

Cape St. Claire Elementary School

September 2021

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Welcome Back!

Amy Shandrowsky, Principal
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We are so excited to welcome back our students, parents and families. We hope that you and your family had a fun and relaxing summer. The teachers and staff have worked over the summer to prepare the school building and their classrooms. Our Cape St. Claire CREW is ready to set sail and Chart a Course for Success for each of our students!

Important information for full return of students can be found at the September 6, 2021 News Release [2021-2022 School Year Features Full Return of Students to School Buildings](#).

It was so nice to meet the many supportive parents and families at our Meet the Principal and Sneak a Peak events. We encourage your continued participation with our school programs. PTO membership and volunteering at school are good ways to get involved. We are looking forward to welcoming volunteers back when we are able. To be ready, we would like to offer two virtual volunteer orientation opportunities. If you plan on volunteering or going on a field trip, you must have completed the volunteer orientation. All volunteers must attend this year's orientation as we do have new information for you. The orientation dates are below. The sessions may be recorded.

Tuesday, September 28 at 6:00 pm meet.google.com/rzc-figg-gox

Wednesday, September 29 at 2:00 pm meet.google.com/ixi-jvjz-ejf

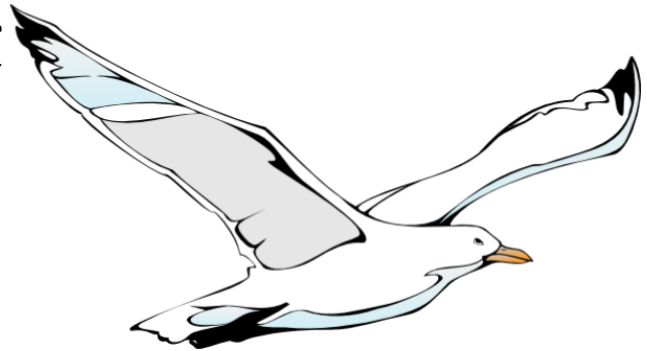
In addition to attending the volunteer orientation, AACPS requires that all volunteers or chaperones who will be working in our schools with children have a background check. Information about the county policy and link for completing the background check can be found at: <https://www.aacps.org/chaperone>. Any questions can be directed to Heather Bachman, staff volunteer liaison.

We are looking forward to another terrific year at Cape St. Claire Elementary, home of the Soaring Seagulls!

Sincerely,

Ms. Shandrowsky

Mrs. Barrett



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Arrival and Dismissal Safety

Student safety is our top priority. We ask that parents be patient and aware of their surroundings and the children moving about. Please slow down when entering the driveway and pull all the way up to the designated drop off zone. Please **do not** drop off your children on Blue Ridge Drive. Be sure to follow the directions of staff. Students are not permitted to travel through the parking lot without parent supervision. If you are parking, please escort your child through the crosswalk and to the front doors of the school.



When waiting for your child to leave school, we ask all family members to keep the sidewalks clear so school staff can see and properly supervise students. Family members can wait behind the wall in front of the school or on the 'patio' near the Kindergarten wing. **Remember, dogs and other animals are not allowed on school property.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Legal Documents

If you have updated custody or legal documents relating to your student, please be sure the school has the most recent copy.

Back to School Night

Tuesday September 21st is our annual Back to School Night. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm, there will be two classroom sessions and one virtual session. Teachers will send more details soon. We look forward to seeing you there!

Birthday Treats

In support of our school's wellness initiatives and for the safety and comfort of our students, no food treats will be distributed to classmates for birthday celebrations. If you would like to recognize your child's birthday at school, stickers, pencils, or erasers are preferred.

