



**Southdown Primary School
Huntington, NY 11743**

July 1, 2014

Dear Southdown Families,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm I introduce myself as the new Principal of Southdown Primary School. Throughout the interview process and my many visits to Southdown, it has been made clear to me that I am incredibly lucky to join such a supportive and caring school community. I would like to thank Ms. Shelly Marino for her years of distinguished service to the Huntington School District. She has been the educational leader of Southdown since 2003 and has been incredibly helpful to me as I transition to my new role as Principal. I wish her luck and much happiness in her retirement.

Now let me answer the question I have been asked the most since coming to Southdown...I am a Giants, Knicks, Mets, and Rangers fan! However, I do support all New York teams. I have an amazing and caring family who will hopefully attend many Southdown events in the near future. My wife Sara and I have been married for five years and live in Sayville with our funny, energetic, and sweet two and a half year old daughter, Samantha. We love to go out to eat, travel, read, and spend time together as a family.

I began my teaching career in the Hauppauge School District as a second grade teacher at Pines Elementary School and a sixth grade math teacher at the Hauppauge Middle School. I spent the following six years in the Oyster Bay - East Norwich School District. During my tenure in Oyster Bay- East Norwich, I served as a fourth grade classroom teacher and an Academic Intervention Specialist for students in grades four through six. For the past two years I have been the Assistant Principal of Birch Elementary School located within the Merrick School District. Birch serves students in grades kindergarten through six. I have learned so much in each of these educational experiences which has helped prepare me for my role as Principal of Southdown Primary School.

It is my top priority over the first few months of school to get to know the students, staff, and families of the Southdown community. I plan to do this by spending as much time as possible in classrooms getting to know the students and staff. I firmly believe it is important to have a strong home-school connection between parents and the school. Therefore, my door is always open to you and your families. I will hold open office hours during the summer for you to stop by and have informal conversations. Those times are listed at the end of this letter. I encourage you to visit me during those office hours to introduce yourselves and your children.

Thank you for welcoming me to Southdown with open arms. I am looking forward to a wonderful opening to school. In the meantime, rest and relax with your families. Spend time doing the things you love. I hope to meet you all in the upcoming months.

Sincerely,

Scott Oshrin

Scott Oshrin, Principal

Summer Open Office Hours (No Appointment Necessary)

Date	Time
7.8.14	9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
7.15.14	1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
8.21.14	1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.