

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful and rejuvenating summer and are returning ready to embark on another exciting school year. As we begin this new chapter together, I'm thrilled to introduce our 2025-2026 theme: **Game On: Level Up!**

This year, we're challenging ourselves to take things to the next level—in our instruction, our relationships with students, our communication with families, and our collective journey toward mastery. Like any great game, we'll celebrate wins, learn from setbacks, and support one another every step of the way. Every level we climb represents growth, commitment, and the impact we make on student achievement.

I'm especially excited to welcome new staff members to our school family and to begin this year under the leadership of our Interim Superintendent, Dr. Shawn Joseph, who brings a renewed focus on our impact on student outcomes and instructional excellence.

As we come together during pre-service, we'll engage in meaningful **planning, collaboration, and learning** designed to set the tone for a successful school year. Let's approach this time with energy, purpose, and a willingness to level up—for our students and for each other.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our school community. Here's to a year full of growth, achievement, and success. Let's press **start** on what I know will be an amazing year as we remember our ROAR expectations, in all places and at all times **Game On!**

With excitement,
Dr. Matteis
Principal

Welcome back to a brand new school year! I hope you all had a fantastic summer filled with rest, relaxation, and memorable adventures. As we prepare to embark on another exciting academic year, I wanted to take a moment to express my enthusiasm for what lies ahead and share some important updates.

We are thrilled to welcome our students back to school! Whether you're returning for another year or joining us for the first time, we can't wait to see their smiling faces and hear about their summer experiences. This year promises to be full of new learning opportunities, exciting challenges, and fun activities. Our teachers and staff are here to support our students every step of the way.

Vansville Elementary School is now a Community School. We are excited to bring community programs and enrichment opportunities to our school. As a school community we will seek to find innovative ways to engage our families and community partners within our school. We look forward to the continued support and partnership of our stakeholders to ensure a successful year. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns, and stay tuned for upcoming events and ways to get involved in our school community.

We encourage everyone to review the updated school handbook and stay informed about important announcements through our website and communications.

I am excited to serve as Vansville's principal with Ms. Jenelle King our new assistant principal. I am looking forward to meeting new faces and getting reacquainted with familiar members of our school community in the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your continued commitment to our school community. Here's to a year full of growth, achievement, and success. Together we will grow lifelong learners who are Respectful, Organized, Accountable and Ready to Learn!

Warm regards,

Michelle Matteis Ed.D.

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