



## Merrick Before/After School Program

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# SUMMER 2023 LETTER TO FAMILIES

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The Merrick Before/After School Program (BASP) Parent Board is pleased to announce that **Mr. Michael Pilotti** has been selected as the new Program Director, and will begin in his new role in July.

Mike has been a familiar face at Lakeside Elementary School, having worked four years as 3rd-6th grade child supervisor as well as site supervisor. Prior to working at the Merrick BASP, Mike was employed at Verizon for 31 years, holding several management positions. His diverse experiences in both the business world and at the Merrick BASP will prove valuable for his new role as Program Director.



Mike has lived in Merrick for over 26 years and raised three wonderful children here, and he has proudly volunteered as a coach in the Merrick Little League and CYO basketball program for 15 years. As Mike shared, "My goal is to ensure a smooth transition and continue to make the Merrick BASP a safe and stable environment, where the children have fun and socialize with others."

The Parent Board congratulates current Program Director Mary Fenelius on her retirement and is grateful for her service to the Merrick BASP. Mary has been with the Program since November 2015 and led them during a crucial pivot during the COVID-19 pandemic, shifting to an online registration system and collaborating with Dr. Palma to ensure continuation of services to those who needed it. As Mary has since shared, "My greatest highlight is working with a staff that is dedicated to the care of the children."

We are thankful for Mary's leadership and the support of assistant director Rosella, all three site supervisors, and all of the dedicated Before/After School Program staff. The Parent Board looks forward to the continued success and improvement of the program under Mike's leadership.

The Before/After School Program office is open with limited hours during the summer months. As always, they are the best first point of contact should you have any billing or program-related questions. The Parent Board continues to welcome feedback to [MerrickBASPboard@gmail.com](mailto:MerrickBASPboard@gmail.com) for anything else.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful summer!

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