

Back to School 2008-2009



Quantico school superintendent welcomes '08-'09 students, staff

Welcome to the Quantico Dependent Schools and School Year 2008-2009. It is an exciting time to be a student in school and we are honored to have the opportunity to serve the school age dependents of the military living aboard this installation.

The Quantico Schools are part of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), which serves the children of the military around the world. More specifically the Quantico Schools are part of the DoDEA sub-group called the Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS). The DDESS leadership is located in Peachtree City, Ga., and provides direct support to all of the DoDEA schools located in the United States, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

Our efforts are guided by the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2006-2011. The plan can be found at www.dodea.edu in its fullest context. Our main focus is Goal 1: Highest Student Achievement and there are three additional goals that provide the support and resources to obtain the goals we have set for student achievement. You will hear much more about our School Improvement efforts from your individual schools. The CSP is also aligned with our accrediting agency of AdvancED.

My district includes the schools located in Virginia (Quantico and Dahlgren), West Point, and Puerto Rico. Mr. Gary Gerstner, Assistant Superintendent for the New York and



Michael Gould, superintendent New York and Virginia DDESS

Virginia schools, along with Dr. Carmen Arroyo, Assistant Superintendent for Puerto Rico, are my right arm in many ways as they provide the on-site and day-to-day support of our schools. While my travel schedule requires that I am often away from the district office, I want you to know that Mr. Gerstner and Dr. Arroyo have my full support in working topics in my absence and they always know how to reach me if needed.

Your diligence in following the chain of communication is requested and will be most appreciated, in the event that you find it necessary to discuss an issue or concern. I urge you to contact the appropriate individual at the school level before re-

ferring matters to the Superintendent's office, DDESS Area Office, or DoDEA headquarters office. This will maximize the opportunity for prompt resolution. It is my hope that we will continue to work together to assure that an exemplary educational program is provided for all our students and their families.

I truly feel that we have an awesome opportunity to work with the students and families aboard this installation. The partnership that is solidly in place with the installation command along with the partnership we develop with the families each year is what makes us an exceptional school system. We are committed to sharing in the responsibility of educating your child(ren) and we look forward to working with you to make this year a successful educational experience. Additionally, we have enhanced our partnership here on MCB Quantico with the appointment of new principals to three of our four schools. Join me in welcoming Mr. Michael Hollier as the new principal at Quantico Middle/High school, Ms. Donna Kacmarski as the new principal at Russell Elementary School, and Mr. Randy Ekanger who has moved from Russell to his new position as principal at Burrows Elementary School.

I anticipate a successful educational year for our students and teaching staffs and I look forward to meeting you when I am visiting our schools.

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Open communication between educators, parents is critical

New York and Virginia Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools supports and encourages open lines of communication between school personnel and community members. It is only through the joint efforts of the school and community that the best education possible may be provided for all children.

Among the avenues available for parents to become informed are activities such as Back-to-School Night, Orientation, and Open House. Twice yearly, parent conferences are routinely scheduled for some grade levels. However, conferences are also scheduled at any time parents, teachers, or other appropriate personnel request that opportunity.

The community is informed of school programs and events through system and building newsletters and publications, monthly calendars and the Quantico Sentry. All published information relevant to the system is

channeled through the New York/Virginia School System Instructional Systems Specialist.

Community involvement is supported through Parent Educators' Associations, parent volunteers, and parent membership on building and system committees. Printed information for volunteers and substitutes is offered upon initial volunteering or substituting at each school. The following communication plan provides a means for parents to initiate discussion on any topic of interest at the building level in sequence:

APPROACH I: (Involving parent, child, and teacher)

- (1) Meeting to discuss parents' views with the appropriate teacher (both parents requested to attend).
- (2) Conference to discuss parents' interests with the principal, whenever considered necessary.

(3) Parents and teacher to discuss their views in a joint meeting with the principal.

(4) Follow-up communication between school and parents on a continuing basis initiated by both parties.

APPROACH II: (Regarding school)

(1) Suggestions elicited from a Parent Group (of parents and the teacher/principal) and Principal's Advisory Committee (of teachers and parent[s] representatives).

(2) Faculty discussion and implementation, if appropriate.

(3) Report to appropriate parents, groups, or committees.

APPROACH III: Please see the principal if either of the two alternate approaches is uncomfortable.

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DoDEA continues to follow community strategic plan

As we begin the new school year, the Department of Defense Education Activity will continue with the Community Strategic Plan for the years 2006-2011, whose focus began in 2000 with our first strategic plan. This plan provides the strategic direction for all DoDEA components, yet provides the flexibility to address unique issues and challenges that each program and each community must address.

The plan provides a road map for keeping DoDEA in the forefront in advancing the Department of Defense's agenda for education, as a leader in the nation for improving student performance and achievement.

The process used to develop this five-year plan included representation from DoDEA constituents around the globe. This leadership team of parents, military lead-

ers, and educators met in February 2006. They reevaluated the existing plan and research. The revised plan was reviewed in June by the Dependents Education Council, which consists of senior military members from commands worldwide. The document includes a vision, mission, guiding principles, four goals, outcomes, measures and milestones.

2006-2011 Strategic Plan Goals

Highlights

The four goals have remained constant, although there have been changes to the outcomes, measures and milestones from the first Strategic Plan. Among other directions, please note the following under each goal:

Goal 1

- PK-2 - selected subjects
- Reading at grade 9
- Writing Assessment, grades 5, 7, 9

Goal 2

To ensure a more efficient management system of facilities, equipment and materials, new milestones incorporating an automated Life Cycle Data System are included.

