



Solley Elementary



The Cardinal Connection
September 2019

7608 Solley Road Glen Burnie, MD 21060 Phone: 410-222-6473 Fax: 410-222-6467	School Hours Gr. K-5: 9:35 a.m.-4:00 p.m. AM-Pre-K: 9:35 a.m.-12:10 p.m. PM-Pre-K: 1:25 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.	Principal: Shira Dowling Assistant Principal: Jamie Miller
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Solley Elementary Mission Statement
 We believe ALL children are capable of success, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Solley Elementary School Vision Statement
 We believe through positive collaboration among staff, students and parents we will evolve into an exemplary school community.

Staff: On-going team collaboration to foster instructional practices that support differentiation in a safe environment.

Students: Engage in active learning with others in a positive manner.



Calendar of Events *September*

- 3** - School starts for grades 1-5
- 3/4** - Kdg Conferences
- 3/4/5** - Conferences for 1/2 day Pre-K
- 5/6/9** - Staggered Days for KDG
- 6/9/10** - Staggered days for 1/2 day Pre-K
- 10** - First day for KDG
- 11** - First day 1/2 day Pre-K
- 11** - Back to School Night for
Pre-K - 2nd ONLY at 6:30 PM
- 12** - Back to School Night for
3rd - 5th ONLY at 6:30pm
- 30** - No School - Rosh Hashanah

October

- 3** - School Pictures
- 7** - Interims Go Home
- 8** - Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm - **NO PM Pre-K**
- 9** - No School - Yom Kipper
- 15/16** - No School for students
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 31** - Halloween

Dear Solley Families,

We are so excited to welcome everyone to the 2019-2020 school year. We hope your summer was filled with wonderful moments. I am so excited to be at Solley Elementary. Previous to Solley, I was the principal at Rolling Knolls Elementary for five years. Prior to administration, I served students in the Advanced Learners Program as a talent development teacher. I started my career as a classroom teacher in Anne Arundel County Public Schools twenty years ago. I have three teenage daughters and a very patient husband at home. We love being outside as a family. I look forward to getting to know you and your family.

The summer has been very productive at Solley Elementary. The six 5th grade classrooms are completed and ready for students. The security vestibule is almost complete and will require all visitors to enter the building through a two-door security process. In addition to the facilities upgrades, all AACPS schools also received upgrades to the visitor sign-in computer system. **This will require all visitors to bring in a photo ID to enter the building even if your ID has been scanned in previous years.**



School Lunches

The school meal prices for 2019-2020 are as follows:

Breakfast: \$1.50

Lunch at elementary school: \$2.75

- Milk – ½ pint, a la carte \$.55**
- Reduced-price breakfast \$.30**
- Reduced-price lunch \$.40**

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jodi Risse, Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services at 410-222-5900

During the 2019-20 school year, all Solley Elementary students will be participating in Second Step. Second Step is a program that promotes school success, school connectedness and safe/respectful school climate. Students will receive instruction that strengthens their ability to learn, have empathy, manage emotions and solve problems. This instruction will occur at the start of the school day on Wednesdays and be reinforced throughout the week. Students will start all other days with Solley Circles.

I look forward to meeting you at Back to School Night which will be held September 11 for Prekindergarten to second grade and September 12 for third through fifth grade.

Mrs. Dowling
Principal



PARENT PACKET 2019-2020

IMPORTANT UPDATED SAFETY PROCEDURES*

1. ***WE HAVE A NEW SECURITY SYSTEM!*** In order to gain access to the school, ALL visitors must present a Driver's License or State issued ID to the main office, to be scanned into our new system. Previously scanned ID's will **NOT** carry over into this new system. Regardless of the reason for your visit or how many times you have visited the school, you MUST provide a photo ID to the office EVERY TIME YOU enter the school. *
2. ****ONLY CUSTODIAL PARENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO SIGN A STUDENT OUT,**** In the case of an emergency or a change in dismissal plans; a custodial parent must provide written permission each time, to their child's teacher as well as the main office. We are not able to take these requests over the phone. For the safety of our child(ren), we encourage you to build a consistent dismissal plan with your child(ren) & their teacher to avoid mishaps. Dismissal changes should only happen in the case of an emergency and must be provided in writing to the teacher as well as the main office.

*** DISMISSAL CHANGES AND EARLY DISMISSALS ARE NOT ALLOWED AFTER 3:45 PM. please plan accordingly. ***
3. Classroom visits are not permitted unless arranged through the teacher 24 hours in advance.
4. **ALL medications must go through the health room.** Students are not allowed to carry any medication, including cough drops.
5. **Birthday snacks must be store bought.** No drinks, balloons, presents, goodie bags or other distracting items. Parents are not permitted to the classrooms for birthdays.
6. **NO PARKING IN THE BUS LOOP AT ANY TIME!** Parents should always park in the parking lot when dropping off or picking up their child.
7. Doors open at 9:10 AM for morning arrival. No child should be left unattended prior to 9:10 AM. Doors close at 9:35 AM. If arriving after the doors have closed; parents must sign their child into the office to receive a tardy slip.

