



**W. W. ASHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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*“Welcome to W.W. Ashurst Elementary School and to the Ashurst Allstars!”*

*First Day  
of School!*



**Pre-Kindergarten** students will begin classes on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> with morning and afternoon sessions. The two sessions will be 8:45-11:15 A.M. or 12:30-3:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday; no pre-kindergarten on Friday.

School will begin for **KINDERGARTEN** on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. The school day will be from 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. August 19-25 for **kindergarten students only**. Kindergarten teachers will contact parents after August 13 to arrange appointments for a Kindergarten screening between 1:15 and 3:30 on these early release days. These screenings will be by appointment only. Beginning the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, the Kindergarten hours will be 9:00 A.M.-3:20 P.M. Students in grades **ONE (1), TWO (2) AND THREE (3)** will begin classes on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M.-3:20 P.M.

**Ashurst School Traffic Patterns** – Please be aware that construction on Purvis may affect the streets leading to the school - Cukela Street, Dulaney Street and Gamble Street. Pedestrians from North and South Lyman Park need to use the sidewalks. The children in North Lyman may use the path across the playground and through the woods adjacent to the school grounds near the 13183-13184 quarters. Parents are requested to remind their children to walk directly to and from school rather than playing on playground equipment. Several staff members will be supervising the children from the Cukela and Dulaney intersection and on the walkways to the school.



**Open House** – An “Open House” is scheduled for Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> between 2:00– 3:00 PM. with families with the last name “A-L” invited between 2:00-2:30 and with the last names “M-Z” between 2:30-3:00, as much as possible. Parents and their children are invited to this informal event to visit the school and to meet the staff. Alphabetized class lists will be posted outside the front of the building by grade level so that parents may note the child’s teacher and the classroom number. Staff members will be available to assist families during that time. Families from North and South Lyman Park are encouraged to walk so that other families may park in the overflow parking lot at the lower part of the hill or along the curb.



**Cafeteria** – The cafeteria staff will be accepting money to prepay your child’s meal account at Open House. Instead of lunch tickets we will be using a computerized account system. Prices for breakfast and lunch will be:

**Breakfast-** \$1.25 per day or \$25.00 for 20 days      **Lunch-** \$2.25 per day or \$45.00 for 20 days

Prepaying your child’s lunch is encouraged because it is more convenient for the children.

Parents will receive a letter or email when balances are low. Please make checks payable to “VADDESS Cafeteria” (with home and work telephone numbers as well as parent’s social security number on the check for ready reference, if needed). Applications for free and reduced price meals are included in this envelope and may be returned to the school or mailed. If your child participated last year, the child is automatically eligible for the first 20 school days for free or reduced meals. (In addition, cafeteria employees are needed from 9:00-1:30; call 703-640-9431, if interested.)

**REGISTRATION** – Before a child enters school, the following registration information will be needed: state-issued birth certificate, physical and immunization record. In addition, a copy of your housing lease/housing letter and your PCS orders are needed to complete the registration. Parents are encouraged to provide the school office with those items, by Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, as well as emergency contacts and telephone numbers.



**- Please See Reverse -**

**PEA - (Parent-Educators' Association)** – The PEA will be selling \$3.00 membership tickets to families in the multi-purpose room at the Open House. The organization has been very active in supporting a variety of family events and school activities for the benefit of the school and community. Your continued support will be appreciated.

**Quantico Sentry** newspaper (August 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> editions) will include a “Back to School” supplement of school **system** information. Please check the early August **Sentry** editions for the bus schedule and retain the school system supplement for future reference.



**Kindergarten Screening** – Kindergartners will be scheduled for an informal educational screening of basic skills, vision and hearing (**on an appointment basis**) on the afternoons of August 19<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:15 -3:30 P.M. You will be contacted to set up an appointment time.



**Swimming Program** – Special information is attached about the swimming program for second and third graders. Volunteers will be needed in order to offer another successful program for the children: your help with supervision on one or more days will be welcome. Please call the school and offer to assist for part of a day or complete the attached form, if possible; your name will be given to Mrs. Gerstner, the physical education teacher, who will contact volunteers. The swimming program will be conducted from Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.



**A “Safe Schools Program” is underway at the schools in the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA): Some of the “Safe Schools” practices at Ashurst include:**

- **Parents and Visitors** – Parents, as well as all personnel entering the school, are asked to sign in when they arrive, indicating their purpose, time, and classroom/area where they will be conducting their volunteer services or business. This practice is conducted for security purposes and for emergencies as well as a measure to protect the children’s learning day. A numbered visitor/volunteer badge should be worn in the school and returned to the office before departing; visitors need to be accounted for daily by the numbered badge.
- **Parents are welcome to call the school when they have questions or concerns** – We will be happy to take the name/phone number and have the staff member return the call as soon as possible.
- **Parent(s) are asked to sign in or sign out the child, if the child is tardy or needs to leave early** – Office staff must give the student a pass or call the respective student from the classroom via the intercom system. A sign-in/out sheet is on the office counter for this purpose. This practice allows for the least amount of interruptions for instructional purposes and offers a safer school setting for the children and staff who do not know all of the parents.
- **A note to the teacher will be helpful in getting together daily homework assignments for students who will be leaving early or will be absent or having a different destination at the end of the day** – The teacher needs this information and will send this note to the office for attendance purposes. Please allow teachers 24 hours to prepare homework assignments for a period of absence. We will try to telephone parents of students who have not arrived prior to 10:00 A. M., if a note or call is not received excusing their absence. (Phone call messages to the office are more difficult to convey to the teachers in a timely way.)
- **Parents are requested to provide labeled items for children or teachers to the office staff** - The office staff will deliver the items after 9:00 A.M., including such items as lunches, lunch money, homework, books, clothing, umbrellas, messages, etc. Each item should be marked with the student’s name, teacher’s name, and, if known, the time the item will be needed.

## Calendar of Events

- AUG** 18- Open House: "A-L" - 2:00-2:30; "M-Z" - 2:30-3:00  
19 - First Day of School Grades 1-3, 9:00-3:20  
19-25 - First Week for Kindergarten, 9:00-1:00 - Early Release for Scheduled Screenings  
19-25 - Pre-Kindergarten classroom visits (will be arranged with the teachers)  
26 - First Day for Pre-Kindergarten (8:45-11:15 or 12:30-3:00 schedule)  
26 - Kindergarten begins 9:00-3:20 schedule  
20-29 - Swim Classes for grades 2-3 on a scheduled basis
- SEP** 1 - Labor Day Holiday - No School  
4 - Parent Orientation, evening



**NO "ROLLER SHOES":** Accidents from trendy "roller-shoes" contribute to many visits to the emergency room each year (U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission). In order to maintain a safe environment at Ashurst Elementary School, "roller shoes" are not allowed at school. Please be aware of this rule and purchase school shoes accordingly; closed, soft-sole shoes are recommended. Thanks for helping Ashurst maintain a safe environment.

*Thank you for encouraging newly arriving families to register their children at school as soon as possible so that teacher assignments and schedules may be finalized. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable school year with all of you!*



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JANICE P. WEISS  
Principal

### Attachments:

School Map

2008-2009 School Year Calendar

Student's After-School Destination

Swimming Class Information

Emergency Notification Form

Free and Reduced Meal Application

Menu

Supply List

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