



August 5, 2025

North Chevy Chase Elementary School

from the Office of the Principal
240-204-5280

Dear North Chevy Chase Elementary School Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year at North Chevy Chase Elementary School! I am excited to welcome all of our new and returning families. As we begin this new year together, our commitment remains focused on creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment where every student can learn, grow, and thrive. We look forward to building strong partnerships with families, fostering a culture of respect and belonging, and providing high-quality instruction that challenges and supports every child.

This year, we are especially excited to expand opportunities for student leadership and voice, host engaging events that bring our community together, and focus on the academic and social-emotional well-being of every child. With your partnership, we know this will be a year of growth, discovery, and joy for our students. Thank you for your continued trust and support. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

Our annual "Open House" will be held on Friday, August 22, 2025 from 11 - 12:00.

Class assignments will be posted in ParentVue, on Wednesday, August 20th - if you need support getting into your account, please contact Mrs. Koenig at 240-204-5280.

I am excited for you to meet our new staff members:

Mr. Patrick Gaegler, physical education teacher

We are excited to welcome Mr. Patrick Gaegler as North Chevy Chase Elementary School's new Physical Education teacher! A proud graduate of Clarksburg High School and lifelong member of the MCPS community, Mr. Gaegler brings five years of teaching experience across elementary, middle, and high school levels. He holds a Bachelor's degree in U.S. History from the University of Maryland and a Master's in Teaching from St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Mr. Gaegler is passionate about fitness, teamwork, and creating engaging, movement-based learning experiences for students. In addition to his work in the classroom, he has coached high school basketball and cross country and currently serves as the Assistant Director for a local summer camp. Outside of school, you might find him running, coaching, or cheering on his favorite teams. We're thrilled to have Mr. Gaegler bring his energy and love for physical activity to the NCC community!

Mrs. Daniella Krohn, instrumental music teacher

We are thrilled to welcome our new instrumental music teacher, a passionate and experienced educator entering her 13th year with Montgomery County Public Schools. A proud MCPS graduate, she brings a wealth of experience teaching music across all grade levels, with a special love for percussion. She holds a Bachelor's in Music Education from Hofstra University and a Master's in Music Education from Rutgers University.

When she's not inspiring young musicians, you might find her performing with ensembles around the D.C. area, knitting, cooking up a new recipe, or catching the latest movie. Most importantly, she comes highly recommended by Mr. Bowling—and we know she'll be a fantastic addition to the NCC community!

We have several staff members to whom we bid a fond farewell. They all were a terrific asset to the entire school, and we are sorry to lose them. We thank them for being members of the North Chevy Chase family:

- Tracy Martin- PE teacher
- Charlie Bowling- Instrumental music teacher
- Laura Vukelich- Grade 3 teacher
- Megan Sanford- Paraeducator

Please feel free to reach out to me or any member of our staff if you have questions, concerns, or ideas for how we can better serve our students and community. I look forward to meeting each of you and working together to make this school year a success.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's make the 2025-2026 school year the best one yet!

Warmly,

Stacey Rogovoy
Principal

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name: North Chevy Chase Elementary School

Address: 3700 Jones Bridge Road

Phone Number: 240-204-5280

School Website: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/nchevychasees/>

Student School Hours: 9:15 am- 3:50 pm

Students not picked up by 4:00 PM will be sent to KAH and a fee will be incurred when your child is picked up.

MAIN OFFICE CONTACTS

Principal: Stacey Rogovoy

Stacey_F_Rogovoy@mcpsmd.org

Administrative Secretary: Christina Haynes

Christina_H_Haynes@mcpsmd.org

Attendance Secretary: Isabelle Koenig

Isabelle_B_Koenig@mcpsmd.org

School Colors: Blue & Gray

School Mascot: The Bulldogs

SCHOOL CLUSTER

Bethesda-Chevy Chase (Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS, Silver Creek MS, North Chevy Chase ES, Bethesda ES, Chevy Chase ES, Somerset ES, Westbrook ES, Rosemary Hills ES, Rock Creek Forest ES)

PTA INFORMATION

PTA Website: <https://www.nccpta.org/>

PTA email: President@nccpta.org

Breakfast and Lunch Updates: Click here to find the info for meal payment. [MCPS meal payment info, Menu](#)

Apply here: [Free And Reduced-price Meal \(FARMS\) applications](#)

Meal prices: Breakfast—\$1.30

Lunch—\$2.55 (Elementary).

