



Welcome to Hiawatha Kindergarten and the Sachem School District

Parent Orientation

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Mission Statement

Our mission at Hiawatha is to always be the best that we can be. We will be respectful, responsible leaders and learners.

Parents and Teachers Working Together as Partners

- Critical transition
 - Different transportation, new classmates and teachers, larger classes and school building, interactions with many adults
- Need to feel secure
- Communicate
- Work together



The First Day of School



- Arrive on time
- Leave cheerfully
- Keep a positive attitude
- Discuss fears ahead of time
- Show your support
- Ask them about their day!

Kindergarten Program

- Daily Program

- Arrival – unpack, attendance, lunch count, announcements
- Morning Activity
- Calendar
- Morning Message
- Math Lesson
- Language Arts
- Lunch
- Writer's Workshop
- Foundations
- Health/Science
- Social Studies
- Guided Reading
- Groups/Centers
- Special
- Recess
- Snack

Supplies

- A kindergarten supply list will be sent home with kindergarten packet.
- The supply list will also be available online on the last day of school.
- A note from your child's teacher may request additional supplies.
- A large backpack (no wheels).

Communication

- Main office 631-471-1830
- Classroom News
- Website: www.sachem.edu/schools/hiawatha
- E-Mail
- Remind.com Text Messages
- General Notices

Report Cards and Conferences

- Report Cards are given out three times a year
 - December, March and June
- Conferences are in December
- Other conferences may be scheduled on an as-needed basis
- You must go onto Eschool parent portal

Main Office

Sandi Traina & Carolyn Kmiotek



Hallway Monitors

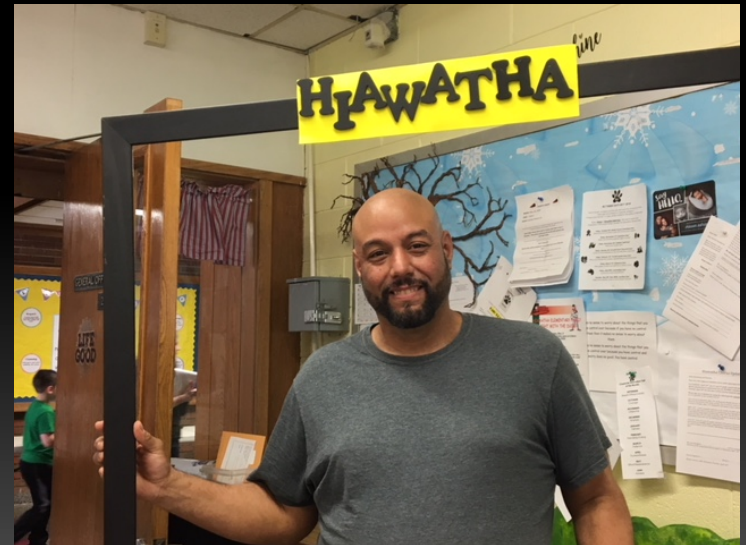
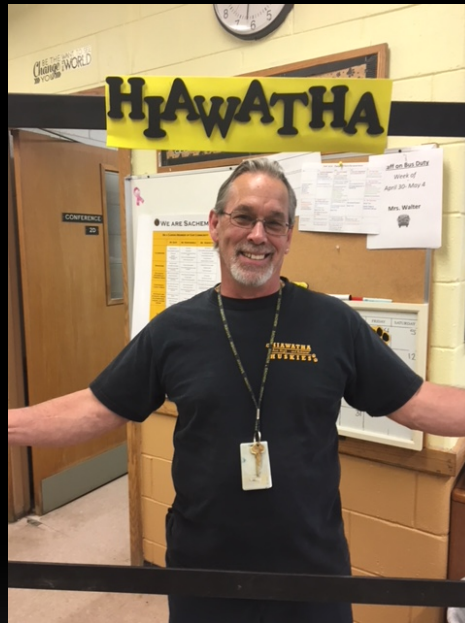
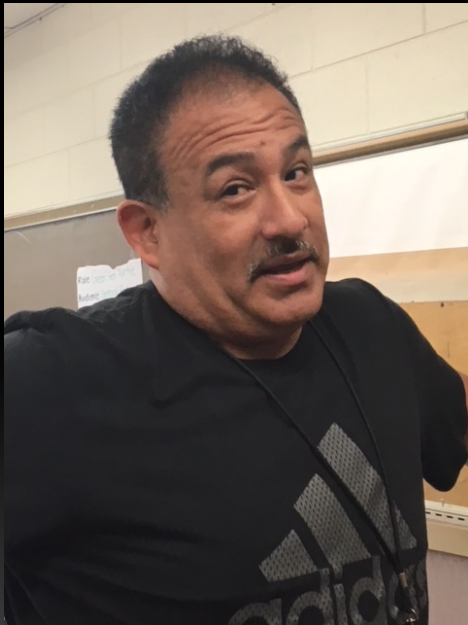
Allison Sommers



