



Heads Up

September 3, 2010

A VERY WARM WELCOME is extended to the following new students and their parents to Chesapeake for the 2010-2011 academic year. CAPP has graciously taken the lead in helping acclimate these new families to our campus and Osprey traditions. Please be sure to introduce yourself to anyone you're not familiar with, and help make these new families feel adjusted, included, and part of the Chesapeake family we've come to know and love. New students include:

Pre-Kindergarten 3/4:

Davis Bugg
son of Tripp '92 and Adrienne Bugg

Alayna Holcomb
daughter of Clay and Lisa Holcomb

Celden Hornsmith
son of Atalie Hornsmith

Ben Honnick and James Honnick
sons of John and Robin Honnick

Chase Knull
son of Kevin and Kirsten Knull

Berns Kurtz
son of Paddy and Kate Kurtz

Wynne Smith
daughter of Ken and Sonja Smith

Martin Smith
son of Craig and Janet Smith

Zyaera Smith
daughter of Brandon Smith

Kindergarten:

Spencer Cammarata
son of Peter and Chris Cammarata

Garic Reger
son of Heather Reger '87

Callie Souders
daughter of Joe and Suzanne Souders

First Grade

Will Reger
son of Heather Reger '87

Second Grade

Jordan Abbott
daughter of Richard and Jan Abbott

Philip Haynie
son of PJ and Lisa Haynie

NEW STUDENTS (continued)

Third Grade

Colette Haynie
daughter of PJ and Lisa Haynie

Fourth Grade

Kassidy Elliott
*daughter of Scott and Laura Hudson,
daughter of David Elliott*

Fifth Grade

Evan Steensma
son of Rich and Christy Steensma

Wells Young

daughter of Brad and Susan Young

Sixth Grade

Johanna Loftiss and Madison Loftiss
daughters of Don and Diana Loftiss

THIS IS YOUR FIRST AND ONLY HARD COPY OF HEADS UP!

From this week forth, expect to receive Heads Up, our school's bi-monthly newsletter, the first and third Fridays of the month via email only. If you do not also receive this first edition of Heads Up electronically by Saturday, September 4, or you'd like us to send it to a different email address, please notify Ms. Connie in the front office ASAP. **NOTE:** If you have not returned your updated contact forms to the front desk, please do so immediately! Thank you.

WHERE'S THE HOMEWORK BLOG? Its been moved to the CA Community Network, our new, collaborative, and dynamic online community for CA students, parents, teachers, alumni, board members, and friends. You can access the CA Community Network (CACN,) from the school's website:

www.chesapeakeacademy.org. You'll need to register using the "join the CA Community Network (students and parents)" link listed under the green homework blog banner. If you don't register, you'll only have access to a limited amount of necessary information. Please do so today and join our vibrant online community! Its quite simple. If you have any questions about the procedure, please contact Academic Dean Julie Keesee at 438-5575 or jkeesee@chesapeakeacademy.org.

NAMES ON EVERYTHING! School supply lists may not include a Sharpie marker; however please buy one for your family and put your student's name in every piece of uniform worn at school, especially those lovely navy blue blazers! Lost and Found items are so much easier to return with names on clothing! Students will be required once again to provide Ms. Connie with a canned good to retrieve items in Lost and Found. All canned goods will be donated to the local food bank.

ALL ABOARD FOR THE ALL SCHOOL COOKOUT.

Back by popular demand! E-invites went out in mid-August. If you did not receive an invitation, please know it was an oversight. Just call CAPP President Kirsten Knull at 462-7089 or email her at kirsten@chickswithkidz.com. Please don't forget to e-reply regarding your family's availability to attend. The Third Annual Chesapeake Academy All-School Family Pot Luck Cookout is Sunday, September 12, from 3 to 6 p.m. on campus. (In case of inclement weather, consult www.chesapeakeacademy.org.)