Goal 3

An Outcome Milestone that requires DoDEA to implement an integrated system for financial, procurement, logistics and information technology to streamline the acquisition process, and enhance productivity and accountability.

Goal 4

Outcome A focuses on establishing partnerships with educational organizations and local education agencies to promote smooth transitions and high quality educational programs for school-age children of military families. There are milestones to enhance DoDEA's communication systems to ensure a comprehensive and consistent communication system is used throughout DoDEA.

- DoDEA will develop system-wide standards for effective communication.
- DoDEA will establish a system for evaluating effective communication.
- All levels will develop internal and external communication plans.
- All levels will be in compliance with the established communication standards.

For more details, visit <http://www.dodea.edu/csp/>

School Accreditation:

Schools in the NY & VA DDESS District are accredited by AdvancED (formerly the North Central Association NCA). Ashurst ES, Burrows ES, Russell ES were awarded continuing accreditation in 2006 and QM/HS in 2007, after meeting the high standards set forth by NCA and a visiting team of educators. Accreditation will remain current for five years.

Registration Procedures:

New students are encouraged to register for school as soon as possible after moving on base. Schools are open daily for walk-in registrations.

To formally enroll a child in a DoDEA school, the following documentation is required:

- DoDEA Form 600
- Verification of Date of Birth
- Sponsor's PCS Orders
- Verification that Student is an eligible dependent

One of the following:

- Housing Authorization
- 90-day letter (child listed as permanent resident)
- Housing Assignment Voucher
- Completed front page of RCI lease agreement
- Immunization Record
- Physical Exam completed within the last 12 months

Additional registration forms:

- Internet Agreement
- Race/Ethnicity and Home Language (Form 600A)
- Blanket Permission Form
- Signed Request for Records
- Health History Form

Students must have updated immunizations records

For school year 2008-09, DoDEA students will be required to meet certain immunization requirements. Students who enroll in DoDEA schools must meet these specific immunization requirements. The immunization requirements for enrollment in DoDEA schools are determined by the military. The guidelines for military dependent children follow the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and are based upon recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). These are minimum requirements. As implemented during SY07-08, the following immunizations are required for enrollment:

1. Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine
2. Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine (TDAP-adolescent preparation)
3. Hepatitis A (Two-dose series given six months apart)

Additional requirements may be determined by the military medical commands based upon location and need. Please consult your child's physician for information that is applicable for your child(ren). Throughout the year, there may be time periods in which certain vaccines may not be available through the military. Should this situation arise, a waiver will be granted until the vaccine is available. Parents may call the Immunization Department at the Quantico Naval Clinic at (703) 784-1725, use Option #3 to find out availability of vaccines and to make an appointment for their child.

There is a DoDEA immunizations form at all schools for optional use (it is not a mandatory form) for parents to use to document their child(ren)'s immunization history. If a parent chooses not to use the immunization form, some other type of medical proof of immunization must be completed by a medical authority and provided to school officials at the time of initial registration.

For further information regarding DoDEA immunization requirements, please contact your child(ren)'s school health office or Rhonda La Venuta at the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at (703) 432-0281 or at rhonda.lavenuta@am.dodea.edu.

Schools use local media to post closing information

The district superintendent, in collaboration with the command, determines the status of the schools during inclement weather.

During inclement weather

When the decision is made to close or delay the opening of school, the Quantico public affairs officer will notify the local radio and television stations with the decision. Radio Stations that will announce closing are as follows: WPWC 1480 (AM) Quantico; WFLS 1350 (AM) Fredericksburg; WTEK 106.7 (FM); WCXR 105.9 (FM); 93.3 (FM); AND WDCT 13.10 (AM).

The Base Cable TV Channel 72 will also carry the announcement. In the event an announcement of closing the base schools is not broadcast prior to 7:15 a.m., a normal routine day will be in effect for all personnel. The base Web site will also carry closure information. Go to: www.quantico.usmc.mil

During the normal day

Circumstances where the closing of school may be necessary are lack of electricity or fuel, breakdown of equipment, severe weather conditions, or national emergencies. We request that you make prior emergency arrangements for your child to stay with a neighbor or condition them as to what they should do in such a situation. We relay such closings to the local radio station and call as many parents of four-year old and kindergarten students as possible depending on the situation.

Important reminders

In case schools are closed temporarily because of an epidemic, snow, or for other necessary causes, the superintendent may require such loss of time to be made up within the school term or may extend the school term.

Quantico Dependents School System is not a part of Prince William or Stafford County School Systems; therefore, announcements pertaining to these systems do not effect the schools aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico.

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Ashurst Elementary School

On behalf of the Ashurst Staff, we extend a special *welcome* to the newly enrolled students and their families and to the returning families. We look forward to working with all of you this school year to meet the learning needs of all of the children.

In an effort to acquaint families with the school, an Open House is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 18 for the entire family on the afternoon before regular classes begin on Tuesday. Later, on Thursday, Sept. 4 the teachers will present a more formal opportunity for parents to learn about the curricular standards and various school activities. There will be a general session for all parents of Pre-K – 3rd-grade students.

