



VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24
WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL

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Principal

Dr. Unal Karakas
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Dear William L. Buck School Community,

Welcome back! I hope your summer provided time for rest, joy, and meaningful memories with family and friends. As we gear up for the 2025–2026 school year, I am filled with excitement and appreciation for the opportunity to continue leading this remarkable school community.

The beginning of a new school year always brings a sense of renewal, a chance to start fresh, set new goals, and build on past successes. At William L. Buck, we are dedicated to creating a learning environment where students feel safe, supported, and inspired to do their best. Our dedicated teachers and staff are ready to welcome students back and are committed to building strong, positive relationships that encourage both academic and personal growth.

We believe that every child has unique strengths and the potential to do amazing things. This year, our work continues to reflect our shared values of encouraging curiosity, fostering a spirit of kindness and respect, and supporting the development of the whole child. All of this remains grounded in our cornerstones outlined in Vision 2030, *Make the Connection – Innovating Our Future*.

Our partnership with families remains central to our work. Strong connections between school and home help our students succeed, and we are committed to open, honest, and ongoing communication with you throughout the year. Please remember my door is always open. I welcome your questions, concerns, and ideas and look forward to working together to make this another fantastic year.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Let's make the 2025–2026 school year one full of growth, discovery, and joyful learning.

Key Dates and Information

- **August 28th:** Class placements posted to the parent portal
- **September 3rd:** First day of school
- **Arrival time for students:** 8:20 a.m.
- **Instruction begins:** 8:25 a.m.
- **Breakfast begins:** 8:10 a.m.
- **Dismissal time:**
 - Kindergarten: 2:50 p.m. (1:30pm on September 3rd, 4th, and 5th only)
 - Grades 1-6: 2:55 p.m.

Warmly,

Michael DeBlasio

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