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

Amid cloudy skies and steady rain, the arriving school buses provided a bright yellow contrast. Brighter still were the many smiles on the faces of the children as they stepped off the buses. On September 7, boys and girls at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf and the Mill Neck Manor Early Childhood Center (ECC) headed back for the first day of school.

While some little ones looked a bit apprehensive and a few clung to their parents, most of the children readily grasped the hands of teachers and teacher assistants and went off to their new classrooms. Older students had hugs and high-fives for their friends and warm greetings for waiting Mill Neck staff.

This year, Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf welcomed 11 new students, while the ECC added an additional 35 children to its roster. From the looks of the smiling faces, the students, whether new or returning, seemed eager to begin an exciting school year.

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>.

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*Photo Captions:*

- 1.) Laura Toriello and her mom, Sharon have on their “first day of school” smiles.
- 2.) Teacher Assistant Tony Albicocco welcomes Brandon Li to school.
- 3.) Sara Wenger walking daughter Lea toward a brand new school year.
- 4.) Judith Alvarado (left) and Nataly Reyes stop to pose before heading to their new classrooms.
- 5.) ECC student Peter Vitale gets a helping hand off the bus.
- 6.) Twins Grace and Trinity Palmieri on their way to their first day at the ECC.



