



Valley View Elementary News

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A Word from Your Principal



Dear Valley View Families,

We are off and running! We've had a very smooth start to the 2017 – 2018 school year. Establishing routines after a long summer break can be challenging. I'd like to thank our families for their commitment and support and the staff for the time spent preparing to make this a great year at Valley View.

Our custodial and maintenance staff worked hard to erase all signs of wear and tear from the previous years. They take a lot of pride in this building and it shows. We have a beautiful learning environment the students, staff, and community can be proud of.

A major project this summer was the creation of our outdoor classroom/picnic area. This endeavor was made possible through funding from our **Valley View PTO** and the help of several Valley View families and local businesses. Be sure to check out this new area by the bike rack outside Door #2.

Last year we implemented a new positive behavior incentive program called Grizzly "High 5s." Due to its success, we will be continuing the program this year. "High 5s" are small tickets awarded to students caught exceeding the *Grizzly 5* expectations and making a "PAWS"-itive difference. Students awarded a ticket can redeem it for cool prizes and/or privileges.

We have some new faces at Valley View. Please welcome....

Jennifer Sorrent	Art Teacher
Ellen Hatfield	Playground Aide
Clyde Waggoner	Café Monitor
Nicole Schroeder	Student Attendant
Gail Sheffield	Student Attendant
Tracy Tibbitts	Student Attendant

I look forward to getting to know our new families and catching up with those familiar to Valley View. Please be sure to take a moment to introduce yourself or simply say "hello". I am excited to once again begin working together with our families and community to make this another great year at Valley View Elementary.

Mr. Chris Roberts, Principal

Car Drop Off and Pick Up

If you plan to drop off or pick up your child from school, please use the following guidelines to help us keep your children safe:

- Please be PATIENT and COURTEOUS
- Students will be supervised while waiting for pickup
- Students being picked up will be dismissed out of the front doors only.
- Prior to dismissal, vehicles should remain behind the yellow curb line in front of the building. Continue extending the line along W. Good Ave (toward High Street).
- Once students are dismissed, the front of the line may pull up to the entrance. This will allow us to load more than one car at a time.
- Supervising personnel will help direct students to correct cars.
- **Do not pass cars that are loading/unloading children.**
- If you are late picking up your child, your child will be brought to the office to wait for you.



The parking lot is reserved for those parents who wish to park their car and walk to the front doors to pick up their student. **For safety reasons, students will not be dismissed to a car waiting in the parking lot.**



Parking Restrictions Enforced

Reminder: In collaboration with the City of Wadsworth and Wadsworth City Schools, the city has installed No Parking signs along Orchard Street and one partial side of Knollwood. These measures were taken to alleviate traffic issues before and after school for buses and our neighbors. Please utilize the drop-off/pick-up lane for the fastest and safest way to get your children to and from school.

Parking has always been a challenge, especially at pickup and drop-off times. If you choose to park while dropping off or picking up, **please refrain from parking in the small lot along the bus ramp.** This lot is used by our afternoon employees. Additionally, traffic in this area creates unsafe conditions for our buses and vans. We regret the inconvenience this may cause, but greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Valley View PTO

Our Valley View Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will be meeting monthly in the evenings. Babysitting will be provided. PTO sponsors many activities throughout the year. We would like you to get involved in any way possible. PTO information came home on red paper. Recently you should have received the family membership flyer. If you haven't already joined, a family membership is \$10. Our next meeting will be *September 12th beginning at 7:00 pm* in the Valley View Library. We look forward to seeing you there!

Lunch Prices

Lunch prices are \$2.70 this year. Milk can be purchased for 50 cents. Adult lunch is \$3.60. Every morning the students let their teacher know if they are packing or buying lunch. Those buying their lunch need to choose between the regular lunch or the deli choice. To help your child decide what to buy each day you can view the elementary lunch menu by going to the Wadsworth City Schools web page. Look on the left-hand side of the screen under "Quick Links". You can view menus by clicking on Lunch Menus. The regular lunch is listed first followed by a deli choice which is the same choice all week long. Keep practicing those six digit numbers kindergarten!



Student Council and Safety Patrol for Fourth Graders

Fourth graders will have the opportunity to participate in Student Council and Safety Patrol this year. These activities will be starting up later this month. There will be a \$15 participation assessment for this activity.

Parent Volunteers

Any individual who wishes to volunteer in our Kindergarten through 4th grade classes *may* need to complete a background check and be Board approved. Ohio Revised Code requires both the BCI (Ohio) and FBI (National) checks. Parents who volunteer and have *no* unsupervised interaction with students do not need background checks. Parents who volunteer and have unsupervised interaction with students with no direct supervision by a WCS employee will need to complete a background check. If you have completed a background check last school year, we must submit your name to the Board for approval each school year. Please call the school office if you are interested in being a parent volunteer or need Board approval for the 2017-18 school year.

Valley View Attendance Line (330.335.1431)

This is a 24-hour voicemail service. To call your child off from school please leave your child's name, your name, **reason for the absence**, your child's teacher and date of the absence(s). This line is for attendance only.

If you need to speak with someone in person, please call the school office at 330.335.1430. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Note: Vacation requests during the school year must be approved by the building principal. At least two weeks prior, the parent must present a letter noting dates of absence, destination, and return to school date. Vacations will not be approved during state-mandated test weeks.

TO:

81010

Message:

@vvinfo

Newsletters and Reminders:

Future newsletters and other important information will be sent via email. If your email has changed, please be sure to let your child's teacher and office know. Also, if you have not yet had the opportunity to join Mr. Robert's Valley View Remind you may receive messages via text. **Text to: 81010; Message: @vvinfo**

Emergency Medical Forms

Once again this year your child should have brought home a letter with their individual **Snap Code** and instructions for you to complete the emergency medical form on-line. Step by Step instructions can also be found on our Valley View web page. Go to www.wadsworthschools.org and under schools on the left click Valley View Elementary. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 330.335.1430.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

In support of our district Health and Wellness policy, we ask that you **do not send in food treats** for birthdays. With concerns regarding student, allergies and overall health, we are following a **no food treat policy**.

Stickers, pencils, erasers or other non-edible treats are welcome to be distributed instead.

Also, please do not send birthday invitations in with your child to hand out in class unless every student receives one.

TOYS AT SCHOOL

As a reminder children should not bring toys from home unless permitted by teacher for special event. Cherished objects are easily lost, stolen, or broken and cause classroom distractions. School personnel cannot assume responsibility for missing items

Mark Your Calendar

September	
11	In honor of Patriot Day - Wear Red/White/Blue
11	WCS Board Meeting - 7 pm
12	VV PTO Meeting - 7 pm
22	Teacher In-service – No School
28	Picture Day
30	Instructional Fees Due
October	
6	VV PTO Walk-a-Thon
9	WCS Board Meeting – 7 pm
10	VV PTO Meeting – 7 pm
16-19	PTO Scholastic Book Fair
18	Parent Teacher Conference Night 5-8:30 pm
20	No School