

**SHREVEWOOD ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**



2008-2009

HANDBOOK

SHREVEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK 2008-2009

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This Student/Parent Handbook has been prepared to provide essential information to the students who attend ShreveWood Elementary School and to their parents. Please take a few minutes to review the contents. Keep this handbook handy so that you may refer to it when you have questions.

Important Phone Numbers

Main Office	703-645-6600	Attendance	703-645-6666
Clinic	703-645-6610	Guidance Counselor	703-645-6645
Cafeteria	703-645-6621	Transportation	703-249-7122
SACC	703-645-6660	FECEP	703-645-6691
SACC Registration	703-449-8989	FECEP Registration	703-846-8720
Fairfax Co. Hot Line	800-839-3277	Parent Liaison	703-645-6639
School fax machine	703-645-6697	Library	703-645-6611

Faculty and Staff –2008-2009

OFFICE

Shirley McCoy, Principal
Linda Peace, Assistant Principal
Joan Dean, Administrative Assistant
Juhong “Cindy” Rogers, Registrar (Chinese)
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(Spanish & Japanese)
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Marissa Barden, Clinic Room Aide
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FECEP

Connie Adams/Sawsan Kheirawi

KINDERGARTEN

Lynne Kuhmerker/Colleen Boyce
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CLASSROOM TEACHERS

1st Amy Larsen, Katrina Friedrich, Dawn Volk
2nd Katie Pesce, Kylie Haworth,
Brian Sirdofsky, Amelia Davies
3rd Misty Mohney, Julie Poggioli
4th John Ice, Becky Richburg
5th Sara Hoffman, Connie Carney,
6th Dawn Barnes, Brian Kent, Larissa Sheehan

AUTISM TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS

Renee Oweis/Fahima Amin (Urdu)
Kathy Smitley/Phuntsok Tsering (Tibetan)/
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/ Silvia Vasquez (Spanish)
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Rajani Jossi /Aldelmira Card(Spanish)

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ART

Rita Joseck/ Lesly Sacco

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CHINESE

Meijean Barth

COMPUTER LAB/SBTS

Mohamoud Mohamed (Arabic)
Tim Nguyen, Tech Specialist

COUNSELOR

Megan McCahey

ESOL

Barbara Halada (Spanish)
Daniela Holmlund (French/Romanian)
Maida St Hilaire(French)

GIFTED/TALENTED TEACHER

Patricia Van Roten

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Janice Suitte/Patricia Blasi/Adriana Vela

NON-CATEGORICAL

Lee Rice/ Matthew Rawson /Eric Schaefer

Inclusive Schools Resource Teacher-ISRT

Tanya Hardy

LIBRARY

Meg Garber/Alison Shipman

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Kitty Reip(Spanish) /Emily Anuszkiewicz

OCCUPATIONAL/PHYSICAL THERAPY

Emily Borders/Cathy Melton

PARENT LIAISON

Juanita Baptiste

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Evan Burlew/Cheryl Anne Helmick

PSYCHOLOGIST/SOCIAL WORKER

Jeff Hoffman/Florence Robinson (Spanish)

READING

Nicki Kilts

SPEECH

Monica Leak

CUSTODIANS

Tanya Stephens, Building Supervisor
Lam Vu, Assistant Supervisor (Vietnamese)
Chinh Pham (Vietnamese)
Dong Lee (Korean)

CAFETERIA

Antonia Venets (Greek)
Hsia Kuei (Chinese)

SACC

Carol Rose

September 2008

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to another school year! We hope you are as excited about the start of another school year as we are. We are happy to be able to provide you with this handbook, which contains a great deal of information we consider to be of value. It is our hope that this information will assist you to better understand the procedures, policies, and rules regarding the successful operation of Shrevewood.

