



# Village Elementary School

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## August Calendar

August 10 ■ Kindergarten Orientation  
August 12 ■ Placement Sent Home  
August 16 ■ Open House – 5:30-7pm  
August 18 ■ First Day of School for Students

## School Hours

### Monday-Thursday

8:50-3:50pm

### Early Release Friday

8:50 – 2:50pm

Please note that students are only permitted to enter the building at 8:35 for breakfast. All other students may enter the building at 8:45. We begin supervision at 8:40.

## Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year

A new year, new students, and an updated building are just a few things to be excited about as we enter the school year. For me, those things are just the cherry on top of what I know will be another great year at Village Elementary.

After facing the tumult of last school year, I am excited to come back having rested my mind, body, and spirit over the summer. As I begin this year, I am reminded daily of how I was irrevocably changed as an educator by Covid-19. When I entered education, I never believed that I would teach and learn through a pandemic, yet I find that I am incredibly thankful for having had the experience.

Pandemic education allowed me an opportunity to put into perspective the things that really matter when working with children and colleagues. It helped to strengthen my educational roots and recalibrate my leadership compass.

In reflecting over the summer, a picture of a flamingo continually came to my mind. It could have been the endless rainy days or the oppressive heat, but I was drawn to these stunningly pink creatures. Their striking beauty, ability to balance on one leg yet not be swayed by changing winds and need to move in a flock were just a few of the things that drew me to this imagery.

Now, when I process through this wild idea, I quickly realize that our Village community is much like a flamingo. Our flock of families, teachers, and staff stay connected for support and encouragement when times are trying and triumphant. We work diligently to find the appropriate balance between the social-emotional well-being of our students and academic rigor. We are bold in the way that we advocate for our students and we are not afraid to stand out and stand up when we are called to. In the end, everyone has a place to flourish in our flock.

As we begin the 2021-2022 school year, we are committing to thriving together as a community of learners and leaders and continuing to showcase our flamingo features.

Be Well – Principal, Mrs. Angelina Kreger

## Refillable Water Bottles

We are so excited that we have refillable water stations throughout the building. Please send your kiddo to school with a water bottle that they can refill. Make sure that you have their name clearly labeled on the bottle so that they do not end up in the hands of a friend.

## Kindergarten Orientation – August 10

We are excited for this year's Kinder orientation on August 10. Currently, we are anxiously awaiting the state to inspect the construction in our building and approve our entrance. Our hope is that we will be able to host orientation at VES. If not, Creekside has graciously offered us use of their building. I will communicate the precise location to you when we move closer to the date. Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Out of town? Please send me a message so that we can make sure to gather some information from you so that we can appropriately place your student.

Haven't registered for orientation yet? Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4BAFA82CA4F58-village>

## Open House

This year our teachers will host an open house on August 16 from 5:30-7pm. Open House will be held in-person this year. Please understand that due to construction, some areas and classrooms may not be completely organized at the time of Open House. They will be ready to welcome our students on August 18, however. Please adhere to the following Open House schedule to lesson traffic and allow for more individualized time with the teachers.

Last Names A-I = 5:30 arrival

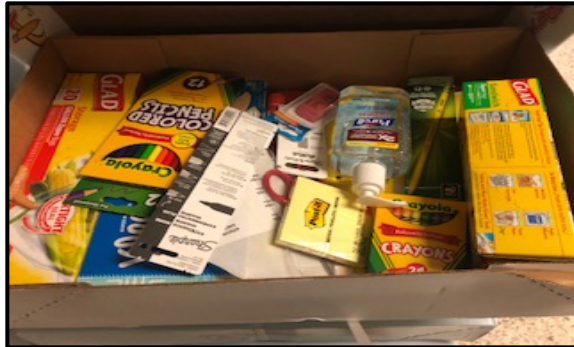
Last Names J– P = 6:00 arrival

Last Names Q – Z = 6:30 arrival

**We look forward to seeing each of you on August 16.**

## Supply Kits & Supply Lists

Thank you to the families that purchased our supply kits. They were a huge success and over 130 kits were purchased. All kits have been delivered and all orders of hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes were fulfilled.



If you couldn't purchase a supply kit this year for your student, please follow the link below to learn what supplies are needed for each grade-level.

[Supply Lists](#)

## The First Day of School

It's hard to believe that our first day of school is right around the corner. I am so excited to welcome our new students into the building and see how much everyone has grown over the summer. In order to usher in a great first day, we ask that parents do not congregate outside of the building. It is important to set our students up for success from day one and that must be our number one priority. Students being dropped off or riding the bus will exit and enter the building on their own the first day. Parents will not be allowed to enter the building with their student. Teachers will meet their students in the gym and escort them to their classrooms. Other staff members will be stationed throughout the halls to help assist anyone in need. Our staff asks that you please drop off your student as you would normally or place them on the bus. Please do not then drive to the school to wave them into the building. We encourage you to take pictures at home and enjoy this exciting milestone safely with your family there. Thank you for your understanding.

