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Wise words from Head of School  
Debbie Cook.....

## The Head's Heads Up: Responsibility is the school-wide theme for 2014-15!

Responsibility is a big concept—but a vital one to strong communities! Being responsible is a key to success in school, in relationships and in the work world that awaits our children when they grow up. When we learn to take

responsibility for our commitments and actions, we get things done, and others know we can be counted on to meet promises and obligations. Responsible children are known as trustworthy and dependable: they don't make excuses when they make mistakes but rather own up to mistakes and make things right. These behaviors are fundamental ingredients to success in school and life.

What does being responsible mean?

"It means...being dependable so people can count on you...keeping your word...taking care of your belongings...meeting your commitments...always doing your best...acknowledging mistakes and never making excuses...being accountable for your behavior and the consequences of your actions."

CA teachers are talking with their classes about *responsibility* each day. Please join in these conversations by talking with your child(ren) about developing responsibility in all they do. In addition to the expectations of positive school performance, let your child be responsible for packing his/her backpack

with everything that is needed for school. Now comes the hard part...be willing to let your child accept the consequences if something is left at home. Do not feel obligated to rearrange your schedule and make a special trip to school with the forgotten items. I promise that no child will go hungry if a lunchbox doesn't arrive, and missing one recess because a homework assignment was left on the kitchen table will only strengthen the message that each of us is responsible for taking care of our personal belongings. Let's all work together to make our children responsible – it will build the skills they need to soar as they grow!

## Welcome New Ospreys!

The Osprey flock is growing! Please make a point of welcoming our newest students and their parents warmly! We are so delighted to have them at the Academy!!

### Pre-Kindergarten 3&4

- Anna Bugg, daughter of *Tripp '92 and Adrienne Bugg*
- Alex Higgins, son of *Scott and Kristy Higgins*
- Jake Hodsdon, son of *James and Ashley Lewis Hodsdon '97*
- Kamden Horn, son of *Graylend Horn '93 and Krystal Horn*
- Mead Smith, son of *K.G. and Sonja Smith*
- Bailey Terry, daughter of *Hunter and Caroline Terry*
- Charley Manetz, son of *Kenzie and Brian Manetz*

### Kindergarten

- Valerie Edmonds, daughter of *Don and Kimberly Edmonds*
- Isabelle Fries, daughter of *Brian Fries and Angelina and Michael Manyak*
- Jimmy Hodsdon, son of *James and Ashley Lewis Hodsdon '97*
- Kloe Hohensee, daughter of *Jeffrey Vail and Cassandra Hohensee*
- Bella Sutton, daughter of *Edward and Angela Sutton*
- Will Weddle, son of *John and Alison Weddle*

### First Grade

- Sarah Arthur, daughter of *Michael and Beth Arthur*
- Milly Branflick, daughter of *Jeff and Louise Branflick*
- Thomas Emery, son of *Taylor and Catherine Emery*

- Ty Makulowich, son of Cheryl Makulowich
- Varun Patel, son of Dharmesh and Donika Patel
- Marcus Sanders, son of Cedrick and Marie Sanders
- Jack Terry, son of Hunter and Caroline Terry

#### Second Grade

- Tayloe Emery, son of Tayloe and Catherine Emery

#### Fourth Grade

- Aaron Arthur, son of Michael and Beth Arthur

#### Fifth Grade

- Mani Webster, son of Ernest Webster and Zabrina Coleman-Webster

### **The New Parent Round Table**

is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. We ask that our new families RSVP by September 30 to Connie Smith at [csmith@chesapeakeacademy.org](mailto:csmith@chesapeakeacademy.org). We look forward to your participation!

### **Music**

Everyone is enjoying the renovated **music** space! The floors are bright and shiny, and the cabinets are full of supplies and music to explore. Early Childhood children will be learning new songs and rhythms as we sing, dance and play instruments.

Lower School students are practicing our school's *alma mater* and learning new songs. Third graders have brand new recorders and straps that were selected last spring, and the fourth grade students will continue to expand their recorder notes!

Middle School students will all begin the music year with tone chime classes. For the first time, fifth graders have introductory tone chimes, as do sixth graders. Seventh and eighth graders will continue with tone chimes and are preparing a presentation for Grandparent's and Grandfriend's Day.



