



You're invited to...

Coffee with the Superintendent



Superintendent Rozzi will once again be hosting *Coffee with the Superintendent* throughout the 2016/2017 school year. This is an opportunity to hear about and celebrate the latest district initiatives and for our parents and community members to share their thoughts on how to help our schools best serve every youngster. We hope your schedule allows you to attend.

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 – Babylon Elementary School (9:00 – 10:00 a.m.)

Monday, November 21, 2016 – Babylon Jr./Sr. High School (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

Monday, January 9, 2017 – Babylon Grade School (9:00 – 10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – Babylon Jr./Sr. High School (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

Babylon Union Free School District

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September 2016

The safety of our schools is always our main priority. Each summer we discuss, evaluate and update our District and individual Building *Emergency Response Plans*. The Babylon UFSD has developed comprehensive procedures to implement in the event of any crisis inside or outside of our school buildings.

Essentially there are three actions that we might take in the event of an emergency:

Evacuate - Most of us are familiar with the fire drill, the most common exercise in evacuating a building. Should there be an emergency inside of a school building that requires everyone to vacate the premises, a fire alarm bell rings and all students and staff exit the building according to previously established egress routes. Hence, the fire drill is practice for an evacuation due to such real events as an actual fire, gas leak, chemical spill or bomb scare.

Shelter-in - If there is an emergency outside of the school, all external doors and windows into the building will be locked and secured. No one will be allowed into the building during the shelter-in period, except for First Responders (*Police, Fire Dept., EMTs*) and the Shelter-in will not be lifted until deemed safe to do so by the police. Reasons that we might have to shelter-in our students would be police pursuit of a suspect in our area, a suspicious person reported in the vicinity or a wild animal on the loose.

Lock-down - When there is an emergency inside of a building that poses an immediate and substantial threat, 911 will be called immediately. This would include an intruder in the building or an unauthorized visitor with unknown intent. All staff will lock the doors to classrooms, offices, gymnasium and cafeterias. With lights turned off, students will be moved out of sight to the back corner of the classroom, or into supply closets, bathrooms or storage areas. Once secured, everyone will await further instructions from First Responders.

In September, all students will begin practicing what to do in all three types of emergencies. We want all children, from kindergarten to 12th grade, to know that what they are practicing will give them the knowledge and confidence to react quickly and calmly in any crisis. Our faculty and staff are also well-equipped to lead and direct their students in the case of an emergency. We all take these drills very seriously.

In the case of a real emergency, parents will be informed in an expedited manner via *school messenger*. It is important for parents to remember that at such a time, it is not a good idea to come down to the school, for their own safety as well as that of First Responders. Your children will be safe in school and you will be given updated information in a timely way. If you desire to pick them up from school, we will inform you as to when, where and how, as soon as the Shelter-in or Lock-down has been lifted by the police.

Please make sure that we have your most up-to-date phone numbers (*home, work and cell*) and e-mail addresses so that you will always receive important information in the event of an emergency. It is critical that we be proactive rather than reactive in these circumstances, as a safe learning environment promotes the ultimate gateway to academic and social success of all students.

Very truly yours,

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September 12, 2016

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian:

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to determine the student's body mass index or 'BMI'. The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status groups be included as part of the student's school health examination. The New York State Department of Health has selected our school to be part of a survey. We will be providing information to the New York State Department of Health related to our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report. The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier.

If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return this form by October 7, 2016 to the Babylon Memorial Grade School, 169 Park Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702 Attn: Health Office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi

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Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2016-2017 New York State Department of Health School Survey.

Print Child's Name

Date

Print Parent's Name

Parent's Signature



BABYLON UFSD AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

September 9, 2016

Dear Parents,

The Babylon School District After School Program would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the 1st session of the integrated after school program will begin on Wednesday, October 5, 2016. The purpose of the program is to give our students extended opportunities to interact with each other in a social yet structured setting that will enhance the development and improvement of skills that are necessary to be lifelong learners. We are always looking for students who are interested in becoming peer mentors, role models or have an interest in community service and helping others. Yes, future leaders, the after school program needs you! To those students who are currently participating and to those who have done so in the past, it is with great pleasure to extend our congratulations to you! We are extremely proud of you!

