

Chester Community Charter School

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East D - Kindness Hall 2022-2023 Theme: "We will grow together!"

Dear Parents/Guardians of Kindness Hall Scholars:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 academic year! My name is Mr. Shutt and I am the new Principal at East D - Kindness Hall! I have been a proud member of East D for the past 7 years. It is my mission to empower teachers, connect with scholars, and implement effective curricular and instructional improvements geared toward student outcomes. I am an educator at the core, and have worked with children ages 4 through grade 6.

Many of you already know me and I look forward to continuing to work with you! For those of you who don't know me, I am looking forward to meeting you all and working with you and your scholars. I firmly believe it takes a village to raise a child and I seek your help, and support in ensuring your scholar receives the best education possible. We are the Kindness Hall TRENDSETTERS. We will challenge ourselves to bring about positive change in the areas of achievement, social awareness, attendance, communication, and climate to create future leaders.

As a means of initiating support, the East D Team cordially invite you to attend a Back to School Night, on *Wednesday, September 14th.* This is the designated time for formal introductions and overview of classroom and school-wide procedures and expectations. Additional information will be provided for this special event at a later time. You should receive information from your scholar's teacher prior to the start of school, so please feel free to reach out to them with any questions, prior to back to school night.

<u>This year all scholars will be returning for in-person instruction</u>. Classes are scheduled to begin on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 30th</u> for grades 1-5; <u>Kindergarten classes will begin Tuesday</u>, <u>September 6th</u>. As we begin a new school year, please be reminded of the following important school policies as outlined in the Family Handbook. All policies will be <u>enforced</u> throughout the <u>entire</u> school year.

- <u>Attendance</u>: Scholars are expected to attend all classes Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 2:45 PM. In the event your scholar is absent, an email, message, or note must be sent to his/her teacher upon return to class explaining the reason for the absence in order for it to be coded in our system as an *excused absence*.
- · <u>Lateness</u>: Scholars are expected to be on time for class every day. *Scholars that arrive after 8:15 will be considered late*. Scholars reporting to class after 11:00 AM will be marked absent for the day. **Early dismissal cut off for all students will be at 1:30 daily.**
- · <u>Dress Code</u>: Scholars are required to wear the school uniform shirt with the school logo affixed on the front of the shirt. For your convenience, uniforms can be purchased online through Cramer's Uniforms at www.cramersuniforms.com or at Cramer's Uniforms on 52nd and Market Street in Philadelphia.
- · <u>Virtual Platform</u>: Once again we will be utilizing the online virtual platform Schoology for assignments. Schoology allows scholars to access assignments, grades, and reports to gauge their progress throughout the school year.

Our instructional day will begin at 8:15 AM with a Morning Meeting. During the meeting, we welcome all scholars to a new day, as well as, state the expectations for the day. In the meeting scholars recite the Kindness Hall Pledge. Please review it with your scholar prior to the beginning of school.

Kindness Hall Pledge

I pledge today to do my best, In Reading, Math, and all the rest. I promise to obey the rules, Be responsible and safe in school. I'll respect myself and others too. I'll expect the best in all I do. I'm here to learn all I can, To try my best and be all I am. For I am a member of the Kindness Hall TRENDSETTERS.

I am a Leader.

I am a Thoughtful Role Model Exerting Notable Dynamic Success. Expressing Timeliness, and Truthfulness Every day, Respectfully, and Safely.

Lead On!

I wholeheartedly want to thank you for your commitment to your scholar's education. At East D we are excited to work with all of you this year to realize the Mission of CCCS: "Empowering Students as Learners." It is going to be a successful 2022-2023 school year.

Lead on!

Best regards,

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