



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great honor and excitement that we welcome you to Cannon Road Elementary School's 2024-2025 school year. I have been the principal at Cannon Road since the 2017-2018 school year, and you can count on me to continue to work hard as we build upon the school's legacy of success. Every staff member is committed to honoring the humanity of our entire community by setting the conditions to make sure that each of our students and families know they exist and matter! Each day we intentionally work towards providing a JOYFUL and HEALING school environment with the very best education to strengthen every student's ability to develop the skills needed to be a successful learner.

Cannon Road is embarking on another new chapter this coming school year! For the first time in the school's history we will now be both a Title One school and a Community School. This means we are committed to providing each family the opportunity for additional support services such as resources for families like food, clothing, English classes for adults, family learning nights, and more. In addition, for the coming school we will continue to serve *all students free breakfast and lunch!* We are committed to create partnerships between Cannon Road and other community resources that promote student achievement, positive learning conditions, and meeting the needs plus well-being of every student and their family in our building. To assist us with these partnerships and resources we have additional staffing including Mrs. Nichole Graham, our community school liaison, Mrs. Sheila Cabrera and Mrs. Jenna Atta, our parent community coordinators, and a full-time nurse on site along with our health technician, Catherine Day.

I'm confident that together in partnership alongside all of our new opportunities, we will propel Cannon Road from being a great school to becoming one of the best in MCPS. The children of Cannon Road are our hope for tomorrow and our responsibility for today!



Mark your calendars for our Open House on Friday, August 23, 2024 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. where families will be able to come in, meet staff, and explore our classrooms and some potential community partnerships. **Look for a postcard in the mail coming soon with the name of your child's teacher. Bring this postcard with you to Open House and on the First Day of school.** I also encourage you to follow various social media outlets to stay abreast on current news regarding school. These include:

MCPS Website: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/>

CRES's Twitter: CRES Shoutouts@CougarOuts

CRES's Instagram Account: Cannonroadshoutouts

As we prepare for the start of school on Monday, August 26th (doors will open at 9:10 a.m., the school day will start at 9:25 a.m., dismissal will be at 3:55 p.m.), I would like to update you regarding staff changes for the 2024-2025 school year. We are bidding farewell to:

- ❖ Mrs. Alexis Dant-Special Educator-Now serving as a Special Educator at Argyle Middle School
- ❖ Mrs. Adrienne Jackson- Behavior Specialist- Now serving as a Kindergarten Teacher at Jackson Road Elementary
- ❖ Ms. Isa Rei- LFI Teacher- Now serving as a Special Educator at Viers Mill
- ❖ Ms. Anne Web- Speech Pathologist- Now serving as a Speech Pathologist in a different county





- ❖ Mr. Stanley Spottswood- Part-time Music teacher- Now a Music Teacher in a private school
- ❖ Mrs. Jazmin Wheeler- Special Educator- Now enjoying some Mommy time at home
- ❖ Ms. Zamzam Salhan- Third Grade Teacher- Now serving Third Grade at Chevy Chase Elementary

Please join me in welcoming the following staff members to Cannon Road who will begin this fall or current staff members serving in new roles beginning this fall:

- ❖ Mrs. Nichole Graham- NEW Community School Liaison
- ❖ Ms. Karla Avelar- NEW 3rd Grade Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Courtney Apugo- Now serving as a 2nd Grade Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Jeraldine Beltran- NEW LFI Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Selena Buggan- Now serving as an Autism Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Vanena Jaluag- NEW Autism Teacher
- ❖ Mrs. Nichole Graham- NEW Community Liaison
- ❖ Ms. Alexis Grbac- Now serving as a part-time Speech Pathologist
- ❖ Ms. Kyndal Jackson- Now serving as a 1st Grade Teacher
- ❖ Mrs. Terri Kanu- NEW LFI Teacher
- ❖ Mrs. Kathlynn Mahesh- Now serving as an HSM Special Education Teacher
- ❖ Mr. David Spitzberg- NEW part-time Instrumental Music Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Terri Wallicezek- NEW part-time Music Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Eleanor Becker- NEW Autism Paraeducator
- ❖ Ms. Karen Cabrera- NEW LFI Paraeducator
- ❖ Mr. Eugene Crews- Now serving as a Paraeducator in AAC
- ❖ Ms. Carol Konar- NEW Paraeducator
- ❖ Mr. Roger Kufuna- Now serving as a part-time Paraeducator in Autism
- ❖ Ms. Rachel Lloyd- Now serving as an LFI Paraeducator
- ❖ Ms. Noemi Medina Mungia- NEW LFI Paraeducator
- ❖ Ms. Cyntia Tenicela- NEW Autism Paraeducator
- ❖ Ms. Yuritzi Cabrera- NEW Paraeducator
- ❖ Ms. Garyn Gabriel- NEW Part-time HSM Special Education Teacher

We have a few remaining positions still open for the coming school year. Please know that I am persistently searching for candidates. It is with hope and hard work that we anticipate finding the right matches for our school.

