

Volney Rogers' Newsletter



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Principal's Message

 **Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year!** 

We hope this message finds you refreshed and ready for an exciting new school year! As we prepare to welcome back our students on **Tuesday, August 26th**, we want to take a moment to extend a warm welcome to all of our returning families and a special greeting to those joining us for the first time. We're thrilled to have you as part of our school community.



Mrs. Carano is back as our **K-2 Assistant Principal**. She continues to enrich our school with her compassion, expertise, and dedication to our students.

 **Meet Our New Assistant Principal – Mrs. Burchfield!**

We are proud to introduce **Mrs. Burchfield** as our new **Assistant Principal for Grades 3–5**! Mrs. Burchfield brings a wealth of experience, energy, and passion for student success. She is excited to work with our upper elementary students and families, supporting their academic, emotional, and social growth. Be sure to stop by and say hello—she's looking forward to meeting everyone!



This year, one of our primary goals is **clear and consistent communication**. We believe strong partnerships with families are built on trust,

transparency, and teamwork. Whether it's through newsletters, classroom updates, parent-teacher conferences, or our school website and app, we are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way.

You can expect:

- Regular updates from classroom teachers
- Monthly newsletters from the school
- Quick reminders and alerts via **ParentSquare App** (📱 NEW 📱 –SEE BELOW)
- Opportunities for feedback and parent involvement

If you ever have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here for you!

 **17 First Day of School: Tuesday, August 26th**

The countdown is on! We're eagerly preparing for the **first day of school** on **Tuesday, August 26th**. Be sure to check our website for any updates, supply lists, and important reminders.

<https://volneyrogers.ycsd.org/>

We can't wait to see all the smiling faces back in the hallways. Here's to a fantastic year of learning, growing, and connecting together!

With excitement,
Mrs. Weeks, Principal



NEW ParentSquare App

We're excited to announce that our district is now using

ParentSquare as our new communication platform to keep families informed and connected!

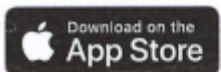


ParentSquare provides a simple and unified way for families to receive messages from the school, stay updated on events, and communicate directly with teachers and staff — all in one place. You can receive notifications via email, text, app, or web.

➔ **Please note:** We will **no longer be using Remind** to send school or classroom messages. All future communication will be sent through ParentSquare.

To get started, simply download the **ParentSquare app** on your mobile device.

📱 **Scan the QR code to download the app and sign up today!**



Open House

🏠 **You're Invited to Our Open House!**
Tuesday, August 19th | 5:00–7:00 PM

We are excited to welcome all families to our **Back-to-School Open House on Tuesday, August 19th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM**. This is a great

opportunity to get a head start on the new school year and connect with our school community!

During the Open House, families will be able to:

- **Meet the teachers and school staff**
- **Find out your child's classroom assignment**
- **Get school supply lists and important materials**
- **Receive all your back-to-school information**
- **Update Final Forms** to ensure your child's information is current

Whether you're new to our school or returning for another great year, this event is designed to make the transition into the new school year smooth and welcoming for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you there and kicking off the 2025–2026 school year together!

Attendance Matters!

In Ohio, students who miss more than 10% of the school year (**about 17 days**) are considered *chronically absent*. This means they're missing valuable lessons, class discussions, and practice time—making it harder to keep up and succeed.

Even a couple of days missed each month can add up quickly! Good attendance builds strong learning habits, keeps students connected with friends and teachers, and sets them up for long-term success.

Let's work together to keep our students in school, on time, every day

Arrival and Dismissal:

School Start and End Times:

- ★ The building opens for students at 8:30.
- ★ 8:30–8:50 Breakfast

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★ **Tardy Bell is 8:50**

★ Dismissal Time is 4:00

You must call BEFORE 3:30 if you need to change your child's dismissal. We cannot make changes after 3:30.

Morning Car Riders: DO NOT DROP STUDENTS OFF IN THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING! Please join the car rider lane on the side of the building in the morning. SAFETY is our first priority. Be a model of safety for your children. The line moves QUICKLY!

Afternoon Car Riders: Please join the car rider lane that wraps around the side parking lot for afternoon dismissal. **We start dismissing at 3:45. All cars are called by 4:00.** The students will be called out to your car from the cafeteria. **Students will not be released to cars that are not in the car rider line.** The line moves quickly when everyone is following procedures.