The Sept. 4 schedule for these parent meetings includes:

- 6:15-6:45 Pre-K only
- 7:00 General Session (Pre-K-3rd grade)
- 7:35 Classroom sessions (Pre-K-3rd grade)

The "Open House," scheduled for Monday from 2-3 p.m., will offer an informal opportunity to families to meet the school staff and to view the facility; Pre-Kindergarteners through third-graders are encouraged to attend. Please visit the media center which was expanded a few years ago as well as the four new kindergarten classrooms which opened three years ago. Please visit that classroom area which is located at the end of the hallway between Rooms 7 and 8.

For Open House, alphabetized class lists (for pre-K through third grade), will be posted outside the front of the building along the sidewalk by grade levels so that parents may note the child's teacher and the classroom number. Staff members will be available to assist families during that time. Due to limited parking, families are encouraged to walk or to park in the over-

flow parking lot at the lower part of the hill.

Pre-Kindergarten students will begin classes Tuesday, Aug. 26 with morning and afternoon sessions, except Fridays. Morning classes will meet from 8:45-11:15 and afternoon classes will meet from 12:30-3. Pre-kindergarteners and parents will be invited to attend appointments with Pre-K classroom teachers during the week of Aug. 19-25.

From August 19-25, the school day for kindergarten students will be from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Kindergarten teachers will contact parents after Aug. 13 to arrange appointments for a kindergarten screening between 1:15 and 3:30 p.m. on these early release days. These screenings will be by appointment only. Beginning Aug. 26, the kindergarten hours will be from 9 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Starting the first day of school, Aug. 19, the school day for all students in grades one through three will be from 9 a.m.-3:20 p.m., daily.

For more information, parents are welcome to visit the school's Web site: www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/quantico/ashurst.

Ashurst is excited to continue to offer an opportunity this year for kindergarten, first-, second- and third-grade students to learn a foreign language during the instructional day! This is a result of a Department of Defense Education Activity "Foreign Language Initiative" for Spanish instruction. In addition, the second- and third-graders will continue to enjoy the swimming lessons for eight days at the beginning of the school year, starting Aug. 20.

The Parent-Educators' Association will offer membership tickets at \$3 per family at the Open House. The organization has been very active in supporting a variety of family events and school projects for the benefit of the school and the

community. Parent support of this special organization will continue to be appreciated. The PEA Board holds monthly meetings which are open to all parents.

Please keep this issue of the Sentry's "Back To School" supplement of school system information as a reference during the school year. If you have registration questions, please call us at (703) 221-4108. We are open from 8 a.m. -3:30 p.m. daily for registration purposes during the summer and throughout the school year. We encourage new families to register as soon as possible; please encourage this. The principal is also available to discuss the children's needs and the curriculum during the summer; if possible, please call and arrange a convenient time.

Welcome to the Ashurst All-stars! We anticipate another successful educational partnership with families! Please call us if we may provide assistance at this time or during the school year at (703) 221-4108.

Extracurricular Activities:

Student Cooperative Association: SCA promotes school spirit and a sense of belonging. Classroom representatives participate in SCA. Additionally, SCA develops positive attitudes toward work and use of leisure time, provides opportunities for leadership, responsibility and cooperation and encourages active participation within their school and community.

Closed-Circuit TV Broadcast, WKID: WKID-TV, the daily closed-circuit television program opens each school day with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, a patriotic song, news, weather, school menu, class news, sign language lessons and other special features. Anchored and run by students under the direction of teacher sponsors, the staff consists of about thirty students. All Ashurst students have multiple opportunities to participate in this program during the year. The student staff operates the cameras, sound equipment, teleprompters, and laptop computers, a display of the Doppler weather information or special sound effects and music. Parents and visitors are welcome to view the daily broadcast in the media center (library).

CARES: CARES is an established incentive program to motivate students to develop good citizenship qualities. A series of monthly assemblies are held where five children from each classroom are recognized. A group of student "helpers" meet at an after-school rehearsal the day prior to each assembly.

Burrows Elementary School

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new and returning students and families that will be here with us at Burrows this year. An experienced and dedicated staff of professionals eagerly awaits your child. We are excited about the new school year and are committed to providing the best possible education for your child. We are here to serve you and look forward to establishing and maintaining a strong school-home partnership with you again this year. Please volunteer at school and visit us often.

Our Open House is scheduled from 1-2 p.m. Monday, for all fourth- and fifth-grade students and their parents. This is an opportunity for you and your child to meet the team teachers and visit the classrooms the day before school begins. Please stop in anytime between 1:00-2:00 to say hello and introduce your child to his/her new team teachers.

The Parent Educators' Association (PEA) will offer membership tickets at \$3.00 per family at our Open House. The PEA has been very active in supporting a variety of family events and school projects for the

benefit of the school and the community. Please support this important organization by becoming a member.

Our school cafeteria staff will be accepting money to prepay your child's meal account at our Open House. Instead of lunch tickets, we now have a computerized system that is similar to a checking account. You may put money into your child's account and all food items are paid for from that account. Prepaying of your child's meals is encouraged, though exact cash payments can also be accepted.

Our Parent Orientation will be held at 5 p.m. in the Gym on Thursday, Aug. 28 for parents of all students in grades four and five. Parent Orientation is designed as an opportunity for parents to come to school without children for an evening to meet the staff and hear more detailed information about our school, curriculum, and classroom instruction.

