

# Cashell Elementary School



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ENCLOSED:**

*Please read carefully and keep for future reference. Thank You.*

Dear Cashell Parents and Guardians:

**Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year!** I hope you've had a wonderful summer of rest, fun, and relaxation and are ready for another exciting and challenging year. The staff and I are excited about the many wonderful learning opportunities this year will bring. With the outstanding support we receive from parents and the community, I know we will continue to excel.

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 this page and visit us often!

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

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 valuable 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.

I'd especially like to welcome the many wonderful students and parents who are new to Cashell. I hope you'll love our school as much as we do. We look forward to working with you and your children. I invite you to become as involved as you can in all school activities and events. Please plan to join me in the Media Center for the **NEW FAMILY WELCOME** at 11:15 a.m. on August 22 (right AFTER Sneak Preview). The PTA will also be letting you know about all the wonderful things they do and ways you can be involved.

If you are returning, we look forward to your continued support as we work together to ensure your children's success. 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.

Our current enrollment is about 310 students in Pre-K through Grade 5. Enrollment in Grades K-2 is large, and we have received staffing for an additional classroom teacher. Since both first and second grades have

**August 21: Back-to-School Night for Kindergarten**  
**\*\*PARENTS ONLY\*\***  
(7:00 p.m. in Multipurpose Room - MPR)

**August 22: Sneak Preview**  
(10-11 a.m. - Classrooms);  
New Family Welcome  
(11:15-Noon – Media Center)

**August 23: Back-to-School Fair, 11-2:00, CESC**

**August 25: First Day of School for Students**

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

**September 1: No School, Labor Day Holiday**

**September 2: PTA Meeting & Meet the Specialists!** (7:00-9:00 p.m. in MPR)

**September 5: PTA Family Picnic** 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**September 12: Cluster Football Game at Magruder HS**

**September 24: Early Release Day** (students dismissed at 12:35 p.m.)  
Grading/Planning for Teachers

**September 25: No School - Rosh Hashanah**

enrollments close to 30 students, we will use this position to create a combination first/second grade class. Parents whose children will be in the class have already been notified.

**GREAT NEWS!** As part of Cashell's Technology Modernization, MCPS will provide students in Grades 3 and 5 with individual computer tablets. 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.

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:

- ❖ Ms. Catherine Ray, Grade 1
- ❖ Ms. Ann McNamara (Higby), Grade 2
- ❖ Mrs. Julia Moloznik, Grade 2
- ❖ Ms. Tracy Schwanger, Grade 1 & 2
- ❖ Mrs. Barbara Seidel, PEP-C
- ❖ Mrs. Elana Zimmerman, Media Specialist
- ❖ Ms. Naomi O'Boyle, Special Education Paraeducator
- ❖ Ms. Yvonne Harris, Building Service Worker

**CHANGING** positions:

- ❖ Mrs. Christine Homon, from Kindergarten to Staff Development
- ❖ Mrs. Susan McLean, from Grade 2 to Kindergarten
- ❖ Mrs. Jessica Weisner, from Grade 2 to Kindergarten
- ❖ Ms. Christina Royster, Speech Language Pathologist will now be full time, replacing Mrs. Cathy Rowe

**GOODBYE**, congratulations and the best of luck to:

- ❖ Mrs. Eisenberg, Mrs. Ingham, Mrs. Siska, and Mrs. Skladany, who are enjoying a wonderful retirement
- ❖ Mrs. Erinn Dobres (PEP-C), who will be starting a new PEP-C program at Wilson Wims ES
- ❖ Mrs. Cathy Rowe (SLP), who will be teaching PEP at Whetstone ES and SCB at Drew ES

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following newly-married staff members!

- ❖ Mrs. Susan Hill (Ng), Grade 5
- ❖ Mrs. Griselda Vasquez (Guevara), Special Education Paraeducator
- ❖ Mrs. Ana Gray (Medrano), Building Services Assistant Manager.

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 22, at 10:00 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!**

School Calendar

School Menu

School Supply Lists

How to Receive MCPS Emergency Information

Bus Schedules

Cafeteria News and Meals Information

Form for Medication