

Cashell Elementary School

17101 Cashell Road
Rockville, MD

Individually we are special; together we are spectacular!

301-924-3130

Summer 2013



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ENCLOSED:
Please read carefully and keep for future reference. Thank You.

Dear Cashell Parents and Guardians:

The beginning of the 2013-14 school year is fast approaching. We hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer vacation with family and friends. At Cashell, we are looking forward to providing an exciting and successful academic program for your child in the coming months.

Cashell is a 'green' school and we try very hard to limit the amount of paper going home. We post all important information on our website, so please be sure to bookmark it and visit us often!

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/cashell/>.

Our website contains a wealth of helpful information, including important dates and school events, as well as information from and about our staff. We also post important information from MCPS. Remember, our partnership with you is an important key to your child's success and staying informed is one of the best ways to help your child.

If you are new to Cashell, we welcome you and your family to our community; if you are returning, we look forward to working with you and your child again this year. I've included a packet of information on important events coming up, and general information about the school that I hope you will read and save. It should answer a lot of questions! Please feel free to call me, your child's teacher, or the school office at 301-924-3130 with any questions or concerns you have.

We are very proud of our students' performance on the Maryland State Assessments (MSA). More than 95% of our students in Grades 3-5 demonstrated proficiency on MSA and the number of students scoring Advanced also increased. More importantly, our students continue to demonstrate outstanding character traits on a daily basis. These incredible achievements not only show how hard our students and teachers work, but they also demonstrate the power of the partnership between school and home.

Curriculum 2.0, which is aligned with the Common Core Standards, will be implemented in Grades K-5 this year. We will have a new report card that reflects students' achievement of these standards. Our School Improvement Plan will also focus on developing the academic and social emotional skills needed for success in the 21st Century. Please take a moment to read Dr. Starr's letter outlining his vision for students and schools.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 22: Back-to-School Night for Kindergarten
****PARENTS ONLY****

(7:00 p.m. in Multipurpose Room - MPR)

August 23: Sneak Preview
(10-11 a.m. - Classrooms)

New Family Welcome
(11 a.m.-Noon – Media Center)

August 24: Back-to-School Fair, 11:00-2:00, CESC

August 26: First Day of School for Students

August 28: Back-to-School Night for Pre-K & Grades 1-5
(7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

September 2: No School, Labor Day Holiday

September 3: PTA Family Picnic and DJ (5:00-7:00 p.m.)
PTA Meeting-Meet the Specialists! (7:00 p.m. in MPR)

September 5: No School - Rosh Hashanah

September 20: Cluster Football Game at Magruder HS

September 27: Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:35 p.m.)
Grading/Planning for Teachers

NEW THIS YEAR: Since students are spending more time using computers in the classroom and the lab, we feel it would be more sanitary for each student to bring his or her own set of headphones. Many stores, such as Dollar Tree and Five Below, sell headphones for a nominal amount. We are asking that you put the headphones into a zippered plastic bag labeled with your child's first and last name. The teachers will keep the headphones in the classroom. We will have shared headphones available if students need them.

Our current enrollment is about 310 students in Pre-K through Grade 5. We are delighted that there will be two classes per grade level in Kindergarten through Grade 5. Enrollment in Grades K-2 is large, but we have not received additional staffing at this time. Currently, it appears that our actual enrollment will be fairly close to the projected enrollment. If there is a need to make an adjustment in staffing based on actual enrollment, I will do my best to minimize the impact of these adjustments. I will keep you informed of any changes that may occur at our school.

Those of you who had children attending Cashell Elementary last year may be interested in some of the staffing changes we experienced during the summer.

NEW staff members:

- ❖ Mrs. Leslie Reed, Grade 4
- ❖ Ms. Lora Harmon, Resource Teacher, (replacing Mrs. Carr)
- ❖ Ms. Melissa Myers, Paraeducator, Primary School Community-based (transferring back to Cashell)
- ❖ Ms. Griselda Guevara, Temporary Part-time Paraeducator, PEP-C
- ❖ Ms. Ashley Britton, Lunch Hour Aide
- ❖ TBD, Lunch Hour Aide

CHANGING positions:

- ❖ Mrs. Elizabeth Crickey, adding a .4 PEP-C Parent Educator to a .6 ESOL
- ❖ Ms. Alyssa Kress, moving from Grade 2 to Grade 3
- ❖ Mrs. Teresa Ghion, adding a .1 ESOL to a .5 Reading

GOODBYE, congratulations and the best of luck to:

- ❖ Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Gannon, and Mrs. Morley who are enjoying a wonderful retirement
- ❖ Mrs. Kathy Van de Poll, full-time PEP-C Parent Educator at Washington Grove ES
- ❖ Mrs. Susan Phillips, exploring new career opportunities

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Our staff and teachers are looking forward to seeing you and your child at our Annual Sneak Preview on Friday, August 23, 2013, at 10 a.m. and welcoming our new families right after Sneak Preview!

Sincerely,

Maureen Ahern-Stamoulis
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Principal

Important LINKS on our Website

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

2013-2014 School Calendar
School Menu
Letter from Dr. Starr
Stay Connected with MCPS/News from MCPS

Bus Schedules
2013-14 SNAP Information
School Supply Lists
Curriculum 2.0 Flyer
Form for Medication