Upcoming Dates to Hold

Date	Activity
August 18th	10 month staff return back to work
August 20th	Class assignments are posted in ParentVue

August 22nd	Open House 11-12
August 25th	Student transition day for NCC grade 3 students
August 26th	First Day of School
September 1st	Schools and Offices closed
September 4th	Back to School Picnic
September 9th PTA Intro 6:00- 6:30 Session 1: 6:35 - 7:15 (specials in grade 3 classrooms at this time) 7:15-7:20 Classroom visits 7:20 - 7:35 - 2nd session- rotation with specials	Back to School Night Grades 3-5- grown-ups only but KAH will send out information about providing childcare. We will not have a bus this year but please contact Mrs. Rogovoy for an Uber if you need transportation.
September 19th	Picture day at NCC
September 20th	Join the 32nd Annual Kensington 8K, 2 Mile, & 1K which benefits NCC
September 26th	Early Release Day- Dismissal begins at 1:20
September 30th	PTA meeting 1- Virtual

Other important information to note:

NCC PTA

We're looking forward to a great new school year! We hope to see you at our Back to School Picnic on **Thursday, September 4, 2025** and running alongside us at the Kensington 8K Race on September 20.

[Sign up to receive NCC PTA communications](#) and be the first to know how to support the students and staff, events, volunteer opportunities, after school activities, spirit wear, and more! Check out the [NCC PTA website](#) and [join our private Facebook group](#) to always know what's going on when.

[Email PTA President](#) Jessica Chiu (3rd grade parent) with any questions or to inquire about volunteer opportunities. Let's support all our kids to be their bulldog best!

A Statement about Bullying

Bullying is strictly prohibited at North Chevy Chase Elementary School. Students should be aware that acts of bullying in any form will not be tolerated. If students carry out such acts, appropriate consequences aligned to the MCPS student code of conduct will be determined by administration. The school administration and staff appreciate your support in stressing with your child(ren) the importance of refraining from and/or tolerating such behaviors and reporting them immediately when they occur. Bully report can be found here: [bully form](#)

MCPS Calendar:

<https://publisher.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/pdf/2025-2026%20Traditional%20and%20Innovative%20School%20Year%20Calendars.pdf>

NCCES Discipline Policy

 [NCC School Discipline FY26](#)

NCC Lost and Found

Students are encouraged to keep up with their belongings at school and on the bus. It is a great idea to put names on personal belongings when possible. Our Lost and Found is located in a small closet in Hall B - next to the side of the Media Center.

The Lost and Found will be cleared out at the end of each Quarter. Items will be donated to the bins in our NCC parking lot.

School Supply List

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/siteassets/schools/elementary-schools/h-o/nchevychase/s/uploadedfiles/north-chevy-chase-es-supply-list-_-2025-2026---sheet1.pdf

Communication

MCPS is moving to using ParentVUE as our main form of communication- please download the app - it's available on iphones and androids.

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.FreeLance.ParentVUE&hl=en_US

Bulldog Blurb

All school updates are sent every Sunday during the school year. The Bulldog Blurb provides an overview of the upcoming week and a glance at what's ahead for the month.

Bus Route Schedules

After most routes are scheduled by mid-August, we anticipate displaying bus information in ParentVue/StudentVUE by Friday, August 15, 2025.

Cell Phones

In accordance with MCPS policies, students may carry cell phones to school. **Students must make sure that the cell phone and smart watches are off during the school day, left in the backpack, and not used until they leave school.** Please note staff cannot be responsible for phones if lost or stolen. Please review the updated [regulation for personal devices](#) (PMD) for more information.

MCPS Attendance Policy

Our focus on attendance is part of us getting back to “normal” after covid. We certainly do not want sick kids at school but let’s work together to make sure our healthy students are here regularly.

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much but it adds up.

When a student misses 2 days a month, they will:

- miss 20 days a year
- miss 30 hours of math
- miss 60 hours of reading and writing
- miss over 1 year of school by graduation

When a student misses 4 days a month:

- miss 40 days a year
- miss 60 hours of math
- miss 120 hours of reading and writing
- miss over 2 years of school by graduation

Missing a few days here and there doesn't seem like a big deal, but as you can see, a few school absences add up to a lot of missed instruction! Regular attendance is vital for student success. Research shows that students with chronic absenteeism are less likely to read proficiently by third grade, achieve in middle school, or graduate from high school.

