



Cherry Run New Family FAQ's

2019-2020

WELCOME TO CHERRY RUN ELEMENTARY!

We're so glad you're here and part of our community!

- 1. How do I find extracurricular activities for my child to join?** There is a list of before/after school activities on the PTA website, with points of contact. Many activities will send out information early in the school year. Others like Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts are present at the Open House on August 22. There are a wide range of activities both during and before/after school where your child can meet new friends.
- 2. How can I volunteer?** Volunteering is a great way to quickly get to know your new school community! There are many opportunities at Cherry Run! Look for info in the Tuesday folders early in the year, as well as through PTA and throughout the year via CRES Weekly Highlights. In addition, Back to School nights on Sept 10 and 11 feature many sign-up opportunities for in-class and other volunteers. Activities like the amazing field trips, field days and historic days your child will participate in also require a lot of parent support to be successful. Please contact cresvolunteer@gmail.com for more volunteer information.
- 3. Are there other ways to get to know my school? YES!** The school and PTA host many events which provide a way for everyone to engage and have fun. Look for info on Fall Festival, Book Fairs, class parties, Family Bingo, Family Night, Dr. Seuss's Birthday, Doughnuts with a VIP, Sweets with your Sweetie, and the Boo Hoo Woo Hoo (a coffee welcome for all parents, on the first morning of school).
- 4. Can I eat lunch with my child?** Absolutely. You are welcome to join your child for lunch during their regularly scheduled time. Look for your child's daily schedule from the classroom teacher. Parents may not bring any foods not prepared at home (including fast food) to the school cafeteria for lunch with students. School lunch or meals prepared at home are the only foods that can be eaten in the cafeteria.
- 5. How do I pay for my child's school lunch?** You can register with mylunchmoney.com to pay online (using a credit or debit card), or pay the cafeteria director (checks can be made out to Cherry Run Food Services with your child's student ID number on the check). The office can provide your student ID.
- 6. How do I join the PTA?** There will be an information table at the Open House on August 22 and at the Back to School nights Sept 10 and 11. Membership is \$75. The fee is higher than at other schools, since our PTA chooses to focus support on family activities and school needs rather than student-led fundraising. PTA fees fund classroom and library purchases, as well as teacher professional development.
- 7. Where do I find bus information?** Bus schedules will be sent out in the first Tuesday Folder. Also it is available a few days prior to school on Blackboard 24/7, if you have your child's student number. You will get info on how to sign up for Blackboard 24/7 and the new Student Information System after registration.
- 8. What is the Tuesday Folder?** These white envelopes are sent home each Tuesday and contain valuable information from the office staff, PTA and your child's teacher. You are asked to sign it to acknowledge receipt, then return it the following day.
- 9. Where do I check for school closings or weather delays?** The school district website, www.fcps.edu, as well as its Facebook page is updated with this information. You will also receive Keep In Touch (KIT) messages (www.fcps.edu/kit) via telephone and email. Make sure your child's contact information is always up to date, in case of weather or other emergencies.
- 10. Where can I get more info?** The school district has a wonderful parent resource section on their website, www.fcps.edu. In addition, www.fairfaxcounty.gov is a great resource for community information. Any other questions, please contact cherryrunnewfamilies@yahoo.com. Best wishes for a great year!