Message from Ms. Walbert!

Hello, CHES Families!

We have survived a month of distance learning, and the top three reasons, the understanding and patience of families, students that have a love for learning, and teachers who are dedicated to their students and families! I thank everyone for helping us keep this plane flying. We know we still have some turbulence, but I still believe together, we will make it happen.

We have added one new staff member to our CHES family. We welcome Ms. Tammy Quidas as our new Media Specialist. Ms. Quidas has a love for reading and is always ready for books to take her and her students to new places.

I want to recognize Susan Peterson and Amber Wright for answering phone calls and helping our families navigate these challenging times. They are incredible, and the glue that holds this school together. Keep your calls coming! We want you to reach out and get the support you need.

If you see Mr. Tim, Mr. Matt, and Ms. Shirley, our polished custodial staff, please thank them for keeping our school squeaky clean and safe for all who enter.

Small groups of students started coming into our building on September 14th from 8:40-12:00. We started with a minimal number to make sure we could follow all safety protocols and provide the students with what they needed. We will begin to add more students in the coming weeks.

We continue to wait for devices for Grade 1 and 2 and hotspots to arrive. I will let you know as soon as they arrive!

Virtual Open House

We will hold a Virtual Open House on September 29, 2020.

The schedule is below.

6:00-6:15 Log on with your teacher and view our virtual open house presentation. You will receive a google meet code from your child's teacher and be asked to log in through your child's Schoology platform.

6:15-6:45 Teachers will share their presentations and answer questions.

6:45-7:15 If you have two students, you may visit your second child's teacher at this time. If not, please join your child's Unified Arts teachers at this time.

All google meet codes can be located in your child's Schoology Platform.
Schoology Updates and Tips

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we navigate through our new platform, Schoology. Here are a few tips that may help with some of the issues we have encountered to date.

Google Meets- if trying to access from cell phones, remember your child must log on to his/her account on your phone. Google Meets are only accessible to QACPS emails.

Chromebooks- these devices update on a regular basis. Please shut down nightly. They do not update if only in sleep mode.

Google--For your child to access Google, he/she must be logged into their Google account. When they log into their email, they must also connect to their Google Drive.

Please check the QACP webpage. They are continuing to post resources that will help parents with Schoology.

The Borrow a Desk Project!

One important thing during distance learning is to have one consistent spot (even if it's in a multipurpose room like a dining room) where students can follow a learn-at-home routine. If you would like to borrow a student desk while we are virtual learning, please contact the school. A student desk could be a good option for focused schoolwork.

This project is sponsored by DUDES in school. Want to be a DUDE? Contact amanda.ensor@qacps.org

Pouncing Cubs Jump Rope Club

Ms. Quigley will be starting off the year with a unique opportunity for students to participate in Jump Rope Club during the school day as an enrichment program for students in grades 1-4. This is not a required activity for students. Students may volunteer to join the program to enrich their health and wellness. Please see the attached flyer for more information!

CHES/QACPS Virtual Learning Informed Consent

I wanted to remind families to complete the consent forms that were sent to you earlier this month. Completing these forms will allow our teachers to work individually with your child after 2:00 pm. Any small groups that teachers lead during the 8:15-2:00 school day are part of everyday instruction. If you have any questions, please contact the school.
A Message From Our Family Engagement Specialist

OHANA means family. Family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten.

Dearest Families,

The struggle is real. We know this and feel this like many of you. However, we also want to recognize how incredible so many of us are doing to make the best out of a difficult situation. First and foremost, thank you for your patience. If we continue to support one another and be each other’s cheerleaders, we will be able to move forward. Secondly, continue to cut yourself some slack. There is no playbook for what we are going through and we are all juggling impossible demands. Be kind to yourself and remember to take good care of your family. Self-care is critical. Do whatever works to give yourself a break. Finally, continue to stick to routines as best you can. The schools are trying to create routines because we know that consistency and structure can be calming during times of stress. As much as possible, help us promote a routine that works for your family at home. Please stay in touch and let us know how we can help you. Open communication will help us get better every day.

