



In the Superintendent's Den...

We bid heartfelt “Best Wishes” to retiring Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn. Mr. Ahearn’s last day leading the Vestal CSD will be October 27. We thank him for over 10 years of service to Vestal, first as Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Operations & Personnel, and then as our Superintendent of Schools. A farewell Open House is scheduled for 3 - 5:30 p.m., October 18, in the Staff Development Room. Everyone is welcome to stop by to wish him well!

As we say “goodbye” to Mr. Ahearn, we also prepare to welcome our new Superintendent, Clifford Kasson, who will assume leadership of the District on October 23, 2023. Recently recognized as a Project Lead the Way Outstanding Administrator, our former Deputy Superintendent, is looking forward to expanding his leadership role.

“I am honored and excited to be selected as the next Superintendent,” said Mr. Kasson. “I am committed to lead by example and by listening to the voices of students, families and staff. Our three daughters benefited from the excellence of Vestal’s K - 12 education, and I pledge my dedication to ensuring Vestal’s high standards for all of our students!”



Clayton Avenue students are always thrilled to see Principal Brad Bruce waiting to welcome them back on the first day of school!

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Cover Photo (By Dylan Ruffo)

Clifford Kasson, Vestal's Superintendent-elect, poses with Liza Turner's third-graders in their African Road classroom. He visited the classroom as a guest reader on September 15, 2023, reading a book entitled "The Dot."



School Board Appreciation Week is October 16 - 20, 2023

Join us in thanking our School Board members for their service!

President Kathryn Egan • Vice President Shoba Agneshwar
Mark Browning • Kay Ellis • Eric LaClair • Joshgua Mertens
Lisa Milkovich • Dinno Nistico • Erryn Wilson

School Board Reminders

6 p.m., Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Glenwood Elementary School

6 p.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Admin - Board Conference Room

6 p.m., Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Admin - Board Conference Room

6 p.m., Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Glenwood Elementary School

Vestal HS Teacher selected as a Yale Educator of the Year!

We are honored to share that Mrs. Nicole Ewing, VHS Spanish teacher, has been recognized by the Yale Office of Undergraduate Admissions as a recipient of the 2023 Yale Educator Award!

Mrs. Ewing was nominated for the award by Samson Wong, VHS Class of 2023. Students entering the Yale Class of 2027 were asked to nominate outstanding educators who deeply impacted their lives. She was then selected as a winner by a committee in Yale University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Of this year's 385 nominees, representing 43 states and 28 countries, only 80 teachers and 32 counselors were ultimately selected to receive the Yale Educator Award



Nicole Ewing

"This recognition validates the impact our teachers have on our students in shaping them as future citizens of our community," said Principal Dawn Young. "Mrs. Ewing not only effectively instructs her class, but does so in a manner fully conscious of her influence as a role model, an infectious testament of lifelong learning."

Join us in congratulating Nicole on this prestigious recognition!



Athletics Department Secretary

We are pleased to welcome Olivia Martino as the new Athletics Department Secretary. Olivia replaces Becky Schramm, who retired in September.

Olivia, who will be the contact person for athletic events, assumed her duties on September 1, 2023.

Retirement Plan OMNI 403b

As an employee of the Vestal Central School District (VCSD), you have the opportunity to save for retirement by participating in a 403(b) plan with The OMNI Group. You can participate in the Plan with pre-tax contributions by completing a Salary Reduction Agreement (SRA) found online at www.omni403b.com. You may also submit the SRA to The OMNI Group either by fax to 585-672-6194 or by mail to 220 Alexander Street, Suite 400, Rochester, NY 14607.

You may contribute up to \$22,500.00 annually, subject to change. If you are at least 50 years old, you may also be able to make additional catch-up contributions.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacy in Benefits at Ext. 2228, or call The OMNI Group directly at 877-544-6664. Further information may also be found at www.omni403b.com.

Flu Shot Information

Seasonal flu vaccinations are covered under Vestal Schools Excellus health insurance, both the Traditional Classic Blue Plan and the Blue PPO Plan. Employees who have coverage under the District plans can obtain a seasonal flu shot from their doctor's office or local pharmacy.

NOTE: Please remember to present your current Subscriber ID card and advise the pharmacy to bill your **medical** plan and not your Rx plan.



Vestal's Employee Assistance Program

Your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is NexGenEAP. As a Vestal CSD employee, you are eligible for

Counseling Services * Child / Elder Care Resources * Health Advocacy

Legal & Financial Consultations * Online Resources * Virtual Concierge

through NexGenEAP. It's all confidential. This Work/Life, Wellness, and Health Advocacy benefit is provided by Vestal CSD at no cost to you.

Please see the Member Guide attached to the email delivering this newsletter. It includes information you will need to access your total wellbeing services, including our Company ID.

To create your account today, visit www.nexgeneap.com or use the Mobile App at NexGenEAP... Questions? There's also a toll-free number: 800-327-2255

Vestal Marching Band's

Gates
open at 5!



Don't miss
the pageantry!

6 p.m., Saturday, October 14
Dick Hoover Stadium

September Staff Photos...



Clockwise from above -

ARE First-Grade Teacher Stephanie Dilmore welcomes a student and her family during a PTA Welcome Breakfast on September 22.

School Bus Driver Dennise Root conducts a bus drill on September 12, 2023.

Tioga Hills Kindergarten Teacher Bridget Ligas enjoys a student's delight after his hand is inked in preparation of leaving his imprint on the cafeteria window.

April Gale's smiling face greeted Clayton Avenue students on the first day of school.

Miss Van Tassell helps a UPK student at the Cub Care campus learn how to sort similar shapes and colors.