At Shrevewood, we always strive to work as a team, and count you as an integral player on our team. Together we will continue to provide opportunities for success for our students by offering a solid instructional program, a supportive and caring staff, a positive classroom environment, and communication with the families to ensure that each student is receiving just what is needed. As your child's first teacher, you can assist us and provide a great deal of pertinent and important information that will help us plan the most appropriate program possible for your child.

Shrevewood is again this year "Fully Accredited" (the highest rating) as a result of our Standard of Learning (SOL) scores. Even though we again reached the highest level of accreditation, there is always room for improvement, and this will be our goal. We celebrate all our successes and want the children to know that we see how hard they work and that we are very proud of them.

As we continue to develop as a Professional Learning Community, we will always keep in mind "what is best for children". The Shrevewood staff and community are committed to success for all, to the implementation of best practices in order to maintain an excellent instructional program, and to provide each child with personal growth opportunities in a wide arena of experiences. Your support will be invaluable in making these goals become a reality!

Sincerely,

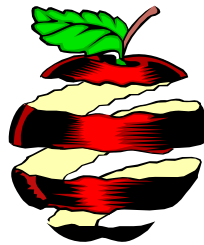
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Principal

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Assistant Principal

CORE VALUES STATEMENTS

We believe:

- ❑ Everyone entering the Shreveewood School Community should be treated with respect, compassion, and courtesy at all times, in order to foster and promote a positive school climate.
- ❑ We will provide a safe environment so that each student “feels” secure physically and emotionally in order to ensure an optimal learning experience.
- ❑ We believe learning is on-going, and has no boundaries. We will teach our students, by our example, to be lifelong learners and thinkers, with every child striving for personal excellence.
- ❑ Decisions will be based on what is best for the student(s).
- ❑ Every adult is responsible to and for every child in the school.
- ❑ Consistent rules throughout the building will promote positive and desired behaviors.
- ❑ In our community, we will continually communicate openly and positively, practicing active and compassionate listening.
- ❑ In recognition and celebration of our diversity, we model respect, restraint, and responsibility among peers, students, and community members.
- ❑ We will make learning meaningful, positive, and purposeful.
- ❑ As role models, we display integrity and trustworthiness.
- ❑ We will maintain a clean and orderly work environment in order to develop in ourselves and the children the habits of responsibility, cleanliness, organization, and respect for property.



SHREVEWOOD MISSION STATEMENT

Our staff, supported by the PTA, families, and volunteers, will educate all students to become informed and responsible citizens.

The core of the educational program provides each student skills in:

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| ✓ Reading | ✓ Problem-solving | ✓ Science | ✓ Technology |
| ✓ Writing | ✓ Mathematics | ✓ Physical Fitness | ✓ Music |
| ✓ Speaking | ✓ Social Studies | ✓ Health | ✓ Art |

We realize that children learn at different rates and have diverse learning styles; therefore, we will employ a variety of instructional methods, strategies, and materials to ensure that children are learning.

Shreveewood will foster an understanding and appreciation for our ethnic diversity within an inclusive school climate.

Our mission will be accomplished by promoting an academically challenging curriculum in a safe learning environment while encouraging personal confidence in each child.

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

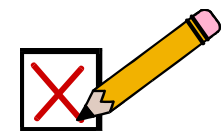
No student, employee, or applicant for employment in the Fairfax County Public Schools shall, on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, or handicapping condition, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity. Compliance is coordinated by the Director, Office of Design and Construction (703/246-3632) when it concerns access to facilities; by the Director, Office of Human Relations (703/750-8480) when it concerns personnel matters; and by the Coordinator, Due Process Section (703/246-7766) when it concerns student programs and activities. Correspondence may be addressed to the above offices in care of 10700 Page Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.