Class lists will be posted after 5 p.m. near the front doors at Burrows on Friday, 15 August. The lists will be alphabetized by grade and homeroom teacher. Please note the homeroom number so you can more easily

find your child's teacher and homeroom at Open House on Aug. 18. The first day of school for students in grades four and five is Tuesday, Aug. 19. Instruction begins at 8:20 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.. Our doors open at 8:10 each morning.

If you have not yet registered your child

for school, please do so at your earliest convenience. The Office is open from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. for registrations for students in grades four and five. We want to make certain that all students are appropriately placed and listed prior to Open House and the opening day of school Aug. 19.

BURROWS AT-A-GLANCE

Grades 4-5
Principal Mr. Randy Ekanger
Office Phone (703) 640-6118
Web site www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/quantico/burrows/

SCHOOL HOURS

8:20 a.m. – 3 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, 18 AUG.
1-2 p.m.

PARENT ORIENTATION:

THURSDAY, 28 AUG.
5 p.m.

John H. Russell Elementary School

Welcome to John H. Russell Elementary School! The annual "Meet and Greet" Open House for Kindergarten through 3rd grade students and their parents will be on Monday, 18 August from 2 PM and 3 PM. This will be the time for students to meet their teachers and to see who will be in their classrooms. They may also bring any materials they will be using and leave the materials in the classroom. This will help so students will not need to bring materials on the bus. All items should be clearly marked with the child's name. The dates and times for the Open House are:

- Kindergarten through 3rd Grade "Meet and Greet" Open House: Monday, 18 August (2:00-3:00 PM)

Alphabetized class lists will be posted outside the front of the building by grade level so parents will be able to note the child's teacher and class number. Staff members will be available to assist families at that time. Parents are encouraged to park in the overflow parking area directly across from the front of the school.

K-3rd: The first day for students in grades K-3 is Tuesday, 19 August. The school day for Kindergarten - 3rd grades is 8:30 AM – 2:50 PM daily.

NOTE: Kindergarten students will be released at 1 p.m. from 19 August – 25 August as Kindergarten teachers conduct screening in the afternoon. Buses will be provided.

- Kindergarten Screening: School will begin for Kindergarten on Tuesday, 19 August, and will run from 8:30 AM – 1 PM from 19 August through 25 August. Kindergarten screening will be conducted from 1:20 PM to 3:25 PM during that time. Parents will be notified by the school of each child's screening date and time.

Pre-K: The Pre-Kindergarten class sessions are morning: 8:30 - 11., and afternoon: 12:30 – 3. The first day for Pre-K students is Tuesday, 26 August.

- Cafeteria: Our school cafeteria staff will be accepting money to prepay your child's meal account at our Open House. Instead of lunch tickets, we now have a computerized

system that is similar to a checking account. You may put money into your child's account and all food items are paid for from that account. Prepaying of your child's meals is encouraged, though exact cash payments can also be accepted. Please make your checks payable to VADESS Cafeteria.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Thursday, Sept. 4: 6:30 p.m.. This evening has been scheduled for Parent Orientation for 1st through 3rd Grade parents. More information will be sent home with the students. We hope to see you there.
- Thursday, Sept. 11: 6:30 p.m. This

evening has been scheduled for Parent Orientation for Pre-K through Kindergarten parents. More information will be sent home with the students. We hope to see you there.

The Russell Parent Educators' Association (PEA); The PEA will be offering membership at the beginning of the year. Information will be sent home explaining what is needed. This organization has been very active in supporting a variety of family events and school activities for the benefit of the school and community. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please keep this issue of the Sentry's "back to school" supplement of school system information as a reference during the school year. If you have questions, please feel free to call RES at (703) 221-4161. We encourage new families to register as soon as possible. Please stop by the school and pick up a registration packet and/or supply list for your child's grade level. For more information, parents are welcome to visit the school's website listed below.

After-School Activities:

Russell Elementary School has multiple clubs and activities to capture and expand our students' interests and experiences. Clubs include: Chorus, Computer Club, Green Thumb (a horticultural club), Homework Club, Reading Club, Safety Patrol, School Newspaper, Yearbook, and Young Astronauts (a math and science club).

RUSSELL AT-A-GLANCE

Grades K-3
Principal Mrs. Donna Kacmarski
Office Phone (703) 221-4161/4162
Web site www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/quantico/russell/

SCHOOL HOURS

8:30 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, 18 AUG.
2-3 p.m.

PARENT ORIENTATION:

Grade. 1 - 3
THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER
6:30 P.M.

Pre-Kindergarten – Kindergarten
THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER
6:30 P.M.

ASHURST AT-A-GLANCE

Grades Pre-Kindergarten – 3
Principal Ms. Jan Weiss
Office Phone (703) 221-4108
Web site www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/quantico/ashurst/

SCHOOL HOURS

(PRE-K) 8:45-11:15a.m. & 12:30-3p.m.
(GRADES K-3) 9 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, 18 AUGUST
2-3 p.m.

PARENT ORIENTATION:

THURSDAY, 4 SEPT
6:15-6:45 p.m.. – Pre-K ONLY
7-8:30 p.m. – Pre-K-3

Quantico M/HS

Welcome to the 2008-09 school year at Quantico Middle/High School. As the new principal, I would like to extend a sincere "welcome back" or "welcome" to all Quantico M/HS families! I am excited to begin my journey as the principal and work with students, faculty, and parents to help all of our students achieve success. We look forward to greeting all new and returning students on August 19.

