



Mutual Elementary School Newsletter

June 2, 2020

Principal Notes – Mrs. House

Dear Mutual Families,

We are very excited to announce new administrative appointments to Mutual Elementary School that will be effective on July 1st.

Mrs. Stacy Hawxhurst will be the new Principal at Mutual. Some of you may remember that she was the Assistant Principal at Mutual five years ago. Mrs. Hawxhurst has been an educator for 30 years, all of which have been in Calvert County. She has been a 1st and 2nd grade teacher, reading intervention teacher, a Dean for 8 years, and Assistant Principal for the last 9 years. Her most recent appointment is at Dowell Elementary. Mrs. Hawxhurst is very excited to be back at Mutual. We will be working closely together to ensure a smooth transition for students, staff and families.

Mrs. Sherry Mansfield is changing roles at Mutual and has been appointed the 12-month Assistant Principal. For the last four years she has had the position of 10-month Assistant Principal. Ms. Mansfield will be leading the CCPS pilot program for the Behavior Development Program and Alternative Education programs that will be assigned to Mutual. She will also continue to support all the students, staff and families and is very excited for her new role at our school.

Ms. Cristin Williams will be joining the Mutual staff as the 10-month Assistant Principal. She was a special education teacher at Southern Middle School and Dowell Elementary and brings a wealth of knowledge to our Mustangs. She has been the Dean and IEP Facilitator at Calvert Elementary School for the last two years and she will be a great asset to the Mutual team. We are very excited to announce this awesome administrative team. They have great plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

I also wanted to let you know that Mrs. Debbie Horstkamp is retiring effective July 1st. Ms. Horstkamp has dedicated 31 years to educating students with the last 21 years at Mutual Elementary. She is a very talented teacher who has taught grades 2 and 5 and is ending her career as an expert 3rd grade math teacher. Mrs. Horstkamp will be dearly missed by all our Mustangs.

Sincerely,
Donna House
443-550-9645

Please Note the following IMPORTANT CALENDAR ITEMS

June 12th – 5th Grade virtual promotion ceremony at 6:30 pm

June 15th – MES End of Year drive through parade (Details are forthcoming)

June 16th – Students personal items distributed (Details are forthcoming)

Schoology – Resource Classes/Assignments

This is the last week that assignments will be posted in Schoology.

Please remember to check folders for resource items in Schoology on Friday. There will be assignments in Media, Music, PE, Art and Band/Strings (4th and 5th grade students). Students are given a full week to turn in assignments to their resource teachers.

All assignments posted on Schoology and/or in packets may be turned in at any time. Late assignments are always accepted. For students working from packets, in order to receive credit for completing the assignment and feedback, please take a picture of your child's work and email to the appropriate teacher. A full list of teacher email addresses can be found [here](#).

DREAMBOX

Please remember, students should be completing an average of five lessons per week in Dreambox. If you have questions, or are having problems logging on, please contact your child's teacher.

Weekly Videos

We hope you enjoyed our final *Month of the Mighty Mustang* "Family" video last Friday. This week's video will feature your photos/videos showcasing *MES School Spirit*. All photos/videos should be emailed to [Mrs. King](#) by Thursday, June 4th by noon in order to be featured in the video. We can't wait to see what you've created!

School Counselor Notes – Dr. Glenn

Hi everyone! I hope this beautiful weather has lifted your spirits and brightened your day! I would like to draw your attention to another activity you can do with your children to keep them engaged and practice mindfulness. What is mindfulness you ask? It is being fully aware of what is happening in the moment. It helps reduce stress, improve focus, and slows you down to really notice what you are doing. Being mindful is the opposite of rushing or multitasking. When you are mindful, you are taking your time. You're focusing in a relaxed and easy way. Wouldn't this be something that can benefit EVERYONE in the family!!!???

[Follow this link to play a bingo game with your children and teach them how to be mindful along the way!](#)

Kindly,
Dr. Glenn

VIRTUAL Spring Book Fair

Don't forget to take advantage of the Virtual Book Fair! Click [here](#) to access the online catalog. The link is available through September 4, 2020.

Happy Birthday - June 1 - June 8

June 1 - Dajoun Gray (3)

June 2 - Jorja Blue (5)

June 4 - Keran Brown (2), Maggie Butler (4), Peyton Fleshman (K), Sophie Sudnick (2)

June 5 - Madelyn Hendricks(5)

June 6 – Anna Hughes (2)

June 7 - Wyatt Behnke (4)

Grab 'n Go Meal Service

- Meals will be distributed to students on Mondays (two days of meals) and Wednesdays (three days of meals) between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
- Meal kits will include breakfast, lunch and a super snack.
- Distribution sites will return to the school parking lots where they were previously held. Distribution sites will include Calvert High School parking lot, Southern Middle School parking lot, Patuxent High School parking lot and the Windy Hill Elementary/Middle School parking lots.

MES - Digital Learning Help Lines

Questions that are received Monday through Thursday will receive a response within 24 hours – between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:30 pm. Questions received on Fridays or the weekends will receive a response as soon as possible, but by 3:30 pm on Monday.

Questions about an assignment?

Contact the teacher through Schoology or through email.

[Student help needed logging into Clever, Schoology or any other application?](#)

[Help needed with laptops?](#)

Student or Parent help needed logging into Home Access Center (HAC)?

[Please contact Mrs. King](#) at 443-550-9644.

Help or assistance needed with lunch and/or other meals?

[Please contact Mrs. Bailey](#) at 443-550-9643.

Questions about special education or 504 services?

[Please contact Mrs. Mansfield](#) at 443-550-9647.

Questions about social/emotional needs or family support?

[Please contact Dr. Glenn](#) at 443-550-9652.

Questions about medical or health concerns? *Please report health information to Nurse Carol.*

[Please contact Nurse Carol](#)

MES Office “Notes”

1. Teacher and IA “office hours” are 8:30 - 11:30 am and 12:30 - 2:30 pm, Monday through Friday, but you can email them at any time.
2. **CCPS Elementary Guidelines for Assigning On-line Learning**
 - Monday and Wednesday – Math, Science
 - Tuesday and Thursday – ELA, Social Studies
 - Friday – PE, Art, Music, Library, and make-up day for learning posted Monday to Thursday
 - Elementary – Work in 15-20-minute increments, not to exceed 2 hours per day
3. Families please gather any items that need be returned to school such as: library books and instruments. Stay tuned for drop off information on June 16th.
4. Medications will need to be picked up. A timeline will be forthcoming.
5. MES office staff will be working in the office but the building is closed to visitors. Please feel free to call the office with any questions at 443-550-9643.