



"The Future Starts Here"

Principal's Message



Dear Valley View Families,

Students have enjoyed the snow this week! From the sounds of the forecast, we may even get more. They will be delighted I'm sure.

As those of you that pick-up your children know, we are revamping our dismissal. Thank you for being patient. Next week it will look the same as it did today however, we are going to make car tags so we can easily identify who we need to call without asking you. I am sure that will help with the speed of dismissal. We plan on sending those home on Monday. Please check your child's bag for your car tag and

place it on your dashboard of your car when you pick up your child. Thank you for following the new procedures and helping to keep our students and families safe.

Just a reminder:

Dismissal Pick-Up Times

Head Start: 2:30

Grade One: 2:50

Grade: Preschool and Kindergarten 3:00



Fun in the Snow!



Have a wonderful weekend! Stay healthy!

Jessica Bruenn, Principal

jbruenn@portlandct.us



***KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL, PORTLAND
for School Year 2021-2022***

Parents/guardians whose children will be five years of age on or before January 1, 2022, should:

- 1. Contact Valley View School at pgross@portlandct.us to let us know you will be registering your child for kindergarten. Please provide your child's full name, phone number and address.*

Further information regarding kindergarten registration will be provided once you contact the school.

Child Find Screening

If your child is 3 or 4 years old, and you have concerns about their development, please contact the school at 860-342-3131 and speak with Cynthia. We could schedule a one-on-one appointment for your child to come to Valley View and participate in a screening. Students ages three to four that qualify for special education are eligible for our preschool program.

ACCEPTING ROLE MODELS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

If you are interested in having your child attend our preschool program as a peer model in the fall, please call the school at 860-342-3131 and speak with Cynthia. She will put your child's name on a list. Students are selected by a lottery and are notified by June.

Valentine Cards

*We are still able to send in non-food Valentines however; we will need to follow specific guidelines this year in order to make sure we are keeping everyone safe. **Students will need to send their cards to school by February 8th in order for them to air out and be passed out on February 12th.** We will air out the cards during that time. In addition to this, they will pass them out in a different way as well so that they are socially distanced and not all up at once.*

Please be aware that candy should not be distributed and we should continue to follow our school and district policy and guidelines regarding food in school. Please be aware that if candy or food is sent in to be distributed to students, it will be sent back home with your child at the end of the day.

Thank you again for your support!







Nurse News



Nurse Katie, kwilliams@portlandct.us

Parents/guardians,

Please make sure that you are monitoring symptoms of family members – and please do not send any children to school who are ill or have COVID-19 symptoms. In addition, children with symptoms who are dismissed from school must receive a negative PCR test to return to school or have a doctor's note clearing them to return. Please see the chart below. Contact your child's pediatrician for further guidance if needed.

 <p>COVID 19 SYMPTOMS NO CLOSE CONTACT with person diagnosed with COVID 19</p>	 <p>Notify the School STAY HOME & GET TESTED</p>	<p>Negative Test Return to school once there are no symptoms for 24 hours without use of medication.</p> <p>Individual is Not Tested Stay in self-isolation for at least 10 days since the onset of symptoms and until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever (without fever reducing medications) and with improvement of other symptoms. Can return to school earlier if note is provided from healthcare provider with alternate diagnosis.</p> <p>Positive Test Stay in self-isolation for at least 10 days since the onset of symptoms and until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever (without fever reducing medications) and with improvement of other COVID-19 symptoms.</p>
 <p>COVID 19 SYMPTOMS And CLOSE CONTACT with person diagnosed with COVID 19</p>	 <p>Notify the School STAY HOME & GET TESTED</p>	<p>Negative Test Stay in self-isolation for at least 10 days since the onset of symptoms and until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever (without fever reducing medications) and with improvement of other symptoms.</p> <p>Individual is Not Tested Stay in self-isolation for at least 10 days since the onset of symptoms and until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever (without fever reducing medications) and with improvement of other symptoms.</p> <p>Positive Test Stay in self-isolation for at least 10 days since the onset of symptoms and until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever (without fever reducing medications) and with improvement of other symptoms.</p>
 <p>NO COVID 19 SYMPTOMS But CLOSE CONTACT with person diagnosed with COVID 19</p>	 <p>Notify the School STAY HOME & GET TESTED</p>	<p>Negative Test Remain home in self-quarantine for 10 days from last exposure to the person diagnosed with COVID 19. Option to reduce quarantine time to 7 days if a negative PCR test is completed on or after day 5 and documentation is provided. Continue to monitor for symptoms for 14 days total.</p> <p>Individual is not tested Remain home in self-quarantine for 10 days from last exposure to the person diagnosed with COVID 19. Continue to monitor for symptoms for 14 days total.</p> <p>Positive Test Stay home in self-isolation until 10 days have passed since the date of the positive COVID 19 test or onset of symptoms.</p>

Key symptoms of COVID-19: fever (temp 100.4 F and above) chills, uncontrolled new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell. **Nonspecific symptoms:** muscle or body aches, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, fatigue, congestion/runny nose
CLOSE CONTACT: Spending at least 15 minutes within 6 feet of a person with confirmed COVID-19, or a direct exposure to possibly infected droplets of saliva or nasal mucus (e.g., being sneezed or coughed on in the face).

Please see link:

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GUIDANCE FOR PORTLAND SCHOOL STUDENTS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/19w-Tbl25oV66X--kuV_LSuyp_qFbtEHLOCKAG8-weBE/edit?usp=sharing

Chatham Health District Updated Letter

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15yq78Tze4fJAWk27f9RGvJsOE1bvBBK0/view?usp=sharing>

Social Work

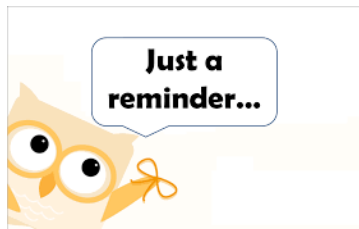


Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Bailey, mbailey@portlandct.us

Please contact our Social Worker, Mrs. Bailey, if you need help providing your child with a snack, are in need of clothing for the colder weather or have any other needs you need help with. To reach our Social Worker, please email mbailey@portlandct.us.

Important



Dismissal Plans

If your child normally rides the bus and you are picking them up, please send an email to vvattendance@portlandct.us or call the school in the morning, if possible, so we can plan for a safe dismissal. We are trying to eliminate notes being sent in and delivered to the office, so please do not send in a note.

If you have any changes in your transportation plan, please email your plans through vvattendance@portlandct.us as soon as possible. It takes time to arrange changes in busing.

Technology Information

Please use the following link to report Chromebook tech issues or needs:

<https://app.pipefy.com/public/form/eT-jSPH5>

There is also a link on the school website under Faculty Links, Student Links, and Parent Resources.



February 8 - Send in Valentine Cards

February 15 - 16 - No School

March 12 - No School for Students

March 17 - 2 hour Delay (No Breakfast, Students can enter starting at 10:15)

Valley View



Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be a Friend

860-342-3131 FAX: 860-342-3138

Attendance Email: vwattendance@portlandct.us