Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!

On Thursday, August 29th we hosted Back-to-School Night which gave parents and students the opportunity to meet the teacher, learn about grade level expectations and sneak a peek at their classroom prior to the opening day of school. Over the summer, Mr. Anthony and his crew worked tirelessly to prepare the building for the opening of school. With a new year comes new staff to the Chase family. This year we welcome two new staff members: Mrs. Linda Watts, 4th Grade Homeroom & 4th/5th Grade ELA, and Ms. Sara Colley, 5th Grade Homeroom & 4th/5th Grade math & content.

We are very excited to start a new school year with a focus on making learning memorable for students and providing rigorous instruction. Keep up to date with the latest information and updates on social media by following Twitter @twilkinsBCPS and @chasebcps along with our Facebook page Chase Elementary School. We wish everyone a happy, healthy, safe and successful school year.

Calendar

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<td>House Day: Wear your House Color Schools Close at 12:30PM End of 1st Quarter</td>
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HOUSES Continue for the 2019-2020 School Year!

We are continuing to implement a school-wide team building initiative that consists of 5 groups of randomly chosen adults and students called “Houses.” Every five weeks the “House” will meet to engage in fun activities and build positive relationships across grade levels. It is a way to celebrate all of the students and adults at Chase. Students will gain a sense of community and will remain in their house color for their entire time at Chase. Look out for an opportunity to purchase spirit wear that will allow your child to represent their house color!

Visitor Check-In Procedures

All parents and other visitors entering the school must use the door entry buzzer system to gain entry into the building. Office staff will use the speaker phone to ask the visitor’s name and reason for the visit. If entry is granted, visitors must report directly to the office to obtain a visitors pass/name tag. Visitors must show a government issued photo ID or driver’s license. The ID will be scanned and the following information will be collected: photo, name and date of birth. The information will be used to check-in the visitor, create an ID badge and compare the visitor’s information against the sexual offender databases throughout the country. If the visitor’s name appears on any of the lists or the visitor refuses to allow the school to scan their ID, the visitor will not be allowed access to the school. Once visitors have their ID’s initially scanned, the system will recognize their information and the check in process will be much quicker. All visitors are to return to the office and sign-out and return the visitors tag.

PTA

We hope that you will become an active member of our school community by joining the PTA, participating in school events, attending conferences, or volunteering. In order to continue providing events, activities and funding for school events, the PTA needs your help. Please support the PTA by becoming a member and indicate your interest in volunteering to support the school.

Proper Shoes Reminder

Please remember to have students wear proper shoes to school during the warmer weather days. Students will be playing outside for recess, using the playground equipment and participating in physical education classes. Proper closed toed shoes are necessary for this type of play, not flip flops and/or sandals.

Attendance

The importance of regular attendance throughout the school year is unquestioned. Maryland State law mandates school attendance. In addition, the Maryland State Department of Education has yearly attendance expectations and ratings.

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Welcome back to school. I hope each child has a successful and healthy school year. Listed below are some tips to ensure your child stays healthy this year:

- If your child has a fever, is vomiting or having diarrhea, they should not attend school. It is recommended that they be fever free, without vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school. This not only assures that your child will recover, but will keep the other children and staff in the school from getting sick.
- If your child has a cold, mild stomachache, and/or cough without a fever, they may come to school. The discretionary medication form allows the nurse to administer medications to treat these symptoms with parental consent.
- Your child should get at least 8 hours of sleep each night. Students are referred to the nurse for falling asleep in class because they have gone to bed late. It is difficult for a child to learn without adequate sleep.
- All medications brought in from home must be accompanied by a Physicians order. The nurse may not administer medications such as cough syrup, antibiotics, hydrocortisone cream, and inhalers for asthma without a physicians order.
- If your child is absent please send an absence note to school when your child returns. The absence note should include your child's name, the reason for the absence, the dates of absence and parent signature.
- Please make sure all emergency contact information is kept up to date. The nurse needs to be able to reach you if your child is ill or injured at school.
- If you bring in store bought baked goods or other treats for class parties and birthday celebrations, please check with your child’s classroom teacher, the school nurse or café’ manager to see if there are any students in your child’s class that may have food allergies.
- Students in PS, PK and Kindergarten should have an extra set of clothes in school in the event of a bathroom accident or food spill. Clothing stored in the Nurses Office is limited. Gently used clothing can be donated to the Health Suite especially sizes 4T to size 8. Girls’ clothing is especially needed.

The Office of Health Services has an informative web site for your review on the BCPS web site. Go to Our System, Offices and then click on Health Services. There also is information on the Food and Nutrition website including school menus, food allergy lists, and forms for dietary accommodations for school.

Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's health.

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QUARTERLY AWARDS AT CHASE
All students at Chase are eligible to receive awards as a reflection of their achievement and attendance on a quarterly basis. Report cards have been updated as part of the new grading and reporting policy. Therefore, the criteria for awards has been revised to reflect the current report card achievement and categories. Recognition will be given to students who are eligible based on the following criteria:

**Perfect Attendance:** Students must attend school every day and have no tardy or early dismissal days.

**Honor Roll:** Students must earn all A’s and B’s with no 2’s or 1’s in categories.

**Principal’s Award:** Students must earn all A’s with at least three 4’s in categories and no 2’s or 1’s.

**Bringing Up Grades Award:** Students must bring up at least 1 grade without lowering any. This is awarded during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter.

**Citizenship Award:** Students must earn all 3’s in Skills and Conduct.

If you found any library books over the summer, please send them in with your child or return them directly to the office.

**Parent Library Cards**

Baltimore County Public Schools and the BCPS Library Media Program are pleased to announce that parents and guardians may now apply for a BCPS Parent Library Card. This card will allow you to access the Chase Library to check out books and resources at certain times throughout the school year. This library card does not affect your child’s library account at Chase. Instead it is a way to get more reading materials into your homes in order to better prepare your children for success today and in the future.

If you are interested, please complete the form and return it to school. Please contact Ms. Lancaster at slancaster3@bcps.org if you have any questions.

**Important Links**

Use this link to help create a BCPS Parent Account: [https://bcpsone.bcps.org/support/](https://bcpsone.bcps.org/support/)

Use this link for a Baltimore County Public Library Account: [https://www.bcpl.info/services/get-a-library-card.html](https://www.bcpl.info/services/get-a-library-card.html)

Use this link for BCPS Magnet Programs: [https://bcpsonlineapplication.com/apply/](https://bcpsonlineapplication.com/apply/)
How Do I Get Approved to be a Chase Volunteer?

2. Complete and print out the BCPS Volunteer Application.
3. Complete the Online Volunteer Training and print out your BCPS Volunteer Certificate.
4. Read and Sign, Acknowledgement of Chase Volunteer Procedures (below)
5. Turn in to the front office the following:
   a. Completed BCPS Volunteer Application
   b. BCPS Volunteer Training Certificate
   c. Acknowledgement of Chase Volunteer Procedures (below)
6. Once your application has been screened through the BCPS volunteer screening process your name will be added to the Chase approved volunteer database. Teachers will contact you as they need volunteers to complete tasks or help in the classroom.

Note: You must complete volunteer training to attend field trips

Chase Volunteer Procedures

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Chase Elementary School! Our wonderful volunteers are essential in helping us to reach our mission to ensure that every student thrives. Please read the procedures and policies that you will need to follow when you come to volunteer. After reviewing the policies and procedures below, please sign and return the “Acknowledgement of Chase Volunteer Procedures” form. Thank you for giving us the gift of your time!

In-School Volunteering:

1. Report to the office when you arrive at the school to receive your badge. Please wear your badge throughout the time you are in the building.
2. Please turn your badge in when you leave so we have an accurate accounting of who is in the building should we have an emergency.
3. Please make an appointment for a conference if you need to speak with the teacher. Teachers will not be available to talk with you about your child while you are volunteering.
4. Please do not share any confidential information that you learn from your time spent volunteering.

Chaperoning Field Trips:

1. Please follow the itinerary distributed by the teacher. Please do not make side trips or eat at a place not designated on the itinerary.
2. Please report to the bus on or before the departure time listed on the itinerary.
3. Please stay with the group you are assigned to chaperone throughout the trip.
4. Please report to the teacher any misbehavior by the students.

Acknowledgement of Chase Volunteer Procedures

I have read the “Chase Volunteer Procedures.”

Name:

Signature:
Important Information Regarding Our School Newsletter

In the coming issue, we are “going green” with our newsletters. Hard copies of the newsletter will no longer be distributed. Instead, the newsletter will be posted on the school website at http://chasees.bcps.org and emailed to you with the email address we have on file. If you prefer to receive a paper copy, we will be happy to oblige you, however, you must return the attached tear off to be placed on the hard copy list. If you do not receive the emailed copy, please contact the office to verify the email address on file is accurate and current.

School Newsletter

Please return this slip to the school office

I would like to receive a paper/hard copy of each issue of the school newsletter.

Parent’s Name: ________________________________

Child’s Name: ________________________________