

September 11, 2022

Dear Plainville Families,

We are officially up and running with everyone from PreK through grade 6 back in their places! It has been a wonderful opening to the 2022-2023 school year, which is the result of the planning and hard work that began many months ago. Preparing schools for the return of students is a labor-intensive process that requires attention to our buildings and grounds, as well as to the many factors that must be considered when creating classes and curriculum for our students. Likewise, transportation, physical and mental health needs, technology, food service, safety routines, and professional development are just some of the areas that require our focus when opening our doors.

Similarly, we are aware that the start of the year brings excitement and sometimes uncertainty to our students and families. We recognize that just as there are processes that we must develop in order to prepare our schools for the upcoming year, families are doing the same. I am appreciative that from all that I have seen, things have come together beautifully and things are well underway! In addition to all that I have mentioned here, we are grateful for the gesture of kindness that families facilitated prior to the first day of school: the welcome back “chalk talk” messages that were left for us at both schools brought smiles to our faces and were a cheerful reminder that we are in this together! Thank you!

Please note the following updates and reminders:

VACCINE CLINIC: A regional Covid-19 vaccine clinic will be held this Tuesday (September 13th) from 3:00-6:30 at the King Philip Regional Middle School. Boosters for the Omicron variants will be available as well. For a full description of the clinic and its offerings, [please use this link.](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: We have some openings in the district. Please consider viewing the [available opportunities](#), as you may find some of interest to you, or some that you may want to share with a friend! We are in need of substitutes in many areas: teachers, paraprofessionals, nurses, custodians, and food service. These are flexible positions that are critical to maintaining our daily operations on the occasions when some of our faculty and staff need to be out. Other opportunities of special note are a part time band teacher and a part time reading teacher at Wood School. These are newly created positions based on additional funding that the town was able to dedicate to the school district. We are actively seeking individuals to fill both of these roles, which we are thrilled to say will restore band to our 5th and 6th graders and will provide additional reading instruction and professional development for the Wood School. Again, if any of our families know of possible candidates for these openings, we would appreciate you spreading the word!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events:

Wood School Open House (adult-only event) on September 20th, 6:00-7:00 pm
Jackson School Open House on September 21st, 6:00-7:00 pm.

Truly,

Jennifer Parson