



Chester Valley Elementary

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WELCOME

Welcome to Chester Valley:

We at Chester Valley truly welcome you and your child(ren) to another great year. We are very excited to begin another successful school year! As parents, you are your child's first teacher. We look forward to being partners with you in your child's education. Working together will help us to create a comfortable and successful learning environment to meet your child's unique and developing abilities. We emphasize mastery of the basics at the instructional level, while concurrently providing enrichment experiences and fostering the development of acceptable social behavior. We urge all parents to take an active interest in school activities and your child's progress in school. There are many opportunities for volunteering, and we welcome your involvement. We encourage your communication and participation with the teacher and in the classroom. This insert and the Anchorage School District Policy Handbook are prepared so that we may bring about a better understanding among the staff, parents, and students. Please take the time to read thoroughly.

Preschool Special Education:

Chester Valley has four Special Education Preschool classes for children ages 3-5. We are happy to welcome back Ms. Kelly, Ms. T. Wilson, Ms. Childs, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Doucet, and Ms. S. Wilson. Joining the Preschool team is Ms. Foster, Ms. Clausson, and Ms. Laboy. We look forward to another great year with our preschoolers.

Chester Valley Open House (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE):

Don't forget our Open House on Tuesday, Sept 9th, from 6:30-8:00 PM. There will be a General PTA Meeting to approve the proposed 2008-2009 PTA budget at 6:00 PM. Please come and join us!

Daily Schedule:

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM: Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

9:00-11:30 AM: Preschool AM classes

1:00-3:30 PM: Preschool PM classes

Children should not arrive at school before 8:40 AM. We do not have personnel on duty to supervise students coming to school before 8:40 AM unless they are attending the Breakfast Program, which begins at 8:30 AM. The first bell rings at 8:50 AM, and students may enter the building at that time. Students are dismissed at 3:30 PM and should leave the school grounds promptly at dismissal time unless they are participating in a supervised after-school activity. Supervision ends at 3:45 PM except in the case of participation in an authorized after-school activity. Please be sure to pick up your child on time.

If you have an appointment and will be picking up your child before the 3:30 dismissal bell, you must come into the school office to sign them out. Students will not be dismissed from class until you arrive in the office.

Class Placement:

It has been necessary over the past years to create combination classrooms due to declining enrollment. When this occurs every effort is made to provide an equal balance in ability levels, boy/girl ratio, race, separation of students who do not perform well together and students with special needs. **However, we cannot guarantee classroom placement.** Please know that staff will continue to provide the best educational program for all students whether they are in a regular or combination classroom setting.