



*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.*

## **THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Nancy Pickford, Principal  
Sarah Kiersh, Assistant Principal**

### **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.*

August 2021

Dear Minnesauke Families,

Greetings! We hope this letter finds you all enjoying the remaining days of summer and making memories with family and friends. We truly miss our students and are eagerly awaiting their return. This summer we have been busy planning and preparing for a safe and successful return to school. 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 who will be joining the Minnesauke family:

- Christine Beck, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- Alex Hegarty, Special Education Teacher
- Gina Traube, Special Education Teacher
- Lee Ann March, Special Education Teacher
- Kathryn Fenigstein, Speech Teacher
- Kerry Diana, Health Teacher
- Kathleen Morris, Health Teacher
- Jennifer Balzan, Physical Education Teacher
- Kristin Swift, Music Teacher
- Jenna Guidi, Art Teacher
- Sarah Abbate, Guidance
- Deb Verbessey, Teaching Assistant
- Danielle Savino, Teaching Assistant
- Christine Cowan, Teaching Assistant
- Christine Liguori, Teaching Assistant

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

- **Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** Parent portal opens for teacher placement
- **Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>** Kindergarten Playdate 10:00 am (\*K Teacher placements will be distributed)
- **Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** New Student Walk Through 10:00 am  
Returning Remote Students Visit (see e-mail correspondence for times)
- **Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** Pick up your Placards for Car Line Student Pick-up 10:00-12:00 **\*\*Bring ID\*\***

*(Placards will also be available for pick-up at all other events listed here. Anyone who plans to pick their child up from school must have a new, 2021-2022, placard to place in the car window.)*

- **Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** Medication Drop-off 12:30-2:00
- **Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** Medication Drop-off 12:30-1:30  
Pre-K Meet and Greet AM 1:00-1:30 \ PM 1:30-2:00
- **Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** First day of school
- **Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** Wear Red, White and Blue in honor of September 11th
- **Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** Minnesauke Open House – see calendar for details

In addition, please be sure to visit our school website frequently for important information and upcoming dates. We also ask that you take the time to read and review the [Code of Conduct](#) as well as other important district policies which can be found on our website. As a reminder, please be sure to send in all updated medical paperwork including current physicals and vaccination records. We also ask that you communicate your daily dismissal plan to your child's teacher at the beginning of the school year.

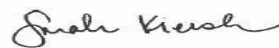
We are looking forward to a wonderful school year full of fun and engaging learning experiences for all of our students. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us. Communication between home and school is key to our students' success.

We look forward to seeing all of our students on the first day of school, September 9, 2021.

Sincerely,



Nancy Pickford  
Principal



Sarah Kiersh  
Assistant Principal