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Welcome to the 2017-18 school year!

This is an exciting new year!

As the start of the 2017-2018 school year rapidly approaches, I wanted to extend a formal welcome and express my excitement for the year ahead. The spring and summer have been very busy for our staff preparing for the formation of River Valley Early Learning Center and River Valley Elementary School. There has been an incredible amount of work performed by our custodial staff and summer maintenance crews to make this transition possible. Our teachers have dedicated huge amounts of time to move their classrooms and prepare learning environments that support safety, security, and a welcoming atmosphere, while promoting student engagement through creativity and inspiration. I'm honored for the opportunity to serve River Valley's students, families, and dedicated staff as principal, and can't wait for the start of the upcoming school year.

SOAR Like a Hawk,

Jaime Hegland

This Back-to-School Newsletter holds a lot of useful information for new families and serves as good reminders for returning families.

PLEASE take time to read this thoroughly and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

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REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Please report your child's absence (or tardy) prior to 8:30 am. Call us at 588-2559. If calling before or after hours, please know you can leave a message on the answering machine. You can also send an e-mail to Sarah if you prefer: sschaller@rvschools.org

If absence is due to sickness, please provide symptoms. If absence is for personal day, simply state your child is taking a personal day.

**SAFE SCHOOL
NOTICE**

**ALL VISITORS
MUST REPORT TO
SCHOOL OFFICE**

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Each student is allowed up to 10 PERSONAL days throughout the year.

Each student is allowed 5 ILLNESS days per semester.

** Always good practice to turn in a doctor's excuse if your child is absent due to an appointment. These are documented as "Medically Excused" and do not count toward your child's allowed absences. **

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If it is necessary for your child to have medication at school (prescription or over-the-counter/non-prescription) you **MUST** contact the school nurse in advance. **DO NOT** send any medication to school without prior communication and completion of necessary paperwork. Janelle Sivam @ jsivam@rvschools.org or 608-588-2559.

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CHECK YOUR E-MAIL OFTEN!

E-mail is our primary form of communication and we rely on it heavily to get information to you. Our system allows for only one e-mail option per person, so if you have multiple accounts (ex: separate work and personal accounts), provide whichever one that you access most regularly.

DO YOU HAVE HOTMAIL? *If you have a Hotmail e-mail account, You are blocked from receiving e-mails from us. You especially will want to get into the habit of checking your Family Access consistently and often. Any messages that are sent out by us using Skyward (such as monthly newsletters, and even the messages of a delayed start or no school due to inclement weather) will not be received in your Hotmail account. Hotmail itself will block any/all messages sent out via Skyward. Other than personally e-mailing a staff member, ALL correspondence really does get generated using our Skyward data for most purposes. If you would like a better understanding of this, please call Sarah.

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BACKGROUND CHECKS

If you are volunteering at school or chaperoning a field trip, a background check is mandatory. These need to be updated every FIVE (5) years.



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Will your child need medication administered starting the first day of school? All paperwork needs be turned in with the medication prior to September 1st

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We work together to ensure your child is going to his/her correct destination after school. If you have any updates, be sure to notify both school AND Lamers. They also have any lost and found items that come off the buses; feel free to call if your child feels they left something on the bus.

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