Our annual Open House will be held on Friday, August 23rd from 2:00-3:00 p.m. This event is for all families in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade including all families in our discrete programs. **Look for a postcard in the mail with the name of your child's teacher. Bring this postcard with you to Open House and on the First Day of school.** Open House on Friday, August 23rd from 2:00-3:00 p.m. is for both students and their families. Come by to meet your child's teacher, see the classroom, talk to staff about the coming year, meet our PTA and other community partners, and explore our building. Finally, the first day of school for students is Monday, August 26, 2024. While we know you join us in excitement with the return to school, we want to ensure a smooth and safe transition for all of our students. We welcome parents/guardians to walk students into the building if they choose **during the first two days of school**. Please be mindful that this is a quick drop off as we establish routines and avoid disrupting the flow of students in the hallway. Staff members will be located at





the entrance to help you during this quick sendoff. Stay tuned to social media and upcoming emails for more information.

May each of you enjoy the remainder of the summer with family and friends! Mrs. Williams, our Assistant Principal, and I are looking forward to seeing each of you soon and working with you throughout this school year. Please know that throughout the year, our goal is to work closely with you to ensure that the academic, emotional, and social needs of every student are being met. It is important to keep the lines of communication open between home and school so that together we are able to create an effective learning community for all students at Cannon Road. In order to do this successfully, please be sure that you have provided us with up-to-date contact information including phone numbers and email addresses. Thank you for your support and cooperation as we work together to make this yet another successful year for our Cannon Road children!

Sincerely,

Kristine L. Donohue
Principal



School Information

School Hours

Office Hours	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Student Day	9:25 a.m. – 3:55 p.m.
Early Dismissal	9:25 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.
Delayed Opening	11:25 a.m. – 3:55 p.m.

Student Arrival Procedures

Cannon Road's student hours will be from 9:25 a.m. – 3:55 p.m. each regular school day with doors opening at 9:10 a.m. Our arrival procedures remain the same as last year. Walkers and car riders will be entering the building using the long sidewalk at the front of the school that takes you to a set of brown doors at the end of the sidewalk. Families who are walkers should either walk to our school building or park their cars on Cannon Road, the road located in front of our building. As students arrive, they are expected to walk directly to their classrooms, get breakfast if they choose, and begin their day. **It is very important that your child arrives on time and prepared for the instructional day. Also, it is imperative that students DO NOT arrive prior to 9:10, as supervision is not available. For their safety, any students who arrive after 9:25 will follow tardy arrival procedures. Please call the school office at 240-740-0520 and someone will come**





out to meet your child at the front of the school or students can walk to the main door and the front office will let them in the building.

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Student Dismissal Procedures

We will start the dismissal procedures daily at 3:55 p.m. Our dismissal procedures are the same as the previous year. Families who are car riders will wait for their child in our car rider loop. Families who are walkers are asked to park on the street (if applicable) and meet their child on the field (tennis court) side of the building. Please make sure to communicate your dismissal plan with your child's teacher. **If you plan to pick your child up for an early dismissal or change their dismissal plans, please contact the school by no later than 3:00 p.m. to make the appropriate arrangements or to have your child escorted out to you by staff for an early dismissal.**

Transportation

Each year, the Department of Transportation reviews all bus routes to assure safety, fairness and equity of service, efficiency, and adherence to local policy and state laws. The bus schedule for students in regular programs is located on our [website](#).

School Breakfast and Lunch

All students will receive a free breakfast and lunch as part of the Community Eligibility Provision School. Students will have the opportunity to get a free breakfast and lunch. However, students are also more than welcome to bring a bagged lunch from home.

Important Dates to Remember

Below is a list of important dates to remember for the beginning of this year. Additional events and dates can be found on the Montgomery County Public Schools website. In addition, we will provide updated information on our school's website.

August 23rd-Open House 2:00-3:00 p.m.



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26th-First Day of School-Doors Open at 9:10 a.m.

September 2nd- No School for Students and Teachers

12th- Back to School Night from 6-7:30 p.m.

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