All students returning to Quantico Middle/High School must re-register for SY 2008-09. Re-registration information and the form 600 were sent home before the end of school. If you have not returned this information please do so as soon as possible. The form 600 MUST be signed by the sponsor. If you have any questions please call 703-784-0304.

We invite you to join us at school activities and participate in our school programs. Together, we will make your child's education at QM/HS a success! If you have any questions, please call the school office at (703) 784-0303.

am. Busses will begin picking up students at the nearest bus stop to their quarters between 8:15 and 8:20 am. The busses will take students home at the end of the orientation.

Students will be provided information about schedules, lockers, extra-curricular activities, and other school-related information to make their transition into the school as smooth as possible. There will be a question and answer period for the students.

PARENT ORIENTATION

- Wednesday, Sept. 3
5 – 7 p.m.

We are looking forward to you meeting our faculty at our Parent Orientation on Sept. 3 beginning at 5 p.m. Parents are invited to a short program in the school cafeteria at 5:00 at which time we will share important information to kick-off the New Year. Classroom visits will begin immediately afterwards.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Quantico Middle-High School enhances physical development for boys and girls with fall, winter and spring sports programs.

Additional activities for Quantico Middle School students include: SCA (Middle School), National Junior Honor Society, Chorus, Yearbook, and Class Dances.

Quantico High School students participate in the following extra-curricular activities: Band, National Honor Society, School Newspaper, Class Dances, Yearbook, Cultural Events Club, Mu Alpha Theta, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), Chorus, and SCA (High School).

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

- Friday, Aug. 15
9 – 10 a.m.

All middle and high school students, Grades 6 – 12, who are new to Quantico this year, are cordially invited to a one hour orientation in the Quantico Middle/High School cafeteria on Friday, August 15, 2008.

Rising sixth grade students who attended Burrows Elementary School last school year received this information at the end of last school year and will not need to attend this orientation.

The orientation for new students will begin at 9:00 am and will conclude at 10:00

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL AT-A-GLANCE

Grades 6-12
Principal Mr. Michael Hollier
Office Phone (703) 784-0303
Web site www.am.dodea.edu/NY_VA/quantico/qmhs/

SCHOOL STARTS:

7:40 TUESDAY, AUG. 19

SCHOOL HOURS:

7:40 – 2:10 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE:

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
FRIDAY, AUG. 15
9 – 10 a.m.

PARENT ORIENTATION:

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3
5 – 7:30 p.m.

Quantico Schools' Attendance Zones

Effective SY 2008-09



	Lyman Park NORTH	Lyman Park SOUTH	McHugh Woods (18000 Block)	Gelger Ridge	Neville Heights (Neville Road & Hospital Pt.)	Waller Hill	Master's Hill (16088 – 16112 & 17000 Block)	Master's Hill (16000 – 16087 Block)	Thomason Park	Lyman Park WEST	Perkins St
ASHURST PreK – 3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
RUSSELL PreK – 3								X	X	X	X
BURROWS Gr. 4 – 5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
QM/HS Gr. 6 – 12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

Ms. Jan Weiss – Ashurst ES – 221-4108

Mr. Randy Ekanger – Burrows ES – 640-6118

Ms Donna Kacmarski – Russell ES – 221-4161

Mr. Michael Hollier / Mr. Dan Mulhern – QM/HS – 784-0303

Serving Students with Special Needs

By Rhonda La Venuta

Pupil Personnel Services Coordinator

The New York/Virginia Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools (NY/VA DDESS) District provides a variety of special programs to address the needs of a diverse student population. Programs for students eligible for special education and related services, gifted education services, and English as a Second Language services are offered at all the schools at MCB Quantico. For a small number of students who are not able to attend school for a period of time due to a medical condition, Homebound Services may be provided for an interim session. All of these services are coordinated through the Office of Pupil Personnel Services.

NY/VA DDESS at MCB Quantico provides special education and related services (ex., speech-language therapy, occupational therapy, and/or physical therapy) to meet the needs of students in Grades PK – 12 with developmental delays and disabilities. All students receiving special education and related services at NY/VA DDESS at MCB Quantico have met the guidelines for the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) special education eligibility criteria. Each school has a Case Study Committee (CSC) in place to conduct assessments and determine the eligibility of students. Special education students receive instruction in the least restrictive environment in resource settings and collaborative settings in general education classrooms in accordance with their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

Parents, teachers, administrators and/or agencies may refer any child for whom there is an academic, behavioral, or medical concern for an assessment for special education services throughout the school year. Each school has a CSC to conduct assessments and determine the eligibility of students for special education and related services.

NY/VA DDESS maintains partnerships with several community resources in order to meet the needs of all students. Pre-K students with special needs are evaluated and identified by NY/VA DDESS at MCB Quantico in conjunction with the Edu-

cational and Developmental Intervention Service (EDIS) team. Evaluations for students may also be conducted through additional partnerships with the Bethesda National Naval Medical Center, Quantico Naval Medical Clinic, Prince William Child Find Program, and other professionals in the community. In addition to these evaluative services, NY/VA DDESS at MCB Quantico and EDIS sponsor a joint Child Find (CF) screening in the fall and spring. CF is an ongoing process to seek out and identify children from birth to 21 years old who have developmental delays and disabilities in the areas of cognitive, communication, motor, personal/ social, and self-help/adaptive skill areas.

