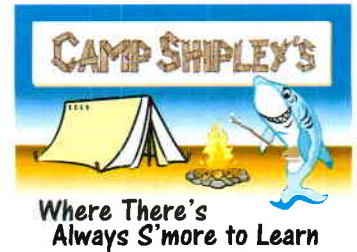


SHIPLEY'S CHOICE ELEMENTARY

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SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear Shipley's Choice families,

Welcome to Camp Shipley's...where there's always s'more to learn!

Each spring, the school votes on a theme for the following year. Traditionally, the teachers have voted. This year, we opened the voting up to include students as well. Interestingly, Camp Shipley's was the top pick for teachers and students alike! It is the perfect theme for Shipley's. It complements our priorities, such as being a Green School, environmental literacy, and emphasizing physical activity and movement throughout the day. Looking forward to a great year of camping!

As you may have read in the newspaper, PARCC scores have been released for grades 3-5 in literacy and math. Students at Shipley's Choice continue to be successful in meeting these rigorous benchmarks. I have been analyzing the results with a team of teachers so that we can continually improve our instruction. Parents should receive the home reports for their children on September 14, 2017. For more information, visit the [2017 Maryland Reportcard](#).

This year, our school is continuing our work toward three goals for our School Improvement Plan. I will be sharing information relating to our goals and programs at PTA meetings each month. Our main goal for the 2017-2018 school year focuses on accelerating achievement for all students. To meet this goal, instruction will continue to focus on:

- Increase reading comprehension through project based learning, close reading, and guided reading instruction.
- Increase student motivation and stamina in writing.
- Increase student achievement in mathematical problem solving, reasoning, and modeling.

For the latest information about Shipley's Choice, there are three main sources. The School website (www.shipleyschoicesschool.org) houses lots of information about the school, including the Family Handbook, schedules, a school-wide calendar, and more. ParentSquare.com continues to be our primary mode of communication from PTA and from classroom teachers. If you are not receiving ParentSquare notifications, register now so you can remain up to date. Finally, our school frequently shares pictures and even video clips of amazing things that are happening each day at school on Twitter. Follow us to check it out: @ShipChoiceAACPS.

Beth Anne Burke

Principal
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 7 Back to School Night**
6:30PM--8:00PM
- Sept. 14 Volunteer Orientation**
9:30--10:30AM OR
7:00--8:00PM
- Sept. 18 PICTURE DAY**
Start date for parent lunch visits
- Sept. 19 PTA meeting @ 6:30PM**
- Oct. 1 Fall Festival**

Safety & Security

All adults in the building must wear a badge. Visitors may only enter through the main doors and must check in at the office. Please note that only parents of students enrolled in the Y Daycare may enter through the side door. Thank you for your help in this.

Parents who are at the school for evening activities or for the Y Daycare may not go to classrooms or elsewhere in the building.

The Anne Arundel County Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, national origin, religion, disability, or socioeconomic status in matters affecting employment or in providing access to programs. Questions regarding nondiscrimination should be directed to Leslie N. Stanton, Specialist in Human Relations, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; telephone (410) 222-5318; TDD (410) 222-5500.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL



School hours have changed!

Students may begin arriving at 9:00 AM. Please do not drop off students or allow them to walk to arrive before 9:00 AM. Students may not be left unsupervised, and our supervision begins at 9:00.

Dismissal is at 3:40. As in the past, we will begin to dismiss bus and car riders a few minutes early. All car riders must be dropped off and picked up in the car loop only. Please do not ask your children to meet you in the parking lot or in another location. Drivers do not always see little ones who are darting across the parking lot.



BUS LOOP

Cars are NOT permitted in the bus loop while there are buses there!!

Car Loop Dismissal: Please wait until all car riders are lined up in the car loop to pick up your child—don't pull them out of line. We carefully monitor students in the car loop to ensure that they are picked up. When students leave the line, we cannot always tell if they are being pulled by a parent or just wandering off to play with friends.

