



VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24 WILLIAM L. BUCK SCHOOL

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Dear William L. Buck School Community,

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It is with great pleasure that I welcome you back as the new principal of William L. Buck School! I hope that your summer was filled with lots of laughter, fun, and relaxation. I am excited to leap into this upcoming school year which will be filled with innovative thinking, hands-on learning, relationship-building, and engaging experiences. Our dedicated faculty and staff are eager to meet their new students and remain focused on continuing their masterful work in providing our young learners with the tools needed to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Our goal is to instill confidence in our students so they may navigate the world and make great decisions that lead to positive outcomes throughout their lives.

Every student who walks through the doors of William L. Buck School is valued and treasured. We are committed to individually seeing, hearing, and reaching our students so that we may lift them to soaring heights of success. Communication with our families remains clear and consistent as we partner to support our young future leaders. District 24's motto is about *Making the Connection*, and I would like to let our families know that my door is always open, and I am readily available to assist you in any way possible. No circumstance is too substantial for us to overcome when we band together in service of our wonderful students at William L. Buck School.

Thank you for your unwavering support as we open the 2024-2025 school year. I am inspired by the passion and enthusiasm exuded by this amazing school community. The faculty, staff and I look forward to a phenomenal and rewarding year ahead!

Key Dates and Information:

- August 26th: Class placements posted to the parent portal
- September 3rd: First day of school
- Arrival time for all students: 8:10 a.m.
- Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. daily
- Dismissal time:
 - Kindergarten: 2:50 p.m. (1:30 p.m. on Sept. 3rd and 4th only)
 - Grades 1-6: 2:55 p.m.

Warmly,

Michael DeBlasio
Principal