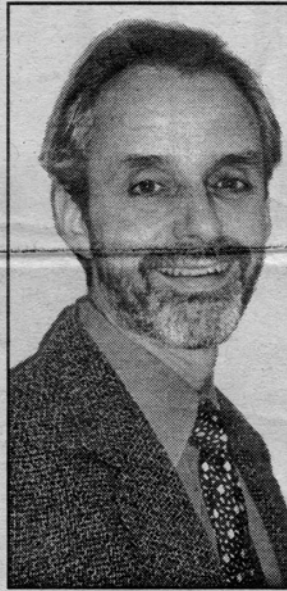


New Director for GN Community School

Great Neck Community School (GNCS) announced that Marc Jensen has agreed to become the next director following the retirement of Barbara Breslow who has served the school for 14 years. Mr. Jensen comes to GNCS with a wide range of experience in both the academic and business worlds. Although he will officially take on the position over the summer, he will be present at many of the upcoming school functions so that families will have the opportunity to meet him.

Mr. Jensen began his working career as an engineer with Sperry in Lake Success and went on to start a medical publishing company, Data Centrum Communications, with his family before turning his attention to education. He attributes his interest in the field of education to his involvement in the early years of development of his own two children. From being a parent in the classroom to acting as co-president of the board there, Mr. Jensen became aware of how powerful a strong early childhood program could be in the life of a child and the importance of the involvement of the child's family in the process.



MARC JENSEN

Mr. Jensen attended the Lycée Francais de New York for his primary and secondary education. He received his bachelor degree from Columbia University. Mr. Jensen earned his MS. Ed. from Bank Street College of Education and has worked ever since at Westbury Friends School (WFS). Mr. Jensen has taught primarily 2.9 to 5-year-olds in a mixed age classroom, along with introducing the French language to children in grades three through six. He has served in many capacities at the school from coordinating the student council

and the alumni relations to helping the school successfully renew its certification and preparing a long range plan to ensure the future viability of the school. WFS has given him a wide range of experience in the operation of a school from budgeting to fund raising.

Mr. Jensen's philosophy of education is that knowledge is best acquired rather than taught. The learner understands and retains information best when actively engaged in the process. The challenge for teachers is to create meaningful environments where everyone can come together and discover knowledge together. For young children this means close cooperation between school and home to work towards meeting the individual needs of the child and family, while engendering a community of creative minds to foster learning for all involved.

Mr. Jensen has a daughter who will be entering her first year of college in the fall and a son who will be starting his second year of high school. His wife, Deborah, is a public relations writer who started her own company in 1990 and represents authors from varied disciplines.