



# MAGOTHY RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL'S PARENT WEEKLY UPDATE



## Updates from Dr. Williams

### MRMS Spotlight



Our Clippers Teachers demonstrate proper safe practices.

Dear MRMS Families,

Please take the time to review the **updated grading policy**, which is located on the AACPS webpage.

Teachers have been asked to leave the grade blank if a student does NOT turn in an assignment until the end of the marking period. *Therefore, Power School will not accurately show a student's current grade.* Be sure to see if your child is missing any assignments instead of just looking at the weekly grade.

**Screen Shots:** Please note teacher Google Classrooms, and especially student information is confidential. Please do not take screen shots and post them on social media. If students need help, have questions or wish to receive **feedback** from their teacher regarding an assignment, or assessment, have your student send a comment within Google Classroom pertaining to the specific task. They can make the comment private so only the teacher sees it, then the teacher will respond with an answer, attach additional resources or with a date and time for a Google Meet.

Many resources, morning announcements, school wide surveys and general information is posted on the MRMS ALL IN Google Classroom. If your student has not joined, please encourage them, so they do not miss out on important information. The code is **uptltdg**.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Williams

### Week of 6/1 - 6/5

Mon 6/1	A-Day
Tues 6/2	B-Day
Wed 6/3	A-Day
Thurs 6/4	B-Day
Fri 6/5	A-Day

# MRMS Spotlight

National Junior Honor Society is still going strong to complete service projects: making masks and no skid socks for nursing home and assisted living residents.





**#SAVEASUMMERDAY**



## Dear Parents,

Skip the stores and save a summer day! Why battle back-to-school shopping when you can easily purchase your child's school supplies in a custom, pre-packaged kit.

### Need a few reasons why supply kits are the way to go?

- ✓ Kits contain everything your teacher requested
- ✓ A convenient one-stop, one-click shopping experience
- ✓ Save time by not driving from store to store to find specialty items
- ✓ Affordably priced! Plus, save money by avoiding in-store extras
- ✓ Quality brands which are designed to last the school year
- ✓ Kits will be delivered before school starts

Order Online at [www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com)

Use Account #86921

**Hurry! Sale ends on June 21st**

Grade 6 - \$42.19
Grade 7 - \$38.52
Grade 8 - \$28.56



## 8th Grade Students and Families,

Typically in the Spring Broadneck High School send a group of student ambassadors to MRMS to give a presentation to the 8th graders about what to expect in 9th grade and general information about high school.

Although we are unsure of what exactly the fall will look like, Broadneck is preparing a presentation/Q&A to share with you still. Ms. Hepting will post the presentation in the MRMS All In Google Classroom as well as your team leaders in their team pages.

Keep your eye out towards the end of the month. Feel free to contact Ms. Hepting with any questions you may have

([khepting@aacps.org](mailto:khepting@aacps.org)).

## Kindness Club Update!

30 Days of Gratitude...

As we wind down the last month  
of school,

start each day

focusing on one thing that you  
are grateful for!

It's amazing how great this will make you feel!

No act of kindness,  
no matter how small  
ever goes unnoticed.

## **NEWS FROM THE HEALTHROOM**

Our Health Room staff are wishing your family good health during this challenging season. Excellent resources for updated information regarding COVID-19 can be found at [www.aahealth.org](http://www.aahealth.org) and [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). All School Health Services staff have been deployed in Anne Arundel County's COVID-19 emergency response effort.

Thank you,

Jane Lefavor,  
RN School Nurse  
Magothy River Middle School



**KEEP  
CALM AND  
THINK HEALTH  
AND  
SAFETY**

### *Administrators Duties 2019-2020*

<b>Hanne Denney</b>	<b>Stacy Herbert</b>	<b>Shared Responsibilities</b>
Student Discipline – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> grade- Navigators</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> grade</li> </ul> Student Led Town Hall Meetings (min quarterly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navigators</li> <li>• Clippers</li> <li>• Skipjacks</li> </ul> Testing Coordinator Special Education Liaison Student Transportation Attendance Chairperson Extra-Curricular Activities Coord.	Student Discipline – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mariners</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</li> </ul> Student Led Town Hall Meetings (min quarterly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mariners</li> <li>• Champions</li> <li>• Heroes</li> </ul> Master Schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Schedules</li> <li>• Grade Reporting</li> </ul> Facility Management 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Ceremony & Awards PBIS Administrator	School Improvement Team 504 Facilitator/Meetings Student Supervision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Change</li> <li>• Dances</li> <li>• Lunches</li> <li>• Student Performances</li> <li>• Bus Duty</li> </ul> Student Assemblies
<b>Departments</b>	<b>Departments</b>	<b>Nuria Williams</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language Arts</li> <li>• Social Studies</li> <li>• Special Education</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Art</li> <li>• ESOL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Math</li> <li>• PE/Health/Dance</li> <li>• World Language</li> <li>• FACS</li> <li>• Tech Ed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to School Night</li> <li>• PTSO Representative</li> <li>• Staff Meetings</li> <li>• Leadership Meeting</li> <li>• Faculty Meeting</li> <li>• Professional Development</li> <li>• AVID Administrator</li> <li>• Equity Team Liaison</li> <li>• School Improvement Team</li> <li>• School Pictures/Yearbook</li> <li>• NJHS/SGA Liaison</li> </ul>

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The Resource Center at Point Pleasant  
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## How can Partners Help During COVID-19 School Closure?

