

VENTNOR EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY COMPLEX

"We Think...Achievement"

VENTNOR CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff and administration, I welcome you to the Ventnor Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year! As the school's Principal, my goals are to provide your children with a safe environment, to build and maintain a positive relationship with each of you, and to make sure that your children get the best education possible. The faculty has been working hard to get everything ready to make this an exciting school year. Below is important information to prepare you for September:

School Opening/ Arrival and Dismissal: School will open for students on Thursday, September 5th. Preschool teachers will meet students at the early childhood entrance with a sign with their name and homeroom written on it. Please know the name of your child's teacher. Daily drop off for preschoolers at the **early childhood entrance is at 8:15**. There is limited parking along Lafayette Avenue and in the main bayside parking lot. Parking is not permitted in the school delivery driveway. Everyone must park legally and walk using designated crosswalks to the early childhood entrance to drop off and pick up children.

School Hours: **8:15-3:15** Our time schedule allows for one drop off and pick up time for parents of students in both elementary and middle school. There is no aftercare program for preschool. All students must be picked up by no later than 3:15.

Curriculum: Our preschool classes will be using the Creative Curriculum to provide students with developmentally appropriate educational opportunities through small group learning, literature, and hands on activities.

Attendance: School Attendance Matters (SAM)! SAM is our incentive program to reward classes and individuals for meeting attendance goals. Students looked forward to daily recognition updates on the morning announcements. **Student daily attendance is extremely important.** Please make every effort to make sure that your child attends school daily. All students are encouraged to be a VES HERO!

H- Here

E- Everyday

R- Ready to learn & do my best

O- On time

Paperwork: Please review the beginning of the year paperwork carefully and return all required forms. Our student handbook is located on veccnj.org for your review. Please be sure to provide all contact information and your **email address** on the emergency card to ensure that you receive all important communications.

Parent Involvement: Please join us for Back to School Night September 18th at 6 PM. Essential parent information will be presented during this program. Follow us on Instagram@ventnorcityschoolsdistrict for a

window into what is happening daily. Interested in volunteering? Any parent that volunteered last year can now login to Safe Schools with the same username to complete the two modules required for this year. Please note you will also need to go online to view the HIB power point presentation and sign the statement of assurance. If you would like to volunteer and have not in the past, please contact Vicki Cahill at extension 5290.

Identification Cards/Bus Passes: All students in grades Preschool-8 will be issued identification cards to be worn to school every day. If applicable, enclosed is a letter from the Middle School Principal and Transportation Coordinator, Mr. Baker, along with each child's bus pass.

Visitors: Visitors to the building must report to the security window and provide a driver's license, name of the child, and nature of the visit. A badge will be created for your admittance. Badges must be worn while in the building and returned to security upon departure.

Throughout the year, it is my hope that we will work together to provide the students of Ventnor the best possible opportunities. It is my expectation that all students will show good character and put forth their best effort to learn. I hope that you enjoy every minute of the remaining summer vacation. I am excited to meet all of the new students and families. I can't wait to see all the students in September smiling and ready to do their best!

Sincerely,

Carmela Somershoe
Principal

