

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.

Arrowhead Elementary School

Marísa Redden, Príncípal Tanya Hurowitz, Assistant Príncípal

August, 2018

Dear Arrowhead Famílies,

Welcome back to an exciting new school year. I hope it was an enjoyable, restful summer with your children. As always, we have much news to share...

Warm welcome back to Arrowhead.....

Cathy Buehler, Teaching Assistant Amanda Besold – 2nd grade Maggie Caprdja - reading

Wonderful New Additions to Arrowhead....

Kelly Walsh - Special Education Chris Muscarella - Physical Education Colleen Poidomani - Music Eric Lauretsen - Special Education Stephanie Turano - Health

We would like to share the following changes in our grade levels:

Daníelle Tardo - 3rd grade Amanda Besold - 2nd grade Jason Hugues - 5th grade

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Our school schedule for the 2018-2019 year will be as follows:

First day of school for students – Tuesday, September 4, 2018 Arrowhead School Hours – 9:25 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING BUS TRANSPORTATION: Please be aware that the district will not be mailing bus passes again this year. Please refer to the Parent Portal to obtain information regarding your child's transportation. Thank you.

Please be aware that our school website has letters and supply lists posted for our teachers. Kindergarten packets with teacher information will be given out at our play date on Thursday, August 23, 2018. Any kindergarten parent unable to attend the play date will be receiving all information by mail.

- Arrowhead will continue to have full time receptionists/greeters who will require all visitors to sign in and show photo identification upon entering the building. Every visitor will be issued a pass and will be required to turn in the pass and sign out before leaving the building. In addition, all students coming to school before the designated start of the day must be signed in by a parent or guardian. Students cannot be dropped off at the side entrance without an escort. <u>Please be aware that Arrowhead does not have the personnel required to supervise students</u> who are dropped off early. <u>Only students who have prescheduled</u> <u>activities will be permitted to enter the building</u>. A more detailed notice regarding building security and instructional program integrity is also available on our website.
- Parents frequently bring their children to school prior to opening day to locate their new classrooms. We are respectfully requesting that visits take place prior to August 30, 2018 during the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- School supply lists by grade level are posted on the Arrowhead School web site. Your child will receive a September lunch menu in a separate mailing but to help you prepare for the first day the menu for Tuesday, September 4, is as follows:

Chicken Nuggets Fluffy Brown Rice Gravy Broccoli Applesauce Milk

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING PRINTED CALENDAR/USE OF SNOW DAYS

Please note that there is an error on page 30 of the printed version of the district's 2018-2019 school calendar regarding the use of snow days in the event of inclement weather. The online and electronic copies contain the correct information. The following accurately explains the process the district will implement should schools close in the event of an emergency. We apologize for any inconvenience.

The 2018-2019 calendar provides for three (3) emergency closing days. If none or one is used, there will be no school on May 24 and May 28. Should there be two (2) emergency closings, schools will be in session on May 28. Should there be three (3) closings, schools will be in session on both May 24 and May 28. In the event there are four (4) school closings, then schools will be in session on April 17, May 24, and May 28.

Thank you for your attention to this important information.

The school district policy regarding delayed openings due to weather is located in the district calendar. We are including important highlights for your convenience:

You may call us at **730-4050** (our weather emergency phone number) or log onto our website at: <u>www.3villagecsd.k12.ny.us</u> for weather related closings.

The School-Age Child Care (SACC) program <u>WILL NOT OPERATE</u> when schools are closed due to inclement weather. All building use for other purposes is also canceled when schools are closed.

If weather predictions indicate that early morning storm conditions will clear shortly, a two hour delayed opening will be conducted district-wide. All schools will open two hours later than the regular time. All students should be at their bus stop exactly **two hours later** than their usual time. Staff should report one half hour before the start of school. The morning SACC program will be canceled **as well as all before-school programs**. Dismissals for all schools will be at normal times. If there is an **early dismissal**, it will occur in the following sequence...

> Ward Melville High School - 11 a.m. Nassakeag School - 11:30 a.m. **Arrowhead,** Minnesauke, Mount and Setauket Schools - 12:15 p.m. Gelinas and Murphy Jr. High Schools - 1 p.m.

Please note that the Arrowhead School Open House will be on **Wednesday**, **September 12, 2018** for all grades. The times are as follows and a map is enclosed for your convenience:

Kíndergarten, Fírst and Síxth Grades - 6:00 p.m. Grades Two and Three - 6:30 p.m. Grades Four and Fíve - 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me. It is my belief that strong open lines of communication are key components for our students' success. I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of our Arrowhead students and the talented staff who make our school the wonderful place it is for children to learn and grow.

Síncerely,

Marísa Redden Príncípal Parent letter 2018 "Start of year file"