What to Do When There's a Problem at School

At some point during the school year, your child may face a challenge at school—whether it's a conflict with another student, a concern about a grade, or something else. When these situations arise, we want to work together with families to

find solutions that support everyone involved. Here's how to approach it:

Start with the Teacher

If the concern is about a classroom issue—such as a disagreement with a classmate, a grade, or something that happened during the school day—please **reach out to the teacher first**. Teachers are often the most informed about what's happening and can work with you and your child to resolve the issue.

Chain of Command

- **1. Classroom teacher**—The classroom teacher should be the first person you contact. Parent Square and email is the most effective way to communicate. Remember that teachers are busy teaching during the day, so give them time to respond.
- **2. Dean of Discipline**— Mr. Marsh and Ms. Dugan are your next points of contact. They will work with the teacher to solve the issue.
- **3. Principals**— If the teacher or our deans can't solve the problem, Mrs. Carano



(K-2) or Mrs. Burchfield (3-5) will help you solve the issue.

Be Patient

We understand that problems can be frustrating or emotional, but it's important to remember that investigating a situation—especially one involving multiple students or staff—takes **time**. We are committed to handling all concerns fairly and thoroughly.

Communicate with Respect

We are all here to help. Yelling or reacting out of frustration won't lead to productive solutions—and our children are always watching how we respond. Let's work together to model calm, respectful communication so our students learn how to handle conflict in a healthy and effective way.



We value our partnership with you and appreciate your support in helping make our school a safe, respectful, and successful place for everyone!

Setting Students Up for SUCCESS

As we begin another exciting school year, we want to remind you how important healthy habits at home are to your child's success in school. When students feel their best physically and mentally, they are better prepared to learn, focus, and thrive in the classroom.

Here are some simple but powerful ways your family can support healthy routines:

1. Set Up a Consistent Schedule

Children thrive on structure. Creating a regular daily routine—especially for wake-up time, meals, homework, and bedtime—helps students feel secure and ready to tackle each school day. Try to:

- Keep bedtimes and wake-up times consistent (even on weekends!)
- Create a designated homework time
- Limit screen time before bed

2. Prioritize Sleep

Sleep is essential for focus, memory, and mood. Elementary-aged children typically need **9–11 hours** of sleep each night, and teens need **8–10 hours**. Encourage a calming bedtime routine with quiet activities like reading or listening to soft music.

3. Eat Healthy, Balanced Meals

Good nutrition fuels growing bodies and sharp minds. Aim for:

- A protein-packed breakfast to kickstart the day
- Fruits and veggies with every meal
- Whole grains and healthy fats
Avoid sugary snacks and drinks, which can cause energy crashes during the school day.

4. Stay Hydrated

Water helps with focus and energy levels. Make sure your child has a reusable water bottle at school and encourage them to drink water throughout the day—especially during warmer months or after physical activity.

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5. Consider Daily Vitamins

While a balanced diet is the best source of nutrients, daily vitamins (especially a children's multivitamin) can help fill in nutritional gaps. Check with your pediatrician to see what's best for your child.


By building these habits into your family's routine, you're setting your child up for success—both in and out of the classroom.


Bus Riders:

All students who live more than 2 miles from the school are eligible for a bus.

New My Ride K-12 Mobile App

 **Download:** Visit myridek12.tylerapp.com


 **To register**, you'll need your child's **Student ID**, found in **FinalForms**, old report cards, or **ProgressBook**.

 **ProgressBook** also shows your scholar's busing info under the **Schedule tab**.

K-3 Bus Riders


K-3 scholars **must have an adult present** to get off the bus.

Parents can authorize other arrangements (e.g., walking with an older sibling).

 If no adult is present, students will be taken to our office.

 Repeated incidents may lead to **loss of busing** and a **referral to Children Services**.

Bus Delays, Closings & Changes

- **Bus changes:** You'll receive a **text** from our Transportation Dept.
-  Make sure your **cell number** is up-to-date in our records!

Bus rules are attached to this newsletter from the transportation department.

Upcoming Events:

8/19 Open House 5:00-7:00

8/26 First Day of School

9/1 Labor Day- NO SCHOOL

9/29- NO SCHOOL Staff PD Day

