Greetings Tiger Family,

I am your proud and privileged Principal, Mr. Ronald A. Miller, Jr. Entering my second year as your school leader I am enthusiastic about the promise of new successes this year holds. Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South Elementary is excited about the upcoming School Year 2021-2022. Over the last year, our students and families learned from home in virtual learning due to the Global Covid-19 Pandemic. We were able to welcome a small portion of students back into the building for two days a week of in-person hybrid learning from April through June. However, this fall, for the 2021-2022 School Year, Prince George’s County Public Schools are set to welcome all students back full time for in-person learning. We are looking forward to the return of all students and the opportunities to collaborate with our families in our school community. We want to make you aware of our goals, expectations and what is happening in our building. We invite all our families to support us to serve our students.

Orientation
This year Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South Elementary is holding in-person orientation for Kindergarten and 1st grade students only on September 3, 2021. We will host 1st grade families starting from 8 am -10 am. Then we will host Kindergarten families starting at 12 pm-2 pm. Transportation will not be provided. This is an opportunity to meet your student’s teacher, see the classroom and hear an overview from staff. Families must transport and remain with their students. Further details will be shared via administration directly to Kindergarten and 1st grade families.

Reopening Plan
As students reenter the building this year everyone on campus will be required to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. The only exceptions will be those individuals with approved medical conditions with a doctor’s documentation. Staff that are unvaccinated will undergo weekly testing per Prince George’s County Public Schools guidelines. All visitors to the building must have scheduled appointments approved by school administration. Currently students will move class to class as required by their schedule and eat lunch in the
cafeteria. Further details of day to day operations will be presented in an upcoming Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South town hall prior to the start of the school year.

**School Hours**
- **Office Hours:** 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **School Hours:** 8:00 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.
- **Teacher Hours:** 7:25 a.m - 2:55 p.m

**CLF Enrichment Hours**
Registration and information can be found on their website below.
https://elfind.org/elf-enrichment/#

- **Morning Hours:** 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
- **Afternoon Hours:** 2:25 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Students who are enrolled in Enrichment may be signed in beginning at 6:30am and must be signed out by 6pm.

**Regular Drop off / Pick up** - Students who are not enrolled in enrichment or in a club or school sponsored activity may not be dropped off before 7:35am for breakfast and must be picked up no later than 2:55pm.

**Uniforms**
Uniforms are mandatory at Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South Elementary.
- Navy blue or khaki bottoms and hunter green or navy blue polo style shirts with Logo.
- P.E. uniform is only worn on days your child has P.E. This is a heather grey shirt, navy mesh shorts, navy sweatshirts and bottoms.
- Only school embroidered logo jackets and fleece can be worn in the building. All other coats/jackets should be removed upon entering the building.
- Shoes must be closed-toed.
- White Oxford shirts and khaki or blue bottoms must be worn during formal ceremonies, special field trips, and pictures. For the full uniform policy, visit our website.
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- If your scholar comes to school out of uniform, you will be notified and will be asked to bring your child a change of clothes.
- A spare change of clothes could be sent to the school with the student as necessary.

School Supply List
The suggested school supply list for this upcoming school year 2021-2022 is available at the following link per grade level.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fnxHl0alijG_PaXFhPuN-YTIl3YPcgb2iTCoFL2cA/edit?usp=drivesdk

Attendance
Daily attendance is important to a strong instructional foundation for students. Students are expected to have 100% attendance. When your scholar is absent, a parent or guardian must send a note to school explaining the reason for the absence. This should include date(s) of absence and the scholar’s name. Late or make-up work will not be accepted unless the absence is an excused absence.

Scholars will be officially tardy if they are not in the building at 7:55 a.m. when the bell rings. If your scholar enters the building after the 7:55 a.m. bell, a tardy slip will be issued by the main office.

If your scholar comes to class without a tardy slip, the teacher will send the scholar to the office to receive one. The only exception to this is when a van arrives late. When a van arrives late, rather than write numerous tardy slips, an announcement will be made over the PA system that the students who ride that van have just arrived and are not to be marked tardy due to transportation issues.

Technology
Students are expected to bring their digital learning device to school each day. As we move into a 21st century classroom utilizing Bring Your Own Device and 1:1 technology is not only essential but a way of life in education. If students are in need of a device one will be assigned to them or available in a classroom set.

School Communication
While we believe in exhaustive communication, PGCPS Email and phone calls to the school building are official forms of communication. Our school will also be adopting the use of Canvas as a learning management system, continue to use Class Dojo for behavior notification and back up communication and teachers may also use other approved forms of communication to reach families or students.

**Visitors and Volunteers**

**Please Note:** All visitors/parents to Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South Elementary School are required to report to the office as soon as they enter the building. Additionally all visitors should have an appointment approved by school administration. Visitation to the building may be altered in accordance with school district and Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation guidelines. The health and safety of students, staff and guests to our building is paramount. All visitors will need to check in and receive a visitor’s sticker to wear while they are in the school building. It is important for the safety and instruction of our children that visitors do not go to the classrooms until after they have checked into the office.

**Health and Safety**

Everyone on campus is required to wear a mask. Hand sanitizer stations are positioned throughout the building and where possible social distance will be observed. Students are encouraged to wash hands often. Anyone having multiple symptoms of illness including a temperature over 100.4 degrees will be sent home.

**Equity and Trauma Informed Schools**

As students are returning to school after more than 18 months away from our building we as educators and mandatory reporters will be undergoing training to identify students who have faced Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). Additionally, conversations and professional development for staff to be aligned with new school district policies and federal legislation regarding equity conversations around gender identity, culture, bias and racism will guide our professional practices this year.
Transportation

We have no bus service and families are responsible for their student's transportation. We do have a list of providers who are willing to provide transportation. However, it is our families' responsibility to arrange and communicate with the school that arrangement. If we do not have documentation we will not release students to anyone but their approved guardians in SchoolMax.

Facility Rental

The Board of Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation recognizes that facilities paid for by the taxpayers of Prince George's County Public Schools should be utilized to the fullest extent possible. The board believes that the interests of Prince George's County Public Schools community merit the use of Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation schools' facilities. Thus, the use of Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South Elementary facilities for community purposes is encouraged by the Board of CLF within safe guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control, Prince George's County and Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Ronald A. Miller, Jr.

[Signature]
Principal
Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South Elementary
Prince George's County Public Schools
Reference Links

Please check out the website for a few updates and reminder:

https://cmitsouthes.org/

Follow and interact with us on Social Media

 [@EsCmit Twitter]   [cmitsouth_es_tigers Instagram]   [CMITSouthTigers Facebook]

Athletic Field Groundbreaking Ceremony

Please join us in or read about our new athletic field groundbreaking.

https://cmitsouth.org/2021/08/12/groundbreaking-ceremony/

Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South Elementary Student Handbook

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lzy_cnczN1JD5VR_56NOuO1wPYC6Nd1f0tILzKob8Lo/edit?usp=sharing

PGCPS School Calendar


Transportation List

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iMZ04Z032G6eLXn10suCCkR9R5KYhde35RsTGqT0dhg/edit?usp=sharing