Dear Scottsville Families,

It seems I just wrote to you ending the school year, and now I am writing to you and welcoming you to the beginning of a new school year! Where did the time go! I hope all our families have had a relaxing, fun, and safe summer and are ready to begin another school year. We look forward to seeing our families at our Open House on Monday, August 18th from 4 to 6. You will learn who your child’s teacher is at that time.

We have new faculty/staff to introduce to you for the 2014/15 school year. Please help us to welcome Dr. Penny Bowles as our new media specialist and Ms. Cristina Prince as our new cafeteria manager.

Dr. Bowles taught Pre-K through 4th grade students, holds a master’s degree in teaching and has experience working with students needing intervention. She has much experience with the Central Virginia Writing Project, has taught UVA undergraduate students, and maintains a great vision for 21st century teaching and learning. Dr. Bowles earned her doctoral degree at UVA in 2008 with a focus on student engagement during elementary school reading and writing workshops. She will also be in charge of updating our website and looks forward to meeting our Scottsville families. Dr. Bowles replaces Mrs. Church who retired last year. Welcome Dr. Bowles!

Ms. Prince comes to us from Jouett Middle School where she worked as a server and substituted for the cafeteria manager. Ms. Prince and her family own an Italian restaurant and she is familiar with all facets of the food industry. Ms. Prince is anxious to meet our Scottsville families. She replaces Mrs. Powell who has transferred to Red Hill to be closer to home. Welcome Ms. Prince!

We had some construction in our school this summer. A new heating and air conditioning system has been installed in the 2nd—5th grade area of our building. Window units in those classrooms have been replaced as well. We hope that we’ll have more stabilized room temperatures in our building this year for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Also, Our front office got repainted and new linoleum tile has been installed.

As you may know, we have reduced office help this year due to lower student enrollment. Currently we have Mrs. Ayres full time and Mrs. Gayhart half-time. Because of reduced help in our front office, we needed to modify our bus pass procedures because we currently process approximately 20-30 bus passes daily and Mrs. Ayres cannot handle this existing procedure alone while managing the front office. Thank you Scottsville parents/guardians in advance for your support with this change and helping us to keep our little ones safe. Here are the new procedures:

Parent/Guardians will need to complete their child’s bus/pick-up/after school passes this year. Passes will be available at Open House as well as during the school year in the office. It is important that you complete the forms in full detail as we will follow your instructions on the passes. Last minute changes will be accepted until 1:45pm by phone call only (no emails please) to the office staff. Please call Mrs. Ayres at 974-8040 should you have any questions. We will be monitoring this new procedure throughout the year.

Please note that we are implementing the same safety procedures as last year when visiting our campus. For any purpose, all parents/guardians/guests at any time must sign-in in the front office and wear a badge before proceeding into our school or classroom. Parents/Guardians/Guests must wait in the lobby for their child to meet them for pick-up. Also, please remember to park in the extended parking area on the left when you enter our campus. Thank you for continuing to do such a great job with all of this and keeping children safe!

Please remember also that students must be in their seats at 7:56 am to not be counted late. As you may recall last year we had to adjust the schedule to accommodate for a longer lunch for our students. Please help your child transition to their school schedule before school starts so that they can attend school daily, get to school on time, and be prepared to learn. We so appreciate your efforts in getting your students to school daily and on time. I know you realize education is important!

Finally, we did very well on our SOL this spring. I am so, so proud of our students, teachers, staff, and parents/guardians for all their hard work. The Virginia Department of Education is not allowing us to share scores yet, but once they do, we’ll share with you.

As always, please call me at 974-8040 should you have any questions. I look forward to seeing our little ones, our super parents, our awesome teachers and staff, and look to another super successful school year at Scottsville Elementary School!!

Sharon
Information you need to know:

**Sign-in and Badges Are Required!**

In order to keep our students, faculty, and staff safe, Scottsville School we implement safety procedures when on campus, whether dropping off, picking up students, or visiting our campus. **Everyone must first sign-in in the front office and wear a visitor badge.** **Also, if you are picking-up your child after school, please wait in the front lobby until dismissal/pick-up for your child.** Thank you very much for continuing to practice these safety procedures.

**Open House** will be held from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Monday, August 18th. Open House is for children from preschool through fifth grade and their parents. Class placements will be posted at Open House. You and your child will be meeting his/her teacher and locating his/her classroom. Please feel free to bring your child’s school supplies at this time.

**School Hours:** The school hours for all elementary schools in Albemarle County are as follows: Arrival: 7:45 a.m. Start: 7:56 a.m. Dismissal: 2:25 p.m.

**NO SMOKING POLICY**

We would like to remind anyone visiting the school to please remember that we have a No Smoking on School Property at Any Time policy. The School Board put this policy in effect in 1997.

