

July 21, 2014

Dear Memminger Learning Community:

Can you believe it is almost time to return to another successful year at Memminger? We have several important updates and exciting news to share with you in the letter below. As always, we thank you for your continued support and positive influence on our success!

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As the new leader at Memminger, I want to tell you a bit about myself. I taught third and fifth grades in Springfield, Illinois until I moved to Chicago to become an assistant principal of a large elementary school. When I moved to South Carolina I was the assistant principal at McClellanville Middle and ARMS Academy. I am most recently leaving Minnie Hughes where I have served as the principal for four years.

It is fantastic to be able to share some excellent news with you regarding Memminger and the successful growth made last year! First, Memminger Elementary School is a candidate school for the Primary Years Programme. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that Memminger Elementary believes is important for our students. Additionally, though tentative, the hard work of teachers and especially students is evident based on the preliminary scores from PASS. Great improvement was made!! Below are some important events that you need to be aware of:

Memminger Open House

Wednesday, August 13, 4pm-6pm.

Please join us for food, fun and meet the teacher night!

Welcome back Mariners!!

School begins on Monday, August 18, 2014. This is the first day for students, except CD. This will be a full day and lunch will be served. Students will be admitted into the building at 7:45am; please do not drop off students earlier. All student drop offs will be on Beaufain Street at the gate, not the front door (NO earlier than 7:45am), orange cones will designate this area for your assistance. Bus students will drop off in the back of the building.

First Full Day of School for all CD and Gibson's class

The start date for **Child Development & Head Start** will be Monday, August 25, 2014.

Important Dates to Remember

Hands of Christ – This organization has several opportunities to acquire **free** school supplies and uniforms.

Friday and Saturday, August 1 & 2, Zion-Olivet Presbyterian Church, 134 Cannon St, Charleston, SC 29403

Thur., Fri., Sat., August 7 @ 5pm, 8 @ 5pm & 9 @ 9:30am, Park Circle Presbyterian (4701 Park Place West, North Charleston)

Thurs., Fri., Sat., August 14 @ 5pm, 15 @ 5pm & 16 @ 9:30

Westminster Presbyterian Church (1157 Sam Rittenburg, West Ashley)

SAVE THE DATE - First Day Festival

The City of Charleston's annual First Day Festival on **Sunday, August 17** from 1-4 p.m. brings the community together for entertainment and an amazing host of free resources at Liberty Square near the SC Aquarium and the Charleston Maritime Center. This annual event is organized by the Mayor's Office for Children, Youth and Families (MOCYF). The festival is part of the "First Day" initiative which encourages parents to take their children to school on the first day.

Uniform UPDATE for Memminger

This year we will wear white, black or burgundy polo shirts with the regular khaki pants/bottoms. Please no cargo shorts.

Finally there are two very important enclosures for you. First is the **2014-15 supply list** and the second an updated truancy plan. **Please read the truancy plan and expectations for attendance carefully!** Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to us to enhance their educational experiences. We are very confident that with cooperative efforts, our International Baccalaureate training and collaboration, you will be pleased with your child's growth and progress this year at Memminger School of Global Studies.

Respectfully,

Abigail D. Woods, Ph.D.
Principal