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Dear Voorhees Community,

I hope this email finds you well. On October 20, 2021, we held our first-ever Family Night. We hope that families were able to spend some time together and relax. I want to take a moment to recognize all our Parent Faculty Association members. They have worked extremely hard to provide our students with fun, outside fall activities. Your hard work and dedication to our students and staff are very much appreciated.

Over the past few days, I have traveled through our schools and have witnessed many exciting lessons taking place, from Mrs. Branciforte's "Candy Corn" experiment to Mrs. Rodriguez's long-distance collaborative project with students in Canada. Our staff continues to do fantastic work.

We would like to "Thank" all our schools for participating in our First Annual Scarecrow Challenge. All schools and the administration building were asked to design and build a scarecrow. Scarecrows were displayed at our October 27, 2021, Board of Education meeting. Board Members were given the difficult task of selecting a winner. Please visit our Facebook page to view the results.

<https://www.facebook.com/VoorheesTwpPublicSchools/>

I am pleased to announce that the addition at Kresson School continues to move along. All cement footings have been poured, and cinderblock walls are soon to follow. "Thank You" to Mr. Mathes and Mrs. Haley as they continue to oversee this project.

All students in grades 4-8 have completed the state-mandated Start Strong Assessment. We will now begin analyzing this data so that we can better address the needs of our students.

As October comes to an end and we steer towards November, we would like to remind our families of the CDC travel recommendations. <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey> As always, our priority is to keep all our students participating in live instruction. We also ask families to remain diligent in our attempt to keep our community safe as we head into the winter months.

- Staying home when you are sick.
- Washing hands often.
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues.
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick.
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 3 feet apart).
- Wearing a face covering while in school.
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.
- Please inform your school nurse of **all** positive household cases and/or close contact.

I am pleased to announce that we have tentatively scheduled vaccination clinics for students five years of age and up in a partnership with Adler's Pharmacy. Once approved by the FDA, additional information will be provided to our families. This program is voluntary. Our goal is to have participating students fully vaccinated by the start of winter break.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Respectfully,
Michael Redfearn – Acting Superintendent