



## DUZINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Mr. Ross Hogan  
Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Mojica  
Coordinator of Student Support Services

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Dear Families,

As the summer comes to an end, we are beyond excited to be welcoming back our Duziners for the start of a new school year. There is nothing better than seeing the smiles and looks of anticipation on our students' faces as they enter the school building on that first day.

New school years always come with new opportunities. As always, our top priority will be to center joy, connection, and belonging within our school community. We know that when students feel loved and valued while in school, learning can flourish.

This year our building is experiencing several new exciting changes. For the first time in over a decade, we will be welcoming pre-Kindergarteners at the start of the year. This year we will have one pre-K classroom with the hope of expanding universal pre-K to a greater number of students in the coming years.

We are continuing to provide exciting learning opportunities for our students. Last year we initiated a new Math Academic Intervention Services program for our first and second graders. This coincided with the introduction and piloting of our new math program - Bridges in Mathematics. These initiatives will continue this year. In addition, we are excited to be opening up our new "STREAMS" Room - a learning space for science, technology, reading, engineering, art, mathematics, and social studies.

Exciting changes have taken place in many of our building spaces. Cafeteria tables have returned. Rugs and tables have returned to the classroom. We are also looking forward to welcoming back parents and guardians into the building for volunteer opportunities and classroom events.

Please note that our visitor policy will continue to prioritize building security and student safety. While visitors are once again allowed in the building, we will be setting limits on the walking of students to classrooms in the morning. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten caregivers only will be allowed to walk their child to the classroom door for the first week of school. These caregivers must still sign in as visitors at the front entrance. Starting on Monday, September 12th, we ask that you drop your child off at the drop-off circle or have them take the bus and our staff will happily ensure that they make it to their classroom safely.

The official start of the school day is 9:25am. Dismissal time is 3:25pm.

Students may be dropped off at the drop-off circle in the morning starting at 9:05am. Prior to 9:25am, these students will report to the gym to wait for the start of the day.

Student pick-up at the end of the day will again take place in the gym. **Student pick-up time has been moved back to 3:25pm**, to allow for more instructional time.

To assist in ensuring that students are dropped at the appropriate bus stops, bus passes or notes requesting to change the designated drop off spot must be received the morning of the change. If there is a need to make a change after your child has left for school, please call the main office prior to 1:30pm that day. Please do not rely on communicating this information with the classroom teacher.

If your child has any food allergy that we are unaware of, it is important that you contact our health office. You can reach Nurse Joy Van Vlack via the main office at 845-256-4350 or via email [jvanvlack@newpaltz.k12.ny.us](mailto:jvanvlack@newpaltz.k12.ny.us).

Finally, we are looking for school monitors! Part-time positions are available with flexible hours. If you or someone you know are interested in applying please call 845-256-4350 or email [rhogan@newpaltz.k12.ny.us](mailto:rhogan@newpaltz.k12.ny.us).

Please enjoy the remaining days of summer. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ross Hogan', written in a cursive style.

Ross Hogan  
Duzine Elementary Principal