



# THE BLACKBIRD BUGLER

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## HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!!



Pre-Summer Greetings to you and your family! I am awestruck that we are publishing the last issue of the Blackbird Bugler for the 2009-2010 school year. With less than three full weeks away from the end, I can truly say this year has been astounding. In 182 short days, we built strong K-5 community ties, promoted spirit, hosted numerous activities and assemblies that appealed to building great character and an appreciation for the humanities, displayed our empathy for others via making contributions to the local and global community, and most importantly, exemplified effective, student-centered interactive instruction in our classrooms. We met many new students and staff members, and will be saying goodbye to some as they move to other places, and begin the next chapter in their lives.

As we approach the end, please enjoy the remaining weeks, as they truly represent the culmination of our school year. Our Kindergarten and Fifth grade graduations represent the next steps in the school lives of our "book end" classes, with Kindergartners preparing for the full-day experience of first grade, and our fifth grade friends preparing to

say goodbye to six years at Voorheesville Elementary School. Field/Spirit Day will be a chance to not only experience team and character building activities with their class, grade, and building peers. As we begin to think ahead to next year, Moving Up Day will certainly continue to allow students the opportunity to meet and experience their new classroom and classmates.

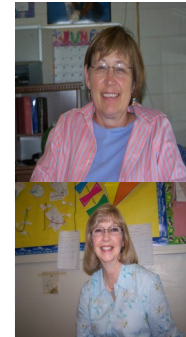
As I've mentioned and illustrated in previous postings, the elementary school is truly a building that "never sleeps." Though school is not in session, we will be here busily preparing and anxiously awaiting the onset of the 2010-2011 school year. We are very excited to pilot a new lunch schedule that will allow recess to be before lunch and for a longer period of time, thus reducing the need for P.E. recess and allowing students the freedom to socialize and play, before the challenges of the second half of their school day. We will also be preparing classrooms and hallways for a fresh start; one of the best things about September of a new school year!

I encourage you to continue to drop in and visit the building, Blackbird Paradise-Garden, and playground throughout the summer!

I will continue to keep you posted via School News Notifier Messages and through the Principal's Corner, on our website. We have been very proud of the varied modes of communication (newsletter, website, School News Notifier emails, letters, etc.) that we have utilized in order to keep you informed. As always, if you have any suggestions or comments, please don't hesitate to pass them along.

I wholeheartedly thank you for the opportunity to have led such a wonderful building with such a positive synergy. I look forward to bringing in the 2010-2011 school year with you and continuing to make Voorheesville Elementary School a wonderful environment to socially, academically, and emotionally flourish. Have a wonderful summer!

Tom



We say a fond farewell to Mrs. Rudd (top) and Mrs. Hundemann (bottom). They will be retiring at the end of this school year after a combined total of 42 years of service.

### UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

- *June 9th - Kindergarten Field Trip to Public Library*
- *June 10th - Grade 4 Instrumental Night*
- *June 14th - 5th Grade Field Trip to Heldeberg Workshop*
- *June 17th - Field Day*
- *June 18th - Field Day (Rain Date #1)*
- *June 19th - Field Day (Rain Date #2)*
- *June 22nd - Kindergarten Celebration 9:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.*
- *June 25th - 5th Grade Graduation, Last Day of School, dismissal at 11:30*

## REMINDERS CONTINUED

Please use the following directory for your convenience:

<b>Voorheesville Elementary School</b>	765-2382
Thomas B. Reardon, Principal	
<b>School Nurse:</b>	
Colleen Bracket	765-2382 Ext. 506
<b>Attendance Office:</b>	
Deann DellaPenta	765-2382 Ext. 514
<b>Kid's Club Program (afterschool)</b>	765-2043
Cindy Abelseth, Director	
<b>Transportation Department:</b>	
Mike Goyer	765-2382 Ext. 508
Priscilla Clark	765-2382 Ext. 521

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## REMINDERS



We would like to remind **all** parents and visitors that there is **no parking allowed on public streets**. The town contacted us to remind us of this after the school musical. They received complaints about people parking on front lawns. Please remember that if our parking lot is full, we are able to utilize the St. Matthew's parking lot.

Please help us prevent parking lot back-ups by dropping off students without getting out of your vehicle. If you need to assist your child further, we do ask that you park your car so that others can continue to drop off and exit. Thank you for your cooperation!



### Remember to sign-up for SNN!

This will allow immediate email updates about events and procedures at V.E.S. Please visit <http://snn.neric.org/vcsd/> for further information.