



CHADDS FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Greetings Chadds Ford Chargers!

We've missed you! I hope that your summer has provided you the opportunity to explore new things that brought you closer together while keeping safe.

First Day of School: **Tuesday, September 8th**

It's back to school season, while this year may be a different start to school it is the time of year that also brings mixed emotions. The anticipation of reaching the next milestone and the reflection of our children growing a bit older adds to the emotional energy of beginning a new school year. The current times we are in leaves many of us wondering what school will be like this school year. Know that we are ready for you at Chadds Ford Elementary. We are ready to guide you through virtual learning and are excited about 'seeing' our students on Zoom. We have a strong community and network of resources to support you along each step of the way. Things may change rapidly but our school is the cornerstone of what keeps us connected, together!

As we inch closer to our start date, September 8th, I write today to update you on some important news and information,

Personnel Reminders and Updates:

★ Personnel Updates:

- **Colleen Miller** (married this summer; formally Hughto) is joining the 5th-grade team.
- **Maggie Eisenhower** will join us as our year-long substitute librarian. Maggie has been with CFES in the past and we are excited to have her back as a part of the team.
- **Melissa Hocking** will be joining CFE as our new nurse! Melissa comes to us from Nemours. She brings extensive nursing experience in different settings to CFES.

To recap, below is our 2020-2021 teaching staff configuration:

Kindergarten	Mrs. Robinson , and an AM Kindergarten Teacher to be assigned
Pre-First	Ms. Keller

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

★ **Welcome New Support Staff Members:**

- Melissa Rubin
- Megan Drohan
- Hadely Mottola
- Jacqueline Gualtieri
- Dee Voci
- Briseida Arreola Zaragozo
- Jen Abraham
- Cynthia Rivera-Bush
- Bryant Tomp

New Family Orientation:

We look forward to welcoming new families to the CFE community virtually on **Tuesday, September 1st from 3:00 to 3:45 pm**. I will be sharing information with new families from 3:00 to 3:30 pm and some time will be set aside for Q & A. Parents and students will have an opportunity to greet new friends on Zoom, and our PTO will be present to provide information and share ways to get involved with our school traditions and events.

Zoom link: <https://cciu.zoom.us/j/95651343719>

School-Wide Sneak-A-Peek:

We will be hosting a virtual opportunity for our CFES students to meet their new teacher and greet a few classmates on **Thursday, September 3rd.**

- **Kindergarten, Pre-First, First and Second grades** will participate during the **2:30-3:00** time block
- **Third, Fourth and Fifth grades** will participate during the **3:00-3:30** time block

Teachers will not have a formal presentation but will meet and greet the students to assist in guiding them through the transition to back to school. Details will be provided in the near future by classroom teachers.

Parent Orientation Night:

On **Wednesday, September 16th** we welcome families to participate in our virtual orientation night. At this time you will be able to learn more about your child's teacher and the in and outs of the grade level. For families who have the challenge of visiting multiple teachers, we hope that parents can attend either Session I or Session II. We do understand that some parents may need to leave the session early to participate in another session virtually. Again, we hope that the sessions will provide both the teacher and parents with time to learn about the upcoming school year. If you are unable to attend the orientation, please know that all presentations will be recorded for teachers to share with families.

Schedule:

6:00-6:30 pm Special Area Teachers, Related Services, Specialist

6:30-7:00 pm Session I

7:00-7:10 pm Break

7:10-7:40 pm Session II

**More details about orientation night will be provided as the event nears.*

Placement Letters:

Classroom placement assignments and important information regarding the start of school will be sent via email and will be available on the Power School portal on **Septemeber 1st.** There may have been a technology glitch that may have prematurely shared some information that is still being finalized. Please await the classroom placement details in Power School for formal classroom assignments. Teacher welcome letters will be arriving via email after September 1st, where you will receive details about Sneak a Peek and first day of school information.

Grade Level Schedules:

Specific grade level schedules will be communicated via email after September 1st, by the classroom teacher and special area teachers. Each day will begin with a classroom meeting starting at 9:10 where attendance will be taken for the instructional day. There will be a blend of synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities throughout the day. The Continuity of Education Plan will be shared in the near future to outline a sample of the student day.

Curriculum Kit Distribution Day:

Our plan for pick up of curriculum kits is designed to be contact-free and as efficient as possible. We will have designated blocks of time based on the student's last name in an effort to manage the number of families picking up during each window.

A member of each family should arrive sometime within the time block listed below.

- **September 3rd from 8:30 am - 10:30 am - Last names beginning with letters A - K**
- **September 3rd from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Last names beginning with letter L - Z**

If you cannot pick up materials on September 3rd, please contact Jeanine McCloskey (jmccloskey@ucfsd.net) to make future arrangements.

The pickup process will go as follows:

Before coming to Chadds Ford

- Write your child's last name in large bold letters clearly on a piece of paper
- If you have multiple children please indicate first names as well

Arriving at Chadds Ford

- Pull up to the front of the building, similar to student drop off, near the flagpole towards the main entrance of Chadds Ford during the assigned time block
- Display the sign with your last name in the window of your car and open your trunk
- Our team members will communicate by radios to have bags of materials, curriculum kits brought to your vehicle
- One of our team members will place bags of materials, curriculum kits, in your trunk
- Pull out of the parking lot and have a great start to the 2020-2021 school year!

Please remain in your car during this process. Our staff will be wearing masks and will do the best we can to make sure this stays safe and moves as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thanks for your help and support throughout this process. If you have any questions, please let us know!

Parting Notes:

While this may not feel like a typical opening to the school year, with the later than normal communications and fluid changes know that we appreciate your patience, partnership, and

engagement with our school. We look forward to working with you and your children this school year. Together we will make this school year rewarding, engaging, and enriching for our school community. Please reach out if we can be of any assistance to you as we navigate the start of the school year.

Charge on Chargers!

Best regards,

Danielle Clark
Principal