

FIFTH AVENUE SCHOOL

217 Fifth Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706

At A Glance . . .

Principal

Mr. Frank Fallon

Telephone

631-968-1140

Assistant Principal

Mrs. Charlotte Wilson

Grade Levels

K-2

(Full-Day Kindergarten)

School Hours

9:05 am - 3:05 pm

Total Enrollment

400

Average Class Size

22

PFA President

Lisa Paleologopoulos
Diane Urso

SCHOOL MOTTO: *A Tradition of Caring*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND HONORS: New York State Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, 1993-94; Suffolk Reading Council Honor School; parent-painted school murals highlighting children's literature; New York State Teacher of the Year Nominee - 1994; New York State Council of English Teachers of Excellence Award Winner - 1992; Islip Town Youth Award Winners; New York State Teacher of Excellence Award Winner-1997. Channel 55 "Educator of the Week" Award Winner - 2005.

SCHOOL BACKGROUND: Fifth Avenue School was built in 1929 and originally housed kindergarten through grade eight. An extension was built to accommodate the ever-increasing enrollment in 1957. The architectural plans for both the original building and the extension were also used to build Fifth Avenue's sister school, Brook Avenue School.

SCHOOL STAFF: The Fifth Avenue faculty consists of 30 professional staff members, paraprofessionals, custodians, secretaries and food service workers.

ENROLLMENT: Fifth Avenue serves a diverse, multicultural population of approximately 400 students.

CODE OF CONDUCT: A Board of Education-approved Code of Conduct outlines rights and responsibilities of students, staff and parents.

CURRICULUM: Under the expert supervision of experienced early childhood teachers, the students enjoy a strong foundation for literacy, language development, hands-on math, science and social studies. Teachers enrich learning experiences through art and music activities in the classroom. The physical education staff provides a daily program that integrates curriculum with the total growth and development of young children. Teachers emphasize and promote a love for learning

through the use of Smartboard technology. The Library Media Center and Technology Center feature state-of-the-art computer work stations. Yearly school-wide themes interact with the curriculum holistically. The theme for the 2009-10 school year is a physics unit on "Flight."

SPECIAL NEEDS: Remedial and support services are available in the areas of reading, speech, counseling, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and English as a Second Language. In addition to support services, Fifth Avenue School also takes pride in Project Success, a special home/school program to improve reading skills in first grade. A school nurse, psychologist and social worker are also on staff.

TESTING: Terra Nova Test in Grades 2. InView and Open Ended Writing and Math Assessments in Grade 2.



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STUDENT PROMOTION: Students successfully completing the Fifth Avenue curriculum continue on to South Country or Gardiner Manor School.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS AND CLUBS: There are extended day programs for reading, mathematics and science.

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY: A computer lab with networked IBM computers is used by all students. Additional IBM computers, on-line, can be found in the library and the reading room. These computers are used to encourage individual research skills and communication. Individual classrooms are in the process of being equipped with networked IBM computers. Due to the support of the Parent Faculty Association, Fifth Avenue is implementing SMARTBOARD technology into the classroom.

SCHOOL MISSION AND GOALS: Fifth Avenue School recognizes the unique differences and worth of each individual child. We believe each child has the ability to succeed when given adequate support by a caring school and family. We enlist the support of the parents, as co-educators, in our goal of nurturing and enhancing each child's social, intellectual, physical, artistic, and emotional development. The school proposes to accomplish these goals through ongoing programs that recognize success, provide incentives, encourage positive behavior, and foster an appreciation of the various cultures that make up our society.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Parents are actively involved in the PFA (Parent Faculty Association) and as volunteers in the classroom. The PFA sponsors a rich cultural arts program, grade level field trips and school beautification projects.

ABOUT THE PRINCIPAL: Frank Fallon has been the Principal of Fifth Avenue School since 1983. He is graduate of the State University of Geneseo. Mr. Fallon earned a Master's Degree from Stony Brook, a Professional Diploma from Queens College, and completed post graduate work at New York University. Mr. Fallon's outstanding leadership skills and early childhood background have earned him both the Teacher of the Year in 1975 at South Country School and the Outstanding Leader in Elementary and Secondary Education Award in 1976. Prior to coming to Bay Shore he was an instructor at the Campus School at the State University of New York at Geneseo. Mr. Fallon presented at the New York State School Boards' Associations Convention in 2002. In March 2006, he was presented with the "Instructional Leadership and Inspiration Award" from the SCOPE educational organization.

ABOUT THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Charlotte Wilson was appointed Assistant Principal of South Country and Fifth Avenue Schools by the Board of Education in April 2004. Before her appointment, she devoted over twenty years of teaching third and fourth grade students at South Country School. Mrs. Wilson received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Long Island University, C.W. Post campus in 1983, and a Master of Science Degree in Education from Dowling College in 1990. In 2003, Mrs. Wilson earned the New York State School Administrator/Supervisor Certificate and the Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from Hofstra University.

VISITORS: Please feel free to visit Fifth Avenue School. Call the school to make an appointment.

QUESTIONS: For further information, please contact the Principal's Office at 968-1140. For current information pertaining to the Bay Shore School District visit our website at <http://www.bayshoreschools.org>.



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