

## OCTOBER 2016

Greetings to everyone in the Monmouth Beach School community! It seems like just yesterday that our staff welcomed all of the PK-8 students back on the first day of the new school year, and now here we are moving into the month of October. During those opening days and weeks, the staff and students began to develop important working relationships that will help them reach their goals throughout the year. As the initial settling in process was concluding, the teachers and students moved into their routines and schedules with remarkable ease. So as sad as it is for summer to come to an end, it is truly impressive to see how quickly the staff and students get into full swing with their academic programs.

The beginning of a new school year always comes with great excitement and anticipation about all that lies ahead, and this year is no different. Among the reasons for our excitement this year is the new math program that has been adopted in the entire region for grades K-5. After a thorough selection process that involved teachers from all three sending districts, the Shore region made the decision to implement the *enVision Math* Program at the elementary level this year. It is our belief that the new program will prove to be an upgrade in this subject area due in large part to the increased emphasis on critical thinking and problem solving found at the heart of the *enVision* Program. Additionally, there is an online component that the teachers are using to help enhance the quality of their daily lessons and also to communicate information about topics and concepts to families.

As most of you know, Monmouth Beach School has moved further into the world of social media this year in an effort to showcase the efforts of our staff and students. With the help of Greg Zweemer, our Technology Coordinator, the MBS Facebook and Twitter accounts are active and linked. In order to find us on Facebook, simply type "Monmouth Beach" in the search bar and then click on the school logo when you are given a list of MB groups to choose from. I also encourage you to follow me

on Twitter [@MBS\\_Ettore](#) to see those snapshot moments from the various events and activities that occur during the year. The intent in both cases is to share information and photos of classroom events and extracurricular activities with the public at large. Hopefully this use of social media will help MBS families feel more connected with our school and allow the entire community to get a feel for all that MBS has to offer in terms of an exceptional educational experience for all students.

Looking ahead, the month of October will be a bit fragmented due to the holidays on the calendar. Then before we know it, it will be time for all of the Halloween festivities that help us to formally usher in the fall season. In the meantime, I hope everyone has established open lines of communication with the teachers that can be used throughout the year. In order for students to be successful and overcome the obstacles that await them, the adults in their lives need to work together to provide appropriate support while also maintaining consistent expectations. In short, as long as we work together, I am confident that we will achieve the goals we have for the students.

Respectfully,

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Principal/Superintendent