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"Where Children Matter Most"

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To Whom It May Concern,

The George L Catrambone School and the Long Branch Public School believe that "Children Matter Most." We strive to educate the whole child in all areas of academics, physical, and character education. We believe in the importance of Social Emotional Learning and educating our students to identify, understand, and manage the range of emotions they face daily. Setting goals for themselves, showing empathy, gratitude, kindness, maintaining positive relationships, making responsible decisions, being responsible and respectful and managing their behaviors help to nurture the whole child. This helps to strengthen each shield and prepare them for life.

The students of the George Catrambone School participate in the Peekapak Social Emotional Learning Curriculum for Pre-k to 5th graders. This curriculum "seamlessly integrates with literacy, reading and writing standards through engaging lessons, stories and personalized learning experiences." Students engage in lessons daily throughout their day whether in school or virtually through our online learning platforms. Peekapak celebrates diversity and inclusion and is fully aligned to the English Language Arts Standards.

In September all of the teachers, administrators, and staff in our building received 1.5 hours of training with the programs developer and ongoing professional development is provided throughout the year. Please feel free to reach us with any questions about this curriculum.

Sincerely,

Jessica Alonzo
Principal
George L. Catrambone Elementary School