



Be ART-Rageous



August 8, 2024

Dear students and families,

I hope you are enjoying summer and all the things it has to offer. I am so excited for the upcoming year and to see everyone again! The first day of school will be August 28th. Feel free to join us on the playground at 8:10 am with the morning bell ringing at 8:25 a.m. This year our theme is “**Be ART-Rageous.**”

Please mark your calendars for a free PTA pool party on August 15th. Due to rising costs, we will be collaborating with West Elementary’s PTA and celebrating the evening together at Electric City Water Park from 6:30-8:30 pm. Concessions will be available for purchase. Please remember, parents or guardians 18 years of age or older must accompany the student for the entire evening. PTA will have a table set up. Please join me in welcoming our board members; Mrs. Alexis Oatman/Mrs. Ellie Julian (Co-Presidents), Mrs. Deyanna Nicolas (Vice President), Mrs. Laura Hajek (Secretary), and Mrs. Jennifer Moore (Treasurer). Also feel free to join PTA at this time. You do not have to be an active PTA member, but your membership supports PTA/Valley View in numerous ways. PTA will also have truck raffle tickets available for purchase.

As we kick off the year, I would like to emphasize the importance of **safety**. Please use caution during drop off and pick up, and I encourage **everyone** to use the crosswalk. Just a reminder that school starts at 8:25 a.m. and students are dismissed at 3:20 p.m. with an early dismissal each Wednesday at 2:45 p.m. Playground supervision begins at **8:10 am each morning** and students may be on the playground after this time. Student safety is our number one concern. At any time during the school year, if a question arises, please do not hesitate to call or stop by. The office phone number is (406) 268-7145. We would love you to have this programmed in your phone so that any issues can be addressed immediately.

Our success with your children could not be possible without the overwhelming support from you, as well as members of our community who generously spend their time volunteering and contributing to

our school. We welcome you to Valley View and encourage you to volunteer by contacting the classroom teacher to see what support you can offer. We are asking that you sign in at the office when you come to volunteer or visit the classroom/lunchroom. You will be **given a visitor pass nametag to wear while you are visiting the school**. To ensure direct communication, please make sure you have the correct phone number and email on file in the office or on PowerSchool. Our main communication platform is Remind.

I encourage you to check out our school webpage at <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/VV>. You will see a calendar of events on the homepage with tabs on the top filled with important information. Also, you can find information on the Valley View Elementary and the Valley View PTA Great Falls Facebook pages.

I thank you in advance for your positive collaboration with us to make this the best year yet at Valley View. I look forward to seeing you SOON!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dyke

Valley View Principal

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Mark Your Calendar			
Meet and Greet August 27th	Back to School Night September 5th	Conferences October 14/15	Roll Into Reading November 15
Meet the teacher and drop off supplies.	Become acquainted with the classroom procedures and grade level expectations.	Each family meets with the teacher to review progress and share student celebrations.	Enjoy a book and a breakfast treat with your child/children.
K-6th: 4:30-5:00 pm Kinder: Back to School Night 5:00-5:30 pm	Kinder: 8/27/24 5:00pm 2nd and 6th 6:00pm K1, K2, 3rd & 4th 6:30pm 1st and 5th 7:00 pm	4:00-7:00 pm Sign Up with Teacher	All Grades Drop In 7:30-8:25 am