**Student Meal Prices**

Student Breakfast: $1.35  Snacks: $.75 (subject to change)
Student Lunch: $2.30  Adult Breakfast: $1.65
Milk: $.55 (subject to change)  Adult Lunch: $3.15

Albemarle County Public Schools continue to offer free or reduced price meals to families that qualify. Reduced lunch will continue to be $.40 and reduced breakfast will continue to be $.30. To participate and continue in this program, families must submit **yearly**, a Free and Reduced Price Meal Application. Applications are distributed annually in each student’s first day of school packet. Families also can call the Child Nutrition program at (434) 296-0566 to request an application, or download an application at www.k12albemarle.org.

**Dates to Remember:**

August 18th: Open House 4-6 pm.
August 20th: First Day of School
September 1st: Labor Day—No School
September 16th: Back to School Night 6:00 to 7:30
September 29th: Prof. Development Day—No School
October: Picture Day and retakes TBD

Fall Conferences: Oct. 13th—23rd
October 23rd: Last day of first marking period
October 24th: Tchr. Workday-No School
November 3rd and 4th: Prof. Dev., No School
26th-28th Thanksgiving Holiday
December 22nd-Jan 2nd: Winter Holiday (school resumes Jan. 5th)
More important information

Safety First!!
For the safety of all, please drop off students who are driven to school at the gym door. Please circle around the cones in the parking lot. Be sure to drive slowly around the circle. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR. Teachers on duty will help your child get out of the car if needed. If you want to get out of your car or escort your child into the building, then please park on the left in the grass as you enter school grounds.

Please do not park in the handicap parking zone unless you have the proper identification on your vehicle.

See next page for diagram of parent parking in front of school.

During the regular instructional day (7:55 to 2:25) visitors must enter only through the front door. All other exterior doors remain locked during the school day. Please do not park by the yellow curb directly in front of the school.

Student Handbook and Appropriate Dress for school

The student handbook is a wealth of information about school life. There is a link to the current student handbook on the Scottsville Elementary School website at http://schoolcenter.k12albemarle.org/education/school/school.php?sectionid=13. Please take the time to review this information with your child.

Appropriate dress for school is always important. Shoulder straps of tops should be three inches or more in width. Tops should cover tummy and meet the top of pants, shorts or skirts. T-shirts with inappropriate messages or symbols are not appropriate.

Shorts, skirts and dresses are considered too short if, when holding one’s hands at one’s sides, the hem or cuff does not reach beyond the middle fingertip. Pants for ladies and gentlemen must be secured and worn at the waist; undergarments should not be visible.

Tennis shoes must be worn for gym and every class has gym 4 days a week. All students should also wear tennis shoes for recess which occurs every day. Running and sports activities are not safe in flip flops and sandals. Hats should not be worn inside of school.
Administering Medication at School

According to the Albemarle County Policies and Regulations (JHCD-E) regarding administering medication to students at school, parents need to be aware of the following:

1. Whenever possible, medication should be scheduled outside of school hours.

2. If prescription medicine is to be dispensed at school, a medication form (available in the office and online) must be signed by a physician and specify in writing the duration the medication is to be administered and the dosage of the drug. The orders should be renewed every school year. NO MEDICINE WILL BE ADMINISTERED IF WE DO NOT HAVE THIS FORM.

3. Parents must complete a medication form for school personnel to administer non-prescription medication to children. JUST A NOTE CAN’T BE ACCEPTED.

4. No more than a one month supply of a prescribed medication shall be stored at the school.

5. If there is a change in the dosage of medication to be given, IT IS THE PARENT’S RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE A NEW FORM FILLED OUT BY THE DOCTOR FOR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION AND GIVE IT TO THE NURSE TO REPLACE THE ORIGINAL FORM ON FILE.

6. All medications are kept in a locked cabinet at school. No medications may be kept in the classroom. Authorized staff will administer medication after the medication forms discussed above are on file.

Thank you for keeping these rules in mind for the safety of all of our children.

Transportation

If you want your child to ride the bus to any other location than your home, then you must contact Transportation at 973-5716 to approve the change. This often is the case with babysitters. Even though someone may live in the Scottsville district there may not be a bus routed to the location, or there may not be room on the other bus for your child.

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Volunteers Needed

No doubt you’ve heard the saying, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Well it also takes a whole community to keep everything running at a school. There are many ways that volunteers can help. Volunteer to:

- Tutor a child
- Help with a project in the classroom
- Share your expertise with a class
- Go on a field trip
- Help organize a PTO fundraiser
- Weed the gardens

Parents connected to school show their children that school is important!

Attendance

Attendance is a critical factor in each child’s success in school. When students miss school, make up work cannot replace the active learning and class participation or the opportunity to ask questions during lessons. Good attendance and promptness are lifelong habits that teach children responsibility. These habits are formed early in life. Studies show that students who have good attendance early in their school career are more likely to have good attendance throughout their schooling. These are lifelong habits that are critical in the workplace. **If your child does need to miss school, please call our front office and report the absence.**

Commit to excellence in attendance.

Your child’s future depends on it!