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Mill Neck Welcomes Students Back to School!

Sunny skies on September 9 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 104 students enrolled in the DEC and 72 children starting classes at the ECC.

As they stepped off buses, or arrived with their parents, the children were greeted warmly by 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.) YaeJin is pretty in pink for her first day of school.
- 2.) Christopher and his dad take time out for a photo on opening day.
- 3.) Nestor brought a friend along to his first day at the ECC.
- 4.) Before heading to class, ECC student Ly'Anna showed off her cute grin.
- 5.) Gina Pisciotta, ECC teacher assistant, welcomes her students Victor and Matteo.
- 6.) Before heading to their classes, DEC students Nancy, Judith and Nataly are greeted by teacher assistants Sunny Genco, Tom Winslow and Robert Saccente.

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