

**AUGUST 2017**

## Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!

Can you believe we are approaching the end of the third week of school already? It has been a busy month, and we all are looking forward to a very productive and successful year.

Thank you to everyone who has provided supplies for their children and the classrooms. We appreciate your consideration, and it makes a big difference in making our school the best it can be.

Students are linking to their current grade ST Math accounts this week. Once your child makes a certain amount of progress at school, they will be able to work on ST Math at home. We will send an informational flyer home early in September with additional information.

At Open House, information about AR Home Connect was distributed. Please sign up for this service so you can monitor your child's progress in the Accelerated Reader program.

If you were able to attend the Meet the Teacher event or Open House or both, thank you! Your involvement makes a difference, and it is important for children to know their families are a partner in their education.

Again, welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We aim to provide a meaningful and motivating environment that encourages the success of all students every day. We look forward to accomplishing our journey of learning with you!

Thank you,

*Mr. Blume and Mr. Nellis*

## Dates to Know

September 4, 2017 – No School, Labor Day  
September 11, 2017 – Popcorn Fundraiser Begins  
September 12, 2017 – Read-a-Thon (Theme: Reading Knocks Your Socks Off!)  
September 19, 2017 – Language Development at Home & School Class for Parents/Guardians (9:15 a.m.)  
September 21, 2017 – Popcorn Fundraiser Ends  
September 28, 2017 – Progress Reports Distributed  
September 29, 2017 – School Picture Day

## QUICK REMINDERS

Please be sure you have completed and returned the following beginning of the school year forms:

- Family Handbook Verification
- Dismissal Form
- Blue Health Card
- PE Form (if needed)
- CCSD After-School Care Form (light pink)
- School Meals Packet (online or paper version)

Don't forget that your child's teacher may have additional forms for you to complete and return!

Please remember that our campus opens to students at 8:45 a.m. Supervision of students is not provided before that time. It is important that students not attending Safekey arrive to school right at 8:45 a.m. The morning ceremony line up begins at 8:55 a.m. Students are considered tardy at 9:10 a.m.

Be aware of no parking zones around the neighborhood. Not all areas where parking is prohibited have curbs that are painted red. Please be reminded that u-turns and double-parking are not allowed in school zones. The Battista parking lot is closed daily in the morning (8:40-9:00) and the afternoon (3:10-3:40). There is no parking allowed along the red curb or in front of the dumpster area in the Eldorado Lane drive (parking is allowed in marked parking spaces).

**Please see the reverse for information about CHAMPS!**

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## CHAMPS

Our school has been working since the school year started to implement CHAMPS, a structure designed to positively and proactively communicate expectations to students across our school. The CHAMPS acronym stands for **C**onversation, **H**elp, **A**ctivity, **M**ovement, **P**articipation, and **S**uccess. Each classroom also has a unique set of expectations and procedures. Staff share their expectations for students throughout the day, and visual cues remind students of what appropriate behaviors are expected. Following are some examples of expectations for students across the school.

### Conversation

- Level 0 = Silent (No Voices, No Noises) 
- Level 1 = Quiet Voice (Only Your Neighbor Should Hear You, Whisper) 
- Level 2 = Conversation Voice (Only the Small Group Around You Should Hear You) 
- Level 3 = Presentation Voice (The Entire Class Should Hear You) 

### Help

- Raise Your Hand to Ask for Help 
- Ask Another Student Before Asking the Teacher  
- No Help is Available Unless There is an Emergency 

### Activity

- Individual Work 
- Small Group Work 
- Whole Group Work 
- Centers/Stations 

### Movement

- Stay Seated (Do Not Get Up to Get Supplies, etc.) 
- Getting Supplies is Okay 
- Getting a Drink from the Fountain is Okay 

### Participation

- *The teacher describes what it will look like when students are participating appropriately.*

### Success

- "If you follow these expectations, you will be successful."

Please take some time to discuss CHAMPS with your child. He/She should be able to tell you about how CHAMPS is utilized in the classroom, in the hallway, at specials, in the lunch room, and at the restroom. If you have questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher for specific information about the classroom expectations, rules, and consequences.

Thank you for your support and involvement!