



Welcome Back to School !

2016—2017 School Year



Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

With warm summer days getting noticeably shorter, we all realize that the new school year is just around the corner. The new school supplies look inviting and ready to engage your children in their new educational adventures. Putting away those beloved electronic devices in favor of books and notebooks may seem upsetting at first, but the new academic conquests will soon make up manifold for these very necessary sacrifices. As soon as the first “A” decorates your child's journal, new and enchanting stories will occupy your child's mind. Your family will once again feel a part of this wonderful unique educational community known to the world as the Big Apple Academy!

I would like to welcome aboard our youngest cohort of students and extend my special greetings to the parents of 2016-2017 Kindergarten class. We understand that our youngest students are at the sensitive age when a transition into a challenging, but exciting academic world may appear a little stressful. Our teachers are well aware of your parental concerns and will ensure that your children have a smooth entry into the exciting world of knowledge. Our homeroom teachers will surround their new students with personal attention, focusing on each child's individual needs. Your support during this process will be pivotal and highly appreciated. Please help your child understand that a few bumps and mishaps along the road are not signs of failure, but rather the significant building blocks of perseverance and ambition, the qualities that will ultimately drive your child to success!

In addition, I send special greetings to our future graduates who enter Grade 8 this year. Please be prepared for a challenging year marked by an intense schedule, extracurricular activities, and preparations for the Regents Exams in Math, Science, and Social Studies. I am confident that you will meet these challenges with perseverance and hard work.

As we begin this year, please remember that we sincerely welcome your involvement. Since we recognize that parents are their children's first and most important teachers, we need your cooperation and input to provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

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Principal

Big Apple Academic Highlights

Expect This Term :



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To be expected in September:

- SHSAT Preparatory Program Begins / Grade 8 (September 6th)
- Literacy Boost 1 Begins / Grades 3-8 (September 6th– September 30th)
- ELA Comprehensive Assessments/Grades 3-8 (September 13th –14th)
- ELA Beginning of the Year Reading Assessments/Grades 1-2 (September 21st)
 - Living Environment Diagnostic Test / Grade 8 (September 23rd)
 - First Day of Lab Operation /Grades 3-8 (September 12th)
 - Trip to the Farm / Kindergarten (Date TBA)

To be expected in October:

- Museum of Interesting Things (In house Presentation) / Grades 4, 5, 6 , and 7 (TBA)
 - Literacy Boost 2 begins / Grades 3-8 (October 1st - October 30th)
- Show and Tell / Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 (October 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st)
 - SHSAT Final Diagnostic Test/Grade 8 (TBA)
 - Harry Potter Week / Grades 4– 8 (October 24 -October 28)
 - Last Day of the Term (October 28th)