Help your child succeed academically by talking with them about the importance of school. Establish morning and evening routines making bedtime and mornings less stressful and schedule non-essential appointments and vacations outside of the school day.

Reporting an *absence*:

Please call or email by 9:30 am to report your child's absence. The office opens at 8:30 a.m. If you need to call prior to that time please call and leave a message on the answering machine stating your child’s name and classroom teacher. OR fill out this form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIDyiPzyDKUTTn0OCSkIQZLkYnwZPY5k3WyZVh59dRQwoqzA/viewform?usp=header>

Late Arrival/Early Departure

- For any student arriving after 9:25 am, a parent/guardian must come into the building to sign the student in.
- For any student leaving prior to 3:50 pm, an email or a handwritten note should be sent to school by 9:30 am. A parent/guardian must come into the building to sign the student out.

Morning Arrival Procedures

As we continue to maintain safety as a high priority we want to inform you of our morning arrival procedures. Students continue to be expected not to arrive before 9:07 am. Doors will open at 9:07 am. If buses arrive early, students will remain on their bus until 9:07 am. We do not have supervision for your child prior to that time.

Kiss & Ride Procedures

Arrival and Pick-Up:

- All vehicles must enter the traffic circle and proceed to complete the entire round-about before stopping to drop off or pick up students.
- Parents should not stop or park in the middle of the traffic circle or parking lot.

Child Pick-Up Procedure:

- Parents should display a sign with their child's name in the front windshield when they pull up. This helps staff quickly identify the child and have them ready for pick-up.
- Staff will assist in guiding children to their cars. No child should cross the parking lot to reach a vehicle.

Parking and Walking:

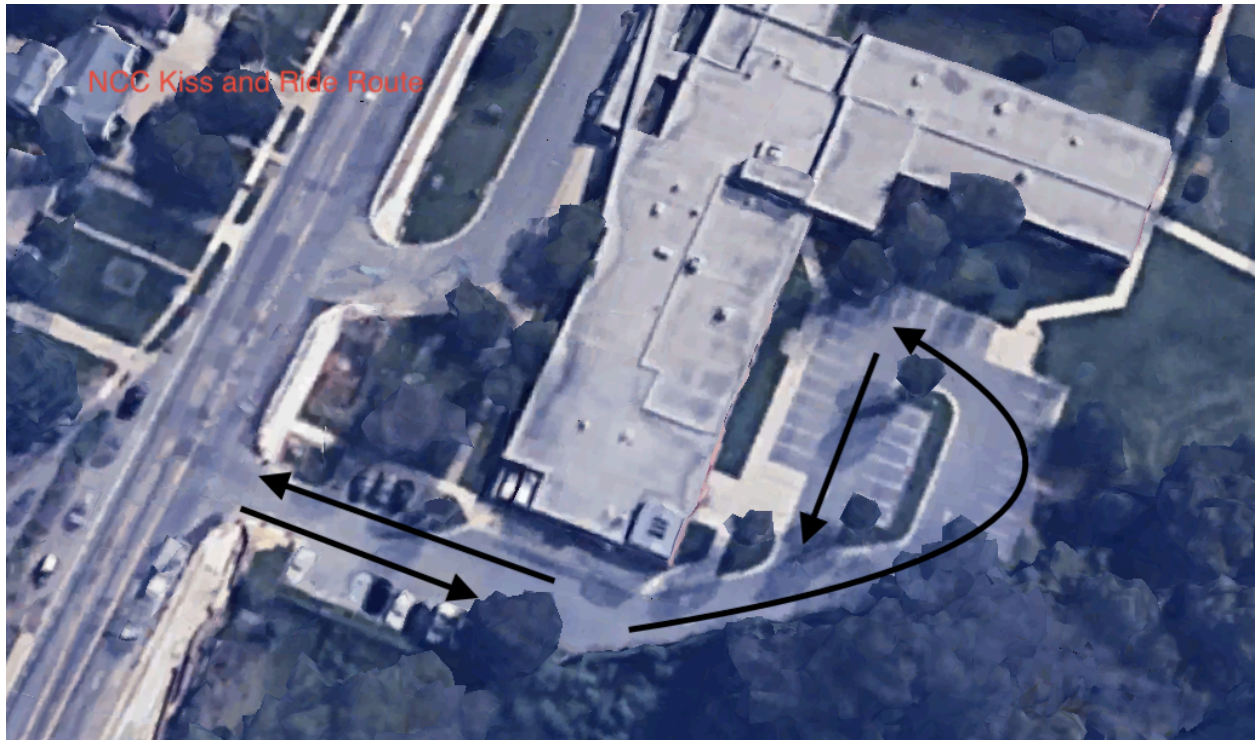
- Parents who wish to walk their children into school or prefer to pick them up on foot must park in designated parking spaces in the parking lot near the gym and not by the kiss and ride.
- Parents should use the crosswalks and avoid walking through the traffic circle or parking lot during peak times.

