



The Principal's Newsletter OCTOBER 2015

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The Cashell Promise

*I give my word that every day
I'll do my best to live the Cashell way!
Safe and respectful I will be
Respectful and kind for all to see.*

The Cashell way is what it's all about! I have said it numerous times already; the students, staff and families of Cashell really know how to take care of each other. It remains my pleasure to know that I am part of such a beautiful community.

The 2015-2016 school year has gotten off to a great start! Both of our Back to School Nights (BTSN) were packed and successful. Your feedback from the BTSN for grades one to five was overwhelmingly in favor of the format and encouraging to staff. The first PTA meeting was also a great success. Don't forget my challenge to those of you who were in attendance; bring a friend to the next meeting.

My family and I thoroughly enjoyed our first Family Picnic. Everyone was very welcoming to both my wife and two sons. We appreciated the warmth and hospitality. The weather was perfect for the picnic and we had a great turnout. Dancing as you know has been an important aspect of my life and I never pass up a chance to do the Cupid Shuffle or Cha Cha Slide with students. Due to construction on the Magruder High School football field we were unable to have our annual Cluster Football Game this year. I look forward to it returning next year and all the fun that goes with it! Please mark your calendars for October 6, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. for our next PTA meeting. Childcare will be provided.

There are so many "Pawsitive" things going on at Cashell every day, and we are delighted to have the opportunity to share them with you. On behalf of the staff I hope you will also be able to spend some time with us at **OPEN HOUSE** on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 12**, from **9:15-11:15 a.m.**, to see how teachers and students engage in the learning process. You'll also have a chance to browse the Book Fair, which runs from October 12-15.

Thank you so much for all the wonderful suggestions for a new title to the Principal's newsletter and for understanding my desire to change the former title. As you can see this edition remains nameless, however the next edition will launch the new name. Keep an eye out for a lavender polling note that will go home in the Wednesday folder soon. It will have five titles to choose from and for you to cast your vote on. Staff and selected grades will also vote on the title and we will go with the title with the most votes. Again, I cannot express enough how grateful I am for everyone's support, feedback, expertise, and more importantly for allowing me to contribute to the success of your children.

Respectfully,
Antonio C. Scott

STAY INFORMED-use the CASHELL website: <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/cashes>.

To join the PTA ListServ and receive weekly updates in the CougarGram, as well as emergency messages, sign up here: <http://netpals.lsoft.com/scripts/wa-NETPALS.exe?SUBED1=CASHELL-PTA-NEWS&A=1>. You can also contact Carrie Headen, PTA president, at ceplate@yahoo.com if you wish to be added to the ListServe.

We have some great events ahead...get your calendars out!

UP AND COMING!

- Oct. 2 Early Release Day
- Oct. 6 PTA Meeting
- Oct. 7 Student Picture Day
- Oct. 7 National Walk Your Child to School Day
- Oct. 7 PTA Parent Social at The Winery at Olney
- Oct. 12 OPEN HOUSE, 9:15-11:15 a.m.
- Oct. 12-15 Book Fair (10/14 Family Night)
- Oct. 16 No School – MSEA Conference
- Oct. 20 Cashell Eats Out at CA Tortilla
- Oct. 30 Halloween Parade and Parties, 2:15



CAR LANE NEWS

I would like to express my appreciation to each of you for ensuring that our student drop-off and pick-up area has been running safely and respectfully. I have learned that arriving a little bit later helps avoid backups and increases the safety of everyone. I am kindly requesting that as the year progresses that you remain patient and courteous, especially when the weather is bad. Remember, our children are observing the interactions among all adults and will follow our example. In order to set the best example possible and to keep everyone safe, please continue to follow the directions of the staff and patrols who are trying to get all children safely in and out of the cars. **Please remember to never block traffic on Cashell Road while waiting to turn into the driveway. If the lanes are full, drive past and return in 5 minutes. Cashell Road must be kept clear for buses and any emergency vehicles.** Finally, I have noticed that there are some who are talking on cell phones while in the car lane. **This is extremely unsafe and puts everyone in jeopardy.** I know that we all lead busy lives, but the safety of everyone is worth the sacrifice we make when we put our phones down. Of course, hands-free is the law.

THIS 'N THAT...a few reminders to keep you informed!

- ☞ **LOST & FOUND**...is kept in the Multipurpose Room. Please label **EVERYTHING** your child brings to school!
- ☞ **EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM:** The phone numbers you provide on this form are the **ONLY WAY** we have to contact you in an emergency. Please make sure we have your most current numbers and let us know if they change.
- ☞ **WEDNESDAY FOLDERS:** Your youngest or only child will bring home a folder every Wednesday that will contain important school news & reminders, PTA information about events, as well as community information about sports or other activities. It's an efficient way of communicating with you. Please empty the folder, read and recycle the contents as appropriate, and return to your child's teacher every Thursday.

- ☞ **SCHOOL MEALS:** Whether or not your child buys lunch, please remember to keep money in his/her cafeteria account. That way they have money even if they forget their lunch. Mrs. Campos, our cafeteria manager, sends home low balance letters weekly. **If your child owes the cafeteria more than \$10, he or she will not be able to buy lunch, but we will provide a cheese sandwich and allow your child to take milk, fruits or vegetables from the SHARE table.** If you keep money in your child's account, they will be happy. If you need assistance with paying for lunch, please contact Mrs. Blumberg, our counselor.
- ☞ **GEORGE B. THOMAS LEARNING ACADEMY – SATURDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM:** The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. (GBTLA) Saturday School Program will open on **Saturday, October 3, at Magruder High School, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, but registration is open all year long. Program information was sent home the first week of school. Please call the office if you need an application.

HELP WANTED!! PLEASE volunteer if you can—WE ESPECIALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR:

- Lunch/Recess Support - Help Mrs. Campos serve lunches; help run games at recess
- Media Center Support - Organize materials; shelve books; help with checkout
- Car Rider support- Curbside assistance during arrival and or dismissal
- Health Room Support - Cover the Health Room when Mrs. Stives, health room tech., is out
- Classroom Support - Work with students; prepare materials for teachers

Please contact the Main Office (301-924-3130) if you are able to help.

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Some important signs of illness are: A temperature of 100 degrees or more, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, persistent cough, earache, thick yellowish discharge from nose, sore throat, rash or infection of the skin, red or pink eyes, and loss of energy or decrease in activity. If your child has any of these symptoms when it is time to go to school, it is best that he/she stay home. Encourage your child to wash their hands before eating, and do not cough or sneeze into their hands -- instead cough or sneeze into the elbow. Most importantly, please encourage them to not put their fingers into their eyes, nose, or mouth. Hope you have a healthy school year!!

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