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Help our kids? Heck no, she's just using them

TIME and again this summer, Hillary Clinton has proved herself the most selfish of users.

She proved shameless by using her husband's offer of clemency for Puerto Rican terrorists as a means to win Hispanic fans.

She proved capable of extreme *chutzpah* by using Israel, and her insincere show of support for Jerusalem as its capital, as a means to win Jewish loyalty.

And she proved ghoulish by bulldozing her way into the funeral of a much-loved young man named Kennedy in order to use his death as a backdrop for a campaign photo-op.

With that kind of track record, why should we expect this pig-gish vote-seeker to resist using the bodies of vulnerable New York City public schoolkids as human scenery to dress up her Senate campaign?

Maybe because she cares about the children whose lives she might disrupt? Sure. Even a public-school graduate could see

through that one.

Two weeks ago, I was in the thicket of reporters who trekked to Virgil Grissom JHS in South Ozone Park for the Hillary Watch. It was the first day of school, but for Hillary, that seemed a minor distraction.

It was a mess.

On the day kids should have concentrated on getting acquainted with the educational process, great swaths of the building were emptied so the Secret Service could "sweep" for real or imagined threats to the first lady.

Instead of concentrating on the routines of school, students and faculty were summoned to the auditorium, where the woman who claims to be "listening" to their needs subtly proselytized about how she alone might improve public education.

While Hillary had her way with the school, most of the press was outside badgering United Federation of Teachers

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President Randi Weingarten, who canceled her afternoon schedule to pay homage to Hillary.

Why, Weingarten was asked, should Hillary be permitted to use a public school to advance her personal campaign?

The union chief defended the first lady, saying it was proper for public persons — even those who haven't been elected — to show support for public education. Never mind that others, such as the mayor, showed the good sense to stay away.

So much for the first day of school in South Ozone Park.

Now, Board of Education member Jerry Cammarata is complaining that Hillary's visit

was not only obscenely selfish, but came in violation of a school-system regulation. To wit, Chancellor's Regulation A-605, III, Paragraph 2:

"School groups may not participate in events that are for the furtherance of any politically partisan interest."

The Board of Ed, says Cammarata, denied Hillary's request to visit the school. So, he claims, her campaign did an end-run around the board, and asked the White House to intervene.

Board of Ed spokeswoman Karen Crowe — whose boss, Rudy Crew, has been seen positively slobbering over Hillary in public lately — only added fuel to the fire by issuing an extremely vague statement:

Hillary "had a relationship with this school, and it [her visit] was arranged locally," Crowe told The Post's Sue Edelman.

Sources at Virgil Grissom JHS

also confirmed that Hillary's campaign asked the school directly for permission to visit.

So, if the Board of Ed denied Mrs. Clinton permission to visit, why did the campaign go to the school?

The Clintons seem capable of adopting any behavior in order to get their way.

This summer, they requested seats at the memorial service for John Kennedy Jr. — turning the solemn event into a Secret Service circus in which people all over the Upper East Side were ordered to stay away from their windows and traffic was turned into a nightmarish snarl.

Hillary Clinton claims to care about children. Once again, her words and deeds have proved to be in direct opposition to one another.

This is not a woman I want as a role model for a child of mine.