## HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## Forest Brook Elementary School

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Dear Forest Brook Students, Staff, and Families,



Welcome Back to Forest Brook Elementary School! I hope all of you are as excited as I am to start the new school year. We will continue the tradition of celebrating our love of learning and books at Forest Brook. Every month I will present each class with a special book. Each book will be accompanied by a letter from me, explaining why I chose the story. I will often select books that will lift our spirits, teach kindness and respect and foster a lifelong love of learning and reading. These books will become part of the classroom libraries to be treasured throughout the year and for years to come.

Our September Book of the Month is a very special tribute to a place that we dearly love; an elementary school. This is a School by John Schu and Veronica Miller Jamison is a book that celebrates all the wonderful pieces and people that help to create and celebrate an engaging, loving and inclusive environment. A school isn't just a building, it's a place where many different people come together to create a community where children and adults can learn and grow. Our school includes our Board of Education members, our district administrators, security officers, teachers, custodians, assistants, aides, main office staff and so many others including our Forest Brook PTA which makes our school run smoothly and happily. In addition, our school is special for many reasons and the biggest reason is you, the student, who will accomplish so much and add to the tapestry of learning, kindness, respect and fun while you are here at Forest Brook Elementary School.

I hope our students can see their own wonderful Forest Brook within the pages of this beautifully illustrated book and add their own mark within the halls, classroom and playground, because each and every member of the Forest Brook family matters when creating the community we share; where we laugh, play, explore, discover, learn, lead and read! I look forward to partnering with you for another wonderful school year.

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