



W. W. ASHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome, to our new staff members: AG will be joining us as the P.E./Health teacher; SC will be joining us as the Guidance Counselor; LS will be joining us as the ESL teacher and CG will be joining the staff as a pre-kindergarten aide.

ASHURST SCHOOL TRAFFIC PATTERN -Pedestrians from North and South Lyman need to use the sidewalks/path (through the woods adjacent to the school grounds near the 13183-13184 quarters). The children should be reminded to walk directly to school and to their homes without taking detours.

BUS SAFETY: PLEASE DO NOT PASS BUSES IN THE CIRCLE. IT IS A TRAFFIC VIOLATION TO PASS BUSES WHEN THE STOP SIGN IS EXTENDED. FOR THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN LOADING AND UNLOADING, WE REQUEST THAT VEHICLE TRAFFIC WAIT UNTIL THE BUSES HAVE LEFT THE AREA BEFORE PROCEEDING.

Please note the following reminders and school guidelines:

Arrival/Departure: The arrival time is **8:45-8:55** for students who walk from North or South Lyman or are driven to school in private vehicles; breakfast will be served from 8:45-9:00 for those children. On most days, the children will wait outside in line with supervision, except in inclement weather. Also, parents are requested to accompany the children on the crosswalks when crossing the street at school. Late arrivals require a tardy slip and must be signed in by a parent in the office. Early departures for appointments, etc., require children to be signed out by a parent as well. When visiting the school, all parents need to sign in on a "visitor" log in the office. **REMINDER – 15 MPH SPEED LIMIT IN THE HOUSING AREAS.**



Children's Safety: The posted times for bus arrivals and departures (not private vehicles) are: **8:30-8:45 and 3:00-3:30** on school days. There is "no parking" along the curb before 9:00 A.M. daily in order for buses to have a clear roadway to the school. A staff member will be at Cukela and Dulaney Streets to monitor the safety of the children. In the future, a staff member is expected to be monitoring the path through the woods; in the meantime, parents are requested to supervise their children at the roadway between the quarters and the wooded area. In addition, supervision is provided across the playground as well as on the sidewalk across from the overflow parking lot. As much as possible, please park in the overflow parking lot and accompany the child across the street. Private vehicles are permitted to arrive at the school to deliver children after 8:45 A.M. at the front doors. Breakfast is available to those children at that time.

Waiting for students: At the end of the school day, parents are requested to wait at the front of the school near the bike racks on the grass so that the children may walk on the sidewalk to the buses/ home. Please place strollers on the grass also. Parents are encouraged to use the crosswalks for safety reasons. **During inclement weather, parents are welcome to wait in the lobby before the children exit the building. Parents in private vehicles are requested to walk the children on the sidewalk on the school side of the property. If cars are parked in the overflow parking lot, parents must accompany the children to the vehicles there or pick up the children in the designated area along the curb near the brick school sign.**

Bus Schedules – Please have your children at the bus stop 5-10 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. The times may vary slightly as Motor Pool refines the schedule. Please be aware that the drop-off times may also vary a few minutes either way.

Safe Schools: Parents are always welcome to visit the school and their child's classroom. For the safety of the children, any time a parent desires to visit a classroom or other areas beyond the school lobby, we request that all visitors go to the office and sign in. All visitors will need a numbered visitor's badge. Visitors may return the visitor's badge to the office when signing out at the conclusion of the visit. We appreciate the community's support of this Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) "Safe School" practice.



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www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/quantico/ashurst

Swimming in the swimming pool, Some days are hot, Some days are cool, in the swimming pool. Back strokes, side strokes, fancy diving too! Oh, wouldn't it be nice if there was nothing else to do!

SWIMMING PROGRAM

SCHEDULED FROM

AUGUST 20th – 29th

2nd and 3rd Grades



Parent Orientation – Thursday, September 4th, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.

- **Parent Orientation** – Thursday, September 4th at 7:00 P.M., parents are invited to visit the school to hear an overview of the educational program which will be presented by the faculty. Parents are requested to attend this meeting without the children. Classroom teachers will offer two classroom sessions at 7:35 and 8:05. (Individual parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled November 4-7 with parents.)

6:15-6:45 P.M. Pre-K Classroom Session (Rooms 1 and 3)

7:00-7:30 P.M. (In the multi-purpose room)

- The principal will introduce the staff, Parent-Educators' Association and special guests before presenting highlights of school policies, procedures, grading periods, parent-teacher conferences, report cards, lunch, and parent volunteers. The resource teachers and their programs will be featured also.

7:35-8:05 P.M. (In all classrooms)

- Classroom teachers for grades PreK-3 will present information about curriculum, textbooks, grading and special activities for their classes.

8:05 P.M. (In all classrooms)

- This will be a second opportunity to hear classroom teacher presentations for grades K-3.

Calendar of Events

- AUG 19-25 – First Week for Kindergarten, 9:00-1:00 – Early Release for Scheduled Kindergarten Educational Screenings**
- 19-25 – Pre-Kindergarten classroom visits (will be arranged by the teachers)
- 20-29 – Swim Classes for grades 2-3 on a scheduled basis
- 26 – First Day for Pre-Kindergarten Classes (8:45-11:15 or 12:30-3:00 schedule)
- 26 – Kindergarten Classes begin a full day schedule (9:00-3:20)
- SEP** 1 – Labor Day Holiday – No School
- 4 – Parent Orientation, Evening (see times above)



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Principal

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