New Staff at Cape St. Claire Elementary

Join us in welcoming staff new to the building this school year! They include:

Ms. Beth Hanlon, 1st Grade

Ms. Dee Rosado, 1st Grade

Ms. Taylor Council, Art

Ms. Rebecca Lyttle, TSA

Ms. Stephanie Galanti, 1st Grade

Ms. Savannah Andersen, 3rd Grade

Ms. Kerri Gallagher, TSA

Ms. Maria Escobar, Custodian

We're on the Web

[Cape St. Claire
Elementary School](#)

School Access—Notice to Parents and Visitors

We recognize that as students fully return to buildings, families and community members will naturally want to be involved in our school. Given that we remain in a pandemic and our focus must be on the instruction of our students, visitors to our school will be permitted only on a limited basis and only by appointment. We ask that families and community members work with us to help fulfill our main goal: to keep school open and fully functioning in the safest manner possible throughout the school year. AACPS will adjust limits as appropriate.

We ask that you say your morning goodbyes at the front door and allow your child to proceed to his/her class independently. We also ask that you help your child be responsible for bringing all materials needed everyday, including lunches, instruments and homework. Forgotten items can be brought to the school and will be delivered to your child by a staff member. Your cooperation in this security effort is greatly appreciated.

Guidance related to COVID-19 protocols and other school system matters can be found on [AACPS's website](#). Information will be updated as changes occur on the [Fall 2021 reopening site](#).

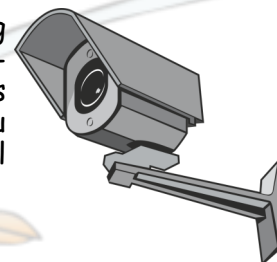
Please review the [Welcome Back Reopening & Safety Guide](#)

[School Safety & Security](#)

Should you have any questions regarding school safety & security, please contact Doyle Batten, Supervisor of School Security, 410-222-5083, or jdbatten@aacps.org.

Security Cameras

Cape St. Claire Elementary School 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 about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.



School Lunches for 2021-2022 School Year

All school meals (breakfast and lunch) are **free** to all students effective September 8, 2021, through the last day of school in June 2022. The September school lunch menu can be found [here](#). In accordance with AACPS guidance, we are not permitting families to sign students in and out for lunch or to bring special lunch to school for students.

Meal Benefit Applications are still required by the State and will be made available beginning August 2021. Although meals are free, we are required to collect Meal Benefit Applications for programming and funding. To complete a Meal Benefit Application for School Year 2021-22, log onto [Meal Benefit Application 2021-2022](#).

If you have any questions regarding the school meals program, please email Jodi Risse or call 410-222-5900.

Emergency Drills

During each school year, various drills are conducted at every school to ensure that staff and students are prepared in the event of an emergency. These drills include monthly fire/evacuation drills.

In addition, five drills with scenarios developed by the school system's Office of School Security and based upon various possible emergency scenarios are done each year. These include, but are not limited to: evacuation for natural gas emergencies; shelter for tornado and earthquake; shelter for outside hazardous materials release; lockout for danger outside of the school building, reverse evacuation back into the school for students and staff outside; and lockdown for a person with a weapon inside the school.

These drills are discussed with staff prior to the drill, and evaluated once the drill is complete. In some cases, the drills may be discussed with students before they take place.

AACPS Parent/Student Handbook

Your child will bring home an AACPS Student Handbook. This booklet contains important information regarding the Code of Conduct, policies and regulations of Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Teachers have reviewed relevant information with the students, including the Code of Conduct. Please discuss the information in the handbook with your children and sign and return the Acknowledgement of Review form found on the first page of the Student Handbook. Please keep this booklet as a reference for questions that may arise throughout the year. The AACPS Parent Handbook is also available online [here](#).

Cape St. Claire Dismissal Sequence

The student dismissal sequence is as follows:

SACC
Buses
Daycare Vans
Walkers / Car Riders

In order to ensure a safe and orderly departure, early dismissals for individual students must occur prior to 2:30. After that time we ask that you allow your child to follow the dismissal routine.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is an important factor in student success. As a parent, you can encourage proper attendance by ensuring that your child gets adequate rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and has adequate time to catch the school bus or walk to school.

