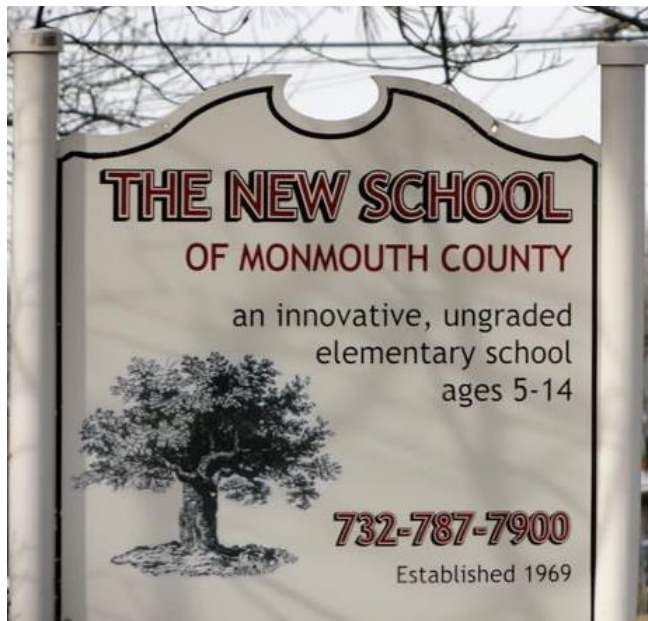




# **THE NEW SCHOOL OF MONMOUTH COUNTY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - No. 1 - DECEMBER 2016**



Happy Holidays! As a first step in starting an active New School Alumni Association, we'd like to tell you graduates and your families what a year of change 2016 has been at The New School! We are pleased to announce our newsletter for New School friends and family where we wish to share with you some of our latest events and accomplishments and hopefully stir some pleasant memories of your time with us.

Each of our classes has experienced exciting changes. After spending a year team-teaching with Jay, Rebekah is re-discovering the joys of the older class with Sara's help. We will have four graduates this year, and all of last year's graduates were accepted to

Monmouth County Vocation School Districts academic academies. In the middle class, Meeta and Kathryn are now assisting Kathey as well as doing independent projects of their own. Our little class has a surprise teacher this year--Susan, let loose in the classroom again! She's being helped by parent volunteers and two assistants and all are having a great time with the students. Jay, enjoying his retirement, still plans the NYC trips, visits the school several times a month and is an official substitute teacher.

Many new projects are happening in each of the classes, and our theme for the year is interesting and relevant – Cause and Effect.

Parent involvement is at an all-time high, with parents volunteering, going on trips, organizing and forming a community together. They come from many different places, including the likes of Ukraine, China, India, Russia, Greece, Italy, England, the Netherlands, South Africa, the Dominican Republic and El Salvador! As a result, several of our families speak multiple languages at home, further enriching the education of our students and preparing them to be global citizens.

Changes are also occurring in our existing building. We have recently installed six new windows on the kitchen side of the building and a heating/cooling unit in our solar room. We have plans to remodel our kitchen and bathrooms and give the library a facelift during this school year. Our fundraising for the addition of a large all-purpose room is progressing steadily, but we are brainstorming ideas to reenergize our capital campaign and we would appreciate your input. We are hoping this newsletter will help us to reconnect with more alumni and also help alumni to connect with each other.

Despite all of these changes, one thing remains the same--the basic philosophy of The New School, which is committed to the cooperation and involvement of our students in their own paths in learning and life. One parent referred to us as “an oasis,” and we work very hard at being a healthy and refreshing place for children to learn in a rapidly changing world.

Happy holidays to you and yours, and we wish you all the best in the New Year. Please visit our updated website <http://www.the-new-school.com/> or drop us a line if you would like to contribute your own New School story to our newsletter.