MEDICAL FORM REMINDER: All students participating in school sports MUST have a physical fitness form filled out by a physician and returned to Ms. Connie before the first soccer or golf game! Contact Coach Walker with questions at 438-5575 or cwalker@chesapeakeacademy.org

CAN MY CHILD WEAR FLIP FLOPS? Ever wonder what awards your student might qualify for on graduation day, how to drive to Aylett for a soccer game, why not to drop off your child before 8:15 a.m., what college your student's teacher graduated from, or what happens to your keys if you vacate your car with the engine running on campus? Answers to all these pertinent questions and hundreds more can be found in the Chesapeake Academy Family Handbook distributed at Convocation and/or sent home with your youngest student on Thursday. Read on!

OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS WE HAVE!

Sincere thanks are extended to the many, many parent, grandparent, faculty, board, and alumni volunteers who appeared throughout the summer to haul, paint, weed, deconstruct, reconstruct, prune, and otherwise spruce-up the many classrooms, buildings, and beds of our beautiful campus, and especially to David Stinson and Taz and Johanna Carrington for helping to organize two consecutive weekends of work. These volunteers set for our students a wonderful example of selfless dedication, and we thank you. If you missed the fun, stay tuned for the next community wide clean-up scheduled for Thursday, October 14, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

AN APPLE A DAY... makes everybody happy! Supplementing "Wall-E," our fabulous portable Apple MacBook cart (loaded with 20 fully charged laptops for student use,) Chesapeake welcomes "Eva," an additional Apple MacBook cart (loaded with an additional 20 laptops as well.) Eva will reside in the Middle School hallway with Wall-E in Lower School, providing our students with exceptional, up-to-date computer hardware and software for academic use. Additionally, each classroom in both divisions is outfitted with an LCD projector, which is great for projecting educational websites and videos onto white boards or screens for shared classroom viewing. The funding for all these essential updates supporting the school's long-term technology plan came from a combination of support. Thank you to all of the people in the audience who raised their hands and bid on the Fund-an-Item for Technology at last year's Annual Auction. Thank you to the Charles L. and Nettie Lokey Wiley Foundation and CAPP.

RENEW, REUSE, AND THEN COMES recycle!

In order to help create a school community that takes seriously its responsibility for environmental sustainability, Chesapeake is going to implement a no-trash lunch program. Adopting the forest service motto, "Pack it in, Pack it out," students will take responsibility for (aka take home) all trash produced from their packed lunches- learning first hand the value of using reusable containers such as tupperware, baggies, thermoses, and refillable drink containers. Recycling is a good thing, but putting less in the landfill is an even better thing.

SAVE THE DATE! This year's 9th Annual Community Oyster Roast will be held on campus on Saturday, October 16th from 5 to 9p.m. Co-Chairs Dave Tambellini and Ryan Kent are working hard to make sure this is a stellar event you surely won't want to miss. Included will be all-you-can-eat local oysters, hot dogs, hamburgers, sweet potato fries, clam chowder, dessert, as well as beer, wine, soft drinks, and music for dancing! This is our only fall fundraising event and it provides critical and necessary operating capital for our school. Please come, sponsor, and/or volunteer. The Oyster Roast is a really fun adult event. FYI: Ten raffle tickets were sent home to your family on Wednesday that you are asked to sell or purchase, and two tickets to attend the event will be sent home next week for each family to either purchase or sell as well. Most Sponsorships include tickets as well as promotional opportunities for you. Join the team for this fun-filled Northern Neck tradition! Volunteers are needed to solicit sponsors, help set up on Friday and Saturday, help in one-hour shifts during the event and clean up after the event and on Sunday. Contact Catherine Emry at 438-5575 or cemry@chesapeakeacademy.org in the Development Office for more information and to volunteer!.