WELCOME BACK!

2019-2020

School Hours

9:35 AM – 4:00 PM

Doors open at 9:10 AM

Back to School Night

PK – 2nd: Sept. 11 at 6:30 PM

3rd – 5th: Sept. 12 at 6:30 PM

REMINDER:

ALL PARENTS & VISITORS
ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT
A PHOTO ID TO THE OFFICE

SOLLEY ELEMENTARY

7608 Solley Road
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

410-222-6473

Principal:

Mrs. Shira Dowling

Assistant Principal:

Mrs. Jamie Miller

Office Hours:

8-4:15

Registration Hours:

10-2



General School Information



School Hours: 9:35 AM - 4:00 PM

Children should not arrive before **9:10 AM** as there is no adult supervision prior to the doors opening. Doors open for students at 9:10 AM. Breakfast is served in the cafeteria until 9:35 AM. Instruction begins promptly at **9:35 AM**. Students arriving after 9:35 AM will be considered tardy.

Emergency Information:

Please complete the emergency information form you received and return it to school as soon as possible. It is very important that we have this information on file for each student in the event of an emergency. It is imperative that you supply the school office with current contact information so that we can reach someone in the event that you cannot be reached in case of illness or injury to your child.

Visitors:

All visitors during school hours are required by the Board of Education policy to report to the main office with their state issued ID every time you enter the school, so that you can be scanned into our Raptor system for a visitor badge in order to visit the building. The instructional program cannot be interrupted for a parent conference or visitation. Visitations to the classroom must be pre-arranged with the teacher at least 24 hours in advance.

Attendance:

Regular attendance is imperative to the satisfactory accomplishment of studies. Every effort should be made to keep absences and tardiness to an absolute minimum.

School Rules:

The Code of Student Conduct is the guide for our school rules, which include respect for the person and property of others; acceptance of specific school, class and teacher regulations; and compliance with reasonable requests of staff members.

We have 3 school-wide rules: **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, READY FOR LEARNING!**

Security Cameras:

Solley 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.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS!

In our effort to reduce the paper used to send a hard copy of our newsletter home for each student, Solley Elementary will only provide paper copies to those parents that request it. Otherwise, please access the Solley newsletter monthly on the school website

located at: www.aacps.org.

Go to "School Links" on the top left of the page, Click on "Elementary Schools", pick "Solley" from the drop down box, click on the "School Website" on the right side, then click on "School Newsletters" on the right.

A little birdie told me...



Solley Elementary is now on **Twitter!!**
Follow us @SolleyAACPS

*******CHANGING DISMISSAL PROCEDURES*******

For security purposes if your child is going home a different way than normal, **this must be provided in writing to your child's teacher as well as the main office.** We can not accept a phone call during the day. We understand that emergencies do arise and that they will occur. We feel it is in the best interest of all children to have a consistent daily routine. Thank you for your understanding and support.

The Anne Arundel County Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation or familial status in matters affecting employment or in providing access to programs.

If you do not have access to the Internet and need a paper copy of the Solley Newsletter, please complete the information below, cut on the dotted line above, and return to the school office.

Parent's Name:

Child's Name & Teacher:

If more than one child attends Solley, please list the oldest child only.



HEALTHROOM

NEWS



As the beginning of the school year quickly approaches, we in the health room would like to offer some tips that will likely aid in making this school year successful and maximizing the amount of time that your child spends within the classroom setting.

Tip 1 – Please bring any prescribed or over the counter medications that you would like to be available to your child within the health room/school day to the health room along with a completed physician’s order.

Tip 2 – Please notify the health room staff of any medical needs that your child may experience.

Tip 3 – Please provide a change of season appropriate clothes for your child. These can be kept in a ziploc bag and can either be stored in their book bag or locker.

Tip 4 – Please take a moment to talk with your child about the importance of being present within the classroom. A discussion on ground rules for going to the health room may likely go a long way.

We are here to ensure that your children’s medical needs are treated and we want to do this in a manner that is as efficient and effective as possible in order to maximize the time spent within the classroom so that our students are present to learn. Our health room can get very hectic and that is why we ask for your help in communicating with our students how important it is to be present in class and to use the health room for necessary medical needs. Something as simple as keeping a change of clothes available to your child within the school day can make a huge difference in time spent in the classroom. Please know that our priority is your child’s safety and while there will likely be health room visits that you are not informed of, we work very hard to ensure that we get in contact with a parent or emergency contact person when your child presents with a medical need that needs to be communicated to a guardian. Please know that we are a phone call away and welcome any communication from you regarding your children’s medical needs.

Here’s to a healthy and happy school year.





On Monday, September 30, 2019, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form.

Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form:

Elementary Schools – **return it to your child’s school (Solley Elementary)**

The U.S. Department of Education allows a multiple child form. 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.

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 Aid Survey form for 2019-2020 will be available to download on September 30, 2019. 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.