Take Care and Be Well,

Amanda Ensor
Family Engagement Specialist
Title I QAC Schools

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Principal Chat and Chew

I would love the opportunity to chat and get to know the students of CHES! I will be hosting grade level "chat and chews." Join me on a google meet with your lunch, and we can eat lunch together and chat.
Grade 4- October 9th google meet: Walbertlunch4
Grade 3-October 12th google meet: Walbertlunch3
Grade 2-October 13th google meet: Walbertlunch 2
Grade 1-October 14th google meet: Walbertlunch 1
Kindergarten- October 16th google meet: Walbertlunchk
PreKindergarten- October 19th google meet: Walbertlunchpk
PTA Updates

Welcome back to another year with CHES! We hope everyone had a great summer and stayed healthy. We are looking forward to making the most of our new "normal" this year. At our September meeting, we held elections, and the following were elected: President- Kristi Grinder, Secretary- Micaila Ryder, and Treasurer- Rachel Lloyd. We thank all who attended our first virtual meeting and hope to meet in person soon.

As you know, without the help and support from each one of you, we wouldn't be able to provide resources to our students and teachers. So far this year, the PTA was able to give headsets for each teacher to use while teaching virtually! These purchases would not be possible without support from our families, so we encourage each of you to become a member of the PTA and join us in future fundraising efforts! Our first fundraiser will be Jamie's famous Pit Beef and Turkey sandwiches on September 25th from 4-7. We are always looking for new fresh ideas, so please do not hesitate to reach out to anyone of the board members by emailing churchhillpta@gmail.com. We are still looking for someone to coordinate Box Tops and head up the Yearbook Committee. Suppose that is something that sounds like you, please let us know. If you're on Facebook, make sure to check us out @Church Hill Elementary School PTA to stay up to date on the latest news and events!

School Pictures Are On!

School pictures capture beautiful memories. Lifetouch will follow all CDC guidelines and provide their service to us on October 3rd from 8:00-5:00. Call the school today and make an appointment for your child's photoshoot. We will make the picture taking experience safe for everyone. Don't miss out on memories like the ones below.
Partnering for Youth

Get ready CHES!
The Partnering for Youth After School Program will begin Monday, October 12th. It will be an offline program with online opportunities for the first 10 weeks. Register your 1st through 4th grader and let the fun begin! You will find the link for registration on our website https://www.qacps.org/Domai... If you would like more information contact Nakilya King, the CHES site coordinator at 410-490-2014 or nakilya.king@qacps.org.

EXACT PATH

As a reminder, we will be using the Exact Path Program to help support your learning. Before you begin to use Exact Path, students will need to complete a diagnostic assessment. Please take this assessment independently as the results will put you on the learning path that is best for you. Make sure your family members do not help you. This assessment will help your teachers know what skills they want to practice with you! This diagnostic assessment must be completed by September 30, 2020. You may take some of the evaluation and then take a break. It will begin where you left off. If you would like to set up an appointment to bring your child to CHES to complete this assessment, please call the school. We will be glad to help your child log on and complete this assessment.

1. Log onto clever.com
2. Find the Edmentum button.
3. Log on with your email and password.
4. You will have a Reading and a Math test.
5. Take your time and complete these tests.
6. Work independently and without the help of others.

After you have completed your diagnostic tests, your child’s teacher will then ask you to complete 30 minutes of Math and 30 minutes of Reading each week.

Schoolwide Title I School Information

Parent’s Right To Know
2020-2021

We are pleased to notify you that in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child’s teacher. Specifically, you may request the following:

● Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
● Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria has been waived.
● Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
● Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Additionally, we will provide you with information on the level of achievement and academic growth of your students on each State academic assessment required and provide timely notice that your student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who
does not meet applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

*If you would like to receive this information, please contact your child’s principal, for the correct forms.*

**Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation**

Church Hill Elementary School Staff recently donated $1,216 to Alex's Lemonade Stand in honor of Childhood Cancer. Staff fundraisers and dress down days helped to support this donation.