*Ms. Judy Ebner is using her copious experience in foreign languages to delight young Spanish students!*



*Robin Blake brings a passion for teaching and a strong background in STEAM to the 4-5 Bridge!*



*After serving as a long-term sub last year, Ms. May begins her career at CA teaching a variety of Language Arts.*

As we expand our Arts Curriculum, all middle school students will have the chance to collaborate with Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Somers and Mrs. Smith to perform a musical for our Holiday Program of Lessons and Carols. Stay tuned for lots more to come

### **Sixth Grade Field Trip to the Blue Ridge**

Sixth grade Advanced Geography students are beginning the year by exploring the importance of resources and the lengths to which humans will go to obtain them by circumnavigating the world with Magellan. At the conclusion of our unit, the students will take their own journey west to Humpback Rocks and the Appalachian Trail to see what resources were available to early settlers, how they used them, and why they bothered enduring the hardships they did. We will also look at modern efforts to preserve a precious resource that is quickly disappearing, our natural environment, and learn more about what each of us can do to help protect our world.

### **Library Launch Success!**

Fall has found us lifting off into a new season of reading! Chesapeake Academy is a community of readers, as indicated by the many photos posted this summer and the eagerness of our students to do their first check out from the James Memorial Library. Summer Reading products are pouring in and are displayed throughout the school. Grandparents and Grandfriends are responding to the Birthday Book opportunity, and lucky grandchildren will be picking their books with Mrs. Macaulay. New books are always exciting! The "culture of reading" begins at home but we are doing our part to make each Osprey a reader!



Izzy practices the strokes in her name on the SMART projector!

### Athletics

Osprey Athletics are a vibrant part of our curriculum. We offer Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, and Golf for the fall athletic season. Please check the school website for all game schedules. Come out and support our teams!

### Welcome to New Academy Board of Trustees Members...

**Corey Stewart Hassman**, parent of Sadie (Class of '17) is a multi-talented communicator with broad experience in school settings.

**Bruce Sanders**, parent of former Osprey (for several years) Charlotte, Ansel (Class of '96) and Anne (Class of '99), is a local businessman and owner of Rappahannock Yachts.

**Chris Cammarata**, parent of Spencer (Class of '19) is a family nurse practitioner caring for patients at Chesapeake Medical Group in Reedville, Virginia.

**Keith Meberg**, parent of Rebecca (Class of '18) is an architect and residential designer working with Meberg Design Group and consulting with Randall Kipp Architecture.



### An Attitude of Gratitude:

- Thanks to CAPP for providing six new microwaves.
- Summer Spiff-up...thanks to Ted Cook, Joe Souders, and Grover Branson for painting hallways and doors and pressure washing Chesapeake Hall exteriors!
- Here's a shout out to the Fund-an-Item Donors! The renovated Academy Hall and Art Room spaces are beautiful, well-equipped, and purposeful places for learners!
- Thanks to the host of parent volunteers that made Convocation a celebration of our school community! The food and flowers rocked!!



A summer day, good friends, a picnic lunch....Life is good!

- Hilary Scott, Director of Admission, wishes to recognize eighth grade student, Hunter Hollingsworth, for his volunteer efforts helping set-up and take-down the Chesapeake Academy booth at the Irvington Farmer's Market from May to September. Hunter was not asked at first to volunteer...rather, he arrived bright and early in May and asked if he could be of help. The efforts continued all through the summer, and CA is grateful for this young man's willingness to step up and support his school. As we closed up the final Farmer's Market booth for the summer of 2014, Hunter promised he would be there to help next summer...even when he has graduated from CA. Now there is a fine example of a CA student!

- Osprey families are putting their efforts where their hearts are....thanks go out to the volunteers who helped with Campus Clean-up on a warm September weekend!

## Oyster Roast 2014

Parent Chair Grover Branson wants you to mark your calendar and purchase tickets to attend our fall signature event, the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Community Oyster Roast on October 18, 2014 from 5-9 p.m.

