

Around Manhasset Schools

Partnership Sponsors Preschool Showcase to Meet Area Directors

In spite of the cold, driving rain, dozens of parents of preschool children turned out at the Manhasset Public Library for a unique opportunity to meet local preschool directors and receive brochures and applications from Great Neck, Manhasset, and surrounding area preschools. The parents had an opportunity to visit each school's display, talk to directors and school representatives, and learn about the philosophy and practices of each school. The showcase was sponsored by the Great Neck/Manhasset Community Child Care Partnership and the Manhasset Public Library in the Community Room on the lower level.

Schools represented at the fair were Buckley Country Day School, CLASP Children's Center, Day Nursery of the Congregational Church, Gan Shalom Nursery School, Great Neck Community School, Growing Tree, North Shore Nursery School, Once Upon a Time, Our Lady of Grace Montessori, Romper Room, Roslyn Trinity, St. Mary's and the Manhasset After School Experience. Helen Weitman, representing Manhasset SEPTA, was there to answer questions about that organization, and CASA's Director Lisbeth Shibley and Project Director Cathy Samuels distributed the informative booklet Building Blocks for a Health Future about laying the groundwork for a lifetime of prevention to each school to take back to their preschool teachers



Directors from the 2011 preschool showcase held recently at the library.

Parents received the Manhasset Preschool Guide, compiled and published by the Partnership and underwritten by the Manhasset Community Fund, which contains descriptions of preschools in the Manhasset area and neighboring towns, a list of child care centers, suggested questions to ask the director, what to look for when visiting a school, and a bibliography for parents and children. This guide is

available year round at the library, at real estate offices in Manhasset, and at pediatrician and pediatric dentists' offices in the neighborhood. In addition, a number of parent resource materials were available for parents to take home with them.

For over 20 years The Great Neck/Manhasset Community Child Care Partnership, has taken an active role in educating the community about quality childcare and

parenting issues. The Partnership's Board brings together individuals and groups representing all facets of the Great Neck and Manhasset communities including parents, schools, child care providers, businesses, government officials, religious and community organizations. For further information about the Partnership or to request a Guide, call the Partnership office at 504-0150 or email gnmcccp21@aol.com.

North Shore Nursery School Plays it Safe

At North Shore Nursery School, enrichment and special events are an integral part of the program. On a recent morning, Johanna Mathieson of Playing it Safe visited the classrooms to teach children about basic safety issues. The children learned about kitchen safety, stranger-danger

and what to do if you get lost through puppets, colorful illustrations and role-playing.

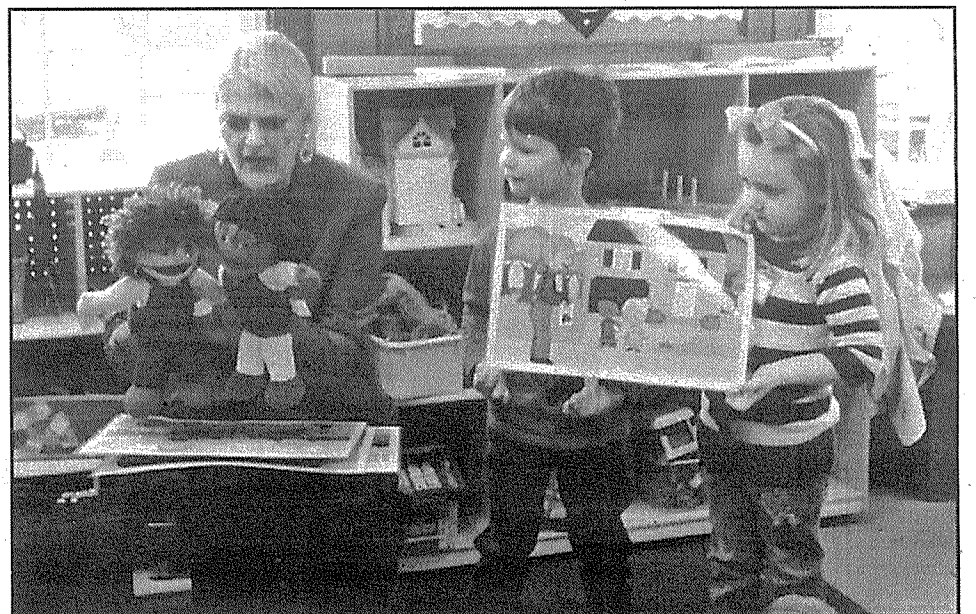
The school is located at Community Reformed Church, 90 Plandome Rd., Manhasset. Please call Anne Harrington at 365-7244 for information on classes for 2, 3 and pre-K children.



Alex and Bianca, age 3, listen to Ms Mathieson explain that we never go into someone's house without "permission" from our parents.



Pre-k students listen attentively as Johanna Mathieson presents "Playing it Safe" program at North Shore Nursery School.



Henry and Kaitlin are 4 year olds who know that children would never go with a stranger.