

# Tammy Lindsay

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**From:** Tracie Reed  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 1:29 PM  
**To:** Kevin Kendall; Tammy Lindsay



## From the Principal's Desk . . .

Dear Valley Elementary Family:

I am thrilled and honored to be your new principal. In a few LONG days I have quickly learned the quality of the staff and the community support for education.

I inherit a school that is improving, and this year we will take Valley Elementary from good to great, and great to greater, in every category of school evaluation. To do our best as educators and students, we Panthers need proud Panther Parents to be our partners in everything that we do. This partnership will begin with our Open House on August 17th, our first day of school on the 19th, and our PANTHER PRIDE PICNIC on August 21st. Details on all of these events follow in the rest of the newsletter. Here is the Panther Parent Pledge that I will ask of you. Each day I would like to choose one of these five activities to do with your child:

**Practice**  
**Read**  
**Investigate**  
**Discuss**  
**Evaluate**

More details on this pledge will follow in communication from me and from the teachers. You know how important it is

for every child to READ every day, but it is also important that they DISCUSS things with you, INVESTIGATE science and history with you, and EVALUATE things like what is the best behavior choice, the best healthy food to eat, or the best movie to see as a family.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at school at 839-5395 or through email at [kevink@bath.k12.va.us](mailto:kevink@bath.k12.va.us).

I look forward to meeting all of you and your wonderful children very soon!

Best regards,  
**Mr. Kevin Kendall**  
**Principal**

### Buses

Since adjustments to bus routes and schedules may have been made, **students should arrive 10 minutes early at bus stops for the first few days of school.** Parents should contact the school or their nearest neighbor to determine approximate pick-up and return times. **Bus routes** and times will be listed in the *Recorder* and *Virginian Review*. Please remember, **FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN, please know your child's student ID to make a change in his or her normal dismal routine. If possible please have your child bring a note in the morning to his or her teacher.**



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# **Attendance, Arrival, and Departure From School**

## **Arrival Procedures**

Daily attendance and timely arrival at school are important to school success. Students in grades K-7 who do not ride the school bus should not arrive at school before 7:45 AM but in time to begin breakfast by 7:55 AM and/or daily attendance before the 8:30 AM bell rings.

Students arriving early should bring a book and will wait in the lobby until breakfast begins.

If a student is not in their classroom at 8:30 AM they will be considered tardy and he/she must be signed-in at the school office by a parent or adult bringing them to school.

Following the observance of a minute of silence, the recitation of the Pledge

of Allegiance, and morning announcements, instruction will begin at 8:30 AM.

## **Dismissal Procedures**

School dismissal will be at 3:20 PM. When picking-up children, parents are required to sign them out at the school office. Parents should not go to classrooms. We ask that parents please observe the parking signs. **DO NOT PARK** in marked handicapped spaces unless you have a valid handicapped parking sticker. You may use visitor parking spaces but not reserved staff spaces. Please do not use the bus entrance for dropping off or picking up students. Valley staff would like to thank you in advance for observing the parking rules and regulations.

**Let's Have a Safe Year!**

## **Calendar Reminder**

- August 17th - Preschool Orientation at 2:00PM
- August 17th - Back To School Night, Kirv departen 5:30 PM and Grades K-7 at 6:15 Meeting in the Cafeteria
- August 19th - First Pupil Day
- September 1st - School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM at Bath County High School
- September 7th - Labor Day Holiday
- September 16th - School Pictures
- September 21st - Progress Reports Sent Home
- September 25th - Early Release 12:30 PM
- October 22nd - 1st Nine Week Grading Period Ends Early Release 12:30 PM
- October 29th - Pupil Holiday Parent Teacher Conference 1:00 - 4:00 PM and 4:30 - 7:00 PM
- November 19th - Progress Reports Sent Home
- November 23rd - 27th Fall Break
- December 23rd - Early Release 12:30 PM
- December 24th - January 1st Christmas/New Year's Holiday
- January 4th - Students Return