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Dear Parents and Students:

I hope you have enjoyed your summer vacation! The Verne W. Critz Elementary School Staff has been working hard to prepare our building for the first day of school on September 5, 2017. All of the materials contained within this mailing have been provided in order to assist you and your child as we begin our school year together.

The entire VWC staff is ready to welcome your child as we begin school. We are extremely considerate of the fact that your child will need reassurance and assistance over the course of the school year, particularly during the first few weeks of school. Rest assured that we will make every effort to provide a seamless transition into our school year.

You will receive a separate mailing from **East End Bus Company**. Please check the bus schedule carefully. On the first day or two, children should be at the bus stop a few minutes early. It is the policy of the school district that a parent or designated adult be at the bus stop each day for a student in Kindergarten. **Kindergarten students will not be dropped off at a bus stop unless their parent or designated adult is there.** If you are questioning a change in bus stop or pick-up time, we kindly ask that you contact East End Bus Company directly at 631-345-9600. For all other safety concerns regarding your child riding the bus, feel free to contact me at 631-730-1698.

School Hours: Each school day begins promptly at **9:20am** and concludes at exactly **3:20pm**. It is important that your child arrives to school on time each day. This routine will foster good habits and provide a smooth transition into the school day. For those of you that will be transporting your child to school, please know that there is an established drop off zone in the front of the school and staff will be outside to facilitate this process.

Note to the Parents of Kindergarten Students: During the first week of school, all Kindergarten students will meet in our gymnasium with their teacher. Each Kindergarten student will come off their bus and be directed to this area. Kindergarten students that are "walkers" to school will be directed into the gymnasium as they enter the building. In order to foster healthy separations, we ask that you please give your child a quick and reassuring hug! We will handle any and all tears.

Breakfast Program: The breakfast program will start on the first day of school and all children are eligible to participate. The cost of breakfast is \$0.95. For students who are eligible for reduced breakfast, the cost is \$0.25. If your child is going to participate in the breakfast program, he/she is to go directly to the cafeteria after departing the bus. Teacher Assistants will be helping students in the cafeteria. At 9:10 am students finishing breakfast will go to their classroom. Please review this procedure with your child.

I am looking forward to working and learning with you this school year! Please mark your calendars for our **Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00pm in our Gymnasium.**

Sincerely,

Mr. Brian J. Ginty
Principal