Lisa Buck



Custodians



Kitchen Staff: Sandy Spinelli



Specials

- Physical Education
- Music
- Art
- Library
- Reading
- Math

Physical Education

Bryan Rogers & Bridget Kudla



Music – Chorus, Band & Orchestra

Ms. Zielinski



Mrs. Maragliano



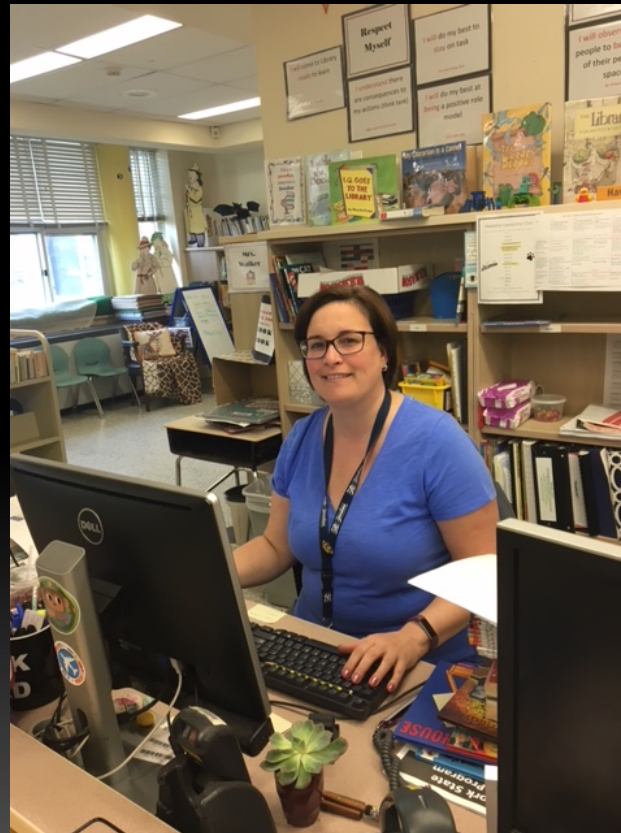
Art

Mrs. Healy



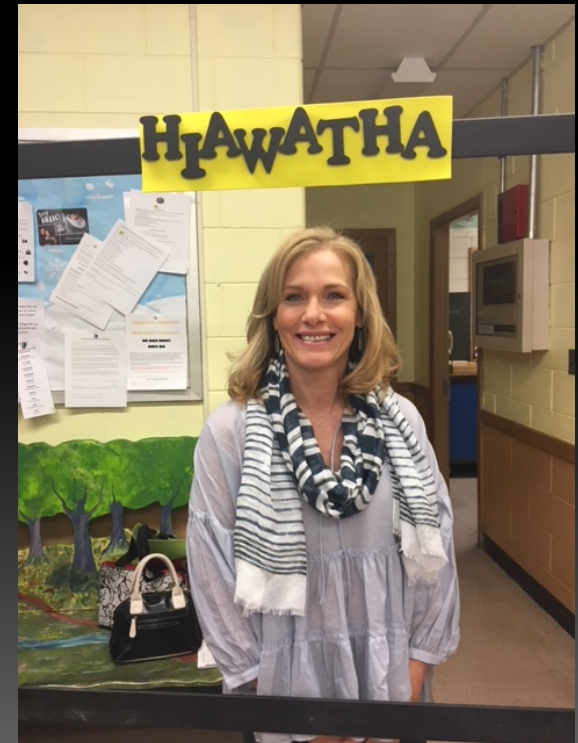
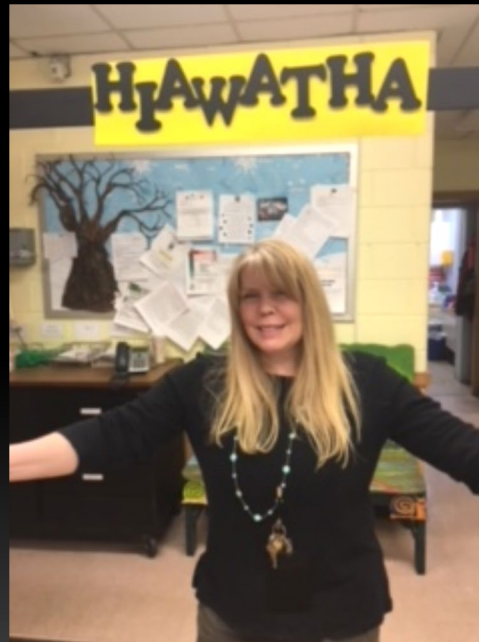
School Library and Media Specialist

