



Valley View Middle School

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Greetings, Valley View Families,

We have reached the end of the first marking period and are looking forward to continuing our positive momentum. I am genuinely proud of how well our students have adjusted to the changing technology requirements and learning environment!

Please note that Marking Period 1 ended on Friday, November 13th. Teachers are currently finalizing grades and inputting them into Genesis. Final Marking Period 1 grades will be posted in the Genesis Parent Portal on November 23rd under the "Grading" tab. All courses with the exception of 5th-grade related arts courses (STEM, Music, and Art) will have MP 1 grades posted. The 5th-grade related arts courses are running on trimesters in order to help keep students in their small groups.

A friendly reminder, we have altered our school's daily schedule. Students meet in their classes from 8:15 am - 12:30 pm and then are to log on again at 1:23 pm - 1:53 for period 5. The teacher's office hours are from 1:55 pm - 2:55 pm Monday - Thursday. We appreciate your support in helping your children attend all of their classes for the full day.

The State of NJ has invited school communities to celebrate our educators through the Governor's Educator of the Year Award program. If you would like, please complete the linked Google survey to share your nominee with our committee. [Governor's Educator of the Year Nomination Form](#)

Last but not least, our student clubs and organizations are excited to provide opportunities to give back to our community. The Valley View Student Council is happy to announce that we will be holding Gratitude Challenges for the holiday season. Please encourage your children to join the "Staying Connected at Valley View" Google classroom to participate in these current and future challenges/events. They are also holding a [Hat and Mitten Drive](#), which is running from November 23- December 21. Our Community Outreach Club is organizing its annual [Adopt-A-Family](#) event. Please see the linked flyers for more information. We will also run an additional [Spirit Week](#) next week. I highly encourage all students, in-person or remote, to participate.

Thank you for your continued support.

All my best,

Karin Kidd