Incoming students enrolling with a current DoDEA IEP (an IEP that has been developed in the last 12 months by a team from another school in DoDEA) are eligible for special education and related services in any DoDEA school. It is not necessary to re-determine the eligibility of a student with a disability entering from another DoDEA school.

Incoming students enrolling with a current non-DoDEA IEP (an IEP that has been developed in the last 12 months by a team from a non-DoDEA school) receive interim special education services following a CSC meeting to include the parent(s). At this meeting with the parents, the CSC will identify the interim special education services that will be provided to the students pending determination of eligibility according to DoDEA criteria.

Gifted Education (GE) services are provided to all students at NY/VA DDESS at MCB Quantico in Grades K – 12 who have met the guidelines for the DoDEA eligibility criteria. Each school has a Gifted Review Committee (GRC) to conduct assessments and determine the eligibility of students. Once found eligible, students may receive services in the general education classroom setting and/or in a resource room setting.

Our schools at MCB Quantico enjoy a rich diversity of students from around the world. Some of these students enter our schools with proficient skills in English while other students may speak little/no English. In order to address the needs of our in-

ternational students, English as a Second Language (ESL) services are provided to all students at NY/VA DDESS at MCB Quantico in Grades K – 12 who have met the guidelines for the DoDEA eligibility criteria. Each school has a Student Support Team (SST) to conduct assessments and determine the eligibility of students. Students found eligible to receive ESL services may receive services in the general education classroom setting and/or in a resource room setting.

Homebound (HBD) services are available to any student in Grades PK – 12 who cannot attend school as a result of a medical condition. Parents must provide a medical statement signed by a physician to their child's school when requesting HBD services. The SST or CSC at a student's school will review the documentation provided by the parents to determine if a student meets the DoDEA eligibility criteria for HBD services.

For further information regarding all student services at NY/VA DDESS at MCB Quantico, please contact Rhonda La Venuta at 703-432-0281 or rhonda.lavenuta@am.dodea.edu.

Four-Year-Old Program

Parents interested in enrolling their child in the Four-Year-Old Program at MCB Quantico in the New York/Virginia Department of Defense Elementary and Secondary Schools (NY/VA DDESS) district must live in base quarters or be on the Family Housing waiting list and will need to complete the registration process. To accomplish this, parents may pick up a registration packet at Ashurst Elementary School (AES) or Russell Elementary School (RES) depending on your school attendance zone. Please bring the completed packet along with the required documents (a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, physical examination and immunization record, and the child's social security card) to the school secretary. Parents registering three-year-old children with developmental delays and disabilities should contact Rhonda La Venuta at 703-432-0281 or rhonda.lavenuta@am.dodea.edu.

Free, reduced-price meals for 2008-2009

Quantico Schools today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for needy children under the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Programs. A copy of this policy is on file at the school and may be reviewed by any interested party.

Application forms are being sent to the homes of enrolled children with a letter to parents or guardians. Applications may also be downloaded from the school Web site at www.quan-hs.odedodea.edu. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school as soon as possible. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school.

The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For school officials to determine eligibility, households receiving food stamps, Virginia Temporary Aid for Needy Families or Delaware A Better Chance, must list the child's name, their food stamp, TANF or ABC case number and the signature of an adult household member.

Households not receiving food stamps, TANF or ABC, must provide the following: names of all household family members; social security number of the adult household member who signs the application or a statement that the household member does not possess one; the amount and type of income received by each household member, (such as wages, child support, etc.); and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year as circumstances change. Under the provisions of the free and reduced policy, Paul Tillema will review all applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent or guardian wishes to make formal appeal, he/she may take the request orally or in writing to:

Mr. Ray Watkins
Logistics Manager
3308 John Quick Road, Suite 200
Quantico, VA 22134
703 784-4837

If the household lists a food stamp, TANF or ABC case number, the household must notify the school when they no longer receive food stamps, TANF or ABC for their child. In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household member has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals for them, the household should contact the school for more information.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility and verifying data.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital and family status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information, (Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET center at 202-720-2600. (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 202-750-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Quantico Schools Breakfast, Lunch and Snack Programs

The school cafeterias at Quantico strive to provide the students with a healthy nutritious meal that will still appeal to the taste of everyone.

QMS/QHS schools will have two lunch choices. Lunches for grades K through five will provide meal choices such as chicken nuggets or hamburgers, pizza or tacos, fish nuggets or

Reduced Price Meals Guidelines			
Income Eligibility Guidelines			
Family Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	19,240	1,604	370
2	25,900	2,159	499
3	32,560	2,714	627
4	39,220	3,269	755
5	45,880	3,824	883
6	52,540	4,379	1,011
7	59,200	4,934	1,139
8	65,860	5,489	1,267
For each additional household member			
Add:	6,600	555	129 U.S Dollars

spaghetti, just to name a few. Vegetables, bread, dessert and milk are always included with the meal. The USDA policy of "Offer versus Serve" will be in effect at each school this year. What this means is that the student has the option of taking every item that is offered for the lunch; the main entree, vegetable, fruit, milk and dessert. However, if the student prefers he/she must only take three of the items offered, such as the main entree, fruit and milk. This should eliminate food waste in the cafeterias items offered.

