



## CHADDS FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*A community focused on educating every child, while respecting tradition and embracing innovation.*

### Greetings Chargers!

Yes, it is nearly THAT time! I hope that your summer has been filled with all of your favorite things and that the next few days continue to bring relaxation and fun!

### First Day of School: **Monday, August 26th**

When the “back to school” advertisements appear on television and in stores, we know it’s getting close to a new year. Whether this impending timeline brings tears of sorrow or tears of joy (or somewhere in between), our first day of school is coming soon! I write today to update you on some important news and information as we inch closer to August 26th.

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### Personnel Updates:

We have some changes and new faces joining the Chadds Ford Family!

### Personnel Reminders and Updates: Lots of changes this year!

#### ★ Personnel Updates:

- **Derek Sciecinski** returned to the 1st grade team.
- **Emilie Conover** returned to the 2nd grade team.
- **Nicole Broderick** (married this summer; formally Garafola) moved to the 5th grade team.

#### ★ New CFES Staff:

- **Dr. Kathryn Hottenstein** will join CFE as our new full-time Psychologist. Kate comes to us with great experience from the Delaware County Intermediate Unit.
- **Danielle Martens** will be joining CFE as our new Life Skills and Social Skills Support teacher. Danielle comes to CFE with extensive experience as a Life Skills Support and Emotional Support teacher for the Upper Darby School District.
- **Renee Caron** will join the LSS classroom as a new PCA for an incoming kindergarten student. Renee joins CFE as a certified teacher who taught in Downingtown before staying home to raise her children.

- **Christine Dewees** is returning as our new IST/SPED Ed. teacher. Christine's fourteen years as a dual-certified classroom and inclusion teacher will be a great asset for our IST team.
- **Colleen Hughto** is our new fourth grade teacher who will be joining Mr. Wager, Mrs. Bickings, and Mrs. Hughes. Colleen is coming to us from Appoquinimink School District where she taught fourth grade for the last four years. She also served as the fourth grade team leader and was named her school's 2019 teacher of the year.
- **Amy Nutter** will be joining CFE as our new nurse! Amy spent time over the last year as a district sub and knows our building well. She brings extensive nursing experience in different settings to CFE.

**To recap, below is our 2019-2020 teaching staff configuration:**

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| <b>Kindergarten</b>                     | Mrs. Robinson   |
| <b>Pre-First</b>                        | Ms. Keller  |
| <b>First Grade</b>                      | Mrs. Nelson, Miss Morettini, and Mr. Sciecinski                               |
| <b>Second Grade</b>                     | Mr. Lapp, Mrs. Gillespie, and Mrs. Conover                                    |
| <b>Third Grade</b>                      | Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. DeNenno   |
| <b>Fourth Grade</b>                     | Mr. Wagner, Mrs. Bickings, Mrs. Hughes, and Ms. Hughto                        |
| <b>Fifth Grade</b>                      | Mrs. Doyer, Mrs. Roberts, and Mrs. Broderick                                  |
| <b>Special Education / Speech / IST</b> | Mrs. Grubb, Mrs. King, Mrs. Martens, Mrs. Gehris, Mrs. Puleo, and Mrs. Dewees |
| <b>School Psychologist</b>              | Dr. Hottenstein   |
| <b>Social Work</b>                      | Mrs. Rentschler   |
| <b>Reading Specialists</b>              | Mrs. Giovan and Mrs. Straub   |
| <b>English Language Learners (ELL)</b>  | Mrs. Cappelli   |
| <b>Health / Physical Education</b>      | Mr. Judd and Miss Clark   |
| <b>Art</b>                              | Mrs. Smith  |
| <b>Music / Band / Orchestra</b>         | Mr. Zumpetta, Mr. Miller, and Mrs. Eichmann                                   |
| <b>Library</b>                          | Ms. Price   |
| <b>Guidance</b>                         | Miss Yackel   |
| <b>Technology</b>                       | Mr. Hirt  |

### **New Family Orientation:**

We look forward to welcoming new families to the CFE community on Thursday, August 22nd from 10:45 to 12:00 pm. I will be sharing information with new parents from 10:45 to 11:30 am, while our School Counselor, Miss Yackel engages our new students in activities and games. Parents and students are encouraged to bring a bag lunch to enjoy together in our cafeteria from 11:30 to 12:00 pm. Parents and students will have an opportunity to

interact and meet new friends, and our PTO will be present to provide information and share ways to get involved with our school traditions and events.

**Kindergarten and Pre-First Sneak-A-Peek and Parent Orientation:**

The Kindergarten and Pre-First Sneak-A-Peek and Parent Orientation is scheduled on Thursday, August 22nd from 12:00 to 1:15 pm. Students and parents will visit classrooms for sneak-a-peek from 12:00 to 12:30 pm. From 12:30 to 1:00 pm, students will enjoy a bus ride with our School Counselor, Miss Yackel while our teachers facilitate a parent orientation in the classroom.

**1st - 5th Grade Sneak-A-Peek and Parent Orientation:**

The 1st - 5th Grade Sneak-A-Peek and Parent Orientation is scheduled on Thursday, August 22nd from 6:00 to 7:35 pm. Students and parents will visit classrooms from 6:00 to 6:30 pm for sneak-a-peek. A specialist will pick up students from each classroom and transition them to the gym for a fun and engaging assembly.

From 6:30 to 7:30 pm, classroom teachers will facilitate an hour-long parent orientation. For families who have the challenge of visiting multiple teachers, we hope that parents can divide and attend multiple sessions. We do understand that some parents may need to leave the session early to participate in another session in the building. Again, we hope that the longer session will provide both the teacher and parents with more time to learn about the upcoming school year. If you are unable to attend the orientation, please know that all presentations will be archived on teachers' websites.

At 7:30 pm, parents and teachers will transition to the gym to sign out students for the evening.

**Placement Letters:**

Classroom placement letters and important information regarding the start of school have been sent via email and is available on the Power School portal. Teacher welcome letters will be sent out very soon.

I hope that you enjoy the remaining days of summer and please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Mr. Shawn Dutkiewicz  
CFE Principal