



The mission of the Three Village Central School District, in concert with its families and community, is to provide an educational environment which will enable each student to achieve a high level of academic proficiency and to become a well-rounded individual who is an involved, responsible citizen.

Minnesauke Elementary School

Students of Minnesauke Elementary School will strive to achieve their highest academic potential while respecting themselves and all others as reflected in our Minnesauke STARS Pledge.

Nancy Pickford, Principal
Karen Mizell, Assistant Principal

August 9, 2023

Dear Minnesauke Families,

We hope this letter finds you all well and enjoying the remaining days of summer. We truly miss our students and are very busy preparing for their return. Our primary mission continues to be providing students with a safe learning environment as well as a robust educational program which promotes their cognitive, physical and social emotional growth. Our staff plays an integral role in the accomplishment of this mission. Please join us in welcoming the following staff members to Minnesauke:

- Ms. Dana Henkowitz – Special Education Teacher
- Ms. Jennifer Mullany – Art Teacher, shared
- Ms. Stephanie Peragallo - Physical Education Teacher, shared
- Ms. Stephanie Troisi – Health Teacher, shared
- Ms. Jennifer Shea - Speech Teacher, shared

As your family prepares for the upcoming school year we ask that you please mark your calendars for these important dates:

- **Wednesday, August 16th** Parent Portal opens for teacher placement (Grades 1-6)
- **Thursday, August 24th** Kindergarten Playdate 10:00 am (*K Teacher placements will be distributed)
New Student Walk-Through 12:00 pm (Grades 1-6 only)
- **Friday, August 25th** Medication Drop-off 11:00-2:00
- **Monday, August 28th** Medication Drop-off 10:00-1:00
- **Wednesday, August 30th** Kindergarten Meet and Greet 2:00-2:30
- **Thursday, August 31st** Pre-K Meet and Greet AM 11:00-11:30 \ PM 1:00-1:30
- **Tuesday, September 5th** First day of school ☺
- **Monday, September 11th** Wear Red, White and Blue in honor of September 11th
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- **Thursday, September 21st** Minnesauke Open House, more information to follow
- **Monday, September 25th** Schools Closed- Yom Kippur
- **Wednesday, September 27th** School Pictures
- **Thursday, September 28th** School Pictures

We ask that you please review the following important information:

- Please be sure to visit our [school website](#) frequently for updated information about our school. We ask that you visit the website prior to the start of the school year and be sure to review the following:
 - **Code of Conduct:** All families must read and review the updated Code of Conduct found [here](#).
 - **Minnesauke Important Information and Guidebook:** This guidebook can be found on the left tool bar under Policies and Procedures. It is a very useful resource for families. Please take some time to review the information contained in the guidebook such as Homework Policies, Arrival and Dismissal Procedures, Walker\Biker Contracts, DASA, and more.
 - **FERPA:** The Notification of Rights Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) can be found on the main page of our school website. If you object to the release of any or all of the directory information listed therein, you must do so in writing and return it to the Building Principal.
 - **School Supply Lists and Welcome Letters:** All supply lists and welcome letters will be posted to the main page of the website. Please do not drop school supplies off at school prior to the first day of school. We cannot be responsible for the secure storage of student supplies during the summer. Kindergarten students *only* may bring their supplies to the Kindergarten Meet and Greet on August 30th. All other students can bring their supplies into school over the course of the first week if necessary.
 - **School Lunch:** For information about school lunch, please visit the Child Nutrition page on our school website. The cost for elementary school lunch this year will be \$3.35.
- As a reminder, please be sure to send in all updated medical paperwork including current physicals and vaccination records.
- Please communicate your daily dismissal plan to your child's teacher at the start of the school year.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year full of opportunities for our students to learn and grow. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support from our parents and families. We deeply value our partnership and feel very fortunate to have such a wonderful school community. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us. We look forward to seeing all of our students on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Sincerely,



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