Everyone should apply. This is a benefit from USDA. Why pay \$2.25-\$2.50 when you can get it for free or 40 cents? Remember also that breakfast is included if you are approved for free or 30 cents instead of \$1.25.

If you were on Free or Reduced last year, here or at another school system, you only have two weeks to reapply for this years benefit. After that you will be full-price, so get your applications in as soon as possible.

Students in grades K - 3 may purchase a reduced lunch for 40 cents per day. Regular price lunch is \$2.25. Students in grades four and five may purchase reduced lunch for 40 cents per day. Regular price for lunch is \$2.35.

Our breakfast program is designed to provide the students with items to get their day off to a good start. Foods such as french toast sticks, waffles, and pancakes on a stick or biscuit sandwiches are served with juices and milk to offer the students a nutritious start to the day and provide proteins and carbohydrates necessary for energy. Breakfast is available to all students in grades K through five.

The cost is 30 cents a day for students qualified for reduced meals and \$1.25 per day regular price.

Students in grades six through twelve have the same choices as mentioned above. Students can also purchase items such as fruit drinks, flavored waters, bottled water, snacks, chips and ice cream at a reasonable cost. Regular lunches may be purchased for \$2.50 per day.

Elementary schools will have special "Parents to Lunch Days" throughout the year, but any parent is welcome in the cafeterias at any time. We do ask, however, that you do not bring in food such as pizza or fast food meals, but eat the same meal offered to your child.

Our special holiday meals include turkey with trimmings; potatoes, fresh baked rolls and pumpkin dessert, and are always a favorite. If you will be attending one of our holiday meals, we ask that you send a note with your child in advance in order for us to have accurate counts prepared.

Special Milk Program

The Special Milk Program is offered to half day preschool children at Russell and Ashurst Elementary Schools because they are not offered lunch. This is not a USDA sponsored program but you do not have to qualify for free or reduced meals to participate. The Special Milk Program is not governed by USDA guidelines. The price of the milk is 60 cents. Because these students are Pre-K, all parents who wish to participate in the Milk program must put money into the child's meal account.

Parents' comments and suggestions concerning the school breakfast and lunch program are always welcomed. Contact the cafeteria manger or Food Service Office at 703 640-9431.

USDA Guidelines

USDA guidelines for menu planning have changed to conform to new dietary standards. Studies have proven that children who receive a healthy nutritious breakfast and lunch have a longer attention span and achieve higher grades than those who do not eat a well balanced meal.

The following food-based menu structure will be used in all schools:

Lunch will consist of 5 items.

Meat or Meat Alternate:

K-3: 2 oz.; 4-12: 3 oz. each day.

Fruit/Vegetable:

K-6: 3/4 cup each day plus an additional 1/2-cup per week.

Grades 7-12: 1 cup per day in two or more food items.

Bread /Grains:

K-6: 12 servings per week.

Grades 7-12: 15 servings per week.

Milk: 8 oz. per day.

Total Fat: no more than 30%

Free and Reduced Price Meals Available

Representatives from the Food Service Office will be available to answer questions concerning USDA applications, assist in preparation and approve applications at all school open house functions.

Parents should bring a copy of your most recent LES and a social security number.

Remember that income for any military service members should include only basic pay prorates, and special pay, such as flight pay. Do not include other allowances such as BAQ or uniform allowances.

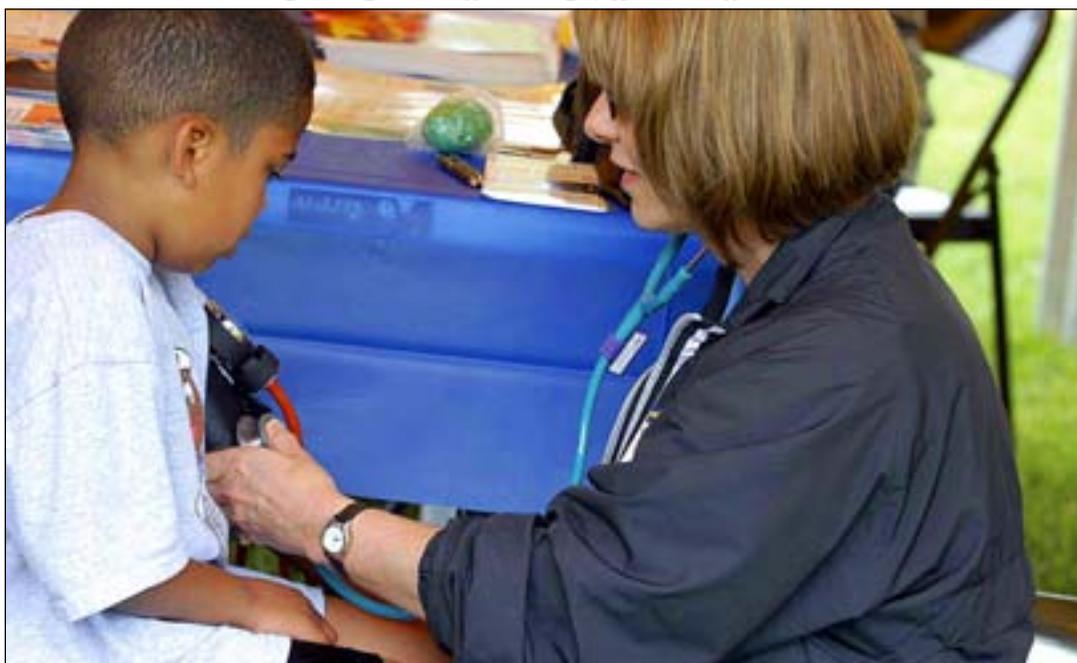
Foster children are automatically approved for free meals. The child's "personal use" income will only be recorded on the application.

