

SEPTEMBER 2015



There is something very special about the first day of school! The students are filled with anticipation to meet their new teachers and classmates and reacquaint with friends. This year, we start the school year with over 760 students! We welcome all our new kindergarten students, as well as all new students to Chesterfield. There is a feeling of excitement and energy that our new children bring as we get to know them and introduce them to the traditions that make Chesterfield Elementary School so special.

Throughout the summer months, the support staff has been working diligently to get everything ready to begin our new school year. Teachers, too, have been busy in their rooms preparing for the arrival of their students. The school is sparkling clean, displays and bulletin boards are complete and we are ready to start a new school year!

We welcome new staff members to our team. We have added a new teacher to 6th grade and to the Resource team; three interim teachers to fill in for those on maternity leave; a full-time school psychologist; a part-time speech therapist and four lunchroom aides. All of our classroom changes and new staff members are listed under the **Personnel News** section of this newsletter. You will have an opportunity to meet the teachers, specialists and staff at our Back to School Night on Thursday, September 17th. We all look forward to meeting our new and returning families.

The PTA and the Chesterfield Educational Fund are two school organizations that not only enhance the educational experiences for our students, but they organize the events, generate funds and plan the activities that our students, staff and community enjoy. Make sure you get your PTA membership and sign up to take part in the many school events that happen throughout the year. The Chesterfield Fund supports our school in so many ways – make sure to participate, volunteer or help out any way you can!

The Chesterfield School family offers a sincere welcome to all of our students, especially those new to the district and their families. Together, we all strive to make it a great year!

Please take this opportunity to review important procedures for this school year which are contained within the newsletter.



August 31 st	Kindergarten Orientation 9:00 am
August 31 st	New Student Orientation 11:00 am
September 1 st -2 nd	Teachers and Staff In-Service Days
September 3rd	Opening Day – Students Arrive ~ Full Day
September 7 th	SCHOOL CLOSED – Labor Day
September 9 th	Chesterfield Fund Meeting 8:00 pm
September 15 th	PTA General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
September 16 th	Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm
September 17 th	Early Dismissal (12:45) – Back to School Night
September 18 th	PTA Outdoor Movie Night

PERSONNEL NEWS

NEW ADDITIONS:

Kimberly Kampe – 6th Grade Teacher (formally interim teacher)
 Brianna Pellechia – Resource Teacher (formally interim resource teacher)
 Caren Guyett – School Psychologist
 Erin Spinello-Socolow – Speech Therapist
 Shagufta Afreen Lunch/Recess Aide
 Rosemary DeSilva Lunch/Recess Aide
 Gloria Nylander Lunch/Recess Aide
 Nicole Zellweger Lunch/Recess Aide

CLASSROOM CHANGES:

Kindergarten: 5 classes

Mrs. Christensen KC
 Mrs. Dome KD
 Mrs. Rigolizzo KR
 Mrs. Wolochow KWOL
 Mrs. Woodruff KWOO

2nd GRADE: 5 classes

Mr. Brayton 2B
 Mrs. Cirillo 2C
 Mr. McCann 2Mc
 Mrs. Lawrence 2L
 Ms Midora 2Mi

1st Grade: 5 classes

Mrs. Berger 1BE
 Mrs. Byard 1BY
 Mrs. Kovac 1K
 Mrs. Lawrence 1L
 Mrs. Rahey 1R

3rd GRADE: 5 classes

Ms Edine 3E
 Mr. Forsyth 3F
 Ms Novin (moved from 1st grade) 3N
 Mrs. Poedubicky 3P
 Mrs. Restuccia 3R

4th GRADE: 4 classes:

Mrs. Breiland 4B
Mrs. Hartman 4H
Mrs. Stryker 4ST
Ms Surette 4SU

5th GRADE: 5 Classes

Mrs. Biddle (formally Ms Haake) 5B
Ms DiEleuterio 5D
Mrs. Prince 5P
Mrs. Sakimura 5SAK
Mr. Salamon 5SAL

6th GRADE: 5 classes

Mrs. Angelucci 6A
Mrs. Flynn 6F
Mrs. Garofalo 6G
Mrs. Kampe – new addition 6K
Mrs. Lydon – (moved from 4th grade) 6L

NEW SCHOOL YEAR PAPERWORK

We are doing our best to cut back on the yearly paperwork. Much of the information can be found online. Please fill out and return the appropriate forms as soon as possible.

◆ **PLEASE LOG ONTO GENESIS PARENT ACCESS TO UPDATE YOUR HOME CONTACT, EMERGENCY and PARENT PICK-UP INFORMATION**

All of your contact information, including emergency contacts, should be entered into Genesis. Please update all your children's doctor/dentist information as well. If you have a change of address, phone number or contact information, you can update your account online. Make sure to include your current cell phone carrier, so that emergency text messaging can be sent out to you. Your username will be your current email address.

