

September 15, 2017

Principal's News...

Welcome back to school! I would like to extend my warm welcome to our new students and their families, and welcome back all of our returning students for another great year. We are most excited about beginning another wonderful school year here at Charles Barrett.

It has been an exciting summer here. In August we hosted a one-week Kindergarten Prep program for our new kindergarteners which was attended by nearly every rising kinder. We also did several building renovations including the installation of a new roof school-wide, a new drainage system by kindergarten and several building envelope repairs. Thank you all for your patience as we wrapped these projects up.

One of the keys to a successful school year is an effective amount of communication between teachers and families. I encourage you to contact your child's teachers with any questions or concerns throughout the school year. Each teacher will be providing their contact information to you, and may be contacted via phone or e-mail daily. I firmly believe that constant and effective communication is essential for student success, and I welcome appointments with parents, as well.

I appreciate your patience with the traffic during arrival and dismissal on these first days of school. We are constantly making adjustments to our dismissal routine and the Kiss and Ride lot in an effort to more efficiently dismiss our students. Please remember to always send a note to the office by 12:00pm if you plan to change your child's dismissal plan. You may e-mail dismissal changes to cbdissmissal@acps.k12.va.us. **All questions regarding bus transportation may be directed to our Transportation Department at 703-461-4169.**

Thank you for your support of your child and of our school. I am looking forward to a productive, exciting and challenging year for all of our students. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any way that we can better support your child. I look forward to seeing all parents at our annual Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30pm.

Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2017/2018 school year!

I hope you had a fun-filled summer and have successfully made the transition into waking up early, packing backpacks, making lunches, getting shoelaces tied, etc.

As many of you know, each school year our PTA provides significant support to the faculty, staff, parents, and most especially the students at Charles Barrett. Examples of PTA contributions include: providing green folders to each student; supporting teachers with a contribution for supplies for the new year; organizing online school supply ordering and delivery; providing teachers with the opportunity to receive a mini-grant for "extras"; funding assemblies, field trips, and other academic experiences for each student; coordinating after-school enrichment; and maintaining the school garden.

Charles Barrett is a diverse and growing school community where everyone is welcomed and valued. Our PTA works hard to support opportunities for our students and families to build and deepen community connections. To that end, our PTA also supports the Kindergarten Popsicle play date, an Ice Cream Social, the Barrett Carnival, Family Fun Nights, Field Day, the Dessert/Yearbook Social, and classroom parties.

Our school thrives when we all come together to contribute our time and talents. We need you to:

1. [Support and join](#) the PTA for only \$6/individual membership;
2. Volunteer however and whenever you can;
3. Stay connected and informed. Read the Buzz newsletter, visit the [Charles Barrett PTA](#) website, look out for the weekly CB Communicator, and join the private CB PTA Facebook group; and
4. Contribute to the Fall Appeal, our primary fundraiser used to fund over 45 activities for our students, teachers, and school community during this school year.

I invite you to help us make this a great year! I hope to see you at school and at PTA meetings. The first PTA meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2 at 7:00 pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

Until then, please feel free to contact me or anyone on the PTA executive committee if you have any questions, concerns, or new ideas!

Ronké Hughes, PTA President
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Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in

school.

How many are too many? 10% of the school year that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" (Nelson Mandela)

Be in school every day and on time!!

School starts at 8:00 one minute late and you are late.

Student Directory

The deadline to submit your family's information for the Student Directory is September 22nd. Please visit the PTA website and fill out the ["Student Directory Form."](#)

Alternatively, if you were in last year's directory, you can simply send me an email and say "use last year's information". Just let me know your child's 2017-2018 teacher.

The complimentary directory will be ready by early October and will be distributed in paper or PDF format to all families. It's a fantastic tool to use when setting up play dates.

If you have questions, contact Anna Jaeger ajaeger@axcedesolutions.com
703-568-1203.

PTA Membership

Please support the Charles Barrett PTA by joining for just \$6 per adult. You may [join online](#) via our website or forms will be sent out next week in your child's green folder. Sign up soon so your child's class can win the big prize! The class with the highest number of PTA memberships gets to duct tape Mr. Kennard to the wall!

Dear Parents,

We are excited for you to join us for "Take Your Parent to PE Week!" This is a fun

opportunity for you to attend your child's PE class and participate in the activities with them. Make sure to wear clothes you can move in and athletic shoes. Please feel free to email us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. McGrath & Mrs. Boyd

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PE Times by Grade:

3rd 8:10-8:55

1st 9:00-9:45

Kindergarten 10:20-11:05

5th 11:10-11:55

2nd 12:55-1:40

4th 1:45-2:30

Students have PE two times each week. If you are unsure what days your child has PE, check with his/her teacher.



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Charles Barrett PTA

Charles Barrett Upcoming Events

See the [Charles Barrett Calendar](#) for all school events >

News from Alexandria City Public Schools

First Superintendent Selection Community Forums Tonight

Attend one of two Superintendent Search Forums tonight at 7 p.m. at George Washington Middle School or John Adams Elementary School and let your voice be heard.

Enjoy Highlights from #ACPSFirstDay!

Families, staff and community members lit up social media as we kicked off #ACPSFirstDay. Take a look!

ACPS Affirms its Commitment to Welcome All Students

A message on inclusion from Interim Superintendent Lois F. Berlin Ed.D., School Board Chair Ramee Gentry and Members of the Alexandria City School Board.

ACPS Awarded Department of Education Grant to Support High-Need Students Outside of School

A new three-year grant from the Department of Education will enable ACPS to provide academic, social and emotional, and enrichment activities outside of school hours for high needs students in the City's West End.

West End School gets Planning Commission Approval

The West End school got a step closer to reality on Thursday night, when the Planning Commission voted to support changing the use of a vacant office building into a school.

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Alexandria Lacrosse Club
2017 Fall Lacrosse Clinics
For Girls and Boys Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Join us for fun and educational lacrosse experiences this Fall, we believe for health and good along to your friends and neighbors! Registration for Fall Clinics is now limited to City of Alexandria residents, all are welcome.

Registration Open:
Fall Lacrosse Clinics for Girls & Boys

Alexandria Lacrosse Club has partnered with Capital Lacrosse Club and The Capital Lacrosse Club to offer lacrosse clinics for players of all skill levels, including those players who are new to the sport and want to learn the basic skills and fundamentals of lacrosse, as well as those seasoned lacrosse players looking for opportunities to continue developing and improving their skills.

Dates and Times:
Saturday September 23rd - October 7th (Rain date: October 14th)
Girls: 2:30pm - 3:45pm
Boys: 4:00pm - 5:15pm

Location:
Morse Howard Middle School Turf Field
3823 78th Braddock Rd., Alexandria

Cost and Registration:
Registration fee for the 2017 Fall clinics is \$15 per player.
Register online at www.AlexandriaLacrosse.com.
Space is limited.
*Financial aid is available upon request at registration.

Required Equipment:
Girls:
Water, mouth guard, goggles, women's lacrosse stick and athletic shoes (cleats optional).
Boys:
Water, mouth guard, helmet, shoulder pads, arm pads, gloves, lacrosse stick and athletic shoes (cleats optional).
*AFC offers a limited amount of loaner equipment, please indicate player need at registration.

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Fall Lacrosse Clinics - Boys & Girls of All Skill Levels K- 8

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