



The School District of Haverford Township

Greetings Chatham Park Elementary School Bulldog Kindergarten Families,

We are excited and enthused to connect with our new Bulldog pups for the 2021-2022 school year! Hopefully, you enjoyed this summer and made time to reconnect with loved ones and yourselves. Now it is time to breathe, focus, and prepare to walk with us on this new journey of elementary school.

Please understand that it really is a journey that we walk through together. Walking together keeps us **BULLDOG STRONG**. Relationships are of the highest priority. We all are brave, not perfect in the work that we do as a school community. For kindergarten families, it is of paramount importance to realize that we are embarking on a six-year journey together. Everything is progress (progress is not a linear path) and everything can be used as fuel for growth.

In efforts to connect with you and begin our journey together, we have prepared some events for you to participate in. See the information below:

8/17/21 (7:00pm-8:30pm) Picnic Dinner/Q&A with Dr. Whitehead for New Families, Kindergarten, and First Grade on the front lawn near faculty parking lot:

<http://www.chathamparkfamilies.org/index.php/2021/08/02/picnic-dinner-and-qa/>

8/30/21& 9/1/21 Chatham Park Building Tours: *New, Kindergarten, and First Grade* families will have an opportunity to walk the hallways and see the spaces and places with their school principal. *Tours are scheduled for 20 minute times slots and organized by alphabet for attendance in terms of managing the number of people in the building at one time.* Dr. Whitehead will meet the families at the main entrance of the school. Here are the dates and times for the tours along with the alphabet span (i.e., family last names) We ask that families attend ONE TIME SLOT ONLY:

- **Families with last names in the alphabet span of A-I**
5:00 pm to 5:20 pm OR 5:30 pm to 5:50 pm
- **Families with the last names in the alphabet span J-R**
6:00 pm to 6:20 pm OR 6:30 pm to 6:50 pm
- **Families with the last names in the alphabet span S-Z**
7:00 pm to 7:20 pm OR 7:30 pm to 7:50 pm

Note: If you cannot make your designated slot we ask that families attend one of the latest time slots 7:00 pm OR the 7:30 pm. Also, **MASKS MUST BE WORN DURING ANY TIME INSIDE THE BUILDING.**



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Chatham Park Elementary School Kindergarten Orientation

Date: 9/2/21

Location(s): **Outdoors/Front lawn ... Indoors/Cafeteria**

1:30-2:20 pm (AM Kindergarten)

Agenda

1:30-1:50 pm Introductions-Meet and Greet (Front Lawn/Cafeteria) Families will meet the kindergarten teachers, principal, *HASA (Home and School Association)* representatives, and school counselor

1:50-1:55 pm Transition to Classrooms-Students report to classrooms with Kindergarten teachers for a class meeting/activity (Families remain in the cafeteria)

1:55-2:20 pm Parent Session with Principal (**Dr. Jabari Whitehead**) and School Counselor (**Ms. Catherine Mallam**) Topic: *What can parents/families expect in Kindergarten from a Social-Emotional Lens?*

2:20 pm- End of Orientation and return of Kindergarten students to families

2:40-3:30 (PM Kindergarten)

Agenda

2:40- 3:00 pm Introductions-Meet and Greet (Front Lawn/Cafeteria) Families will meet the kindergarten teachers, principal, HASA representatives, and school counselor

3:00-3:05 pm Transition to Classrooms-Students report to classrooms with Kindergarten teachers for a class meeting/activity (Families remain in the cafeteria)

3:05-3:30 pm Parent Session with the principal (Dr. Jabari Whitehead) and School Counselor (Ms. Catherine Mallam) Topic: *What can parents/families expect in Kindergarten from a Social-Emotional Lens?*

3:30 pm- End of Orientation and return of Kindergarten students to families

If you have any questions about the aforementioned information and events, please contact me directly. Again, we look forward to connecting with you as we embark on another outstanding year of learning and growing together as a school community.

With love and gratitude,

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