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## **Mill Neck Welcomes Students Back to School!**

Beautiful sunny skies on September 3 welcomed both new and returning students to Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf (DEC) and Mill Neck Manor Early Childhood Center (ECC). The school year kicked off with 149 students enrolled in the DEC and 83 children starting classes at the ECC.

As they stepped off buses, or arrived with their parents, the children were greeted warmly by their teachers, teacher assistants, and administrators, including Superintendent Francine Bogdanoff, DEC Principal Katie Kerzner and ECC Principal Suellyn Giserman. While some little ones looked a bit apprehensive, a small dose of gentle coaxing from school staff had the children marching off to their new classrooms in no time. Older students greeted their friends and teachers with hugs and high-fives. Overall, children and teaching staff alike looked eager to begin a brand-new year of learning.

Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf and Early Childhood Center are part of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, a not-for-profit group dedicated to serving children who are Deaf and hard of hearing or who may have deficits in speech, language/communication, cognitive and gross and fine motor development. For more information about any of its programs, please call (516) 922-4100 or visit <http://www.millneck.org>.

### *Photo Captions:*

- 1.) Mill Neck Manor students skip off their buses on the first day of school at the DEC.
- 2.) Abigail proudly arrives for her first day of school with one parent in each hand.
- 3.) Two DEC students catching-up before heading off to their first class.
- 4.) Christopher is excited for the first day back to school in the DEC.
- 5.) Cecilia Lynch, Social Worker in the Early Childhood Center, accompanies Lauren into the school when she arrives for her first of preschool in the ECC.
- 6.) Stella and her mom smile for dad as he takes a photo on her first day of preschool.

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