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VALLEY FORGE MISSION: We are dedicated to the academic, social, and emotional growth of all our students. We are committed to creating a safe scholarly environment that will help students overcome academic barriers and provide diverse learning experiences for all students to achieve academic excellence.

Valley Forge Vision: Students make a year's growth or more in a scholarly environment that supports the individual needs of our students.

Core Values: Be kind, Be Respectful, Build Trust, Do Your Best, Support Each Other

Motto: I am a Leader. I use the 7 Habits. I love, lead, learn, read. We are the Forge

DRESS CODE: All students are asked to wear the below Leadership Attire for the 2020-2021 school year. The focus is on safety and all students are required to wear a mask.

GIRLS: Tops, white, yellow or light blue in color with no pictures or writing. Button up blouses short or long sleeve, turtlenecks, or polo type shirts are preferable. Navy blue or white cardigan sweaters may be worn over the shirts. Bottoms, Navy blue or tan jumpers, skirts or shorts at an appropriate length, shorts appropriate length (weather permitting), or pants. Socks: Navy blue or white. Shoes: No open toe shoes, flip-flops, clogs, shoes with wheels, crocs or heels. Gym shoes are to be worn on gym day.

BOYS: Tops, white, yellow or light blue in color with no pictures or writing. Button up dress shirts short or long sleeved, turtlenecks, or polo shirts are preferable. Navy blue or white cardigan sweaters may be worn over the shirts. Bottoms, Navy blue or tan shorts, appropriate length (weather permitting), trousers or slacks. Socks: Navy blue or white. Shoes: No open toe shoes, shoes with wheels, crocs or sandals. Gym shoes must be worn on gym day

CURRICULUM: Reading, language arts, writing, math, science, social studies, health are the core academic areas of Valley Forge. Art, music and physical education are integrated with core subject areas and are required for all students.

READING PROGRAM: We utilize **HMH Into Reading for our** reading and language arts instruction. We have a Guided Reading book room with over 50,000 books. Valley Forge students have a 120 minute uninterrupted block for reading and writing.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: Our school benefits from active family involvement encouraged at all times. Opportunities for family involvement include activities that are planned throughout the school year.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: Karl Road Block Watch Association and Karl Road Baptist Church.

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING: Leadership Building at Valley Forge Elementary involves our students and staff practicing the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Each week our students review the habits that will ensure success in school and our community.

Habit 1: Be Proactive (You're In Charge)

Habit 2: Begin With The End In Mind (Have a Plan)

Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)

Habit 4: Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win)

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand,

Then to Be Understood (Listen Before You Talk)

Habit 6: Synergize (Together Is Better)

Habit 7: Sharpen The Saw (Balance Is Best)

ABOUT OUR STAFF: 85% of our teachers have their master's degrees and an average of over 16 years of teaching experience.