



Green Meadow Elementary School

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Principal

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Dear Green Meadow Students and Families,

I hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer and are looking forward to the start of the new school year. On behalf of our entire Green Meadow staff, we would like to welcome all of our new and returning students!

Over the summer, much planning, construction, and hard work has gone into preparing for a successful school year. When students arrive back at school, they will see several facility updates including new cabinetry, student cubbies, and ADA compliant classroom bathrooms in our back hallway.

We are happy to start the new year with full time in-person learning for all students in K-12. The district has carefully followed all the recommendations set forth by the CDC and the New York State Education Department to ensure a successful and healthy reopening. The district will continue to provide regular communication to families via email and through our website regarding our district plans.

Many of our procedures will look the same as they did in June, and we will be working with our students to familiarize them with the routines upon their return. Students and staff will continue to wear masks while indoors. Masks will not be required during outdoor play and recess. Seating in our classrooms, and spacing in our hallways and common areas will be at a 3 feet minimum.

Pursuant to the CDC's order, physical distancing is not required on school buses. Masks are required on school buses and hatches and windows will continue to remain open to increase ventilation. We encourage all families to use our buses as a safe, and the most efficient means of arrival and dismissal each day. If you plan on driving your child, please email Mrs. Joanne Nolette at nolettjo@egcsd.org to alert us as soon as possible, but no later than September 1st. We will finalize our arrival and dismissal plans and communicate to families our procedures for drop off and pick up prior to the school start.

Green Meadow is very pleased to welcome many new staff members joining our team this year:

Alina Rodriguez, K-2 Transitions Teacher
Monica Cooley, 3-5 Transitions Teacher
Jake Preston, Physical Education Teacher
Megan Kenney, K-3 Intervention Specialist
Rebecca Cook, K-3 Intervention Specialist
Renee Rymarz, School Psychologist
Jenny Shoemaker, Teaching Assistant
Holly Sessock, Teaching Assistant
Emily Bonesteel, Teaching Assistant
Megan Lasch, Teaching Assistant

Our teachers and staff are excited for the upcoming year and have been busy preparing and organizing the classrooms for the students' return. Enclosed with this mailing are your child's classroom/teacher assignment. School supply lists for each grade level and neighborhood bus routes are available on the Green Meadow webpage of our district website.

As a friendly reminder, students entering grades 1, 2, 4, and 5 who attended East Greenbush Schools last year, brought home their district issued Chromebook or Chrome tablet at the end of the school year. Please make sure your child(ren)'s device is charged and sent to school with them on the first day of school. If your child(ren) were issued a district hotspot last year, please send that device back to school with your child's name on it. Students entering kindergarten and grade 3, and students new to the district, will be issued devices during the beginning weeks of school.

This year, we welcome our incoming kindergarten students and their parents for a "**Kindergarten Meet and Greet**" on **Wednesday, September 8th**. Additional details are enclosed for kindergarten parents. This will be a time to visit their classrooms, drop off supplies, and meet the teachers before the new year begins.

The first day of school for students in Grades K-5 is Thursday, September 9th, 2021. School opens to students at 9:00 a.m. and Dismissal is 3:30 p.m.

Our PTO will be hosting a "Welcome Back Social" in the backyard of our school on Friday, September 17th beginning at 5:30 p.m. Our PTO team will share more details as we get closer to this annual event!

I would like to extend a special welcome to our incoming Kindergarten students and their families, as well as any students in grades 1-5 who will be new to our school this year. I know all of our new students will find Green Meadow to be a school that fosters a love of learning!

I am looking forward to the start of the school year with you and your child. Enjoy the final days of summer! Should you have any questions regarding the opening days of school, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



Daniel G. Garab
Principal