2008-2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

2008		2009	
Sep 2	School Begins	Jan 19	M. L. King Jr. Birthday Holiday
Sep 15	Back to School Night (Kindergarten)	Jan 23	End second grading period*
Sep 22	Back to School Night (grades 1-6 & Autism)	Jan 26-27	Student Holidays
Oct 13	Columbus Day Holiday	Feb 16	President's Day Holiday#
Oct 31	End first grading period*	April 2	End third grading period*
Nov 3-4	Parent/Teacher conferences – No Students	April 3	Student holiday#
Nov 26	2 hour early dismissal for students	April 6-10	Spring Vacation
Nov 27-28	Thanksgiving Holidays	May 25	Memorial Day Holiday
Dec 24- Jan 2	Winter Holidays	Jun 18	Last day of school #

* Schools are open
 # Subject to change if more than three school days are lost because of inclement weather



Please check the monthly principal's newsletter, *The Shrevewood Connection*, for additional and current dates

Days Missed	Makeup Days	Days Missed	Makeup Days
1-3	will not be made up	6	no makeup required
4	February 16	7	June 19
5	April 3	8	no makeup required
		9	June 22

ATTENDANCE



SCHOOL HOURS

All Students	Monday	8:50 - 1:10
	Tuesday – Friday	8:50 - 3:40

ARRIVAL TIME - Students may not arrive at school before 8:35am. Students report to the cafeteria, and will be dismissed to go to their classrooms at 8:50 a.m. If students arrive after 8:50, they need to be signed in by a parent in the front office. Please encourage your child to ride the bus every day, thus avoiding any possibility of being late. Students will never be counted tardy if they arrive late by bus. Breakfast will only be served to students who are tardy if they have arrived on a late bus.

MONDAY EARLY CLOSING - Each Monday, students are dismissed at 1:10 p.m. The remainder of the day is dedicated to teacher in-service meetings, planning, and professional staff development.

ABSENT/TARDY - Parents are requested to call the school (703/645-6666) when a child is going to be absent or tardy. A telephone answering machine is available for recording messages 24 hours a day. Late arriving students must be escorted by an adult into the office for sign in. **Students are never to be dropped off in front of the school.**

RELEASE OF STUDENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY - Students will only be released to persons specifically named on the Emergency Care Card. For security reasons, authorized persons must always report to the office and sign the student out, at which time the school secretary will call your child to the office. When possible, we ask that you please refrain from picking your child up early from school.

Walking between buses is strictly prohibited

TRANSPORTATION

DISMISSAL - If there is a change in your child's normal transportation routine, a note must be sent to your child's teacher. If a note is **not** received by the teacher, or the main office is not notified by 3:00 p.m., the child will be sent home his/her normal way. Students will not be permitted to use school phones to find out how they are supposed to get home from school. Children will never be released to a person who has not been authorized on the Emergency Care Card.

AFTER SCHOOL VISITS/ACTIVITIES - At the request of our transportation department, **children are not permitted to ride a bus other than the one on which they are assigned**, as most buses are filled to capacity. Students who ride the same bus may get off at a different stop only if both students bring notes from their parents to ensure accountability of students and prevent unexpected guests arriving at anyone's home. Students will not be allowed to telephone parents during the school day to plan such visits.

PARENTS DRIVING STUDENTS (KISS 'N' RIDE) – Vehicles are prohibited from passing a school bus while children are boarding or leaving buses. Children may be dropped off at the Kiss 'n' Ride entrance on the side of the school from 8:35 – 8:50 a.m. only if a teacher is present. Please be very cautious and watch for children and turning vehicles.

PLEASE NOTE: If there is no teacher at Kiss 'n' Ride, you must park your car, escort the child into the building, and sign the child in at the front office. Never drop students off on Shreve Road or in front of the building. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

FIRE LANE – Cars may never be parked in the fire lane in front of the school.



DELAYED OPENINGS AND EMERGENCY CLOSINGS



INFORMATION SITES – Inclement weather or other school emergencies (such as power failures or extreme temperatures) may result in closing, delayed opening, or early dismissal of schools. Radio and TV stations, including Channel 21, carry the news as soon as such decisions are made. This information is also displayed on the school system home page, www.fcps.edu. The Fairfax County Public Schools hot line number is 1-800-839-FCPS (3277), and information on closings, delayed openings, or early dismissals can be found there as well. Parents and students are urged not to call schools or administrative offices for this information.

