



**THREE VILLAGE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Nassakeag Elementary School
Nassakeag C.A.R.E.S.- Caring,
Accepting, Respectful, Embracing
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Erin Nastri, Assistant Principal

August 11, 2022

Dear Nassakeag Families,

We are excited to welcome you back for the start of the 2022-23 school year. We hope you had an enjoyable summer. These past two months have gone by so quickly and we cannot wait until the building is filled with our students on September 6th. As we start the new school year, we are looking forward to continuing the strong partnership between home and school. We recognize that this partnership is vital to students' success. We would like to welcome the families who are new to Nassakeag this year and we look forward to creating these meaningful relationships. We can't wait to make new memories with the start of another wonderful year.

We would like to thank our amazing custodial staff. They have spent this summer cleaning and preparing our building for the first day of school. The building looks great! Our floors sparkle and shine! Our main office is ready to welcome new students and families. Our new PTA board has worked hard this summer scheduling exciting events and activities for our students. We are lucky to have so many amazing volunteers! Our dedicated staff has been working hard planning and preparing for the new school year.

This year, we would like to welcome some new staff to our Nassakeag team:

- Kaitlin DiBella-Guidance Counselor
- Casey Giles-Special Education Teacher
- Joanne Jordan- Music Teacher
- Erin Schindlar-First Grade Teacher
- Bridget Smith-Speech Teacher

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We would also like to welcome back to Nassakeag Colleen Maier who will be teaching Second Grade.

Last but certainly not least, I am happy to announce our new Assistant Principal: Erin Nastri! Ms. Nastri is the former assistant principal from Setauket Elementary school. Prior to joining the Three Village Administrative team, she was the assistant principal for the Great Neck Summer School and has 16 years of teaching experience. She is excited to join the Nassakeag team.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we would like to share some of the procedures that are in place at Nassakeag to ensure each student's safety.

- Please remember to bring your identification with you when you pick your child up from school. We need to identify the person picking up the student to ensure that they are allowed to pick the child up, based on your emergency contact information. **Please note that only those designated individuals who you have listed as emergency contacts will be allowed to pick up your child.** To ensure safety and accuracy, please notify your child's teacher, **in writing**, about your dismissal plans.
- To ensure our arrival and dismissal is as safe and efficient as possible, we are returning to pre-COVID procedures for parent drop-off and pick-up. The procedures we had in place during the pandemic were for emergency purposes only. We will send out additional correspondence with details regarding our 2022-23 arrival and dismissal procedures.

While we hate to say goodbye to the sun and sand, we know that all things must come to end. Please review our school calendar and save the important dates below:

- **August 17th**- Parent Portal opens at 11:00am

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- **August 25th**- Coffee with the Principals at 9:00am, Kindergarten Play Date at 10:00am, New Student Orientation at 12:00pm
- **August 26th, 29th and 30th**- Medication Drop from 8:30am-2:00pm. Please call the Health Office to schedule a time. The number is 631-730-4411. We kindly ask that you use the University Drive entrance when dropping off medication. You may also choose to bring in a treat box if your child has food allergies. Please feel free to contact Nurse Nan if you have any questions.
- **September 1st**- PreK Meet and Greet 11:00-11:30am and 1:00-1:30pm, Kindergarten Meet and Greet 2:00pm-2:30pm
- **September 6th**- First Day for Students
- **September 9th**- 9/11 Remembrance Day. We will honor 9/11 with our flag planting tradition. We ask that you wear red, white and blue on this date.
- **September 20th and 21st**- Picture Day.
- **September 22nd**- Back to School Open House
 - Pre-K and Kindergarten 6:00 pm
 - Grades 1 and 2 6:30 pm
 - Grades 3 and 4 7:00 pm
 - Grades 5 and 6 7:30 pm

You can find other important information in the 2022-23 school calendar which will be available on the district website. Please take the time to read and review the **Code of Conduct** as well as other important policies and procedures on the district website.

The elementary school years are paramount in establishing a strong foundation for a child's future academic and social growth. We value collaboration with families and the community to ensure the growth and well-being of all of our students. We are dedicated to the development of

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the whole child, including their social-emotional, cognitive, academic, and physical development. Our Nassakeag team is committed to providing a nurturing and caring environment while providing students opportunities to take risks and explore their strengths.

Ms. Nastri and I are elated to begin this journey with you and your children. We have been working this summer to ensure a smooth transition and opening in September. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns.

We hope that you enjoy the remaining days of summer. We look forward to a great 2022-23 school year. We can't wait to see your children on September 6th!

Warm Regards,

Heather D. Levine

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