



**THREE VILLAGE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Nassakeag Elementary School
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Heather Levine, Principal
Lauren Castellane, Assistant Principal

August 9, 2023

Dear Nassakeag Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and filled with anticipation for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. As the summer draws to a close, I am thrilled to welcome you all back to Nassakeag Elementary School. The halls have been too quiet without the laughter and energy of our wonderful students, and we are eagerly looking forward to September 5th, when the school will once again be filled with the excitement of learning and growth.

The past two months seemed to fly by, and it's hard to believe that the start of a new school year is just around the corner. Together, as a school community, we are determined to make this academic year a memorable and successful one for our students. Whether you are returning families or new to Nassakeag, we extend our warmest welcome to each and every one of you.

I want to express my gratitude to our amazing custodial staff for their hard work throughout the summer. Their dedication to maintaining a clean and safe learning environment is truly commendable. Our school looks fantastic, and we are all set to start the year on a fresh note. Our Main Office can't wait to see our students and welcome our families back to school. The PTA is busy planning enriching and engaging events for our students and families. We believe strong partnerships between home and school are fundamental to your child's growth and development.

Our team of exceptional educators and staff are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the students. We want to extend a warm welcome to our staff members who have joined our Nassakeag team. We welcome back to Nassakeag, the following staff members:

Ms. Maureen MacDowell, Pre-K teacher; Ms. Tanya Bayles, Pre-K Enrichment Teacher; Mr. Jason Hugues, second-grade teacher; and Ms. Jocelyn Toner, fourth-grade IG teacher.

In addition, we welcome to Nassakeag Ms. Gabrielle Golden, Special Education Teacher; Ms. Samantha Montazem, Speech Teacher; Ms. Kate Coppola, Social Worker, and Ms. Dawn Soviero, Main Office Clerical. We are delighted to have them on board and look forward to the valuable contributions they will bring to our school community.

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I am thrilled to introduce our new Assistant Principal, Ms. Lauren Castellane. With her wealth of experience and passion for education, Ms. Castellane will be an excellent addition to our school leadership team. Ms. Castellane has over 18 years of experience in education and, most recently, was an Assistant Principal in Hicksville. Please join me in welcoming her to our Nassakeag Community.

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

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| • Wednesday, August 16th | -Parent Portal opens for teacher placement (Grades 1-6) |
| • Thursday, August 17th | -Kindergarten Playdate 9:00 am
(*K Teacher placements will be distributed) |
| | -New Student Walk-Through 11:00 am (Grades 1-6 only) |
| • Monday, August 28th | -Medication Drop-off 8:30 am-1:00 pm |
| • Tuesday, August 29th | -Medication Drop-off 8:30 am-1:00 pm |
| • Thursday, August 31st | -Pre-K Meet and Greet 11:00am and 1:00 pm
-Kindergarten Meet and Greet 2:00 pm-2:30 pm |
| • Tuesday, September 5th | -First day of school |
| • Monday, September 11th | -Flag Planting, during the school day (Wear Red, White, and Blue) |
| • Wednesday, September 20-22nd | -Fall Pictures |
| • Thursday, September 21st | -Nassakeag Open House, more information to follow |

As we gear up for the new school year, I'd like to share some essential procedures and some reminders:

- Please remember to bring your identification when picking up your child from school. This is to ensure that we can verify that authorized individuals, based on your emergency contact information, are allowed to pick up your child. Safety is our utmost priority, and we kindly request that you inform your child's teacher in writing about any changes to dismissal plans.
- Please be sure to visit the school website frequently for important information. All school supply lists and welcome letters can be found on our [website](#).

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- **All families must read and review the updated Code of Conduct** found [here](#). This document can also be found on the district website.
- Information about the [notification of rights under the family educational rights and privacy act \(FERPA\)](#) is available on our website. If you object to releasing any or all of the directory information listed therein, you must do so in writing and return it to the Building Principal.
- 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 send all updated medical paperwork, including current physicals and vaccination records to the Health Office.
- As a reminder, if your child is not riding the bus, please check the website for arrival and dismissal procedures.

Ms. Castellane and I are excited to embark on this new journey with you and your children. We have been diligently preparing for a smooth transition and a successful start to the school year. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. We value your feedback and involvement in our school community.

We eagerly await the start of the 2023-24 school year, and we cannot wait to see your children's smiling faces on September 5th!

Sincerely,

Heather D. Levine

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