

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Valley View Elementary Families,

It is with great excitement that we welcome you to the 2022 – 2023 School Year! We look forward to the return of our scholars on **Monday, August 29th, 2022**. We are also excited to meet our new FALCONS who are coming to our school for the first time. Safety continues to be one of our top priorities as we prepare to receive our scholars for quality learning experiences. Effective Monday, August 15th, in light of the highly contagious COVID-19 BA.5 variant, PGCPS will return to a mandatory mask policy in all schools and facilities until further notice. This decision was recommended by the Prince George’s County Health Department. Please ensure that your scholar comes to school each day with a mask.

In keeping with our school’s vision of being a “School of Excellence” where students soar academically, socially, and emotionally, each day we will work to meet the needs of all of our students. We will also work to increase student achievement, sustain positive relationships, support parents as our partners, ignite a love of learning with our students, and ensure a nurturing, safe, and orderly environment. During the next several months, you will notice your child developing into a college and career bound individual with confidence and pride in themselves, their school, and their community as they work toward building academic excellence.

There will be opportunities for you to participate in your child’s learning this school year. We invite you to partner with us – attend meetings, volunteer, share ideas, join ClassDojo and/or join our PTA. We look forward to working with each of you, and seeing your scholar put forth effort to do their best, socially and academically, every day.

This letter will provide you with information needed to get you off to a smooth start for the 2022-23 school year. Please be sure to check our school webpage (<https://www.pgcps.org/valleyview/>), which will contain the latest news and updates. As always, should you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact administration at kimberly.lane@pgcps.org or kena.buggs@pgcps.org. Enjoy the remainder of your summer. We look forward to seeing you soon! Below you will find all the information you need to begin the school year successfully.

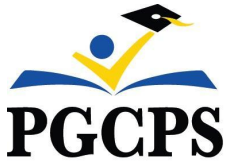
Educationally Yours,

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Bus Stop Schedules

Bus stop schedules will be mailed to you by the Prince George's County Public Schools Department of Transportation. Schedules can also be viewed by visiting the school system's [transportation info finder](#) site on the PGCPS website. Enter your home address on file to find out your child's transportation details. Please take the time to review both morning and afternoon bus numbers with your children, and make certain that your child/ren is/are at the bus stop at least **ten minutes** prior to the scheduled pick-up time. Parents of pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade students must have a designated person available to meet your children at the bus stop in the afternoon.

Uniform Policy

Valley View Elementary School has a MANDATORY uniform policy. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making certain that your children are dressed in appropriate uniform attire. All students must be in complete uniform every day, including: **solid navy blue pants, skirts/jumpers, powder blue collared polo shirts; navy blue or white tights and solid black shoes only.**

School Hours

Our school hours are **9:15 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.** Children who arrive after **9:15 a.m.** will be considered late and marked as such. Breakfast will be served from **8:50 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.** For the safety of our students, children are not permitted to arrive at school before 8:50 a.m. An adult must remain with children until the doors open.

School Meal

Lunch is \$2.75 (full). Parents and guardians are encouraged to prepay for meals and snacks by depositing funds into each student's account via online payment at myschoolbucks.com.

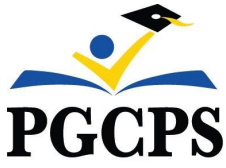
Office Hours

The main office is available via telephone or in-person by appointments 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Until further notice, families will need to make appointments to have their needs addressed.

Parent Homework

During the first week children will bring home a lot of information to share. Please read all parent information. Please pay close attention to the school-wide information shared below.

1. All children should bring home a **Free and Reduced Lunch Application**. We are requesting that all of our families apply for the program to ensure that no one who is eligible is left out. **Instructions:**
 - a. Fill out one application per family at the following site [Apply for Free and Reduced Priced Meals](#). The application can be found on the PGCPS website under Food and Nutrition Services. If you need assistance completing the application, please contact Ms. Martinez at thelma.martinez@pgcps.org.
 - b. If you filled out and sent the application over the summer, please let Ms. Martinez know.
 - c. Some families will receive a Spanish and an English version of the form once school returns but you only need to fill out **ONE** of the two. If you complete a physical copy of the application, return the form to your child's teacher. **We encourage ALL families to complete the form prior to the return of school.**



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Because of your effort and participation every year, we receive additional money from the government as a Title I school, which allows our school to receive additional resources, including classroom teacher positions.

2. Fill out each **Emergency Contact Information** form with complete and accurate information. Please make sure that you inform the school of any changes in your contact information so that we are able to contact you if there is an emergency.
3. Please make sure your child's **immunizations** are up-to-date, and that you inform the school of any new immunizations they may receive throughout the school year. Our Board Policy establishes all children **MUST** be in compliance in order to be in school. You can find the requirements on the PGCPS School Health website under [Immunizations](#). Please do not wait to review your child's immunization records and begin making appointments for shots.

School Supplies

The school supply list is included. You may also visit the school website for the required school supply list.

Student Classroom Assignments

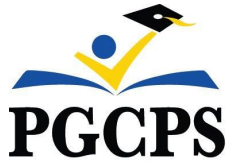
Class assignments will be available **online** via PGCPS School Max Family Parent Portal beginning Wednesday, August 24th. Parents have the same access code from previous years. Please visit the PGCPS website for information regarding the Family Portal and video directions to the Family Portal User Guide.

Dismissal

The official **dismissal time is 3:25 pm**. However, in order to ensure safety and order in the building during dismissal, we typically begin dismissal at 3:00pm. Therefore, **Early Dismissal ends at 2:30 pm**. Students will not be released from class after 2:30 pm. If you have an emergency, please call the main office and an administrator will work to honor any emergency early dismissal request after 2:30 pm. **Anyone picking up a student before the end of the school day must have a valid picture ID and must be listed on the emergency form.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event Time
August 26	Student Orientation Pre-K 9:00-10:00 am Kindergarten 10:00-11:00 am New Student to Valley View (Grades 1-5) 11:00-12:00 pm
August 29	First Day of School for students@8:50 am
September 20	Pre-K-2nd Grade Back to School Night (Virtual) 6:00 pm
September 22	3rd-5th Grade Back to School Night (Virtual) 6:00pm



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