



AMELIA EARHART OPTIONS FOR KNOWLEDGE SCHOOL
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Dear Parents:

As we approach the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning families. Although, school is going to look different this year, we are anticipating another exceptional year at Amelia Earhart School. We plan to enhance our services to students as we build on the successes of the past years.

The administration and staff will continue to:

- Prepare our students for rigorous academic standards.
- Hold on to the strong traditions, activities, and most importantly, the high expectations held by parents, students, staff and community.

We firmly believe that when the home, school and community work together as a team, our young people gain immeasurable benefits.

We're going to have another great school year! "SOARING IS OUR MOTTO!"

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Amelia Earhart Options for Knowledge School is to provide a S.T.E.A.M. driven curriculum in a safe and rigorous environment, which includes equity for all students as they prepare to be college and career ready.

Bell Schedule

Monday, August 30, 2021, is the first day of school.

Due to the fact that the 2021-2022 school year **will begin with covid-19 concerns**, all staff, students and visitors are expected to wear mask when they enter the school grounds and the building. All parents are expected to complete the health screener for their children before they arrive to school. Also. All students and visitors will have their temperature taken before they enter the building.

The following information applies when we return to a normal school routine. The entrance bell rings at 8:15 a.m. Children are expected to be in line and ready to enter the building. Please do not accompany your child to the classroom. If you wish to see the teacher, please make an appointment. Teacher's arrival time is 8:15 a.m. At that time, they are responsible for students.



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The tardy bell will ring at 8:25 a.m. **Students are dismissed at 3:15 p.m. PLEASE BE ON TIME TO RECEIVE YOUR CHILD.** School will be in session for the full day.

Food Service

ALL students receive free breakfast and lunch. You will receive a lunch form that should be filled out for each family. Whether you qualify for free, reduced or full pay lunch it is imperative that all families complete the form because Title 1 funds are distributed to schools the following year based on the number of returned forms and information.

Breakfast and lunch are served daily. Children may bring a bag lunch to school. Students **should not** bring spicy chips, flaming hots, pop etc., for breakfast or lunch. Please no glass containers. **Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classroom until further notice.**

School Uniforms and Appearance-It is our goal that the students look good, feel good and carry themselves in a respectful manner at all times.

Students will begin wearing the official school uniform on the first day of school. Show your school spirit and support by making certain that your child is neat and properly attired every day. Black shoes; **no gym shoes are allowed.** Reminder: Girls should wear red, black, white or dark green socks or tights (**no footies**). Blouses should be an official school uniform blouse with no frills. Also remember that children grow from year to year. Please check uniforms before the first day of school to make sure that it fits appropriately, (ex. not too short, or tight) and is comfortable to wear. **Skirts should be knee length or longer. Ties are part of the uniform for both girls and boys. Boys must also have on a belt every day. Belts are part of the uniform.**

Boys: Black Oxford or Loafer shoes (NO SPORT OXFORD). Black Pants, belt, white dress shirts (**NO POLO Shirts**) **Ties (Solid green, red or black. Uniform Sweaters:** (solid dark green, red or black button cardigan or sweater vest) **Sweatshirts and hoodies are not uniform attire. Haircuts: Should look professional, no excessive lines/designs, colored or streaked hair etc. Earrings will not be allowed. Also, hair should be brushed, picked or combed for a professional look.**

Girls: Black shoes, plaid skirt or jumper, white uniform blouse, no frills. (**NO POLO Shirts**) **Ties (uniform crisscross plaid, solid green, or red tie. Uniform Sweaters:** (solid dark green, red or black button cardigan or sweater vest). **Sweatshirts and hoodies are not uniform attire** Red, black, green or white tights or socks. (**NO FOOTIES**). **Earrings should not be larger than a quarter. Girls should not wear bandanas around their head or the large flower band. Uniform head bands are acceptable. Sweat bands are not allowed. Colored hair and streaks are not allowed.**

Sweaters for girls or boys should not have any frills or names. (Student Names are ok.)

Thanks in advance for supporting our uniform policy. **GYM UNIFORMS SHOULD BE WORN UNDER THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL UNIFORM. IF YOUR CHILD'S GYM SHORTS ARE LONGER THAN THE SKIRT; THEN THAT MEANS THE SKIRT IS TOO SHORT.**

Parent Orientation: TBD

A very exciting and informative night will be planned for our parents explaining **"SOARING IS OUR MOTTO!"**



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A comprehensive review of our curriculum, test scores, and extra-curricular activities will be presented to parents. Parents will meet administration, faculty, Local School Council (LSC), and ESSA representatives.

Teachers will familiarize parents with our programs, textbooks, instructional materials, homework policy, class rules and regulations and our Science Fair/Innovation expectations and information.

Financial

In order to supplement instructional materials that enhance the school's curriculum goals, parents are asked to pay an **instructional fee**. **Due to rising costs, it is imperative that everyone who is able to pay the instructional fee please do so.** The school fees are as follows:

- Kindergarten: \$40
- 1st- 3rd grade: \$35
- 4th -8th grade: \$40

Please make payment in cash or money order. No personal checks. We are looking forward to 100% participation. **REMEMBER: The funds support your child's academic programs. We believe this small investment yields big dividends.**

Cell Phones

Cell phones are prohibited unless approval is obtained from the principal. If approval is given, students must turn their phones into the office upon arrival to school. Students must receive permission/approval from the Principal **before** bringing a cell phone to school. Unapproved cell phones will be confiscated and will only be returned to the parent. Personal tablets, iPods and computers are not allowed at school. **Parents, PLEASE** don't tell your child not to turn in their cellphones. That behavior signals to your child that he/she does not have to follow the rules and can be deceitful in their behavior.

If a student is caught with a cell phone in the building/classroom approved or unapproved the student will serve **an AUTOMATIC TWO DAY AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION and the phone will only be returned to the parent once the detention has been served. If the same student is caught with the cell phone again the student will automatically serve a five day afterschool detention and the phone will be returned to the parent once the detention has been served.**

Social Media

Parents please monitor what your children are experiencing, writing and discussing through social media. The severity of social media can and does lend itself to cyber bullying which is a crime. All derogatory social media conflicts which disrupt the educational environment at Amelia Earhart School, will carry a minimum three day afterschool detention any grade level. (Examples of social media-snap chat, facebook, kik, musically, instagram, twitter etc).

Thank you for your continued support. Earhart School is indeed an ideal setting for personal, social and academic growth!

Sincerely yours,
Brenda J. DeMar-Williams Ed.D., Principal



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