



RIVER VALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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**COMMITTED
TO EXCELLENCE.**

Dear School Community,

I hope you are enjoying summer break and feel recharged and ready for a new school year! I am delighted to share some exciting developments.

Although our summer months lack the characteristic liveliness of our valued staff and students engaged in learning, our District has been a hive of activity. It is a privilege to watch the improvements continue to unfold in our schools as we prepare for students' return. Summer renovations have focused on Holdrum Middle School, which received new classrooms, lighting and ceilings, HVAC upgrades, air conditioning, and more (*please see a few pictures in the Strong Schools Status section below*).

Last summer, Roberge Elementary School was the first to receive renovations, and construction will begin next summer at Woodside Elementary School. Most of the work is scheduled over the summer months to preserve an optimal learning environment during the school year.

Apart from the physical upgrades, we also are eager to introduce new academic and wellness initiatives. Our priority is to provide a personalized learning experience that fosters individual growth and success. We also promote holistic development to ensure our students thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

These initiatives will continue to strengthen our schools and support our students. This year, we plan to:

- Enhance student mathematical and English Language Arts (ELA) achievement through instruction designed to meet students' individualized needs.
- Utilize progress-monitoring tools to guide instruction.
- Develop and provide instructional coaching around progress monitoring and student achievements.
- Revise curriculum and resources to provide updated and relevant student learning experiences.
- Provide staff and students with social, emotional, and learning support to encourage positive behaviors, increased academic success, and caring school communities.

Our talented educators, amazing staff, and supportive parents are key to our continued success. Let's make this academic year one filled with growth, discovery, and memorable experiences.

Wishing you a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,
Melissa Signore





TO OUR NEW STAFF!

[NEW STAFF HIRED AFTER 9/1/2022](#)

Melissa Boretti, Special Education Aide
Karine Buldo, Lunch Aide
Carolyn Casey, School Library Media Specialist
Rabia Cubukdemir, Special Education Aide
Victoria Geimke, Grade 2 Teacher
Rachel Jurjevic, Guidance Counselor
Hayleigh Lezette, Special Education Teacher
Jaclyn Marcaso, Special Education Aide
Bianca Martino, Grade 1 Teacher
Lilia Medina, Night Custodian
Suzanne Moreda, Special Education Aide
Geraldyn Ruvo, Special Education Aide
James Steidle, Maintenance Operator
Jillian Topolski, School Library Media Specialist
Alexa Vassallo, Grade 3 Teacher
Kieran Walsh, Art Teacher

2023-2024 District Assessments

Each school year, students are administered state assessments or commercially developed standardized assessments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A and New Jersey Department of Education mandates. Students in **grades 3 through 8** will be given the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) in the areas of ELA and mathematics. Additionally, students in **grades 5 and 8** will also take the science portion of NJSLA. These computer-based assessments are aligned with

the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in ELA, math, and science. Should a student require accommodations as outlined in an IEP/504, additional information will be provided by the Guidance Office. [Click here](#) to view the *NJSLA* assessment testing windows for each grade level.

The district also uses two other assessments for instructional decision-making and program placement, not required by the New Jersey Department of Education, which are *Linkit Benchmarks* and the *InView Test of Cognitive Reasoning*.

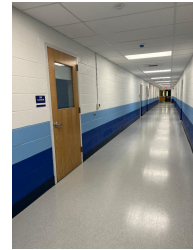
**STRONG
SCHOOLS
STATUS**



Holdrum Classroom



Holdrum Wellness Center



Holdrum Hallway

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 4th
Schools Closed/Labor Day

September 11th
First Day for Students

September 25th
Schools Closed/Religious Holiday

September 27th
Roberge/Woodside Back to School Night

September 28th
Holdrum Back to School Night





The River Vale Public School District is in need of lunch aides, these are part-time positions and only a few hours each day (Monday-Friday). [CLICK HERE](#) to view on the district website.

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit the NEW River Vale PTA Website for membership and updated PTA information.

- Please see the 2023-2024 student lunch flyer below.

Don't forget to like and follow the [River Vale PTA Facebook](#) page for updates.



1 SYSTEM OPENS SEPTEMBER 4TH
The PTA uses an order system called Boonli
Head to <https://rivervalepta.boonli.com>

2 ALREADY HAVE A BOONLI ACCOUNT?

1. Enter your user name and password (it's case sensitive)
2. Update your students information
3. RES and WES select your grade/teacher
4. HMS select your grade








3 NEW USER? MAKE AN ACCOUNT

1. Create a new account
2. Enter the school password rivervale2
3. Enter your info and select "I will be ordering for other people"
4. Set up your students profiles
 - o RES and WES select your grade/teacher
 - o HMS select your grade

4 PLACE YOUR ORDER
NEW WEEKLY DEADLINE IS **SUNDAY at 10AM** for the following week- order by week or by month

Questions?
rivervaleptalunch@gmail.com

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