The program is run by a certified special education teacher one hour afterschool four days a week; Monday through Thursday. Ending times will be 3:45 at the elementary school and 3:40 at the grade school. Grade School students are located in Room 41 and Elementary School students are located in Room D2.

The program consists of the following:

- **Two days will focus on social skills. As social skills are facilitated, students will profit from the development and improvement of cooperative and collaborative skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. Another added benefit is the development of long-lasting friendships that would not be otherwise possible**
- **Two days a week will focus on homework strategies. Focus will be on teaching strategies that will facilitate successful completion of homework at home. Strategies include but not limited to, organizational skills, study skills, reading activities, etc.**
- **Students and teachers will participate in collaborative activities**

If you have any questions, please contact the office of special education at 893-7941.

Please return the form below in an envelope to the main office attention to: Metro Therapy Afterschool Staff no later than September 30, 2016.

Thank you.



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Student Name _____ Classroom Teacher/Grade _____

Home Tel. No. _____ Work No. _____ Cell No. _____

My child has not has participated in the afterschool program.

Does your child receive 1:1 support throughout the school year and will need continued support in the Afterschool Program? Yes No

Does your child receive the support of a Nurse throughout the school year and will need continued support in the Afterschool Program? Yes No

Please check each program that you would like your child to participate in:

Mon/Wed: Homework Strategies

Tues/Thurs: Social Skills

*The After School Program requests your input in how we can best meet your needs. Please indicate below your goals for your child in this program.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I give my child permission to attend the afterschool program on the days indicated above

Signature: _____ Date: _____

October Children's Room Happenings

Registration for October programs will begin on Thursday, September 1st @ 9:30 AM. Either by phone, in person, or online with your CHILD'S Babylon Library card. Please note age requirements. Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Out-of-district residents may register for programs with an Asterisk (*) two weeks after registration has begun, **IN PERSON ONLY**, using a CHILD'S library card.

*Parent/child workshop

12 to 36 months old with parent/caregiver
Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25~
10-11:00am
Stories. Music. Play.

*Milkjug birdfeeders

For K-5th graders with parent/caregiver
Thursday, October 6~
4-5:00pm
Make a birdfeeder out of a milkjug!

*Zumbini

For 3 months to 4 yrs with parent/caregiver
Saturday, October 8~
11:00am-12:00pm
Dance. Music. Play.

Going Quackers

For 3s, 4s, & 5s with parent/caregiver
FOR BABYLON CARDHOLDERS ONLY
Wednesday, October 12~
10:30-11:15am
Quack. Quack. Duck visit.

Fall crafts and caramel apples

For all ages (*drop-in*)
Friday, October 21~
3-4:30pm
Crafts. Food. Yumminess.

*Fall sensory play

For ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver
Thursday, October 27~
11:30am-12:30pm
Crafts. Hands-on play.

Creepy Crafts

K-5th graders (*drop-in*)
Monday, October 31~
3-4:30pm

*Get-along gang storyhour

For 3s, 4s, & 5s not yet in kindergarten
Wednesdays, October 5, 19, 26~
1-1:45pm
Stories. Craft.

*My First Storytime

6 to 23 months with parent/caregiver
Fridays, October 7, 14, 21~
10-10:30am
Storytime and songs.

*Inchworms

(Child must be 2 by the first session)
2's & 3's with parent/caregiver
Mondays, October 10, 17, 24~
10-10:30am
Stories. Music. Craft.

Pet Pals

for K-5th graders w parent/caregiver
FOR BABYLON CARDHOLDERS ONLY
Wednesday, October 12~
11:30-12:30pm
Animal visit.

Family Halloween Cupcake Workshop

For 3yrs-5th grade with parent/caregiver
FOR BABYLON CARDHOLDERS ONLY
Tuesday, October 25~
7-8:30pm

*Halloween parade and craft

For birth to 4 yrs old with parent/caregiver
Monday, October 31~
1:30-2:15pm

Drop in and play (no registration)

6-23 months old with parent/caregiver
Friday, February 26~10:00am-12:00pm