

Our district's summer programs are in full swing! We have 85 students attending academic support and enrichment classes. The programs will continue through August 1, 2025. Thank you to the teachers, students, staff, and parents for your commitment to ensuring learning continues during the summer. A reminder that summer learning resources are posted on the school webpages for students to keep their academic skills sharp.

Some of our teachers attended professional development in-district during the last week of June. The sessions focused on implementation of our new math resource, *Big Ideas: Math and You*, at Hillside Elementary School, and *The Writing Revolution* resource that guides teachers to advance writing in all subjects and grades. I sat in on some of the sessions and our teachers were active participants in this professional learning.

The custodians and maintenance staff are busy with their summer deep cleaning of classrooms and waxing floors. I thank them for their hard work and especially for working around the summer programs occupying both schools during July. Kudos to Mr. Scaglione, our maintenance staff, and custodians for always keeping our buildings in great order!

This summer, there is work being done to update our facilities. We are installing new lockers at Tenakill Middle School and the air conditioning will be installed in the Tenakill Middle School gymnasium. We will be repaying the blacktop at Hillside Elementary School, in the area of the modular wing and the playground. We have completed the work on upgrading our technology network infrastructure. Thank you to the Board of Education for supporting our long-range facilities plan and ensuring that our facilities are in great condition for our students, staff, and community.

We will be welcoming our new hires for orientation during the week of August 18 - 21, 2025. The new teachers and staff will have sessions at the Northern Valley Curriculum Center and here in district. Our full staff will return to work on September 2, 2025, to prepare for the students starting school on September 4, 2025!

As we move through the heart of summer, I hope everyone finds time to relax, recharge, enjoy the sunshine and the pleasure of a great book!



