



August 1, 2017

Greetings,

It is that time of year again, and the first day of school is only weeks away! At Vale Elementary School, we are busily making final preparations for the 2017-2018 school year and are anxious to welcome students on August 21<sup>st</sup>!

I am excited to announce changes that have taken place over the summer that I believe will allow us to continue to provide a high-quality education for all students. Below is a summary of the changes:

- Alia Fulleton – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – *new teacher*
- Christina Tuttle – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – *new teacher*
- Cindy Grimaldo – Physical Education – *new teacher*
- Michelle Parker – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – *moved from 4<sup>th</sup> Grade*

In an effort to ensure the safety of all students at Vale Elementary School, visitor protocols have been revised for the 2017-2018 school year. All visitors will be required to complete a background check and sign a Visitor & Volunteer Guidelines form prior to accessing the campus beyond the school office. This documentation is not required for individuals only wishing to visit the office and check their child in and out of school. We appreciate your cooperation in helping to ensure that our students and staff members are safe!

At Vale Elementary, we believe in educating the whole child. As a result, we place an emphasis on developing sound academic skills and positive character traits. We accomplish this by focusing on teaching students what it means to be respectful, responsible, fair, caring, trustworthy, and good citizens. You will notice an emphasis on these traits in our hallways, classrooms, and materials sent home.

We are aware that your child is excited to learn who his or her teacher will be for the school year. As a result, class lists will be posted in the front hallway at Vale Elementary School on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend **Back-to-School Night on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** for an opportunity to meet your child's teacher!

We are looking forward to working collaboratively with students and families to ensure that each child has a positive learning experience. To facilitate this partnership, we utilize a number of methods to communicate information to families. In addition to traditional forms of communication, we use Facebook and text alerts to make announcements. Please sign up for notifications by texting @valeelem to the number 81010 and "Liking" our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/valeelementaryschool](http://www.facebook.com/valeelementaryschool).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Alisha McBride*

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