

Hurricane Forecast September 2021

Castle Hayne Elementary School Family Newsletter

Dates to Remember~

Thursday, September 2nd - Fall Picture Day

Monday, September 6th - No School: Happy Labor Day!

Thursday, September 9th - 3rd grade Beginning of Grade Assessment (BOG)

Friday, September 10th - Global Play Day

Thursday, September 16th - 5:00pm - 7:00pm - Curriculum Night and PTA Meeting

Welcome Back from Mrs. May

Greetings Castle Hayne Hurricane families!



I would like to officially welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! We are so happy to have all of our students back in the building with us for the start of the school year. Though we are still dealing with all of the challenges of COVID, we are committed to keeping our students in school as much as we're able. We will do this by following all of the COVID protocol.

As a principal, I am committed to providing the best possible education to every student, every day. It is my fundamental belief that every student deserves high quality instruction designed to meet each students' individual needs in order to thrive in school and in life. I want all of our students to master both academic and social emotional learning in order to reach their greatest potential. This starts with creating a safe and positive school culture with a staff who believe in our students and their potential. Our motto this year is **Believe ~ Achieve**. We know that our collective belief in our students will result in high levels of student achievement. As a staff, we also value the partnership between our school and each student's family. We cannot do this work alone. We know the importance of working together to ensure your child is able to thrive and have a world of opportunities before them.

A little about me - I have been in education for 19 years. I am originally from Pennsylvania and graduated from York College of PA with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in Special Education. I moved to NC to be a teacher (and for the warm weather). I have a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Supervision of Instruction from UNC-Charlotte and

a Master's Degree in School Administration from Appalachian State University. I taught 2nd through 6th grades and served as an Instructional Coach and Assistant Principal in the Charlotte area. I moved to Wilmington in 2018 to be the Principal at Mary W. Howe Pre-K Center. This is my second year at Castle Hayne Elementary School.

When I'm not at school with your children, I am with my own children. My husband, who is also a school administrator, and I have 3 children, a 5th grader, a 4th grader, and a 3 year old. I will always strive to connect with you as a fellow parent as well as an educator. Trust me when I tell you that I get it!

I am looking forward to working with you and your child(ren). I may be biased, but I think we have the greatest group of educational professionals who are also committed to achieving greatness with all of our students. Thank you for being a part of the Castle Hayne Elementary School family.

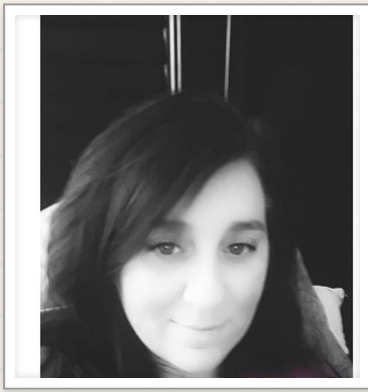
Sincerely,

Christianne May

Mrs. May, Principal and Dr. Goodlett, Assistant Principal



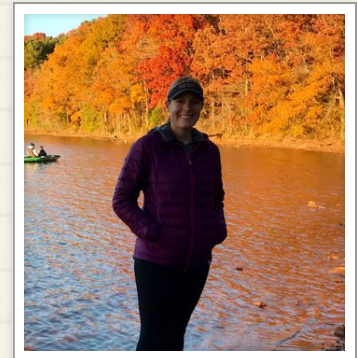
Welcome New Staff Members



Meet **Mrs. Cervini**, our ESL teacher. Mrs. Cervini is originally from the Empire State, New York. Her husband was in the Marine Corp which is what brought her to North Carolina. Before moving she graduated from the College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY. She took graduate classes at both NC State and UNCW and earned a Masters in Reading Education. She holds a Reading Specialist License, English as a Second Language Certification and National Board Certification. Her educational experiences for the past 20 years include teaching Kindergarten, First Grade and ESL. When not at school, she enjoys spending time with her husband, daughter and 4 pups. Some favorite pastimes include going to the beach, bike riding, dabbling in art and cooking because it brings her back to her childhood. She is so excited to build new relationships and have exciting and creative experiences with the Castle Hayne family and we are so fortunate to have her join our team!

We are pleased to introduce you to another new face at Castle Hayne, **Ms. McKowan**.