Traffic Monitoring:

- Staff or designated volunteers will be stationed at critical points to ensure all vehicles complete the full round-about and to monitor traffic flow.
- Any vehicle that does not follow the outlined process will be politely reminded of the correct procedure.

Safety First:

- Under no circumstances should children be instructed to cross the parking lot alone. All children must wait for staff assistance to ensure their safety.



Student Safety and Dismissal

For the safety of all North Chevy Chase students, please send a note to your child's teacher if he/she is going to an after school program or home with a friend. **A note or email is required for any changes to a student's normal dismissal.**

- In the interest of safety, students unsure of their after school plans should notify their teacher or the school office as soon as possible. Once a student has raised a concern regarding their after school plans, or a school official has detected one, the school will attempt to contact the student's parent or guardian to confirm the after school arrangements. If contact cannot be made, the student may be required to remain at the school until a responsible adult can be reached.
- A student without a note who does not let staff know they have different dismissal plans will be sent home on their regular bus or to walk home as they normally do. So please have a plan for what your child should do if they get home or off of the bus and their trusted adult is not there. Will they stay on the bus? Ask another parent to call? Do they know their adult's phone number? Will they go to a trusted neighbor's house?
- Students leaving prior to 3:50

Toys

Please do not allow your child to bring any toys, trading cards, and/or electronic games items to school. Items such as these interfere with the educational program and are not a benefit to your child's learning.

Volunteer

If you would like to volunteer please complete the required training and review information at: <https://www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/student-leadership/volunteer>

Student Emergency Information

Student Emergency Information should be updated through ParentVUE. Each year parents/guardians are required to complete the Annual Verification of Information through the Online Registration portal (in the right corner of your ParentVUE home screen). We highly recommend that you complete this as soon as possible. It is critically important that we have accurate parent contact information on file with the school and system as soon as possible. Here are links to the [Community Tech Support Portal](#) and [Log into PARENTVUE](#).

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Subject: Transition Day for Incoming 3rd Graders – August 25, 2025

Dear Third Grade Families,

We are excited to welcome your child to North Chevy Chase Elementary School! As part of a new initiative in the 2025–2026 MCPS calendar, Monday, August 25, 2025 has been designated as a Student Transition Day for all students entering Grade 3 at NCC.

This special day is designed to help ease the transition to a new school by fostering a sense of belonging and preparedness. Transition Day is only for incoming 3rd grade students—there will be no school for 4th and 5th grade students on this date.

Here's what you need to know:

- Date: Monday, August 25, 2025
- Time: Normal school hours: 9:07 am- 3:50pm
- Who Attends: *Only students entering 3rd grade*
- Purpose: Students will tour the building, meet staff, learn routines, and get a head start building relationships in a calm, supportive environment.
- KAH (Kids After Hours): KAH will be open for registered third grade families on this day, operating under modified hours from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.. Please reach out directly to KAH if you have questions about enrollment or availability.

This new calendar feature was adopted by the Board of Education. We are thrilled to offer this opportunity and look forward to a successful and joyful start to the school year.

Please note: This special Transition Day event is *not* to be confused with our Open House, which will still take place on Friday, August 22, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM for all NCC families. I'll be sending out a separate email soon with more details about that event and other schoolwide back-to-school activities.

We can't wait to kick off the year with our newest Bulldogs! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Warmly,
Stacey Rogovoy
Principal
North Chevy Chase Elementary School