

# Nichols Elementary School

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*From the Principal*  
*Diana DiIorio*

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Nichols Students:

Happy New Year! I returned from break with a renewed sense of excitement about all the possibilities for Nichols and look forward to working together in 2017.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mr. DeCesare, Assistant Principal, who resigned this week. Though we will all miss him, we wish him well moving forward. During the interim of his absence we continue to welcome Mrs. Seidell and Dr. Conte as acting Assistant Principal's until we find a replacement for Mr. DeCesare. I can't tell you how lucky we are to have them at Nichols to step in and help.

Now, it is January and that time when many of us reassess our busy lives and think about what we want to accomplish or do to balance our lives during the next year. With that in mind, we have some New Year ideas for you!

- ❖ Read to your child each night in addition to your child reading to him/herself. Children of all ages enjoy quality time snuggling with parents and a good book.
- ❖ Think of a healthy movement activity to do together with your child at least three times per week.
- ❖ Encourage healthy eating with cheat days on the weekend. Healthy snacks will fuel the brain well.
- ❖ Eat dinner together as a family each night. Include a no electronic rule during dinner time and encourage discussions on school, friends, and whatever interests your child has.
- ❖ It's never too early to teach your child financial literacy. The internet has great ideas for teaching your child the importance of saving.
- ❖ Participate in your child's school by checking homework and their folders nightly and participate in school activities.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support.

Respectfully,

Diana DiIorio

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**Exciting Update:**

We have been informed of a new parking lot/ car loop in the works. We met with architects, town members, and board of education members in the construction roll out. I know the aim is for summer construction and should be done by the first day of school next year. I will keep you updated with final designs and dates. This is such exciting news and has been a mission of mine since I arrived at Nichols. Thank you to all the parents who made noise, attended town council meetings etc. to move the project forward.

**Nichols Parent Study Group/Book Club:**

We received a few interested candidates and the majority has requested the morning time slot. We do need a few more people in order to move forward with this endeavor. Please consider joining the fun.

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**Parent Study Group**

(Adults only, however children can attend with quiet activity if needed.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes I am interested in a book talk/study group that would meet once a month from 8:30 to 9:30
  
- I know a good book \_\_\_\_\_