

MECHANICSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians of the Mechanicsville Community,

I hope each of you has had a great start to your summer break! As many of you know, I began serving as the Principal at Mechanicsville Elementary School on July 1st. Even though the summer is just under way, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and share with you how excited I am to be working with the students, staff, parents, and community of Mechanicsville Elementary School.

I come to Mechanicsville from Winfield Elementary School where I served as the assistant principal. My other educational experiences include serving as an assistant principal at a regional special education school in Baltimore and as a first and fourth grade classroom teacher in Carroll County. I look forward to using the knowledge and skills that I have learned from these experiences during my career to help the learners of Mechanicsville continue to achieve their highest potential. Mechanicsville has had a long tradition of success. I am honored to be part of the next chapter in its history.

Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Crist have been instrumental in making my transition to Mechanicsville a success. I have learned much about Mechanicsville over the past few weeks and will continue to do so throughout the summer months as we prepare for the upcoming school year. I have met with many of our teachers and staff who shared many of the exciting things going on at Mechanicsville. I am eager to see instruction and learning in action.

Mechanicsville has always been focused on becoming a model school of caring, sharing, and high student achievement. I strongly believe that this can only continue to happen with your involvement, support, and input. With your help, we will continue to strive to achieve this vision. In order for us to get to know each other more, Mrs. Crist and I would like to invite the parents and guardians of our students to a "Meet the Administrators Night." We would also like to extend an invitation to our students to meet us during a "Popsicles with the Principal and Assistant Principal" event. I look forward to meeting you in person during these events along with our back to school nights, Kindergarten orientation, and at our ice cream social. These dates and other information can be found on the PTA website at www.mespta.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school. Best wishes for a safe and happy remainder of your summer!

Sincerely,

Nicholas R. Shockney

Upcoming Events At Mechanicsville

PTA Meeting

Thursday, July 24th @ 6:00 pm, MES Media Center

Meet the Administrators Nights

(Parents and Guardians Welcome)

Tuesday, August 5th @ 7:00 pm, MES Gym

Thursday, August 7th @ 7:00 pm, MES Gym

Popsicles with the Principal and Assistant Principal

(Students, Parents/Guardians, and Families Welcome)

Friday, August 8th @ 2:30 pm, MES Playground

Back to School Night, Grades 4 and 5

Wednesday, August 20th @ 6:30 pm

Kindergarten Orientation

Thursday, August 21st @ 10:00 am

Back to School Night, Grades 1, 2, and 3

Thursday, August 21st @ 6:30 pm

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, September 4th, 6:00

Thursday, September 11th (rain date)

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