



## Clark Public Schools

### Valley Road School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2020 - 2021 school year! I hope that you and your family have stayed well this summer and are refreshed and geared up for the new school year to begin. The teachers and I are eagerly preparing for the arrival of our students, both remote and in-person learners. With a most unusual school opening upon us, the maintenance and custodial staff have been especially diligent in their efforts to create a safe environment for the students and staff. Sanitation stations have been established, teachers have sanitation wipes and hand sanitizers handy, and the classroom furniture allows for safe distancing. The hallways have been marked with social distance markers at every six feet with indicators directing the flow of traffic.

We are pleased to have our lunch/recess staff take on a new role as hall monitors. They will monitor the safe movement of students into and out of the rest rooms and through the halls. They will also disinfect desks at the midday between the a.m. and p.m. sessions.

The school year begins Tuesday, September 8 after the Labor Day Holiday Weekend. Be sure to complete all required opening year forms found in Genesis, including the dismissal procedure permission slip. It needs to be completed before the first day of school. Completing dismissal information prepares us for a safe release of children at the end of the first school day and throughout the school year.

While in Genesis be sure to update the emergency contact information for your children. It is always good to have an extra contact or two in case we can not get in contact with a parent.

We look forward to seeing you and your children remotely and in person. If you have any questions, please call or email the school office, which re-opened for the school year on Tuesday, August 25. We are here to ensure that your child's educational experience is positive and enjoyable. To ensure that the transition into the building is a smooth one staff will be available at the doors to greet students and assist the kindergartners and new students to their rooms.

For our remote learners, we will have a supply pick up day this Friday, September 4. See below for the schedule. We will have supplies out by the curb for quick pick up. Please post a sign in your car window with your last name and homeroom teacher to help keep the line moving. If you have more than one child please come to the later session.

Kindergarten and grade 1 11:30am to 12:00p.m.  
grades 2 and 3 12:10p.m. to 12:40p.m.  
grades 4 and 5 12:50p.m. to 1:20p.m.

Anticipating a great school year despite its unique start for all students, beginning Tuesday, September 8, at 8:40 a.m. for our a.m. session students and 12:25 p.m. for our p.m. session students. We will start to open the doors with supervision 10 to 15 minutes before the homeroom starting times. Please note parents are NOT allowed to accompany students into school. We will post the newly revised Arrival and Dismissal procedures on the website that are slightly different than in the past. Parents will soon be able to find out more information from our website as we add documents and the parent handbook in the next few days.

Sincerely,  
*Joseph Beltramba*