IN TOUCH - Visit <http://fcps.medianext.com/fcps/signup.html> to sign up to receive emergency announcements, calendar information, School Board information, and much more via e-mail. You control what you receive and can change your selections at any time.

It is critical to your child's safety that you plan far in advance what he/she is to do should he/she arrive home early and you are not there.

ALL-DAY CLOSINGS AND DELAYED OPENINGS – Announcements will be made on local radio and TV stations beginning at 6:00 a.m.

TWO-HOUR DELAYED OPENING - Students report to the bus stop two hours later than their regular schedule.

EARLY CLOSINGS FOR WORSENING WEATHER CONDITIONS

– Announcements will be made by 11:00 a.m. if an early dismissal is necessary. Please have a plan in place for your child as to what to do in case of an early closing.

TWO-HOUR EARLY CLOSING - Shreveewood will dismiss at 1:10 p.m. on Monday and 1:40 p.m., Tuesday – Friday.

CANCELLATION OF ACTIVITIES, LATE BUSES, AND NIGHT ACTIVITIES - When schools are closed, either all day or early, all events and activities scheduled in school facilities are canceled for the evening.

PLEASE NOTE: - When a delayed opening occurs on a Monday, the usual Monday early closing will **not** be observed. Dismissal will be at 3:40 p.m.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL - When possible and medically feasible, medications should be given at home. However, School Board Regulation 2102 stipulates the conditions under which school administration of medication may be given:

1. No medication may be transported to or from school by students.
2. All medications must be brought to and from school by the parents or guardians, and taken directly to the school office.
3. All medication must be in its original pharmacy container and be labeled with student's name, name of medication, dosage information, and time medication is to be given.
4. All medications must be accompanied by completed school consent forms.
5. In the event two or more medications are needed, a physician must indicate the order in which the medications are to be given.
6. All long term medication orders are to be renewed each school year.
7. Any staff member may, without prejudice, decline to accept responsibility for administering medication.
8. All of the above guidelines apply to both short term and long term medications.

SHORT TERM MEDICATION:

Over-the-counter medication to be administered up to three (3) school days or prescription medication to be administered up to ten (10) school days is considered short term medication.

For short term medications, a parent or guardian must complete both the order and consent portion of the medication form. This means that the parent signs his or her name in the physician's signature space.

LONG TERM MEDICATION:

Over-the-counter medication to be administered four (4) or more days, or prescription medication to be administered 11 or more school days, or any medication for an "as needed basis" such as inhalers or Tylenol, is considered long term medication. For long term medication, a physician **must** complete and sign the order portion of the medication form. A parent/guardian must complete the consent portion of the form. To request a medication form, stop by or call the school office.



GENERAL INFORMATION

ANIMALS OR PETS – No animals of any type may be brought to school or be on school grounds without prior approval of the teacher and school administration. If animals are related to any part of an instructional activity, and permission has been granted, they must be brought to the school by parents and taken home the same day immediately after the activity. For student safety, all animals must be free of disease and gentle in nature.

BIRTHDAY PARTY INVITATIONS – No birthday party invitations are to be distributed at school. These details are to be handled at home by the parents. Each student will be provided with a school directory when it is published in the fall. The office is not permitted to give out addresses or phone numbers of students.



The easiest way to treat your child's class to a birthday party is to contact the cafeteria manager (703-645-6621). She can arrange a "catered" party for the children at lunch time. Simple birthday treats, not requiring a knife or fork to serve or eat, may be sent in on a child's birthday, but should be shared as a dessert at lunchtime or be made part of snack time. Plans to send birthday treats should be made in advance with the classroom teacher. The teacher will be able to let you know how much to send so that all students are included.

