

MARY G. CLARKSON SCHOOL

1415 East Third Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706

At A Glance . . .

PRINCIPAL

Ms. Leticia Garcia

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Virginia Gibbons

GRADE LEVELS

K-2

(Full Day Kindergarten)

SCHOOL HOURS

9:05 am - 3:05 pm

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

500

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

22

PTA PRESIDENT

Erika Tripoli

SCHOOL MOTTO: *I Think I Can, I Know I Can, Together We Can!*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND HONORS: Suffolk County Reading Council Honor School for Language Arts Program for 16 years, Islip Town Youth Achievement Winners, Social Studies Teacher of the Year, Nationally-recognized Teacher of Whole Language, Teacher of Excellence recognized by the Association for Childhood Education International, Foster Grandparent Program, Bay Shore TAWL (Teachers Applying Whole Language established by a MGC teacher), Literacy Collaborative school, actively involved PTA, and parent-painted murals highlighting literature, music and nature.

SCHOOL BACKGROUND: Mary G. Clarkson School was built in 1963 and named to honor Mrs. Mary Griffith Clarkson, an active resident of Bay Shore and distinguished member of the Board of Education.

SCHOOL STAFF: In addition to the 55 professional teachers, additional support personnel make our school a safe haven for children: special area teachers, para professionals, custodians, cafeteria staff, secretaries, school nurse, social worker, speech teacher, resource room teacher, occupational and physical therapists and a school psychologist.

ENROLLMENT: Mary G. Clarkson serves a diverse, multicultural population of approximately 500 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 highly qualified early childhood teachers, the students receive a strong foundation for literacy, language development, hands-on math, science and social studies. Teachers enrich learning experiences

through art and music activities. The physical education staff provides a program that integrates curriculum with the total growth and development of young children. All children learn the guidelines for future participation as citizens through nine basic Rules to Grow On and a daily character pledge that prepare them for participation in a democracy and serve as an introductory Code of Conduct. Teachers and parents emphasize and promote a love for literacy through balanced literacy instruction, the Writing Process, Share-a-Book, Parents as Reading Partners and by modeling reading of good literature. Mary G. Clarkson provides support and accelerated programs in grades K through 2.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Remedial and support services are available, including self-contained and class-within-a-class inclusion placements, reading, speech, counseling, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and English as a Second Language.



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TESTING: Terra Nova Achievement Test in Grade 2. InView and Open Ended Writing and Math Assessments in Grade 2. In District, Math Assessments and Literacy Benchmarking are also used to assess academic growth.

STUDENT PROMOTION: Students successfully completing the curriculum attend grade 3 at South Country or Gardiner Manor School.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS AND CLUBS: A variety of activities sponsored by the PTA are available to students after school. In addition, we offer after-school support and enrichment programs.

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 in the reading room. These computers are used to encourage individual research skills and communication. Kindergarten, first, and second grade classrooms house networked Dell computers and a printer station. Grades 1 and 2 classrooms are equipped with Smartboards.

SCHOOL MISSION AND GOALS: We, the parents and staff of Mary G. Clarkson School, believe that every child has the potential to be a responsible, caring, cooperative individual. Our goal is to enable children to develop physically, emotionally, socially and academically so that they will become confident, mature, involved citizens.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Our Parent Teacher Association, a member of the National PTA, is an active partner in the learning process, and provides support through cultural arts enrichment programs, after-school activities, book fairs, School Improvement Team, parent newsletters, and special trips. Teachers often seek parental help with classroom special events. In addition, some staff members are trained in the Dorothy Rich Mega Skills Program for parents. A Parent Center was developed to provide curriculum-based and training sessions for our MGC families.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Holiday Sing-A-Longs, Jamboree, Field Day, Very Important Persons' Day (VIP), District Educational Expo, Memorial Day Parade, Interdisciplinary Fair, Science Fair, Art Show and Earth Day.

ABOUT THE PRINCIPAL: Leticia Garcia joined the Bay Shore Public Schools nine years ago. She served as an assistant principal at the Middle School, Fifth Avenue School, and South Country School. Ms. Garcia earned both her BS and her MA from Adelphi University. She received her second MS in School Administration from the College of New Rochelle. Her background in education and years of experience as both an early childhood educator and an administrator at various levels have provided her with essential skills needed to lead Mary G. Clarkson School. She is delighted to work with the children, faculty, staff, and families at Mary G. Clarkson.

ABOUT THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Virginia Kelly-Gibbons joined the Bay Shore School District seventeen years ago, teaching first and second grades at Fifth Avenue School. In 1999, Mrs. Gibbons moved to Brook Avenue School as a reading specialist. During that time, she trained as a Reading Recovery Teacher, and a Reading Recovery Teacher Leader for Nassau and Suffolk BOCES. Virginia holds a B.S. in Elementary Education, an M.S. in Reading, a Professional Diploma in School District Administration, and a certification in art education. She has taught literacy as an adjunct professor at Dowling College and New York University. Mrs. Gibbons is a life-long resident of Bay Shore and the parent of two Bay Shore graduates.

VISITORS: Please feel free to visit Mary G. Clarkson School. Call the school at 968-1205 to schedule an appointment.

QUESTIONS: For more information about the school or programs, contact the principal at 968-1205. For current information pertaining to the Bay Shore Schools, visit our website at www.bayshoreschools.org.



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