



**PLAINEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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Dear Parents:

John H. West's "Back to School Night" will take place for parents/guardians on **Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 PM**. The goal of this evening is to provide parents with the opportunity to become more knowledgeable about the goals and expectations of your child's classroom teacher and the other staff members who contribute to your child's education.

During "Back to School," teachers will inform parents about the educational programs, classroom rules and responsibilities, as well as their expectations for student achievement and behavior. They will also discuss the parents' vital role in strengthening the partnership between the school and the home. Teachers will not be discussing individual children during this evening, but will familiarize you with their classroom routines, programs and procedures. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held later in the Fall, and at that time the teachers will share information with you about your child's progress in school.

Please arrive promptly at the allotted time for your child's specific grade. The evening's schedule will be as follows:

Time	Classroom Presentations
6:00 - 6:30 pm	K-5 Special Classes
6:00 - 6:30 pm	Kindergarten & 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade in Classrooms
6:40 - 7:10 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grades in Classrooms
7:20 - 7:50 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades in Classrooms

Special Area	Teacher	Rm.	Special Area	Teacher	Rm.
AIS	Mrs. Heather Nagrowski	19	PE	Mr. Matthew Rich	Gym
Art	Mrs. Robyn D'Amelio	30	PE	Mrs. Erinn Martone	Gym
Art	Mr. Christopher Fusaro	30	Psychologist	Mrs. Kimberly Katz	5
ENL	Mrs. Arnel Leitman	49	Psychologist	Ms. Brigitte McCabe	33
ENL	Mrs. Stefanina Guttilla	49	Reading Specialist	Mrs. Melissa McCormick	43
Math Specialist	Mrs. Jennifer Kucklinca	19	Reading Specialist	Mrs. Susan McEnerney	19
Library	Mrs. Emily Smith	25	Reading Specialist	Mrs. Kristina Carlstrom	19
Music/Orchestra/ Band	Mr. Gerard Beekman	18	Speech	Mrs. Kayla Boyle	14
Music/Chorus	Mrs. Helen Kang	45	Speech	Mrs. Kellie Kuntz	14
Music/Chorus	Mr. Paul Ceglie	45	Speech	Mrs. Jessica Ragusa	14

If you would like to meet with any other staff members, other than your child's classroom teacher, special area teachers will be available in their rooms should you want to stop by to see them during the 6-8pm timeframe. Parents of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students should look to visit Special Areas (should they choose to) prior to the timeslot designated for your classroom visits. Thank you for your continued support as partners in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Sara Azizollahoff  
 Principal