

GARDINER MANOR SCHOOL

125 Wohseepee Drive, Bay Shore, NY 11706

At A Glance . . .

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Carlton Brown

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Carol Dworkin

GRADE LEVELS

3 - 5

SCHOOL HOURS

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

710

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

24

PFA PRESIDENT

Laurie DeGraff

SCHOOL MOTTO: *Learning Today for Tomorrow.*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND HONORS: Brookhaven Lab Science Award in grades 4 and 5, Suffolk County Reading Council Honor School, Youth Garden Award Winner, Hofstra University/News 12 Educator Award Winner, Islip Town Youth Award Winners, first school in the Town of Islip to recycle.

SCHOOL BACKGROUND: Gardiner Manor was constructed on the property owned by the Gardiner family of Sagtikos Manor. Ground was broken on July 1, 1958, with the school opening in September 1959. It was originally a K-5 building and has also been a K-6 building. After the reorganization in 1971, the building became an intermediate school with fourth, fifth and sixth grades. At the present time, the school is comprised of grades 3, 4 and 5. In its 50-year history, it is estimated that 29,300 students have been educated at Gardiner Manor. The school uses the Gardiner family crest as its symbol.

SCHOOL STAFF: The school has a staff of 34 classroom teachers, as well as special area and support staff. Paraprofessionals are also available to assist teachers. In addition, there are secretaries, custodians, food service workers, foster grandparents and regular substitutes.

ENROLLMENT: Gardiner Manor serves a diverse, multicultural population of approximately 710 students.

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

CURRICULUM: Students in grades 3-5 use the Houghton-Mifflin Math Program. It is a problem-solving approach to mathematics. We are using the MacMillan/McGraw-Hill Treasures reading program and Science program using hands-on experiences. Process writing is used to connect curriculum areas in a meaningful way for students. There are accelerated math and reading classes at all grade levels as well as correct instructional levels for all others. Remedial math and reading services are provided during the day and are also part of our extended day program. Push-in programs are utilized throughout the school day, when possible, to minimize disruption of classroom instruction.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Students who require special education can receive resource room services, self-contained placement, CWC (Class-Within-A-Class inclusionary setting), speech, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. A full-time social worker, school nurse and psychologist are also part of our staff. Limited English Proficient students receive services in the ESL program.



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TESTING: NYSED Social Studies Exam in Grade 5; NYSED ELA Exam in Grades 3, 4 & 5; NYSED Math Exam in Grades 3, 4 & 5; Terra Nova Exam in Grade 5; NYSED Science Exam in Grade 4; and NYSESLAT Exam in Grades 3, 4 & 5.

STUDENT PROMOTION: Students are promoted to the Bay Shore Middle School for Grade 6.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS AND CLUBS: We offer academic assistance classes, Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Student Council, Newspaper, Service Society, Art Enrichment, Wellness Groups, Radio Club, Homework Groups, and a very diverse offering of clubs that can vary each year.

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY: The school has a computer lab using IBM equipment. Keyboarding is taught in grades 4 and 5. Each 3, 4 and 5 grade classroom is equipped with two work stations using Dell computers in a networked system. Smartboard technology is used in instruction for students.

SCHOOL MISSION AND GOALS: We are a community of learners in a safe environment supported by caring adults who are committed to preparing our children for the future.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Parents are involved in the following programs: Parent Faculty Association, Parents as Reading Partners, Parents as Tutors, and Foster Grandparent Program. Parents also work with our Service Society and accompany the students on visits to community hospitals, assisted living centers, nursing homes, etc.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Open School Night, Halloween Party, Holiday Fair, Book Festival, Educational Expo, Circus, Sports Night, Bingo Night, Talent Show, Winter and Spring Concerts, Art Show, Family Picnic, New Student Orientation Program, and Fifth Grade Awards Assembly in June.

ABOUT THE PRINCIPAL: Mr. Carlton Brown has served as Gardiner Manor Principal since July 2001. Previously, he was the South Country Principal for five years from 1996 until 2001 and, prior to that appointment, he was the Assistant Principal at both Fifth Avenue School and Mary G. Clarkson. Originally, Mr. Brown served the Bay Shore School District in the capacity of school social worker for eleven years and Co-chairperson for the district's Code of Conduct Committee. He is a graduate of SUNY Stony Brook and earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from The School of Social Welfare. He completed postgraduate work at C.W. Post and Dowling College. Carlton Brown is a certified social worker with experience in the juvenile criminal justice system, as he was a Suffolk County Probation Officer prior to entering education. He has been recognized by various community organizations for his dedication to the youth of Bay Shore.

ABOUT THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Dworkin joined the Bay Shore staff in 2000 after serving as the Special Education Coordinator in Middle Country Central School District. Her extensive background in curriculum and special education enables Ms. Dworkin to work effectively with students and staff. Carol shares her time as Assistant Principal of both Gardiner Manor School and Brook Avenue School. In addition to her teaching and administrative experience, Carol is an author of a study skills publication and an experienced college instructor. She received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Northern Illinois University and her Advanced Graduate Certificate in School Administration from SUNY Stony Brook.

VISITORS: School visitors are welcome any time school is open; however, all visitors are asked to first report to the main office through the front or side door.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions about our school or would like a tour of the school, including our beautiful courtyards, please give us a call at 968-1150. Visit our website at www.bayshoreschools.org.



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