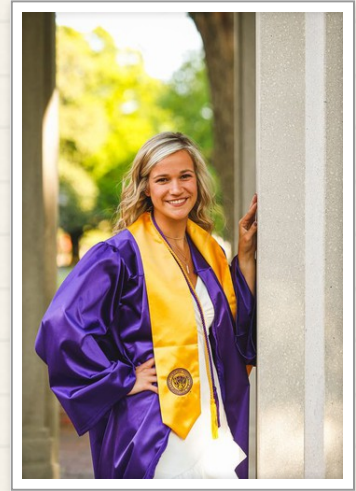
Ms. McKowan is originally from Lake View, NY (just south of Buffalo...Go Bills!) and earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degree from Canisius College (also in Buffalo, NY). She taught at a charter school in NY for 3 years and then moved to Charlotte, NC in 2007 where she taught there for 14 years. This will be her first year in New Hanover County. She is very excited to join the fifth grade team at Castle Hayne as she loves teaching fifth grade!! Some things that she enjoys doing outside of school are reading, traveling, running, biking, hiking, spending time outdoors, and spending time with family/friends. We are so fortunate to have Ms. McKowan join the Castle Hayne community.



We are excited to welcome **Mrs. Lisa Miller**. Originally from Mountain Top, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Miller and her family moved to the Wilmington area in 2019. She attended Misericordia University in Dallas, PA, first earning her Bachelor of Business Administration and later her Master of Management degrees. After successful careers in the dental and higher education fields, Mrs. Miller now enjoys working with the children of Castle Hayne Elementary.

Mrs. Miller and her husband have two children. In her free time, she loves to walk her dog Gracey on the beach, fish the Intracoastal Waterway, and browse Pinterest for new recipes. We are so fortunate to bring Mrs. Miller to Castle Hayne as our newest Teacher Assistant.

Meet **Ms. Ferrell**, our newest first grade teacher. Ms. Ferrell was born and raised in Winston Salem. She attended ECU where she earned her Bachelors degree in Elementary Education. Ms. Ferrell was also part of the ECU cheerleading team. Ms. Ferrell is looking forward to having an amazing year with a wonderful group of students. We are so excited to add her to our Castle Hayne Family!



Welcome Mrs. Stamm. Mrs. Stamm is our newest third grade teacher. She is originally from Albemarle, NC where she recently taught first grade. After getting married this summer, she moved to Wilmington. She is excited to be part of the Castle Hayne family this school year. Though new to third grade, she is ready to rock and roll with her awesome teammates and fantastic students. When she's away from school she can be found at the beach or spending time with her family and friends.

We are pleased to introduce you to **Mrs. Hobbs**. This will be her 11th year as a teacher but her first year at Castle Hayne. She has taught Kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade. This year she will be joining our amazing 4th grade team. Mrs. Hobbs has a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education from UNCW and a Masters in Reading Education from ECU. Mrs. Hobbs enjoys spending time with her family, doing anything by the water, reading, and running. She is excited to meet all of our Hurricanes and we are excited for her to join us!





We are absolutely thrilled to introduce (or reintroduce) you to our fabulous AIG teacher, **Ms. Cartwright!** Ms. Cartwright is a graduate of East Carolina University (Arrrgh!). She has lived in the Wilmington area for the last 20 years. In her spare time she likes to spend time outside or reading. Ms. Cartwright has worked with gifted students in grades K-8. She is happy to be returning to the Castle and we are too!!! Welcome!

Safety is our TOP Priority

In an effort to keep our Hurricanes in the building New Hanover County School's require all students to come to school with a mask that is worn properly over their nose and mouth. Hand sanitizing stations are placed throughout the building and handwashing breaks are encouraged throughout the school day.



Note from Nurse Nicole:

- If your child needs a medication to be kept at school, the nurse will need a doctor's order on file. Please have the [PHYSICIAN'S AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICATION AT SCHOOL](#) form filled out when dropping off the medication.
- Please be aware and monitor any new signs or symptoms that your child may experience. Any new cough, headache, fever, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell, please keep your child home and notify the nurse at school. 602-4970 ext. 71226. For more information concerning Covid-19 resources go the [Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\)](#).

Beginning of Year Paperwork

All **beginning of the year paperwork is mandated** by New Hanover County Schools this year and must be **completed by Sept 3rd**. You can complete this paperwork by visiting the NHCS website or clicking on the link found [here](#). If you need assistance filling out, please call the office to make an appointment to come use a school iPad with directions and support from a staff member.

