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Dear Parents/Guardians of our learning community,

We are pleased to share with you our school's theme for the 2014-15 school year, **Heroes and Heroines**. The purpose of this theme is to establish a positive school culture that is focused on an environment of respect and rapport, and a culture of communication and engagement between all stakeholders involved in the education of our students. To celebrate and acknowledge our school theme, students, teachers, and family and community members are nominated as a Schor School Heroes or Heroines serving as everyday exemplars of positive behavior and role modeling for the school community. Every third Wednesday of the month, our school gathers for an assembly program to honor our community nominated heroes and heroines.

Our theme has evolved since its early stages in September. Initially, we had staff nominating students and leadership nominating staff. This grew into students nominating each other, community members, and family members as our heroes and heroines. In December, our assembly program included musical performances from our school's band, chorus, and orchestra, along with three iMovies created by several 6<sup>th</sup> graders using our one-to-one iPad technology. It is the hope of Mr. Hueston and Dr. Cetta to see the school's theme continue to develop into one that is shared with our students, staff, and larger community.

We look forward to continuing our school theme and having our community members nominated for this honor each month. Feel free to join us in our efforts by nominating a hero or heroine or by coming to our assembly program each month. If you have a hero or heroine to nominate, please call Dr. Cetta using extension 5231 and she will assist you.

Educationally yours,

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