

# VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24 WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL

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Mrs. Johanne Gaddy  
Principal

Dr. Don Sturz  
Superintendent of Schools

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! As summer begins to wind down, I can only imagine the cumulative miles of beaches we have walked, dozens of books read, countless new adventures we've taken, and memories made! It is my hope that the summer hiatus will energize us to begin the important work that lies ahead. As we prepare for September, here are some points I would like to bring to your attention.

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- Breakfast will begin at 8:10 AM. Please use the front door only.
- Free & reduced lunch applications (sent separately) are due by September 16th.
- Our school day begins at 8:25 AM (front & back doors will be in use).
- Regular dismissal will be at 2:50 PM for Kindergarteners and 2:55 PM for grades 1-6.
- Please note on 9/1 & 9/2 only Kindergarten, will dismiss at 1:30 PM!
- Devices will go home daily. Please charge them each evening!
- If your child will be absent, please call Nurse Carole at (516) 434-2843.

As you know, we also have new Staff Superstars joining our team. They each bring a high level of expertise to complement our already talented staff. Please join me in welcoming:

**Ms. Ashleigh Jones- 5th grade**

**Mrs. Joanna Milanese- Music**

**Ms. Leighanne Jaronczyk- Art**

**Ms. Janet Marrero- Spanish**

Being at William L. Buck continues to be a family affair. Our Superintendent, Dr. Sturz, as well as our Board of Education members, show unending support for our school, families, and community. This past year has shown us what we can accomplish with a strong partnership between our families and schools. I encourage all families to continue to share about themselves with our teams, volunteer when opportunities arise and join the WLB PTA. They are overwhelmingly supportive and active PTA, and I hope you will consider becoming a member! We truly believe partnering with you is vital to our school's success! Please make your calendars for the following important dates:

## SAVE-THE-DATES:

**First Day of School: Thursday, September 1st, 2022**

**First PTA Meeting: Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7 PM**

**Back-To-School Night: Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7:30 PM**

On behalf of our Staff Superstars, know that we are rejuvenated, inspired, and committed to continue the work of guiding our Scholars to become self-directed learners, collaborative partners, and complex thinkers! I know that by working together, we will have a successful and safe school year! Should you have any questions at any time, please feel free to call the school.

In partnership,

Mrs. Johanne Gaddy

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