A direct link to Scribbles can be found [here](#).



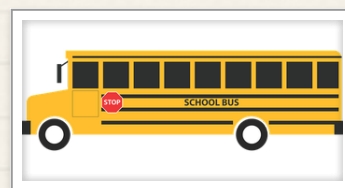
Important arrival and dismissal times!

Morning drop off begins at 7:20am and the instructional day begins at 7:50am. School is dismissed at 2:30pm. If your child is tardy, please walk them to the front door to be checked in.

Thank you for your patience as we work on our afternoon car rider dismissal. We're working to speed it up.

Transportation

If you are still in need of bus route information you can go to the [NHCS's transportation site](#); where you will find bus numbers and pick up and drop off times.



In the interest of student safety, NHCS prohibits the discharge of unattended students who are Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd Grade. **ALL** Pre-Kindergarten students must be met at their stop by a parent/legal guardian or a named designee in advance in writing. If a parent/legal guardian wishes their Kindergarten through 2nd Grade student to be permitted to depart the school bus without the parent/legal guardian present, they must complete and submit a "[Parent/Legal Guardian Permission Form For Bus Stop Drop-Off](#)"/ [Spanish "Parent/Legal Guardian Permission Form for Bus Stop Drop-off"](#). Without these forms submitted and processed, K through 2nd Grade riders will be returned to school and released to school personnel.

Tracking your child's bus has never been so easy. New Hanover County Schools is implementing a new smart phone app that will allow parents to see where their child's bus is located in real time. **Edulog Parent Portal app** can be downloaded from iTunes App Store or Google Play Store.

Transportation Changes

****All transportation changes must be made in writing.** Should you need to change the way your child is getting home in the afternoon, please send a note to your child's teacher or email the teacher to let them know that there is a change for that day.

All transportation changes must be received by 1:00PM.

School Breakfast Menu

School Lunch Menu

You can also sign up for the menu to be emailed to you directly by [clicking here](#) and following the directions.



2021-2022 School Calendar

Hurricane Hunters

Our student recognition program, "Hurricane Hunters" started August 30th. Each day we will specifically focus on writing Hurricane Hunter slips for students who demonstrate a specific **STORM** skill. Our mission at Castle Hayne Elementary School is to work together to achieve success by applying our **STORM** skills! Each week there will be a drawing for a special prize. We are excited to start including our Hurricane Hunter recipients in next month's newsletter.

Monday - **S**spreading Kindness

Tuesday - **T**aking Responsibility

Wednesday - **O**wning my Learning and Actions

Thursday - **R**especting Everyone

Friday - **M**aintaining Safety

Volunteering at Castle Hayne

New Hanover County Schools could never achieve its mission without the strong support of the community and volunteers. Volunteer groups do everything from working in classrooms to serving on advisory committees. Thousands of people unite each year to give the precious gift of their time to ensure our students get a great education.

Volunteers are our partners in education. They take an active role to support and enhance the development of our students. Every day, family and community member volunteers bring enthusiasm and skill into our schools while assisting staff, teachers and students.

If you are interested in volunteering at our school. Applicants will be designated a Level I or Level II Volunteer depending on the type of services the volunteer provides and the amount of

school based supervision the volunteer works under. Volunteers should contact Danielle Metty, Family Liaison to receive training. All volunteers are required to obtain volunteer training by the school site volunteer coordinator annually.

If you are interested in volunteering at Castle Hayne, please contact Danielle Metty at danielle.metty@nhcs.net.

Parent Teacher Association

Our PTA is currently hosting our Membership Drive. All parents are invited and encouraged to become involved in our PTA. You can join the PTA by visiting <https://castlehayne.memberhub.com/store>.



Global Play Day

Because The World Needs PLAY...Now More Than Ever!

The grassroots effort created by educators in support of unstructured playtime for students around the world. **No**

Pandemic Will Ever Stop Play! We will observe Global Play Day for one hour of our school day next week, on September 10th.

The "Hurricane Forecast" is a monthly digital newsletter that will contain information regarding all things happening at Castle Hayne Elementary School. We hope you find this communication helpful!



Castle Hayne Elementary School

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*Please direct any questions related to this newsletter to
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