

# **The Somerset Hills School District**

## **Marion T. Bedwell School**

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April 19, 2013

Dear Kindergarten-Grade 3 Parent/Guardian:

Our student placement process for the upcoming school year is conducted during the months of May and June. During this time Bedwell's **team of teachers, assistant principal, school counselor, Child Study Team and I collaborate** to find the best placement for each child in our school. Each year presents many challenges in finding the appropriate placements. **Our team** considers the class balance in relationship to gender, age, social dynamics and ability ranges. In addition, there are teacher grade level assignment changes, teachers on leave, retirements and a variety of other factors to consider.

Some parents have asked if they may request a teacher or request specific classmates to be in the same class with their child for the upcoming school year. The answer is, no, we **do not** accept teacher or classmate requests. However, if you wish to write regarding your child's particular needs or learning style, we will take this information into consideration when making class assignments. You can relate that your child requires a more or less structured environment or you can share the teaching style that works best for your child. Sometimes parents prefer that younger siblings have different teachers from older siblings and you can convey that, as well. Any of these variables may be discussed in your letter.

If you elect to write a letter or an e-mail, please send it to my attention **no later than the end of the school day on May 13, 2013**. To allow for sufficient time for to review parent letters/e-mails and to work on the placement process, **letters or e-mails received after the above mentioned due date will not be accepted for consideration.**

In closing, please know that we will do our best to honor all the children here at Bedwell Elementary School.

Sincerely,  
Amy G. Phelan  
Principal