CLASS PARTIES - School Board policy allows each class to plan two (2) parties during the year. Parents often are asked to assist by providing treats and supervising party activities.

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION – Fairfax County Public Schools regulations prohibit elementary students from soliciting door to door for any fundraising activities.

DRESS CODE - All students are expected to dress appropriately for a K-6 educational environment. Any clothing that interferes with or disrupts the educational environment is unacceptable. Clothing should fit, be neat and clean, conform to standards of safety, good taste, and decency, and cover the midriff and undergarments. For additional details on the Dress Code, refer to the current version of regulation 2601.

In addition, the following items are prohibited at Shreveewood: spaghetti straps, shorts or skirts shorter than the fingertips, flip-flops or shoes that can come off on the playground or during PE, and sneaker-type shoes commonly known as heeleys. Repeated infractions will result in disciplinary action.

HOMEWORK/ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS - Teachers will explain their individual homework policies to parents at Back-to-School Night. A general homework policy at Shreveewood is that no homework is assigned on the weekend or holidays. Parents can supplement school instruction by helping pupils study spelling words and number combinations, encouraging them to read at home, and working with other assigned activities. All students in grades 4, 5 and 6 will be provided an assignment notebook free of charge. If the notebook is lost, a replacement may be purchased for a nominal fee.

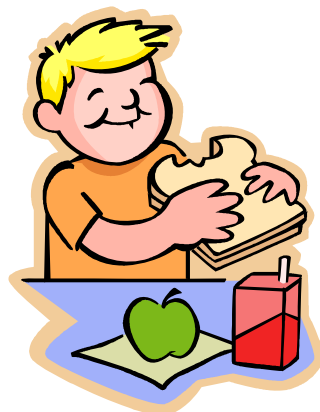
If a student is absent for one or two days, it is generally best to wait and make up homework when they get back. If a student will be absent for several days, you may call the teacher to request homework, and every effort will be made to have the homework in the office by the end of the school day for you to pick up. Due to safety and privacy issues, students will not be allowed back into the classroom after school to pick up forgotten items, including homework.

All teachers will provide parents and students with information on how to access the electronic Blackboard, from which pertinent classroom information may be obtained.

LOST AND FOUND - Unidentified articles found in the school are placed in the Lost and Found box in the cafeteria. Eyeglasses, jewelry, and other small items found are kept in the office. To prevent loss and to assist in the return of lost items, be sure that all removable clothing, boots, lunch boxes, etc., are labeled with the name of the owner. At the end of the year all unclaimed items are donated to a charitable organization.

LUNCH PROGRAM - Students may either bring their lunches from home or buy lunch at school. Although we encourage parents to join their child for lunch, we ask that no “fast food” (i.e., McDonald’s, Taco Bell, etc.) be brought or sent to school. Additionally, canned sodas are not allowed during the school day.

To use the meal card system, an account is opened by sending money, cash, or check for your child to the Cafeteria Manager. An individual account will be debited for a whole meal or *a la carte* items when the student goes through the lunch line. **Parents may specify if money is for lunch only or for lunch and *a la carte*.** Students and parents will be informed when the account’s balance is low. Balances are carried over to the next school year and also can be transferred to other Fairfax County Schools.



Checks should be made payable to Shreveview Food Services. **Please put the student's name and teacher’s name on the check memo line. If you send cash, please put it in an envelope marked with the student’s name and teacher’s name.**

Menus are sent home monthly. Menu prices are:

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Students, grades K-121.25	Students, grades K-122.15
	Adults 3.15
Reduced price for	Reduced price for
qualifying student30	qualifying students40
<u>Kindergarten Snacks</u>	
Milk50	<u>Meal Card</u> . . \$43.00 (20 lunches)

All student lunches are federally subsidized. Only **one** lunch per day per student qualifies at subsidized prices. The price of any additional lunch is adult price or *a la carte* price, whichever is less.