Changing dismissal procedures frequently can be confusing for children (and for adults!). While unforeseen circumstances may require changes, please try to keep dismissal routines consistent. If you are not sure whether your child will be a car rider or walker, dismiss them as car riders and meet them in the loop.



CAR RIDER LOOP

For speed and safety, make sure your child has a note so s/he may be dismissed with car riders. All car riders are dismissed through the side door near kindergarten.

Here are a few reminders for safety in the car loop:

- 1) Pull down as far as you can to the STOP sign.
- 2) **Remain in your car** and have your child enter and exit through the passenger door.
- 3) Students may not be dropped off in either parking lot. If you go to the parking lot, park and escort your child to the school.
- 4) Cars may not be left running on school property (this is a law!).
- 5) If your child is not ready to exit in the car loop, please be courteous and pull to the parking lot until s/he is ready.

Students may not walk in the parking lot without an adult.

WALKERS

Students who walk home from school may only exit through the back door to the blacktop. If you are meeting your child, please do not ask your child to meet you anywhere but in the car loop or on the blacktop. Students may not go to the parking lot without an adult accompanying them. If you would prefer adult supervision for your children until you meet them, send a note to have them wait in the car rider loop.

FEDERAL IMPACT AID

SURVEY FORMS

On Friday, September 29, 2017, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and return it to Shipley's Choice.

The U.S. Department of Education is now allowing a multiple child form. Therefore, AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children's names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org/students. Also, please note that the **complete address of the Parent/Guardian's Employer if they work on Federal Property, the complete address of the Federal Property on which they work, and each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian.** The Federal Impact Survey form for 2017-2018 will be available to download on September 29, 2017. We will also be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately \$2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have questions regarding this information, please call 410-222-5200.



VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Volunteers:

The Harassment Prevention PowerPoint, required before all volunteer opportunities, can be found at:

<http://media.aacps.org/Dept/SchoolFamilyPartnership/SexualHarassmentAndChildAbuseVolunteerTraining/>



CONFIDENTIALITY IS CRUCIAL

As a member of the educational team, each volunteer must understand that all information regarding children, teachers, and the school is confidential and should remain in the school setting!



HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Lonergan's Bus Service
410-923-4185

Transportation Office:
410-222-2910

Crossing Guards:
Main 410-222-6866

Health Room:
Patty Bellotte, Nurse
Rachael Penner, Health Asst.
410-222-3809

Board of Education:
410-222-5000

CAMERA SYSTEM

Shipley's Choice Elementary is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.

Parent Link



"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of their parents." – Jane D. Hull



September 2017

Welcome Back to AACPS!

The Importance of Routines:

Comfortable and consistent routines bring easier mornings, smoother homework habits, and healthier bedtimes for everyone!

- Start with a healthy breakfast and a predictable morning schedule.
- Get to school on time.
- Make sure everything is ready the night before.
- Set up a regular homework time and place.
- Read together everyday.
- Get plenty of sleep and exercise.

When parents are engaged and involved in school, their children:

- have more regular school attendance.
- have a more positive attitude toward school.
- are more likely to do better in school.

How to be engaged and involved in school:

- Know what your child is learning and studying.
- Know the teachers' expectations.
- Read *together* for 20 minutes daily (through middle school).
- Attend parent/teacher conferences and school events.

Volunteer opportunities:

- Prepare classroom materials at home.
- Help in the classroom, media center, with school events or field trips.
- Join a parent committee.

Remember to register to volunteer and ask how to log your hours!!

Save the DATE

Family Involvement Conference

Saturday, November 18th, 2017
Anne Arundel Community College

- 11 engaging breakout sessions
- Keynote speaker
- Childcare provided on a limited basis

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2016-2017

Bruce Morgenstern

"For working tirelessly for the good of all citizens of Anne Arundel County"

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

June 2017

Lauri Miller

Oak Hill Elementary

"For being an exceptional PTO president, volunteer, and person"



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SD Channels: Comcast & Broadstripe #96, Verizon #36

Parent Connection, Parents' Corner, Global Perspectives,
Nuestra Comunidad (Our Community),

¡Charlemos Juntos! (Let's Chat)