

## CASHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 17101 CASHELL ROAD ROCKVILLE, MD 20853 240-740-0560

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Dear Parents,

As many of you are aware, students in Montgomery County Public Schools are not asked to pay for or provide textbooks, supplementary readers (such as anthologies, atlases, or workbooks), most materials of instruction, audiovisual aids, stationery items not commonly found in the home and required for the students to demonstrate mastery of course objectives, or building or office materials needed to operate schools.

Students may be asked to pay for materials of instruction that primarily fit into three categories:

- Items eaten by the student as a part of the course (example: bread-baking ingredients)
- Component parts of a product that will become student property (example: sculpting clay)
- Materials of instruction or items of personal use that become the property of the student (example: recorder)

Students are still expected to bring individual organizational tools and personal supplies from home. A list of those supplies for your child can be found on the back of this letter. Some of our younger students tend to go through some supplies such as glue sticks and crayons rather quickly, so you may want to stock up on those items at the back to school sales!

In addition, there are student fees which are not course-related but are local school decisions made by the principal in collaboration with the school and parent leadership. These may include fees for class snacks or parties. There also may be fees related to field trips, but these will be shared each time there is a trip and not in advance as a school fee.

If you need assistance for a requested expense, or with providing the organizational tools and personal supplies your child needs, please contact your child's teacher, Ms. Hespe, our counselor, or me.

We are always grateful for donations of items that enhance the classroom experience, whether they are from individual parents or organized by class parents or by the PTA. A **list of these items is also on the back of this letter and listed as** *donations***.** These items are not required and no student will be expected to provide them; but if you care to contribute, we will be very grateful!

Sincerely,

Courtney M. Jones

Courtney M. Jones Principal