

# Viola Rand and Alton Elementary Schools

**August 23, 2021** Report for the RSU34 School Board

## Enrollments

AES: Kindergarten 14, First 12, Second 12, Third 11, Fourth 10, Fifth 14

**TOTAL– 73**

VRS: prekindergarten 12-16 , Kindergarten 13, First 15, Second 17, Third 12

**TOTAL– 70**

## New Staff

Heather Friedman—2nd grade VRS

Jesie Romero—pre-k ed tech

Tyler Morin—Math interventions & Ch 104 AES

## Open positions

Music Teacher or Ed Tech III for music instruction AES & VRS **\*If you know anyone who would be a good fit, please hook us up!**

## Personnel Changes

Erin Vose 2nd grade from VRS to AES

Amber Burris from 2nd grade to 3rd grade AES

Erik McCarthy from Ch. 104 ed tech AES & VRS to IT tech

Beth Bilodeau Pre-K from AES to VRS

## Back To School Expo

Christy Perkins performed her extraordinary feat again this year, to the benefit of students in Alton and Bradley. She coordinates her cadre of friends who volunteer support each summer to provide backpacks and school supplies for Alton Elementary and Viola Rand Schools. She unloaded her donations at VRS on Tuesday, August 17 and at AES on Wednesday, August 18. Students have such a good time going from one basket to the next, choosing the designated number of items each time and filling the backpack they chose. I made popcorn and sno cones to round things out and both days were a great success! This is the first year Christy has set up shop at both schools. For the past several years, Alton families were invited to participate in the Expo at VRS. Despite the rain and the newness, we had a good turnout! The pop up canopies over the picnic tables played an important role that afternoon!

## Open House Opportunities

At the Viola Rand School, we once again coordinated the Expo time with the open house. It provides a way to spread people out a little more and teachers have a chance to speak with each child and parent. Masks were required inside and many chose to keep them on outdoors as well. The turnout was high for this early opportunity to quell nerves and visit the school.

At the Alton Elementary School, the open house was not in conjunction with the Expo. Due to summer school just ending on August 6th, the custodians are still working hard to get the school clean and sparkling before school starts! (The gym floor was refinished last week too!) The open house is planned for August 31st, from 4-6 PM.

## Summer School

The biggest news of the summer was the success of the first summer school for Alton and Viola Rand students. It was open to any students exiting kindergarten through 5th grades. The program was 5 weeks long, 5 days per week. It was largely staffed by Mr. Doty's Earn to Learn students. They were excited to have the experience and exposure this opportunity afforded them and the students benefitted from the capacity their employment provided. Week three, Water and Ice Week, had the highest attendance, but students who had originally signed up for a single week or two were asking to be included for all weeks after they got a taste of the fun. The many fun activities, most science based, had literacy and math components that made for cool chances to practice skills almost painlessly! Jenn Vafiades did a tremendous job organizing the many details this program entailed. Sandy Daniel was a ready presence throughout the weeks also, and was indispensable.