◆ **EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM**

Keeping parents informed and involved helps to assure student safety. Honeywell instant alert is internet based, allowing each family to maintain a secure, password protected on-line profile. **Please log on to Genesis** – go to contacts and set up or update your family profile, so that we may contact you via email, text message or by cell or home phone to inform you of school closings and important information sent from school.

◆ **STUDENT LUNCH PROGRAM**

The cost for student lunches is **\$2.70** and the cost of milk is .55 cents. **On the school website**, you will find the September menu and a "Student Lunch Account" form. You may send cash or checks for the amount you would like to keep in your child's account. As your child makes purchases, he/she will enter their individual "PIN" number. You will receive a statement of all charges at the end of each month from Nutri-Serve. **Please put all monies in a sealed envelope marked with your**

child's name, homeroom and amount enclosed. Checks should be made payable to "Chesterfield Board of Education." Please send exact amount, as monies are directly deposited. Money will be collected in classrooms and forwarded to the cafeteria each day. If you have a specific concern, please include a note to the attention of the cafeteria manager – Angela Giovacchini.

◆ **STUDENT SCHOOL INSURANCE**

The Chesterfield Board of Education has purchased student accident insurance for all students attending Chesterfield School. The insurance plan covers the student during school hours and during school sponsored and supervised activities. This coverage begins after all family insurance has been used and/or proof is presented that the family has no other medical coverage.

◆ **FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES**

Please check off the appropriate box, sign and send the form back to school **only if you are applying for benefits**. Please note: Only one form per household should be returned to the school. If you have children attending Northern Burlington as well, separate applications must be submitted to each school. By law, the school has ten working days to reply to your request.

◆ **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT/FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT (POSTED ON SCHOOL WEBSITE)**

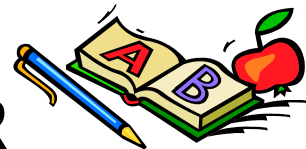
New Jersey law requires that parents be updated on the Integrated Pest Management plan annually. **The plan is posted on the school website under BOE policies & plans.** New Jersey law also requires parents to be informed of certain rights in regards to their student's educational records. Please review both forms.

◆ **HARASSMENT INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING (POSTED ON WEBSITE)**

The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Harassment Intimidation and Bullying legislation went into effect in New Jersey schools on September 1, 2012. Please refer to **our district website to view District H.I.B. policy #5131.1 and procedures for reporting any incidents.**

School Community Partners:

PTA NEWS CORNER



Welcome back staff, parents, and students. To our new families, welcome to the Chesterfield community. We hope you enjoyed the fun-filled summer days, and it is with great enthusiasm that we invite you to get ready for another exciting and successful year.

September 1st the PTA will be hosting a Welcome Back Teachers Luncheon. The staff will be welcomed with a breakfast Tuesday morning and a luncheon catered by the Yardville Inn that afternoon. A Sign-up Genius will be going out soon. Please consider donating a breakfast item or \$5.00 to this very special event.

Back to School night will be Thursday, September 17th. The PTA will have a table. The membership committee will be there, so this is a great time join the PTA. We will also be selling Chesterfield spirit wear. Come check out the new looks and show your support!

We have two great fundraisers planned for the month of September. Outdoor movie night will be Friday September 18th. The PTA will be selling Chesterfield blankets and popcorn. The kids really loved this last year, this years will be even better.

Coupon books are back. The books are full of coupons for all your favorite local retailers, restaurants, and more. The books will be sent home in your child's book bag. Each book costs \$25.00. It's an easy way to support Chesterfield Elementary.

The first PTA general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 pm. We welcome everyone and want to hear your thoughts and ideas. Your involvement in the PTA makes a difference in the lives of our children. Consider coming to our September meeting. It will be a great time to meet the PTA board members and see what we are all about! We look forward to seeing you there.

Looking forward to a great year! Thank you - PTA Executive Board

Dates to remember

September 1st Welcome Back Teachers Luncheon

September 15th General Membership Meeting

September 17th Back to School Night

September 18th Outdoor Movie Night



Chesterfield Public Education Fund

The Chesterfield Public Education Fund (CPEF) would like to welcome everyone back to school. We are looking forward to a great year!!

The CPEF provides programs and technology that enhance the educational experience of Chesterfield Elementary students. The money raised through CPEF fundraisers goes back to our students via grants that are provided to school professionals for educational purposes. We will once again be sponsoring the ever popular Read-A-Thon and Barnes and Noble Night, and our Annual CPEF Fun(d) Run.

CPEF sponsored after-school clubs for students in grades 2-6 will begin the end of September. Please be on the lookout for registration information coming home early September. This year we, again, will be going to an online line registration and payment format. Clubs will still be filled on a first come first serve basis. Keep an eye out for further information.

The first meeting of the CPEF will be **Wednesday, September 9th at 8:00 pm** in the school's media center. All parents are welcome to attend! We will be hosting an "OPEN HOUSE" during our October meeting for those who would like to come and see what the CPEF is all the about. The CPEF meets the first Wednesday of every month at 8:00 PM.

For more information on the Chesterfield Public Education Fund, please refer to the CPEF flyer.

