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**Manhasset Elementary Schools presents Great Body Shop Overview**

The Great Body Shop Comprehensive Health Curriculum was the topic of discussion at a recent Joint SCA meeting hosted at the Shelter Rock School. Classroom teachers from both Munsey Park and Shelter Rock Elementary Schools, along with their principals, provided parents with an in-depth presentation of the district-wide curriculum that is having a positive impact on children's health attitudes, knowledge and behavior. The presentation outlined how the Great Body Shop provides the most reliable and up-to-date information for students and their families.

Aligned to state and national standards for health education as well as the Healthy People 2010 initiative, THE GREAT BODY SHOP is being taught by classroom teachers , kindergarten through sixth grade. The heart of The Great Body Shop is its student issues. During the four weeks that a unit is being taught, each student has their own personal copy to study at school which then goes home where it becomes a family health resource.

The monthly parent bulletins are sent home by each classroom teacher to inform parents about the things their children will be learning that month. It also includes suggested family reading materials, helpful family websites and information directed to parents to enhance and support the classroom learning.

As parents are the primary educators for our children when it comes to health and safety, the Great Body Shop enables parents and teachers to work together and builds a strong partnership between home and school by taking this dual approach to health education curriculum.



**Standing Left to Right:**

Dr. Jean Kendall, Principal, Munsey Park Elementary School; Stephanie Gervino, 4th grade teacher, Munsey Park Elementary School; Meg Blank, 4th grade teacher, Munsey Park Elementary School; Margaret Griffith-Miles, 3rd grade teacher, Shelter Rock School; Christine Chiu, 1st grade teacher Shelter Rock School; Robert Geczik, Principal, Shelter Rock School

**Seated Left to Right:**

Tricia Cash, Manhasset SCA President, Munsey Park Elementary School; Mary Jane Reilly, Manhasset SCA President, Shelter Rock School