The Community Oyster Roast was voted a Top 3 Charity Event in 2014 by Virginia Living Magazine, so you don't want to miss this chance to get to know other parents and community members while supporting your children at Chesapeake Academy! You will enjoy dancing from 5-9 p.m. to the music of the popular band, the Phun Doctors, a premier classic rock and oldies band from Chesapeake, VA, while enjoying all of the roasted local oysters you can eat. And that is not all: fried oysters, clam chowder, french fried sweet potatoes, hot dogs, and hamburgers with all the fixings and dessert round out the menu! Beer, wine and soft drinks are included. You must be 21 to attend.

This is a "community" oyster roast, and we are a great community! Here is how you can help! We need volunteer ticket holders to help for one hour during the event to spread the work load out so that everyone has fun. Volunteers are also needed to help set-up the day before and the day after for clean-up. Any help you can give is very much appreciated. Raffle Parent Chair, Joe Souders, also asks for your help in selling raffle tickets at various locations, so contact Joe today at [804-436-3358](tel:804-436-3358) or at [joesouders@gmail.com](mailto:joesouders@gmail.com) or call Catherine Emry ([804-438-5575](tel:804-438-5575) or email her at [cemry@chesapeakeacademy.org](mailto:cemry@chesapeakeacademy.org)) to volunteer today! Only 400 event tickets will be sold and they are going quickly, so get yours today!

## CAPPA Round-up

CAPPA has started this year off with a bang! The executive committee has continued from last year into this school year: President, Katie Dew; Vice-President, Shelly Ritter; Treasurer, Esther Glover; Secretary, Alissa Fulmer; Room Parent Coordinator, Janet Smith; Osprey Nest Head, Betsy Stanley.



I thought this man had retired.....!

There are many exciting dates ahead for the school community. **Back to School Picnic: This Sunday, September 14 from 4-6 p.m.** Please come, and remind all CA families and children to come! It will be a great afternoon to have a burger/hot dog & goodies, plus meet and greet all families!

**Apple Sales:** It is that time of year! Like Bubba Gump said "apple pies, apple sauce, apple pork chops, apple

strudels..." Sales start September 8 through October 17 with pick-up by October 27. Email Chris Cammarata for more information [csrnfp@hotmail.com](mailto:csrnfp@hotmail.com).

**Back to School Nights:** Come meet your teachers, go to your child's class and learn about their class routines and goals! Early Childhood and Lower School Back to School will be on September 18 at 6:30 p.m. and Middle School Back to School Night will be September 23 at 6:30 p.m.

**Final Fridays:** This is an easy way to make money for CA. Clip your box tops, send to classrooms by Friday, September 26, and your child's class could win a fun class prize!

**Karate** starts on Monday, September 15 for children in first through fifth grades and runs from 3:15-4:15 p.m. every Monday. Your child could develop self discipline through martial arts and learn some great karate techniques. Sign up with Katie Dew at [Horsleyre@yahoo.com](mailto:Horsleyre@yahoo.com).

**Volunteer Sheets:** We have received most, if not all, parent sheets back. There are a lot of jobs that could use some more volunteers. We know that busy lives can make one feel pressed but this is joyful work, and it benefits our children. If you are unsure of what a committee does, or would like to help out but do not know what area is best for you, please call or email me at anytime. "Many hands make light work!"

**Next CAPP Meeting: October 15**

**SAVE the DATE:**

- 9/18 EC/LS Back to School Night
- 9/23 MS Back to School Night
- 9/24 Tag Day, PALS, Tunes that Teach, Final Friday  
Box Tops and Ink Cartridge Collection
- 9/26 Sixth Grade Trip to the Blue Ridge
- 10/1 Dress Uniform/Picture Day
- 10/7 New Parent Round Table
- 10/8 PALS, Reptiles Alive!
- 10/9-10 MS Inward Bound
- 10/13 Columbus Day—No School
- 10/15 CAPP meeting
- 10/17 Grandparent's and Grandfriend's Day
- 10/18 Oyster Roast
- 10/22 Richmond Symphony Field Trip
- 10/24 Soccer 4-5 Play Day
- 10/31 Student Council Halloween Party,  
End of First Marking Period
- 11/5 Picture Retake Day



Miss Olivia practices mousing with Alex Higgins!!