Paul Tillema, Child Nutrition Program director, is available to answer questions or provide assistance. Please call his office at 640-9431.

Meals Plus System Quick Facts

- No lunch tickets
- Computerized cash register
- Each student will be assigned a 3 or 4 digit pin number
- Parents will have the ability to Prepay for meals at any Quantico School
- Parents will receive low balance notices by letter or email
- Cafeteria Managers will be available in the school cafeteria Aug. 18 to accept prepayments during the following times:
Burrows Elementary, 1-2 p.m.
Russell and Ashurst Elementary, 2-3 p.m.
Quantico Middle/High School, 3-4 p.m.
- Suggested Pre-pay amounts:
Milk (Lunch Only) \$12 for 20 days
Snack (3-4 yr. old) \$12 for 20 days
Breakfast \$25 for 20 days
Reduced Breakfast \$ 6 for 20 days
Reduced Lunch \$ 8 for 20 days
Regular Lunch:
Ashurst & Russell \$45 for 20 days
Burrows \$47 for 20 days
QMS/QHS \$50 for 20 days
- If paying by cash, please try to have exact change. All checks must include the sponsor's name, rank, social security number, and home and work phone number and current work area.

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Quantico Varsity Football 2008

Friday	15-Aug	@ Rappahannock H.S. (Scrimmage)	4:00 pm
Thursday	21-Aug	Pope John Paul H.S. @ Home (Scrimmage)	4:30 pm
Friday	29-Aug	Massanutten Military Academy @ Home	7:00 pm
Friday	5-Sept	Carlisle School @ Home	7:00 pm
Friday	12-Sept	Hampton Roads Academy @ Home	7:00 pm
Friday	19-Sept	OPEN	
Friday	26-Sept	@ Word of Life Academy	7:00 pm
Friday	3-Oct	Kenston Forest @ Home	6:30 pm
Saturday	11-Oct	@ Fairfax Kings	2:00 pm
Friday	17-Oct	@ Southampton Academy	7:30 pm
Friday	24-Oct	Chincoteague H.S. (Homecoming)	7:00 pm

TRANSPORTATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. It is essential that parents, students and the school system work together to ensure safe and effective Student Transportation Services.

B. It is the desire of our school system that students ride the buses to and from school in safety and comfort. In order to make this possible, we expect students to act in accordance with the attached rules and regulations.

C. These regulations govern the students while they are riding the bus. The school assumes no responsibility for the conduct of the children while walking to school or for those waiting at the bus stops.

- Be at the bus stop on time.
- Keep head and arms inside bus.
- Refrain from eating while in the bus.
- Keep feet out of aisle.
- Board bus only at designated stops.
- Remain seated until the bus stops.
- Cross the street in front of the bus.
- Commit no disturbances, such as spitting, chewing gum, swinging on bars, yelling, pushing, annoying others, or disturbing driver or students in any other way.
- Use no profanity.
- Refrain from throwing items on the floor of the bus or out of the windows.
- Refrain from placing books, lunches, or other articles where other passengers may stumble over them.
- Refrain from smoking on the bus.

- Cooperate with all requests of the bus driver.
- Maintain a complete silence whenever overhead lights are on.
- Ride only on bus to which you have been assigned. Transportation for students who do not regularly ride the bus can be provided for after-school activities such as scouts, riding classes, religious instruction, etc., from the school when space is available. Written requests will be required.
- All students are required to ride their regular bus unless there is a written parental request.

Students who refuse to follow these bus rules will be reported to the school office for disciplinary action.

- D. Bike Riding
- Walk bikes on school property.
 - Obey all driving regulations.
 - Only one person per bike.
- E. Walkers
- Obey crossing street rules.
 - Use sidewalks and cross at corners.
 - Look both ways.
 - Obey safety patrols.

The 2008-2009 Bus Schedules are being finalized and will be published in The Sentry no later than August 14, 2008.

Questions regarding Student Transportation; contact the District Logistics Manager at 784-4837.

Be aware of the early signs

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Child Find – The NY/VA DDESS schools want to know if parents suspect their 3- or 4-year-old child(ren) may have a disability or a delay in one or more of the following areas:

- Communication Skills
- Motor Skills
- Adaptive/Self-help Skills
- Cognitive Skills
- Personal/Social Skills

If you suspect your child(ren)'s may have a disability or delay in one or more of these areas and are not sure if your child(ren)'s developmental is age appropriate, you may request a screening at no cost to you. Child(ren) ages birth to 3 years old are also

entitled to evaluative services at no cost to parents. Appointments for screening may be scheduled throughout the school year.

In addition to individually scheduled appointments, the NY/VA schools and EDIS conduct joint Child Find (CF) activities twice yearly in the fall and spring. CF is the process of seeking out and identifying children ages birth through 21 who have developmental delays or disabilities which entitle them to special education and related services.

In order to schedule a CF appointment for your child, please call Rhonda La Venu-ta at (703) 432-0281 for an appointment. Please contact Laura Gluhm at the Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) at (703) 784-0161.

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