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Dear Northwest Families,

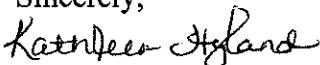
Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! During the past year, it has been a true honor and a privilege to work with the exceptional Northwest students, families, and staff in my first year as principal, and I look forward to another great year. It is my pleasure to welcome our new assistant principal, Sonia Rodrigo. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience having been an educator, staff developer, and assistant principal for over 16 years with the NYC Department of Education.

Over the summer, our teachers have been busy revising curriculum and working to plan rich, meaningful learning activities for our students. This year, we will continue to use the Columbia University's Teachers College Reading and Writing Project to provide a solid foundation of our balanced literacy program. Our math series, GoMath! will continue to provide an engaging and interactive approach to learning aligned to the standards.

The strength of a school community depends on the contributions of parents, educators, support staff, and students. We welcome the collaboration of all stakeholders in order to reach our common goal of student academic and social growth. We value the strong connection between the home and school environments, as it has a positive impact on a student's academic success. To that end, parents are encouraged to be involved in their children's educational experiences as much as possible, and there will be many opportunities for families to participate in school events. Visit the Northwest website and check out the Virtual Backpack to learn more about our school and upcoming events.

This school year will bring new and exciting learning opportunities for everyone. Our commitment to creating memorable, engaging, and enriching experiences for our students will continue. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. We look forward to a successful school year!

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Hyland
Principal