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What a summer!

The district office has been quite busy this summer. Along with staff changes including teachers and administrators, many new programs have been implemented within the district.

Source for teachers (ESS) will be utilized this year as our substitute calling service. Teachers and staff will be trained on how their system works with our system to make sure we have proper coverage. Beginning this year, absences will be requested electronically within the system by all staff.

We will have school police officers in each building beginning this fall. The officers will be responsible for general safety in all schools. They will screen visitors and work with staff to address any concerns that are present within each building.

The 6th grade transition meeting met throughout the summer to discuss the possibility of moving 6th grade to the High School in the next few years. Currently, cost analysis and school mapping are being discussed. The survey input from families and the community was invaluable as we move forward to make sure that all plans are well thought out and executed.

The first day of school is August 29th, with orientations at the High School on August 27th and orientations at the elementary schools on August 28th.

Message from the Acting Superintendent

Dear Families,

When Mr. Drzewiecki left at the end of June, I was named the Acting Superintendent of Redbank Valley School District. Throughout the summer I have been juggling the roles of High School Principal and Acting Superintendent. The office staff here is amazing and has been right there at my side to help with this transition.

I am not certain about the timeframe involved in naming a permanent superintendent, but I want to let you know that I am committed to the district in whatever capacity I serve. There is a history of experiences and stories that shape Redbank Valley School District. I think a fresh start and writing some new stories regarding positive experiences within the district is in order.

This is our community; let's show it off in a positive light! Working together with less criticism and more collaboration will provide an example for our students and the surrounding communities. Seek out clarification as needed so that everyone can be fully informed and play an active role in making sure that our students get the best education and opportunities that we can offer.

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