Mrs. Walker



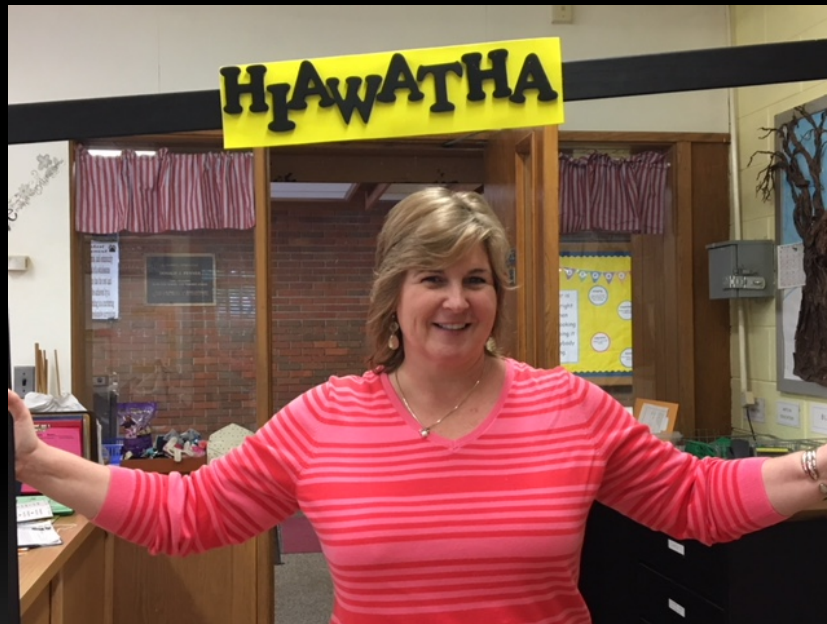
Reading

Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Reese &
Mrs. Marino



Math

Mrs. Giuliano



Special Education

- Special Education Classes
- Resource Room
- Speech
- Social Worker
- Psychologist

Resource Room

Mrs. Allocca



Principal's Aide

Mrs. Onesto



Social Worker & Psychologist

Ms. Huber & Dr. Lubliner



School Nurse & Security

Mrs. Nicosia & Mr. Esposito



Attendance and Health Information

- Timeliness
- Call 631-471-1830 for early dismissal before 12:00 pm
- Legal and Illegal Absences
- Absence notes

Clothing

- Clothing should be comfortable, washable, and easy to manipulate in the bathroom (bathrooms are located in the classroom)
- Sneakers should have flat laces with double knots, or Velcro
- Although sandals, Crocs and flip-flops are stylish, they are not conducive or safe for outside play

Lunch/Snack/Birthdays

- Daily Snack (think healthy).
- Water has been the beverage of choice for the last ten years.
- Birthday and Summer birthdays

Field Trips

- Schmidt Farm
- Yaphank Farm
- Gateway or Broadhollow Theater
- Sachem Public Library
- Numerous in-house presentations compliments of our PTA

Kindergarten Screening

- Don't Panic.
- Screening occurs June 3 – June 7
 - Sign up for screening at the end of the presentation.
- Your child will receive a basic assessment in cognitive, physical and speech/language development.
- Your child will also receive a hearing and vision screening in the nurse's office.
- Who will work with your child?
 - School Psychologist
 - Speech Teacher
 - Reading Teacher
 - Kindergarten Teacher
 - School Nurse
- If there are any red flags from the screening Dr. Lubliner will contact you before the school year ends.

Getting Ready for Routines

- Be able to say first and last name
- Practice following two-step directions
 - First...then
- Practice tying shoes
- Practice taking turns and sharing
- Independently use the bathroom and tissues
- Know your teacher's name and bus number
- Practice opening and closing your...
 - Backpack, Snacks, Juice/Water

Getting Ready for Academics

- Write and recognize first name
- Letter Recognition
- Number Recognition and counting 1 – 10
- Sing the alphabet
- Read, read, read!
- Sing or recite nursery rhymes
- Use glue/glue stick
- Cut with scissors

Helpful Hints and Information

- Expect delays on the bus for the first week.
- In the afternoon, please be at the bus stop early.
 - No student will be dropped off without a person waiting to receive them.
- Name tags on your child help us make sure they are on the right bus and get off at the right stop.
- When your child arrive at school an adult will help them off the bus and navigate through the building.
- Supplies are recommended to be brought in during our Kindergarten Meet and Greet.
 - The date will be given in the summer packet in August.
 - Check out the SCOPE am and pm child care program
 - School begin 15 minutes earlier

PTA

- Melissa Purga, President
- Jill Amato, Vice President



Welcome to Hiawatha!



- In September, your child's school career will begin for the graduating class of 2032.
- It will be here before we know it, so enjoy every minute with your children!
- Questions?