There are lawful reasons for absence from school. Whenever your child is absent, you must provide a note of explanation to the school within three days of your child's return to school. You may also use the CSC Absentee Form, a copy of which is attached. An electronic version of a Parent/Guardian Attendance Note is also on our Homepage. Absences due to illness in excess of five consecutive days require a physician's note.

School hours are from 8:30 until 2:55. Students who walk or are driven to school should plan to arrive between 8:15-8:30. **Students cannot be dropped off before 8:10** as there is no supervision until this time. We highly recommend that parents form walking groups so students can walk together and adults can take turns supervising the walk to and from school.

All students are expected to be in their classrooms by 8:30 so as not to be marked tardy. Students who arrive after 8:30 must be brought into the school by an adult to be signed in and receive a pass to enter class.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

As a school, we are working on developing a respectful community of learners at Cape St. Claire Elementary. Our school-wide expectations and classroom rules align with the AACPS Code of Student Conduct. We show our "Seagull Character" by following these expectations:

Respect Yourself
Respect Learning

Respect Others
Respect Property

Expectations have been thoroughly discussed, taught and practiced to ensure Cape St. Claire Seagulls soar to success. Staff members recognize students who demonstrate respectful behaviors by distributing "Seagull Feathers" and each class has a pom-pom jar so the children can work together to have a respectful classroom environment.

Please reinforce our school-wide rules with your children at home. Be sure to ask your child about his/her "Seagull Feathers" and how he/she earned them.

A Look Ahead to October

Wednesday & Thursday
October 20 & 21

2 hour early dismissal days



The School Counselor's Corner

Welcome Back! It's going to be a great school year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! My name is Mrs. Bachman and I am your School Counselor! I have been a teacher and a school counselor in the county for many years. My goal is to help your children to become the best they can be as a student, a person, and a member of our community.

School Counseling services include classroom counseling, small group counseling, and individual counseling. Classroom counseling lessons will follow the AACPS Essential Curriculum for school counseling. Examples of topics include dealing with bully's, personal safety, successful student skills, and college and career readiness. Small group counseling assists children in dealing with common areas of concern such as academic success, social skills, and helping children to be resilient. Brief individual advising is delivered on an as needed basis. Students, staff members, and parents are welcome to refer/request that I meet with a student.

Please help me welcome Ms. Dennison, school counseling Intern. Ms. Dennison is a graduate student at Loyola University and will be working with me until December. She will be teaching lessons, running small groups, and seeing individual children under my supervision.

My first set of small groups will be mindfulness skills, coping skills, and friendship building. If you feel your child could benefit from a small counseling group please let me know via email or phone. I usually invite students based on data, teacher recommendation, and parent request.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to working with all of you and your children.

Mrs. Bachman
hbachman@aacps.org
410-222-1685

Electronic Newsletter - Save a Tree !!

The Cape St. Claire administrative staff wants to continue our environmentally conscious "Green School" initiatives. One measure we started years ago was an electronic version of the Cape News monthly newsletter. Instead of sending home a paper copy of the multi-page newsletter to all 600+ students, it is now available online. You may access the newsletter, and other information regarding Cape St. Claire Elementary, by visiting the AACPS website, clicking on 'Elementary Schools' and scrolling to find Cape St. Claire. You may also want to bookmark [this site](#).

If you would still like to receive a paper copy of the Cape News, please complete the form below and send it back to school with your child. This is the only paper newsletter of the year that will be distributed to everyone.

Sincerely,

The CSC Office Staff



____ Yes, I need a paper copy of the monthly newsletter sent home.

(Student Name)

(Grade/Teacher's Name)

September Lunch Menu

Wednesday, September 8

Breakfast: Cinnamon Chex & MJM Graham, Apple Slices, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Rotini w/Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread Stick, Green Beans, Carrot Chips, Pears, Milk

Thursday, September 9

Breakfast: Cheese Stick & Mini Muffin, Peach Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Taco w/Tortilla, Scoops & Salsa, Vegetarian Beans, Carrot Chips, Apple Slices, Milk