HELPFUL HINTS RE DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP:

Speed limit is 5 mph (which is the speed achieved in an automatic transition car with your foot off the gas pedal), and need we say it- cell phones MAY NOT be in use while driving on campus. Dismissal is at 3:15 p.m. for all students. Please follow the procedures as outlined in the Family Handbook, which include arriving no earlier than 3:10 p.m. We want to avoid creating traffic jams on Steamboat Road and Route 200. It is also important that all cars are pulled as far forward as possible in the car pool line, and remember that there is only one line of traffic. Please do not go around cars unless directed to do so by a faculty or staff member monitoring arrival or dismissal. Note: cars do have the right of way over pedestrians during morning dropoff. We realize the routine will go more smoothly as we have more practice.

CAMPUS PEDESTRIAN ZONE! Again, safety first, folks!

Remember, the center part of the campus will be an automobile free zone between 8:30 a.m. and 3:10 p.m. All parents and guests visiting school during these hours are asked to park in the front parking lot and enter campus through the main lobby. Pre-Kindergarten students will be dismissed at noon from the front lobby.

OH, JUST ONE MORE THING ABOUT CARPOOL!

Please help us help your child get safely into the car at dismissal time. It is safer for your child to load into the passenger side of your vehicle and it is easier for us to assist with belting if car seats are on the passenger side. Virginia law requires children through the age of seven to ride in a child restraint device in the car. While there is no law regarding forward riding children in the front seat of vehicles, there is a strong recommendation from the DMV that children under the age of 12 ride buckled or in a booster seat in the rear of the car. Children are always safer in the back seat, regardless of whether there is an activated passenger side airbag or not.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS are for parents only and are designed to increase your connection to your child's life at Chesapeake. We think they're vital. Back to School Nights are: Thursday, September 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the gym for Early Childhood and Lower School, and Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. for Middle School. Programs typically last two hours. Seventh and eighth grade parents will have an essential and mandatory update meeting on the Seacamp marine science field trip following their Back to School Night classroom visits.

WANTED: ARTISTS! Art Teacher Nancy O'Shaughnessy wishes to announce that the Featured Artist bulletin board, located in the front lobby, is available for One-Student art shows! Parents, if your child is interested in participating in this program, please let Mrs. O know or drop off 6 to 8 flat works of art (photographs are acceptable) in the front office or art room. Please include a photo of your child. Art work will be displayed as space is available and all work will be returned. Mrs. O can be reached at noshaughnessy@chesapeakeacademy.org or 438-5575. NOTE: Please remind your students to drop off their art supplies (1 glue stick, 1 regular point Sharpie, and 1 piece of poster paper) to the Art Room asap. Student portfolios are made from the poster board at the beginning of each year.

ART AROUND TOWN is a program that was initiated by a community volunteer interested in displaying children's art work in area businesses. Chesapeake artists for the month of September include:

Boyd Bragg at Dr. Westbrook's in Irvington

Milly Tompkins at Chesapeake Bank in Irvington

Thomas Wilson at The Dandelion

Eliza Carr Schmidt at Dr. Stout's office in Kilmarnock.

A special thanks is extended to parent Sandy Johnson who once again has volunteered to assist Mrs. O'Shaughnessy in the monthly hanging and replacement of student work around town.

CAPPA CONTACT INFORMATION: The Executive Board of CAPPA consists of the following parents who are more than willing to help with questions and receive your offers of volunteer support! They are:

Kirsten Knull, President/Events
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Melinda Lewis, VP Fundraising
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804-580-4647 ssimmons@rrecord.com

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Liz Silvernale, Room Parent Coordinator
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Hilary Scott, Immediate Past President
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IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, Sept. 6: NO SCHOOL - closed for Labor Day!

Tuesday, Sept. 7: CLASSES RESUME

Sunday, Sept 12: ALL-SCHOOL Cookout! 3-6 p.m. on campus

Thursday, Sept. 16: Back to School Night for EC/LS, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 21: Back to School Night for MS, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30: Tag Day!

-no school uniform required if you donate 50 cents to Student Council.