Dear Scottsville Families,

Welcome back to school Scottsville families! Hard to believe we are ready to begin another school year. We hope everyone had a safe, fun, and relaxing summer. We look forward to seeing our families at our Open House / Meet Your Teacher on Monday, August 22nd from 4 to 6. Our PTO will be sponsoring a Popsicle Party for Bright Stars and Kindergarteners during this event as well. You will learn who your child’s teacher is at that time and also on our Parent Portal on Friday, August 19th.

We have new faculty/staff to introduce to you for the 2016/17 school year and are excited to share some great news about one of our veteran teachers. Laura Morris has accepted a one-year only assistant principal internship at Cale Elementary School for the 16/17 school year! We all have such bittersweet feelings about this, but we are excited for her. Mrs. Morris has been at Scottsville School for 21 years as a master teacher and has always assumed administrator duties whenever any Scottsville principal has been out of the building. Congratulations and best wishes, Mrs. Morris!

Please help us to welcome: Kristie Obrecht, Erin Owney, Clarissa Oldham, Michelle Valentino, and Mary Stratos.

Mrs. Obrecht is our new Media Specialist and Gifted Resource Teacher. Mrs. Obrecht has 25 years experience as an educator, 12 years as a media specialist and a year as a Gifted Resource Teacher.

Mrs. Owney is our new part-time Music Specialist. Mrs. Owney has 9 years of experience as a Music Specialist and we will share her with Stony Point School.

Mrs. Oldham is our new 4th/5th grade teacher. Mrs. Oldham has taught for 5 years and spent last year at our school as a part-time teacher and teaching assistant. We welcome her in her new role at our school.

Mrs. Valentino has graciously accepted a one-year only kindergarten position at our school and recently taught for Stony Point and Cale Elementary Schools in the primary grades.

Mrs. Stratos is our new teaching assistant. She comes to us from Cale School. Mrs. Stratos is a certified teacher and has been a substitute teacher in ACPS and City Schools. She’s been a teaching assistant since 2011.

In addition, please help me to welcome our new PTO Officers for the 16/17 School Year: Presidents - Jennifer Shiflett & Alyson DeBondt; Vice Presidents - Kristen Carty & Laura Outland; Treasurers - Laura Mellusi & Molly Harlow; Secretaries - Kelly Barrett & Nicola McGoff; Communications Officer - Anna Quirk.

To help our parents and students transition back to the new school year let me include the following routines we have in place at our school:

As last year parents/guardians will need to complete their child’s bus/pick-up/after school passes. 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 1:45 pm by phone call only (no emails please) to the office staff. Please call Mrs. Ayres at 974-8040 should you have any questions.

When visiting our campus, for any purpose, all parents/guardians / guests / visitors at any go to the front office, sing-in and wear a badge before proceeding into our school or classroom. Parents/Guardians/Guests/Visitors 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 support this safety procedure and helping keep children safe!

Please remember also that students must be in their seats at 7:55 am to not be counted late. 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! Note: Five minutes has been added to the school day for all ACPS so that we will not make up snow days at the end of the year. Our dismissal time will now be 2:30 pm daily.

Our transportation department would like to remind our parents that they will not be able to drive students to the Boys and Girls Club or any alternate stops for the first 10 days of school. Please prepare alternate transportation until the 10 day period ends.

As always, please call me at 974-8040 should you have any questions or suggestions. I look forward to seeing our students, parents, teachers and staff, and look forward to another super successful school year at Scottsville Elementary School!! Best, 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/Meet the Teacher** will be held from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Monday, August 22nd. Open House is for children from preschool through fifth grade and their parents. Class placements will be posted at Open House as well as on the Parent Portal on Friday, August 19th. 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: 7:55 a.m. Dismissal: **2:30 p.m. (this is a change).**

**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**

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Albemarle County Public Schools continue to offer free or reduced price meals to families that qualify. Reduced lunch will be $.40 and reduced breakfast will 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 22nd:** Open House 4-6 pm.
- **August 23rd:** First Day of School
- **September 5th:** Labor Day—No School
- **September 22nd:** Back to School Night 6:00 to 7:30
- **September 26th:** Prof. Development Day—No School
- **October 21st:** Picture Day
- **October 27th:** Last day of first marking period
- **October 28th:** Tchr. Workday-No School
- **November 7th and 8th:** Prof. Dev. No School
- **23rd-25th Thanksgiving Holiday**
- **December 19th-30th:** Winter Holiday
- **January 2nd:** Green Work Day; January 3rd—school resumes
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 OR PASS A CAR IN LINE. 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.

Please do not enter the bus lanes in front of the school between 7:45 am and 8:30 a.m. and between 1:50 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

During the regular instructional day (7:55 to 2:30) 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 with our without tights/leggings. 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 unless it is for a special day like Spirit Day.
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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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.
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!