



THE BLACKBIRD BUGLER

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Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think A A Milne



Welcome back to the start of another fantastic year here at VES. It is amazing that summer vacation is over already. I feel like we just ended the school year but I am very excited to see everyone again.

I wanted to begin by thanking our building and grounds staff for doing such a wonderful job of getting the school ready for the start of another school year. As always, they have worked extremely hard to get the building looking beautiful. This year they worked extra hard to paint some of our hallways as well. Great work everyone!!

Hopefully you had the opportunity to come out and play on our new playground. Ever since it fully opened in July, it has been wonderful to see children and families from all over enjoying all of the new equipment and play areas. If not, your children will get plenty of time to play on it during recess!

We are very excited to welcome our new kindergarten students and families to VES. We look forward to having you join us on so many new adventures while we introduce you to many of our traditions as well.

As you know, reading is very important to us here at VES. It is exciting to see that our families take reading as serious as we do. This summer, we continued to have a number of our families participate in the Summer Reading Program with the Voorheesville Public Library. Check out how great our students are:

535 students registered & 376 were VES children (# is up from last summer)

3,872 total hours read & 3,905 books read

Grand Prize Package Winners from VES :

- Lili Wiley (Second Grade)*
- Madeline Lachanski (Kindergarten)*
- Logan Scoons (First Grade)*
- Riley Neto (Second Grade)*
- Paige Rivers (Fourth Grade)*
- Adam Kubitz (Kindergarten)*
- CJ Ryan (Second Grade)*
- Talia Cannistraci (First Grade)*
- Caleb Richmond (Fourth Grade)*
- Ellie Chismark (Fifth Grade)*
- Addie Chismark (Fifth Grade)*
- Haley Bibbins (Second Grade)*

One of the 5 Top Readers with 133 hours = Ellie Chismark

We are so proud of all of your efforts. Keep reading and keep up all of the great work.

We are looking forward to another fantastic year here at VES. September will certainly be busy as we welcome everyone back to school. Be sure to take a look at the calendar to see what we have planned for the start of the year.

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 14th. We are planning to have an "outdoor" movie night for the first time here at VES. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to this outdoor event. Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate and it will be an "Incredible" night!! More information to come.

The Albany Ride for Missing is coming here to VES on September 21st, 2018. All participants will be riding 100 miles to raise awareness and to raise monies to support this great cause and we are the first stop on their journey. They will be arriving here at VES just as we do at 8:30 a.m. We are very excited to support the cause.

Many of you should have seen an Allergy Alert letter that was sent home at the end of the school year. If you haven't seen it, another notice will come home in the first days of school and it will be posted on our website. Please note that **all** of our classrooms will now be considered allergen free. All food items will continue to be acceptable in our cafeteria. Please take a look at the letter and the attached safe snack/party list when it comes home. As always, our goal is to support the safety and the well-being of all VES students. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Have a wonderful start to the school year. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Jeffrey P. Vivencio, Principal



New Playground!!



Mark your calendar!

September 5th– Kindergarten Supply Drop off 2-3 p.m.

September 5th– PTA sponsored Ice Cream Social 3 p.m. in the courtyard

September 6th– First Day of School!!

September 10th– Rosh Hashanah No School

September 13th- K/1 Open House from 6-7 p.m.

September 14th– Welcome Back Movie Night (outdoor movie)

September 17th- 2/3 Open House from 6-7 p.m.

September 17th- BOE Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in the HS Library

September 19th– Yom Kippur No School

September 21st– The Ride for Missing Children visits VES @ 8:30 a.m.

September 26th– 4/5 Open House from 6-7 p.m.

October 2-4th—VES Book Fair

October 5th– Fall Picture Day

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Please use the following directory for your convenience:

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Jeffrey P. Vivenzio, Principal

School Nurse:

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Attendance Office: 765-2382 Ext. 514

Or cparker@voorheesville.org

Kid's Club Program (afterschool) 765-2043

Christine Abelseth, Director

Transportation Department:

Mike Goyer 765-2382 Ext. 508

Priscilla Clark 765-2382 Ext. 521



We would like to remind **all** parents and visitors that there is **no parking allowed on public streets**. In

past years, the town received complaints about people parking on front lawns. Please remember that if our parking lot is full, we are able to utilize the St. Matthew's parking lot located on Mountain View Road. Please note that we should no longer park at Smith's Tavern as ownership has changed and they do not want people parking there at this time.

PARENTS: Please be sure to use the sidewalks at the end of the day when you pick your students up and are returning to your vehicle. **It is very dangerous to walk between the buses.**

REMINDERS

Please help us prevent parking lot back-ups by dropping off students without getting out of your vehicle. If you need to assist your child further, we do ask that you park your car so that others can continue to drop off and exit. Thank you for your cooperation!

Remember to sign-up for SNN! This will allow immediate email updates about events and procedures at V.E.S. Please visit <http://snn.neric.org/vcsd/> for further information.