LUNCH CHARGES ARE NOT AVAILABLE - Parents are encouraged to keep a reserve balance on their child’s meal card. Peanut butter sandwiches and milk will be provided to students who do not have a lunch. Students will not be allowed to call home for a forgotten lunch.

Please notify the school office if your child is allergic to food items served in our cafeteria (physician’s statement required) so that substitutions can be supplied. To reinforce nutrition units taught in the classroom, students will be allowed to purchase no more than one dessert item per day. Students will not be allowed to solicit food from other students in lieu of having their own lunch, or to trade food items with other students.

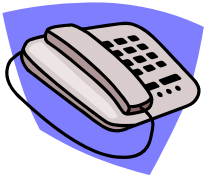
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – Parent/teacher conferences are held at the end of the first grading period and at any other time during the year that the teacher or parent feels it is warranted. Contact the teacher to schedule a conference.

PROHIBITED ITEMS - Please be sure your child has no “look alike” items at school, such as pretend guns, knives, etc. The children are not permitted to bring toys to school unless they are for “Show and Tell” in the classroom or for special celebration days. Balls and other recreational equipment are supplied by the school. Prohibited toys may be confiscated by school personnel and will be returned only to the parent, or to the child on the last day of school. We ask for your cooperation in keeping these items at home.

SACC - School Age Child Care is a Fairfax County program designed to provide professional day care. Hours are from 7:15 a.m. until 6:15 p.m. The Shreveewood SACC direct phone number is 703/560-0194. Application and registration must be made through the Office for Children at 703/449-8989. Please be aware that SACC is a separate program from the school, and arrangements must be made with SACC when there is a change in your child’s routine.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES – Please remember to keep your child supplied with the items he/she needs for school, such as paper, pencils, glue sticks, etc.

TELEPHONE USE – In order to protect the flow of instruction, teachers and students are not called from the classroom except in cases of an emergency. Please help students develop responsibility by establishing a routine of placing items (money, books, homework, etc.) which must be brought to school in a designated place so these items will not be left at home. Students are not permitted to call home to arrange for forgotten homework, lunch money, musical instruments, gym shoes, or to arrange after school activities.



VALUABLES - Students should **not** bring large sums of money or items of value (including cell phones) to school. The school cannot take responsibility for lost items, and cannot replace any lost items.

CELL PHONE USE - A student may possess a cell phone on school property, including a school bus, during the school day and while in after-school activities; however, the cell phone must be **OUT OF SIGHT AND TURNED OFF**. Only the principal or the principal’s designee can give a student permission to use the phone during the school day. FCPS does not assume responsibility for any personal items brought to school, including cell phones except for those that the school confiscates. Damage or loss are the responsibility of students and their parent(s) or guardian(s)

CELL PHONES CANNOT BE USED ON SCHOOL BUSES WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION!

VISITING THE SCHOOL - School board policy 1565 requires that all visitors report to the office upon arrival. We encourage you to visit the school, but please keep in mind that unscheduled visits can be distracting. As a courtesy to the teacher and students, it is suggested that an appointment be made for all visits. Younger children, friends of students, or students from other schools will not be allowed to spend any part of the day in a classroom.

VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are essential to the success of Fairfax County Public Schools. Without them, Shreveewood would not enjoy the outstanding reputation it does. Volunteers are not only welcome, but are encouraged to participate in the educational process of our students.

We strongly discourage volunteers from bringing their younger children, not yet of school age, to their volunteer activities. Volunteers with very young children are usually not able to adequately focus on the project for which they have volunteered, and distractions for them as well as for our students are created. Additionally the risk of injury is always present, and FCPS cannot provide insurance to cover young children who are not enrolled at Shreveewood. Parents are responsible for their child any time they bring that child into school.



