



VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24
WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL

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Dear William L. Buck School Community,

Welcome back to the 2026–2027 school year! Every new school year brings amazing opportunities for growth, new connections, and memorable experiences for our students. As we begin this year, I am excited for the journey ahead and incredibly proud to be part of a community that cares so deeply about children.

At William L. Buck School, we understand that each student's path to success is unique. Our goal is to guide each child as they discover their strengths, overcome challenges, and build confidence. We are grateful to be part of a district that shares this commitment and deeply appreciate the continued support of the Valley Stream 24 Board of Education and the leadership of Dr. Karakas, our Superintendent of Schools, as we work together to provide outstanding opportunities for all students.

This year, we will continue creating meaningful learning experiences that inspire innovation, creativity, collaboration, and growth. Our dedicated staff is committed to providing students with the tools, guidance, and encouragement they need to succeed as learners and as kind, responsible, and compassionate members of our community.

Our greatest success comes through partnership. Together with our PTA, families, staff, and district leaders, we will continue building a school community where every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to thrive.

I look forward to the many special moments that await us this year. Together, we will continue to make William L. Buck School a place where students soar to new heights!

Key Dates and Information

- **August 27th:** Class placements posted to parent portal
- **September 2nd:** First day of school
- **Breakfast program begins:** 8:10am
- **Arrival time:** 8:20am
- **Dismissal time:**
 - ***Kindergarten:** 2:50pm (1:30pm on September 2nd, 3rd, and 4th)
 - ***Grades 1-6:** 2:55pm

Warmly,
Michael DeBlasio
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