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**September  
2020**

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**Valley View Elementary School**

# The Hero Herald



**Important dates >>>**

- Sept. 1-4 Classes Begin-gradual re-entry
- Sept. 7 No School: Labor Day**
- Sept. 8 All in person students report to school
- Sept. 10 Club Choice Online Fundraiser begins
- Sept. 10 PTO Meeting—6:30 (Virtual)
- Sept. 21 Picture Day #1- In person Students
- Sept. 22 Picture Day #2- In person Students
- Sept. 24 Picture Day - Virtual Students (9am-11am)
- Sept 28 Club Choice Online Fundraiser ends
- Sept. 28 No School: Teacher Inservice**

## It's the Jaguar Way!

*Andrew Bake, Ed.D, Principal*



Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I have truly missed having the building filled with the energy of our students and staff. It is exciting to be welcoming many of our families back to school in the building and I will strive to ensure that we remain connected to our families who have chosen to learn from home at this time. Like many of you, I seek the normalcy of life before Covid and look forward to when all of our students are ready to return to learning at Valley View. To families and students coming to Valley View for the first time, we offer you an extra special welcome! We hope that your transition to our school is smooth and that you find Valley View to be a special and welcoming place.

I know some families begin this year feeling that we haven't communicated as effectively over the last 1-2 months as you have come to expect. Please accept my apologies for that. We have done the absolute best we can to keep up with changing mandates, recommendations, and parent feedback all summer. As difficult as this uncertain time is for all of our families, it is equally difficult for our school staff. Know that a lack of communication was never due to anything other than not always being certain of what to communicate to minimize confusion and constantly changing information. Our goal will be to provide clear, timely information to the best of our ability this year.

Please take the time to review information contained within our September 1 Weekly Wednesday email so that you and your family have a better understanding of changed procedures regarding drop-off and pick-up, the wearing of masks at school, no visitors in the building, etc. While many things will be different this year due to Covid-19, one thing will remain the same: our commitment to providing a high quality education and a welcoming, loving learning environment for our students.

The Valley View staff is doing the absolute best we can to provide our students with the finest 2020-2021 school year we possibly can, but it is inevitable that there will be challenges along the way. I have great confidence that we will overcome these challenges the way we always have- together. Mr. Pieschek and I are always available to answer your questions.



**2019-20 YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION**

Valley View 2019-20 Yearbooks that were not picked up at our distribution days in June will be sent home with students. All 2019-20 5<sup>th</sup> grade student yearbooks were sent to Parkview for distribution to the students now in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If your student is attending virtually for the start of the 2020-21 school year, their yearbook can be picked up at the school office between the hours of 8:30am and 3:00pm.



### VALLEY VIEW FORM REMINDERS

Our goal for the start of the school year will be to reduce the number of documents passed between home and school. For this reason, Valley View students will not be using a take home folders for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

The **Early School Release online** form provides us with important information in the event that school is cancelled during the school day. Please provide a plan for us and your child to follow by clicking [Early Release form](#). This form should be completed for each student attending Valley View Elementary.

The following forms are available on the Ashwaubenon School District/Valley View website. All forms are also available upon request at the Valley View office.

**-Free/Reduced Meal** forms along with other meal account forms are available our website on the Families>Forms>Free/Reduced Lunch forms tabs. Midway down the page you can click the link to the form. [Free/Reduced Meal form](#)

**-Medicine Administration** and other health related forms are available on our website on the Families>Forms>Health forms. [Medicine Administration form](#)

**-Pre-Excused Absence** forms can be found on the Valley View website on the About Us>News, Publications & Forms tabs. [Pre-Excused Absence form](#)

### NEW ATTENDANCE EMAIL @ Valley View

To eliminate the passing of notes from home to school, Valley View Elementary has created a new email address intended for any attendance related information. This would include late arrivals, leaving school during the day for an appointment, and student absences. When sending your email, please be sure to include the student's full name, the teacher name, the date/time of the absence, the reason for the absence, and your name. The new attendance email address is: [vv\\_attendance@ashwaubenonk12.org](mailto:vv_attendance@ashwaubenonk12.org). When used this email will go directly to the Valley View School office staff and will be monitored throughout the day. We ask that you send attendance emails the night before or by 9:00am on the day of the absence. Please DO NOT send a written note to school. Parents can still use the attendance phone line by calling 492-2935 then press 2 for attendance. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

### SCHOOL BUSING INFORMATION

School buses will be running the approximate routes as last year, with Lamer's Bus Lines once again providing our transportation needs. If you are new to the district or have a question concerning bus number, pick-up times, etc., please contact Lamer's Bus Lines at 496-3600. Bus riders will be required to wear masks and hand sanitizer will be available for students as they enter and exit the bus. Lamer's bus drivers will work to distance riders on the bus, siblings can sit together. Students will be expected to follow the driver's seating requests.

### SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Valley View Elementary's in person school picture day is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parents will be notified by their teacher as to which day their student will have pictures taken. Only individual pictures will be taken at this time, no class pictures.

Valley View Elementary's virtual student picture day is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am in the school lobby. Students are asked to wait in a socially distanced line outside of school and come into the lobby one student at a time to take their picture.

### Important Annual Student Update

Parents of continuing students must log into their PowerSchool Parent SSO account and go through the ECollect tab each August to complete required "paperwork" such as: permissions, student health and emergency contact updates as well as any other changes to student/parent information such as contact info and email addresses. Please make sure you have an up-to-date parent/guardian email address associated with each of your students since the vast majority of our school communications are only sent via email. Email address changes are done via the ECollect tab in PowerSchool.

If parents haven't already created a PowerSchool Parent SSO account, they should do so ASAP since many annual requirements, including ECollect, teacher assignment notifications, permissions, updating student information, access to report cards, grades and attendance, are done by parents logging into their PowerSchool Parent SSO account. If you haven't yet created your account and need the instructions and Access information resent, you can email [powerschool@ashwaubenonk12.org](mailto:powerschool@ashwaubenonk12.org) and specify your name, email address, mailing address and child(ren)'s name(s) or call the Valley View office at 920-492-2930. The PowerSchool Parent/Student Access sign-in screen is at <https://powerschool.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/public>.



### VALLEY VIEW IS PAPERLESS

In an effort to reduce the use of resources and protect our environment, Valley View School is paperless with the school's Wednesday weekly information. All contents are available on-line at our website [www.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us](http://www.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us).

Each Wednesday, you will receive an email reminding you that materials are posted to the Valley View website. You will be able to click the link to our website, and it will bring you to the Wednesday weekly information. To view the contents in the Wednesday weekly, simply click on each title to open it. You can then save the documents to your computer or print the documents if you so wish.

All correspondence will be sent to the first four email addresses on record in PowerSchool. Email addresses that parents enter and maintain in PowerSchool are also used by SchoolMessenger, our emergency notification system, and for many other communications, including snow days. **You should enter at least one email address for each of your children in PowerSchool.** Parents have the ability and the responsibility to update their email address(es) when they change.

The following information will be available on-line: **September Newsletter (HERO HERALD), September Lunch Menu, Student Handbook, and the School Calendar.**