



VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24

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On behalf of the Staff Superstars, I would like to take this opportunity to greet you and your Scholar as we embark on the 2023-2024 school year at William L. Buck Elementary School: **Welcome! ! Bienvenido! 欢迎! Benvenuto! خوش آمدید! Bonjour!**

At the Buck School, we promise to do our best to provide every Scholar with engaging and meaningful instruction, while building positive relationships, every day. Our commitment to this is not just beginning, but rather resuming. I'm happy to share that last year, our school earned the distinction of being named a **No Place for Hate** school, by the Anti-Defamation League. This is an honor we will continue to strive for, by creating a safe, inclusive school environment. As we prepare for September, here are some points I would like to bring to your attention.

- ✓ Breakfast will begin at 8:10 AM. Please use the front door only.
- ✓ 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 & 9/5 Kindergarten only, will dismiss at 1:30 PM.
- ✓ If your child will be absent, please call Nurse Carole at (516) 434-2843.

Our incredible Staff Superstars have been in school throughout the summer to prepare classrooms for the new school year. We are grateful to our amazing custodial staff as they worked all summer getting our school in pristine shape! Ms. Suppa & Nurse Carole are working hard to ensure a smooth start for staff, scholars, and families. On that note, there are a few staffing changes I would like to highlight:

- ✓ First Grade welcomes Mrs. Martin (ICT working with Mrs. Evangelista) & Ms. Lucifero
- ✓ Second Grade welcomes Mr. Chruma
- ✓ Fourth Grade welcomes Mrs. Brenneis & Mrs. Heller
- ✓ Fifth Grade welcomes Mrs. O'Shea

We are so excited about these new team placements! I am confident that these changes will enhance our already excellent educational programs. To that end, please help me congratulate Ms. Jones & Ms. Narain who both got married and will be "Mrs. Harrison" & "Mrs. Rashad" respectively. Class placements can be found on the portal on August 25th, 2023 at the end of the day.

As many of you know, being at William L. Buck is a family atmosphere that requires team effort. Our Superintendent, Mr. Karakas, as well as our Board of Education members, show unwavering support for our school and community. Partnering with families is critical to the success of our children and so I encourage you to join our PTA and stay involved. Further, please mark your calendars for the following important dates:

SAVE-THE-DATES:

First Day of School: Friday, September 1st, 2023

Back to School Night: Tuesday, September 19th, 2023, 7:30 PM

I know that by working together, we will have a successful school year! As Principal, my door is always open, and I welcome your input. Please feel free to contact me, at any time, by phone (516) 434-2841 or email jgaddy@vs24.org.

In partnership,


Mrs. Johanne Gaddy
Principal

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