



WHEELER AVENUE SCHOOL



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Dear Wheeler Avenue Elementary School Community,

It is an honor to introduce myself as the new principal of Wheeler Avenue Elementary School. I hope that this note finds you enjoying the rejuvenating days of summer and that you and your children are looking forward to beginning a wonderful school year together in September. I can assure you that I share in this school community's commitment to caring for your children each and every day while providing them a world-class learning environment.

The 2022-2023 school year will mark my 19th year in education. Since graduating from Hofstra University, I have served communities in Roosevelt, Far Rockaway, and for the past five and a half years, Valley Stream. Although I have always felt at home in the classroom, it is in my position as an elementary principal where I have been most fulfilled in my life's work. The elementary principalship provides me the chance to work collaboratively with teachers on a daily basis, while also remaining connected to young students learning and growing in the classroom. I firmly believe that every child can excel and that the partnership between home and school builds confidence in students to use their powers to shape their future and the future of our community and our nation.

With my goal of continuing the tradition of success here at Wheeler Avenue Elementary School, I am committed to building strong relationships with parents, faculty and staff, students, and community members. Together, we will meet throughout the year to identify specific goals in the areas of student achievement, school climate, and parent communication. Please be on the look-out for August Open House meet-and-greet opportunities.

To our students, I cannot wait to meet you all! I hope that you are excited for this coming school year and that you are out this summer playing and reading tons of books with your family and friends. It is going to be a fun year learning together. There will be a special meet-and-greet opportunity for us to connect as well.

In closing, please know that my door is always open to you. It is my hope that we will work together to provide the students the best opportunities in preparing for the world, ready to conquer the challenges placed in their path. I heartily welcome your conversation and positive input throughout this year. Beginning August 11th, I can be reached at rbutcher@valleystream13.com or at school at (516) 568-6140. Let us always keep our students the primary focus of our work. I look forward to celebrating our collective successes during the 2022-2023 school year.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ruth Peets-Butcher'.

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