## Visitors Entering the Building

Beginning on August 18, HCS is not allowing visitors to enter the building during the school day unless a meeting is prearranged with the administrator. Visitors that are entering the school during the day will need to wear a mask. Visitors can enter the building for after school events such as PTO meetings; however, all students must be gone for the day.

# Arrival and Dismissal Changes

## Arrival

Students will either arrive in person or by bus. Bus riders will be called off the buses by a teacher or administrator. If you plan to drive your child to school, please allow for extra time for drop off. We will continue to operate a **kiss and go lane**, which means that it should move quickly. As students enter the building, they will use the far-right door **only**. It will be propped open so that things move quickly. Students will not be allowed to enter the building, unless they are getting breakfast, before 8:40. If getting breakfast, access will be granted at 8:35am. Upon entering the building, students will make their way to their classrooms (after the first week of school or unless they are getting breakfast).

## Dismissal

Please complete the following dismissal survey so that we can adequately prepare for your child's dismissal each day.

**Please complete the survey by August 17, 2021.**

[Dismissal Survey](#)

At the end of the day students that ride the bus will be dismissed by teacher to get on the bus. The main office will page into the classrooms when it is ok for a class to dismiss. At that time, the bus riders will need to exit immediately. Students that are being picked up will not be available until 3:45 for pick-up Monday-Thursday and 2:50 on Friday.

## Pick-Up Students – New Protocol (or back to the basics)

In order to facilitate our pick-up procedures students will not be allowed to be picked up or have dismissal changes made after 3pm. We do not have adequate staff to support students being picked up early, as well as get our classes prepared for dismissal. We thank you in advance for understanding and if you have any extenuating circumstances please feel free to call the main office.

**We are moving back to a traditional pick-up system.** Parents will park and walk up to the main entrance doors. They will wait outside for their student. When you or a family member come up to the door, please have your ID available and make sure that anyone that is picking up your student is listed as an emergency contact in MiStar.

**Please remember that at no time can we impede traffic on Hibner Rd. If you are picking up or dropping off your student, and will impede Hibner Rd. traffic to do so, please keep going and pull around on one of the local streets. Our buses and the buses for Round School need to get down that road to pick up and drop off students.**

## Oh How Things Have Changed- Construction Update

Two days after the students left in May the construction crew came to Village. Taking down walls, ripping up carpet, pulling out bushes, and creating new learning spaces took every moment this summer. It's amazing to see how things have progressed, and we are excited to get back in soon and put our own touches on this amazing building. Check out some of the progress pictures below to see where we were and get excited to come into the building.



## School-Wide Donations

Our snack pantry will be up and running again this year. We are asking that parents donate pre-packaged snacks to fill up our snack closet. Additionally, parents have asked if they can donate Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer. ABSOLUTELY! We will take all donations with open arms. I appreciate our community thinking about the needs of our school, students, and staff. Thank you!

## Enrollment Recertification

Please log in to MiStar parent connect if your student attended Hartland Schools last year and complete your enrollment recertification. It is simple and will allow the district to have the most up-to-date information about you and your student.

Click here for additional directions: [Enrollment Recertification](#)

## New Faces Around Our Village

We have a lot of new faces to welcome around our Village. To say that we are lucky to bring on board some wonderful educators would be an understatement. Many years of experience combined with deep passion to support students is what make up our new additions. Please take a second to say hello when you see them and welcome them to our amazing community.

Kimberly Comb – Special Education  
Emily Ottmar – Special Education  
Samantha Wheeler – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Meghann Briggs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Lindsay Haar – Reading Recovery  
Cassie Sutter – Lunch/Recess Para

Louella Chyo – STEM Teacher  
Jayna McKenzie – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Jaclyn Janis – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Bianca Sanders – Building Sub  
Sheryl Cabaj – Reading Recovery (VES & LES)

## Mask Wearing

Per the MDHHS, Livingston County Health Department and CDC, masks will be worn on school buses. If a student forgets to wear a mask when entering the bus, one will be provided to them. Once students enter the school building, masks will not be required, but if your student feels more comfortable wearing one, we encourage them to do so. The HCS staff is not required to wear masks, per the health department, however, some may choose to do so. Please speak with your student regarding this issue.

## PTO Mum Sale

**Village will be joining with Lakes, Round and Creekside to host our 2nd Annual Fall Mum Sale!**

9" round garden mums for \$10 each available in: Orange, Purple, Red, White & Yellow.

Online order form will be available Friday, August 20 - Friday, September 3 with order pick up on Friday, September 17.

Last year Village sold the most Mums out of all the schools, so let's do it again! More details coming soon.

## Breakfast, Lunch & Medication

Just a reminder that breakfast & lunch will be free again this year. Please remember that if your student ONLY wants to buy a milk or treat, they will have to pay for that.

If your child needs to take any form of medication during the school day please drop off medications before the start of school with appropriate forms, which can be found on-line.