

# THE RISING TIDE

## Finding Inspiration in Our Students and Our School Community

### Administration

Kelly A. Hedrick, Ed.D., Principal

Janet Smallwood, Assistant Principal

Susanne Meyerholz, Assistant Principal

J. Denise Schmitter, School Counseling Department Chair

Matthew Voegel, Student Activities Coordinator

C. Eric Bone, School Improvement Specialist

**4633 Honeygrove Road  
Virginia Beach, VA  
23455**

**Phone: 757.648.3240**

#### Student Hours:

**8:35 a.m. - 3:39 p.m.**

#### Office Hours:

**7:30 a.m. - 4:10 p.m.**

### **Plan Ahead: Early Dismissal on June 14**

ODS will dismiss at 12:39 PM for Summer Break. Parents picking up students earlier than dismissal, must arrive by 12:15 PM. No bus changes for riding home with friends will be honored.



**Old Donation School**  
Home of the Edward E. Brickell Academy for  
Advanced Academics and Arts

*Thank you, parents and guardians, for the privilege of working with your child(ren). They are an inspiration to all of us and we are blessed because we are fortunate enough to teach and support them. Our students make us better educators and better people.*

### **PTA Support**

Thank you to all parents, grandparents, and extended family who joined the ODS PTA this year. The support of our PTA is unparalleled and our students benefit directly from your membership through field expeditions, innovative grant funding for teachers and Capstone for students, special events, clubs and organizations, competitions, and instructional materials. Every PTA event helps bring families together to connect and make memories. Our PTA provides support through volunteers in every program area and level. Thank you for supporting the mission and vision of ODS and strengthening our community in myriad ways.

***Mission, Vision, and Honor Code: What do we value as a school?***

**Vision Statement:** Every student is engaged in a creative, collaborative, and challenging environment characterized by support and mutual respect for individual differences.

**Mission Statement:** Old Donation School, home of Brickell Academy, will inspire a passion for learning in all students through innovative opportunities and authentic tasks throughout our unique school community.

**Honor Code:** I will have the courage to act with integrity, choosing to demonstrate honesty, responsibility, self-control, and respect in my words and actions.

*What do I do if there is a problem with bus transportation?*

In the event a bus is late picking up your child in the morning, doesn't arrive at all, or is late in the afternoon, please contact the Virginia Beach City Public Schools Office of Transportation Services.

- Main number: 757-263-1545
- Bus routes and schedules (5 a.m.-5 p.m.): 757-263-1545
- After hours (5 p.m.-7 p.m.) 757-263-2949
- [vbcpbusstop@vbschools.com](mailto:vbcpbusstop@vbschools.com)

**Note:** At the conclusion of dismissal each day, the recording on the ODS machine is updated with the latest transportation information as we know it at the time of dismissal. Call 757-648-3240 and select option #4.

**School Planning Council 2019-2020**

The Old Donation (ODS) School Planning Council (SPC) will hold its first meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2019, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the ODS Library. The focus of this meeting will be developing a meeting schedule for the year, identifying Plan for Continuous Improvement priorities for the 2019-2020 school year, and determining areas of focus for each SPC meeting. We typically hold 6 meetings each school year. If you are interested in serving on the ODS SPC for the upcoming school year, please email [Dr. Hedrick](#) without delay.



**Lost Item? Perhaps Found.**

All personal items brought to school are the responsibility of the student. All lost electronics are housed in the ODS main office and all other items are on display in the cafeteria. All items remaining on June 14 will be donated. Please encourage your child to check the Lost/Found areas for missing items.

## A Note from the ODS Clinic

Please pick-up your child's medication by 12:30 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2019. Medications may not be given to students to transport and clinic staff is not in the building during the summer months to return medications to parents.

Before the start of the 2019-2020 school year, a new medication order, asthma action plan, and/or LAMP form will need to be submitted to the ODS clinic so we may meet your child's needs.

Contact Mrs. Darrow, RN, BSN or Ms. Hart, EMT at 757-648-3247 if you have any questions.

## Mark Your Calendars for Summer Events

**Rising Tides Orientation for Sixth Graders:** All 2019-2020 sixth grade students are highly encouraged to join us along with at least one parent/guardian on August 21, 2019. This event provides important information for students and their parents about how to be successful in the ODS middle school program. Information from the event will be shared with everyone, but the best way to prepare for sixth grade at ODS is to join us for Rising Tides. Parent/Guardian(s) will accompany students throughout the event which is held from 7:30 a.m. (check-in begins) with opening session at 8:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on August 21.

**New 7th and 8th Grade Orientation:** All students new to ODS for grades 7 and 8 are invited, along with their parents/guardians to join us on August 21, 2019, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. We want to be sure you walk your schedule, meet staff, identify resources and support, and acclimate yourself to ODS.

**Open House for All Elementary Grades:** Elementary teachers and support staff will welcome students and parents on Thursday, August 28. Grades 2 and 4 will meet 12:30-1:30 p.m. Grades 3 and 5 will meet 2:00-3:00 p.m. Teachers will present an overview of the grade level curriculum, communication tools, and then all students and parents are invited to visit the classroom.

**Open House for Grades 7 and 8 (Parents Only):** All parents of ODS students in grades 7 and 8 are invited to join teachers and support staff for presentations by all teachers on Thursday, August 28, 2019. Seating is limited, so this is a parent-only event. Bring your child's schedule with you! Open House begins at 6:00 p.m. with an expected end time at 8:15 p.m.

## ODS Summer Hours

**Monday through Thursday  
Fridays, VBCPS Offices and  
Schools are Closed  
7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
(Main/School Counseling Offices  
Access Only)  
ODS is closed July 4.  
ODS: Open July 1-3, 5 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

## Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) Program Update

The President’s Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition. Along with the ultimate honor of presidential recognition, recipients will receive a personalized certificate, an official pin, medallion, or coin and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States.

Hours are measured over a 12-month period (May 1-mid-April each year) and awards are designated based on cumulative hours. The awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of your service achievement. Levels include bronze, silver, and gold.

Hours by Award	Bronze	Silver	Gold
<b>Kids (5-10)</b>	26 – 49	50 – 74	75 +
<b>Teens (11–15)</b>	50 – 74	75 – 99	100 +

At Old Donation School, service is at the heart of our Plan for Continuous Improvement. Each year, it is our goal that the percentage of students in grades (2-5) and (6-8) reporting volunteer hours for community service projects will increase by 10 percentage points or more as measured by data collected through the President's Volunteer Service Award program. Ultimately, we encourage all students to participate.

As the PVSA organization has restructured the program, we have had to make adjustments to the manner in which we document the service of our students. If you would like for your child to participate, please complete the “Parent and Volunteer Information” document on the website and send it to school with your child as soon as possible or email the completed form to Mr. C. Eric Bone, School Improvement Specialist, at [christopher.Bone@vbschools.com](mailto:christopher.Bone@vbschools.com).

From this point forward, students are to submit their “Volunteer Service Log” to the school three times each year by established dates. The dates for the 2019-2020 school year are November 1, 2019, January 24, 2020, and April 10, 2020. Logs may be emailed directly to Mr. Bone or given to him in the main office.

Should you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Mr. Bone.

Information and Forms regarding the PVSA on the school’s website can be found here. [https://olddonationschool.vbschools.com/students/student\\_resources](https://olddonationschool.vbschools.com/students/student_resources).