

July 2, 2020

Dear Friends of Early Learning Village (ELV),

After all of the uncertainty and craziness of this past spring, I hope you have found some kind of rhythm and routine for yourself and your family.

Most of you know that Jean Earhart retired at the end of the school year. I'm excited to say she is enjoying her new grandbaby and is looking forward to spending a lot of special time with him in the coming months. Before she left, Jean worked with me to ensure a seamless transition for me, our ELV staff, and most importantly, for you and our students.

Like all schools, we are busy planning for the upcoming school year. We are committed to opening and operating ELV in the safest possible way. Thus, we are following local and state guidelines for re-opening, and we will continue to align with the Woodland School District's school calendar.

Our first day of school will be Wednesday, September 9, 2020, which is the first Wednesday after Labor Day. Our open house is currently scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2020 from 6-7 pm. However, there will likely be changes to either the date or the time, to ensure we are able to host the open house in the safest possible manner. Check our website (vcgurnee.org/elv) and your email in the coming days for additional information.

As Illinois enters Phase 4 of **Restore Illinois**, we know there will continue to be many questions, lots of mixed emotions, and some uncertainty going forward. While I don't want to overwhelm you with too much information, I do want to be sure you are well-informed so that you can make the best possible plans for your family. We are in the process of reviewing all of our policies and procedures, to ensure we are maintaining the highest possible safety standards, and to align with local and state guidelines for the re-opening of schools. We also want to be sure we continue to provide a warm and loving environment for our students, which is crucial to the development and well-being of our children.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me this summer with specific questions or concerns. I can be reached by email at amy.struck@vcgurnee.org or by phone at 847.244.6606 x206.

I look forward to a wonderful year ahead!

Sincerely,



Amy Struck

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