CPEF Members: President – Sheri Friends, Vice President – Carol Cooper Braun, Secretary – Lorrie Their, Treasurer – Phyllis Tsai, Trustees – Stacey Lindes, Paula Hessinger, Jonathon Katz, Kathleen D'aulerio, Volunteers - Robbin, Cozzolino, Kelly D'Orio, Tracy Graessle

Board of Education

The Chesterfield Board of Education welcomes everyone back for another great year! The Board meetings will be scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month, unless there is a conflict. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m.** in the media center. Pertinent school issues are discussed at meetings, and all community members are encouraged to attend. The schedule for the monthly meetings, as well as any changes, is listed on line. Visit the school website at

SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD



- **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

The Chesterfield Township School District is an Affirmative Action/Equal Educational School District and Employer. If any parent/guardian, student, or other person feels that he or she or any other person is being or has been discriminated against because of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, socioeconomic status or handicap, such discrimination should be reported immediately to the following school district officer: Dr. Gino Sivieri.

- **ABSENCES**

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, you must call the school office to report that your child will not be present in school. Please call the main office at 298-6900 by 8:45 a.m. and leave a message after the "To report a student absence prompt". **In order for the absence to be excused, you must also send a note into school the day of his/her return, stating that your child was ill.** If a child is absent for 5 days or more consecutive days, you must supply a doctor's note in order for the absences to be excused. Religious observances, bereavement days

and required court appearances will also be excused with a note. Vacation days are unexcused absences.

- **BACKPACKS**

Because of space limitations on our buses, it is necessary to restrict backpack size to a maximum of 15" wide by 18" long (approximately) and **only the non-wheeled variety are permitted on the bus.** Teachers have indicated that this style sufficiently meets their standards regarding the materials students transport between home and school.

- **BEFORE & AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

If you need child care either before or after school, **Champions** is an independently run program held at the school for your convenience. Visit online at **discoverchampions.com** or contact Melissa Capone at 267-994-3565 for more details.

- **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

Following up on suggestions made by our school Wellness Council, food will not be served in school for children's birthday celebrations. Teachers will develop grade level guidelines for birthday celebration activities.

If you are planning a party at home, please only send invitations in to school if you will be inviting everyone (or just the same gender) in the class. If you are sending only to a few classmates, please distribute them by mail. Thanks for your cooperation!

- **CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Cell phones have become a part of our daily routine. However, the use of cell phones in school by students is prohibited, unless the use is approved by a teacher or administrator. If a child is carrying a cell phone in his/her backpack for emergency use, it must not be displayed while in school or on the bus. If a student is found using or playing with a cell phone during school, it will be confiscated and a parent/guardian must come into the school office to retrieve it. All electronic devices, iPods, Gameboy, etc., **should be enjoyed at home.** Thanks for understanding.

- **CHILD FIND**

If you have concerns about your preschool child's (ages 3-5 years) language, social or learning development, please call our Child Study Team office at 609-298-3027. Our Supervisor of Special Services, Dr. Gino Sivieri; Supervisor of Curriculum, Mrs. Jeanine May-Sivieri, School Social Worker, Mrs. Cindy McNally or Speech Pathologist, Ms Marian Rock will be happy to speak to you about your concerns and provide information about the Child Study Team evaluation process and possible services that may be provided for pre-school students.

If you have concerns about your infant or preschool child's development (birth - 3 years) services may be available through New Jersey's Early Intervention System. Please call **PROJECT CHILD FIND** at 1-800-322-8174 or Burlington County Early Intervention at 609-267-1950.

- **EARLY PICKUP**

If you are picking your child before early, please send a note into the teacher with all the details – time of pickup, who will be picking up and the reason for early dismissal. If your child is picked up before 3:00 p.m., they will be charged as a tardy for on their attendance record. Regular dismissal begins at 3:10 pm.

- **KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP**

If you have a child **who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2016**, you should register on-line beginning in January on the school website under kindergarten registration at www.Chesterfieldschool.com. Kindergarten screenings are held in the spring for all our new enrollments and parents will be notified by mail at that time.

- **LOST AND FOUND**

Items found without any identification will be placed on the “Lost and Found” table located in the cafeteria. Please check this table if your child is missing a lunchbox, coat, book-bag or other items.

- **OPEN DOOR POLICY**

The Chesterfield Township School faculty, staff and administration believe that a child’s parents and local community are an important and integral part of the total school program. The Superintendent and all other personnel will welcome any inquiries, questions or suggestions from any interested member of the community.

- **VISITORS**

In our continuing efforts to ensure the safety of our students, every visitor must sign in and obtain a visitor’s pass upon arrival. For security reasons, you should never go directly to the classroom without being announced.

PARENT PICK-UP NOTIFICATION

I will be picking up my child **today** _____
Date

☐ DISMISSAL TIME (3:15)

☐ EARLY _____
Time

Student's Name _____

Grade & Teacher _____

Parent Signature _____

If someone other than a parent is picking up your child, please print the name below:
