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Summer is the time for cookouts, festival feasts, and savory sweets.

But in the Steel Valley Grows Garden, summer is also the time to introduce a new crop of students to the delicious dishes made possible by home grown produce.

The summer "Cooking in the Garden" program is back in full force this year. Under the tutelage of Mrs. Christine Schott and Mrs. Holli Bobick, students in third through eighth grade can spend a two-hour session harvesting fresh produce, learning how to cut and chop their vegetables and fruits, and helping to cook a delicious meal using the ingredients.

The Steel Valley Grows Garden has a wide range of fruits and vegetables growing throughout the year. The "Cooking in the Garden" recipes are designed to take advantage of what produce might be in season at the time of the lesson. During the three sessions in June, students made a strawberry salsa along with a noodle dish. In August, the recipe will center around what should be a bountiful tomato harvest.

For more photos from the July session, [check out the district web site.](#)

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There is one more week of sessions available left for students to participate in the Cooking in the Garden program. Sessions will be held August 15-17, with each session limited to 10 students plus their parents/guardians. Students only need to attend one session per week, as each session will have the same content.

The program is designed for students completing grades through three through eight. They will learn how to cook delicious meals with fresh ingredients grown right at home. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend with their students.

To fill out the sign up form and for more registration information, [check out the form on the district website.](#)

STEEL VALLEY SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME STEEL VALLEY'S NEWEST STARS!

Join us on Aug. 3 for kindergarten registration and orientation.

Wednesday, August 3
Best of the Batch Foundation
2000 West Street
Munhall, PA 15120



- * Kindergarten Registration 5-6 p.m.
- * Kindergarten Orientation Activities 6-7 p.m.
- * Meet Barrett & Park Elementary staff
- * Experience Kindergarten readiness activities
- * There will be raffles and photos, plus gift bags for all incoming kindergarten students

ADMIT ONE

Wednesday, Aug. 3
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Everyone at Barrett and Park Elementary are excited to host their kindergarten registration event on Wednesday, August 3 at the Best of the Batch Foundation. This is a great opportunity to register your child for kindergarten if you haven't registered yet. For those who have registered for kindergarten, this is a chance to get to know the Barrett and Park Elementary staff, learn more about what to expect in kindergarten, and experience some kindergarten readiness activities.

All incoming Steel Valley kindergarten students are invited to the Best of the Batch Foundation for orientation that night from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Raffles and gift bags will be available for all fully registered students. If you know someone who will be 5 years old before September 1, 2022, have them register for school by calling Sara Fite at 412-464-3600 ext. 2700.



Steel Valley School District Community Meeting

**Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.
Barrett Elementary School**



Join us for our next monthly meeting aimed at making
the Steel Valley School District better than ever.
To make this happen, we need you!

We're looking for parents, students (current and former),
faculty, staff, business leaders, and any other member
of the Steel Valley community to join us.
This meeting is open to everyone in our community.

We want to know what you think already makes Steel Valley great,
but we also want to know what we can do to make it better!

Join us and please spread the word!

The Steel Valley School District has begun to hold regular community meetings, where families and residents from throughout our community can get together to discuss how to make the district better.

The plan is to have meetings on the second Wednesday of every month, with the location rotating throughout the district. All members of the community are welcome to attend, including parents, current and former students, business leaders, and those simply curious or willing to engage in productive conversations about the Steel Valley School District.

The next community meeting will be Wednesday, August 10 at 7 p.m. and will be back at Barrett Elementary.

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It was the kind of job that countless aspiring teachers take right after graduation. When Ryan Brown signed on as a long-term substitute in the Steel Valley School District fresh out of Clarion University, he had no inkling of the role the district would play in his career. But in those first six months, Steel Valley left an indelible impression upon him.

“I’ve always said that the teachers here at Steel Valley are some of the most committed, dedicated, outgoing teachers that I’ve ever seen. They go above and beyond to meet the needs of these students,” Mr. Brown said. “Learning from these teachers prepared me to become the teacher that I would become at South Allegheny and now as a principal. I owe Steel Valley a lot in that regard.”

Some 12 years later, Mr. Brown has come full circle. He was hired earlier this summer as the Steel Valley Middle School Principal, bringing him back to a district that helped him get his start.

“Coming back, it almost felt like I didn’t leave in a way. Most of the staff is still here that was here when I when I was here 12 years ago,” he said. “People that I have met that maybe I didn’t know as well have been so welcoming. And I just feel like I almost picked up where I left off, which has been really nice and comforting in getting going here.”

For more about Mr. Brown, [check out the full story on the district web site.](#)

Meet the Principal Nights will be held August 16, 17 and 18. This is an excellent opportunity to get important information from your child's principal and to have questions answered prior to the school year beginning.

Meet the Principal Nights are spread out so that parents can attend each evening if they have children in multiple school buildings.

Middle School - Tuesday, August 16 at 6 p.m. at the Middle School

High School - Wednesday, August 17 at 6 p.m. at the High School

Elementary School- Thursday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Barrett and Park Elementary Schools.

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Please note that the school board meeting on Thursday, August 18 will begin at 8 p.m. to allow parents to attend both Meet the Principal night and the board meeting.

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A high school teacher helped foster Deanna Mudry's passion for the French language and French culture. As Steel Valley High School's new French teacher, Ms. Mudry is hoping to inspire the same love for the language in her students.

Ms. Mudry grew up in Pittsburgh and is a graduate of Seton LaSalle High School. She studied French and Journalism at American University in Washington, D.C. before earning her Master's in Linguistics and her French K-12 teaching certification from the University of Pittsburgh. She shared more about her background and her passion for all things French.

[Check out the full Q+A on the district website.](#)



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In December 2021, superintendent Edward Wehrer made a presentation to the Steel Valley School District Board of Directors and the community. The presentation detailed Mr. Wehrer's plan to position the district for the future by addressing the district's primary needs and by emphasizing Steel Valley's commitment to academics, health, equity and inclusion, and career readiness.

The four pillars of Steel Valley Stronger do not exist in isolation. How well someone does academically depends on their health, their support system and the opportunities they are provided. Academics, health, careers and equity are intertwined in education. These four pillars have been significant components of the Steel Valley experience in the past. The goal through Steel Valley Stronger is to turn them into strategic focal points so that they become areas of even greater strength.

For more information about Steel Valley Stronger, [please visit the new portion of our web site dedicated to the initiative](#) and check out the videos on the Academics, Careers, Equity and Inclusion, and Health pages for insight from Steel Valley administrators and staff.

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be making its next stop at Barrett Elementary on Monday, August 15. The Care Mobile offers medical care to children throughout the Pittsburgh area and will be available for families in the Steel Valley community with this visit to Barrett. The Care Mobile can provide immunizations, routine physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses in children, adolescent and youth adult health care, referrals for specialty care, and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) form assistance.

All of the services are provided at no out-of-pocket cost to families. Anyone interested in stopping by the Care Mobile should make sure they arrive by 1:30 p.m. on August 15 in order register in time. The Care Mobile is a collaboration between UPMC Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown. Anyone in need of more information before the visit can call 412-352-1059 or visit www.chp.edu/our-services/mobile-medical-clinic.

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