STUDENT CONDUCT

DISCIPLINE - It is the responsibility of the school to provide an environment in which teachers can teach and students can learn. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide support and assistance in the regulation of a student's behavior. It is the responsibility of the student to help maintain an environment in which educational programs can flourish for the benefit of all participants.

The school strives to help students develop self-discipline as part of the growing process. Teachers use a variety of techniques to influence behavior, such as positive reinforcement, self-concept building, and counseling. Frequent and collaborative communication between parents and teachers is an essential component in achieving our goal.

Although every effort is made to channel student behavior in positive directions, consequences are sometimes necessary. The following disciplinary measures are authorized by the School Board and may be used from time to time at Shreveewood: admonition and counseling, staying after school (detention), suspension from school or extracurricular activities, alternative instructional arrangement, community service, behavior management plan, exclusion from some school activities, and Saturday School.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS - The legal responsibilities and rights of students in Fairfax County Public Schools and the rules of conduct and disciplinary procedures applicable to students are explained in the current version of Regulation 2601 (*Student Responsibilities and Rights*), which is distributed to each student in September. Students in grades 4-6 receive the complete regulation; students in grades K-3 receive a simplified version.

At the beginning of the year, teachers conduct classroom lessons regarding county and local school rules, and these rules are reviewed periodically. Parent awareness and support of our rules is encouraged and appreciated, and is essential to good school citizenship.

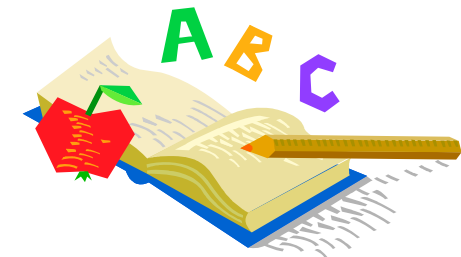
DETENTION - Detention is assigned when students have been warned repeatedly to do or not do something (i.e., turn in homework, no running in the halls, bad language, lack of respect, etc.) When detention is assigned, the parent is contacted regarding the dates and to arrange for student pick up after school. Students must be picked up promptly at 4:30 p.m. If it is absolutely impossible to arrange for pick up at 4:30, the student will be required to attend Saturday School.

SATURDAY SCHOOL – Saturday School is an alternative to suspension programs. Attendance at Saturday School is equal to two days of out-of-school suspensions. This has proven to be a good deterrent for students. This practice allows students to remain in school, while also having to take a consequence for inappropriate behavior. If it becomes necessary for a student to come to Saturday School, arrangements will be made with the parents. Attendance at only two Saturday Schools are allowed per student per year. Beyond that, other consequences will be employed. Failure to attend an assigned Saturday School will result in a two day out-of-school suspension.



ABC'S OF PARENTHOOD

Always find some time exclusively for your children each day.
Broaden their horizons through varied experiences.
Challenge them to set and achieve high goals in life.
Delight in their efforts in school and at home.
Examine your approach so as to keep it loving.
Find something good to say about your children each day.
Guide them in their decisions.
Have a listening ear for their problems and concerns.
Insure that you pay attention to their fears.
Joyfully forgive their shortcomings.
Keep their confidence.
Live a life that serves as a positive model.
Manage your time as to make them your best friend.
Never say “no” when you might be able to say “yes”.
Open your home to their friends.
Protect them from their own inexperience.
Quickly show interest in their endeavors.
Remember that they have needs to be met.
Show them love.
Teach them to treat others as they want to be treated.
Understand they are young and learning to adjust.
Very carefully, mean what you say.
Watch them grow and appreciate each stage.
Expect them to follow rules.
Yield to your children’s preferences if it isn’t against a principle.
Zealously help your children to enjoy life.



September Calendar of Events

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| September 4 | School Begins |
| September 15 | Kindergarten Back to School Night (7:00PM) |
| September 22 | Back to School Night Grades 1-6&Autism (7:00PM) |

A monthly calendar will be included in the Principal's Newsletter which comes out on the first Thursday of each month.