Friday, September 10

Breakfast: Raspberry & Cream Cheese Bar, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Pizza, Sunshine Carrots, Carrot Chips, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Monday, September 13

Breakfast: MultiGrain Cheerios & MJM Graham, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Drumstick w/Corn Chips & Salsa, Roasted Butternut Squash, Carrot Chips, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, September 14

Breakfast: Yogurt & Goldfish Grahams, Peach cup, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Taco w/Tortilla, Scoops & Salsa, Taco Fiesta Beans, Carrot Chips, Apple Slices, Milk

Wednesday, September 15

Breakfast: Muffin, Apple Slices, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Carrot Chips, Pears, Milk

Thursday, September 16

Schools Closed

Friday, September 17

Breakfast: Benefit Bar, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Pizza, Sunshine Carrots, Carrot Chips, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Monday, September 20

Breakfast: Benefit Bar, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Pancakes w/Sausage, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Carrot Chips, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, September 21

Breakfast: Ultimate Breakfast Round, Peach Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Korean BBQ Meatballs w/Rice, Broccoli, Carrot Chips, Apple Slices, Milk

Wednesday, September 22

Breakfast: Cinnamon Chex & MJM Graham, Apple Slices, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Pizza Sticks w/Marinara Sticks, Green Beans, Carrot Chips, Pears, Milk

Thursday, September 23

Breakfast: Cheese Stick & Mini Loaf, Peach Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Taco w/Tortilla, Scoops & Salsa, Vegetarian Beans, Carrot Chips, Apple Slices, Milk

Friday, September 24

Breakfast: Raspberry & Cream Cheese Bar, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Stuffed Crust Pizza, Sunshine Carrots, Carrot Chips, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Monday, September 27

Breakfast: MultiGrain Cheerios & MJM Graham, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese w/Garlic Bread Stick, Roasted Butternut Squash, Carrot Chips, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, September 28

Breakfast: Yogurt & Elf Grahams, Peach Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Taco w/Tortilla, Scoops & Salsa, Taco Fiesta Beans, Carrot Chips, Apple Slices, Milk

Wednesday, September 29

Breakfast: Muffin, Apple Slices, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Carrot Chips, Pears, Milk

Thursday, September 30

Breakfast: Sweet Potato Roll, Peach Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Tenders w/Rice, Broccoli, Carrot Chips, Apple Slices, Milk

Main Office

**CAPE ST. CLAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ABSENTEE FORM**

My son/daughter _____, Grade _____
(First Name) (Last Name)

was absent from school on _____
(Dates)

Per AACPS Policy – Absences due to illness in excess of five (5) consecutive days require a physician’s note

- Illness of child
- Religious Holiday
- Court
- Death in Immediate Family
- Doctor or Dentist
- Other (explain below)

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Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____



Communicating with your School Nurse

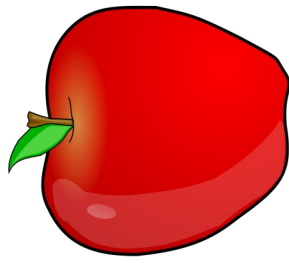
Parents/Guardians - Keep Your School Nurse Up to Date:

1. Be sure to inform your school nurse about your child's health conditions or other special health needs in order to plan for safe management at school. Chronic health conditions including but not limited to: asthma, seizures, diabetes or life threatening allergies.
2. Remember to provide your school nurse with current emergency contact information.
3. Tell your school nurse if your child's health condition interferes with school attendance.
4. Make sure to tell your school nurse about medications and medical treatments your child requires during the school day.
5. Tell your school nurse about any changes in your child's health or mobility status, or about any infectious disease.
6. Speak to the school nurse if you need to obtain information about health insurance for your child.

Any questions or health related concerns? Please contact your school nurse, Ms. Macintire at 410-222-1689.

**Working Together for a Safe
and Healthy School Year!**

**Anne Arundel County Department of Health
School Health Services**



September 2021



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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 6:00pm Back to School Night	29	30		