create content rich, dynamic lessons which address student specific skills (SmartBoard.net). We also have a NovaNet Lab that soon will be up and running. NovaNET Courseware is a research-based, flexible, and engaging online courseware for high school students. With individualized instruction, a web-based platform and curricula that meets state and national standards, NovaNET Courseware can be utilized in any number of education applications including credit accrual, dropout prevention, summer school, credit recovery, virtual schools and more. The interactive framework promotes objective-based mastery helping learners reach academic success at their own pace. We also have activated our EdLine Program which allows parents to view information on-line about their children’s classes, grades, etc. You should have received a letter about this program along with information on how to access specific information about your children’s classes. In closing, I am very excited about the 2010-2011 school year at Heatly. As we continue to strengthen the home and school connection and use the new initiatives to help engage and keep students excited about learning, great things will happen! Please call **273-1422, extention 2013** or e-mail me: **epeteani@greenisland.org** if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

(Over >>>>>)



10 Things Teachers Want Parents to Know

1. Remember that the teacher is on your side.
2. Trust in the teacher's feedback.
3. Don't show up for a meeting unannounced. This bears repeating!!!
4. Don't show up for a meeting unannounced.
5. Check children's agendas and take-home folders every night.
6. Check on homework regularly—but don't do it for the child!
7. Address behavior issues at home.
8. Go to Open House Night.
9. Establish a regular routine each night.
10. Cut down on chaos and clutter at home.

Please do not double park when you are dropping off or picking up your children at school—THIS IS A SAFETY HAZARD and we appreciate your cooperation!



Attention Fathers and Mothers Too Of Course!

Parental involvement is extremely important in every child's education. Especially when the father is involved in the child's studies, the performance of the child tends to improve. Previously fathers paid very little attention to their child's education because mothers played a pivotal role in their upbringing. Some researches indicate that when both the parents pay equal attention to a child's education, there is a significant progress in the child's studies and career.



Summer vacation was over and Little Johnny returned back to school. Only two days later the teacher phoned the mother to tell her he was misbehaving. "Wait a minute" the mother said. "He was home with me for three months and I never once called you when he misbehaved!"



Please remember to watch for . . .

- 7-12 Progress Reports October 15
- K-12 Report Cards November 19
- The monthly Social Work Newsletter on the website: www.greenisland.org

Attention Parents, Guardians, & Grandparents!



We need classroom volunteers to be:

Banking Coordinators to process bank deposits made by Heatly Students (please contact Ms. Kirch)

Room Mothers and Fathers

Guest Readers

Project Assistants, Etc.

If you are interested, please contact your child's teacher or me at the school 273-1422.

A Look Ahead. . . Important Dates to Remember

October 4 - 8 Fire Safety Week

This Year's Theme is: *The Fire Alarm "A Sound You Can Live With"*



- October 6 Fire Bus will visit school for grades K-6
- October 7 "The Big Fire Drill" at 9:00 am for the entire school
- October 7 Annual Dinner at the American Legion at 6:30 for the winners of this year's essay & poster contest.
- October 7 Board of Education meeting at 7:00 pm in the Library
- October 11 Columbus Day Holiday—No School
- October 13 PTO Meeting at 6:15 pm in the Library
- October 15 First quarter progress reports will be mailed home
- October 22 First quarter PBIS even in the cafeteria—1:00—2:15 pm