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families healthy as we continue our shared new experience of distance learning.

We at Partners for Success are here to help you understand and navigate Special Education during this unusual time. We are regularly checking the emails listed to the right as well as the voicemail at our office, 410-222-3805.

Be sure to check out our webpage  
<https://www.aacps.org/partnersforsuccess>

### Contact us for:

- Explanation of the Individualized Continuity of Learning Plan (ICLP) and assistance for your specific situation
- Suggestions for resources for specific concerns
- Help in organizing your thoughts, concerns and input for discussions with school staff
- Review of IEP Drafts and preparation for upcoming IEP meetings

## What is Partners for Success? Who are **your** Partners?

Partners for Success is a collaborative effort between AACPS and MSDE to ensure parents are informed, active participants in their child's education. Our team assists parents with strategies to feel acknowledged, heard and respected.

### **Chesapeake, Northeast, North County, Old Mill High School Feeders**

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## Resources

**AACPS Community Resource Guide** –  
click on topics in the Table of Contents for direct access  
<https://www.aacps.org/cms/lib/MD02215556/Centricity/Domain/183/crg.pdf>

**Judy Center Early Learning**  
[www.judycenterbellegrove.weebly.com](http://www.judycenterbellegrove.weebly.com)

**Parents' Place of Maryland** [www.ppmd.org](http://www.ppmd.org)

**RISE for Autism** [www.riseforautism.org](http://www.riseforautism.org)

**The Arc Central Chesapeake Region**  
[thearcccr.org](http://thearcccr.org)





**THRIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE

## Thriving Families

*During this challenging time, the Thrive team has decided to compile useful resources, tips and activities into a weekly newsletter for Thrive families. Most of these tips and activities are geared to children ages 4–12. We hope this brings you a simple and enjoyable way to stay connected to your family.*

### Virtual Calming Room

The Virtual Calming Room is a great resource for times when you or your child feel stressed out, fearful or are just in need of a mental break. This is a virtual safe space that can be used to learn and access different coping skills and strategies. Follow the link below to experience it for yourself.

<https://virtualcalmingroom.net/>

#### Mindfulness Corner:

##### Cloud Watching

Go outside, lay a blanket in the grass and lay down with your child. Look up and focus on the clouds moving through the sky. Relax and be creative. Try to find shapes or images in the clouds.

### 5 Would You Rather Dinner Prompts

Ask your child one would you rather question at dinner time each night this week. See where the conversation takes you.

- Would you rather have a snowball fight or a water balloon fight?
- Would you rather have 3 arms or have only 1 leg?
- Would you rather have super speed or super strength?
- Would you rather have the ability to fly or have the ability to breathe underwater?
- Would you rather have hair that changes color based on the temperature or to have eyes that change color depending on the mood that you're in?

## EMOTIONS CHECK-IN





## Carnival Games

Go outside and enjoy the warm weather! Here are some fun inexpensive games to do with your family. All of the games include items you can find around your house. If you don't have all the supplies, you can find them at the dollar store or improvise.

### Laundry Basket Stuffed Animal Toss

All you need is a laundry basket(s) and your child's favorite stuffed animals!

### What's in The Balloon Guessing Game

This is a great way to practice sensory skills! Fill each balloon with coffee grounds, shaving cream, un-popped popcorn, sand, and anything else you want! Take turns feeling the balloons and try to guess what is inside!

### Fish Cups

A fun game using plastic cups and ping pong balls. Try to get the ball into the cup, but make sure you stand behind the line!

Carnival Season is upon us, but we may not be able to attend in usual fashion. That's okay, because you can create a carnival in your own backyard with these games, recipes, and more! Use our ideas or come up with some of your own. Allow children to help create carnival tickets and consider including activities such as sand art, face painting and digging for treasures (in a sandbox).

## Funnel Cake

### Ingredients:

- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1 cup water
- ½ teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Oil for deep frying
- Confectioner's sugar



### Directions:

1. Beat eggs in a large bowl. Add milk, water, and vanilla until blended. In a separate bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Beat dry ingredients in the egg mixture until smooth. Meanwhile, heat oil to 375° in a deep cast-iron or electric skillet.
2. Cover the bottom of a funnel spout with your finger. Ladle ½ cup batter into a funnel. Holding the funnel several inches above the oil, release your finger and move the funnel into a spiral motion until the batter is released, scraping with a rubber spatula if needed.
3. Fry until golden brown, about 2 minutes on each side. Drain on paper towels. Dust with powdered sugar and serve warm.

## Fresh Squeezed Strawberry Lemonade

### Ingredients:

- ½ pound of fresh strawberries, stems removed
- 1 ½ cups of granulated sugar
- 4 1/2 – 5 cups of water, divided
- 1 ½ cups of fresh squeezed lemonade

### Directions:

1. Use a blender or food processor to puree the strawberries.
2. Pour sugar and 2 cups of water in a small saucepan over medium heat. Bring water to boil stirring regularly. Boil until sugar is dissolved and then remove from heat.
3. Pour strained (without seeds) lemon juice into a 2 quart pitcher. Add simple syrup (water with the sugar) and pureed strawberries and stir to combine. Refrigerate until cold.
4. When ready to serve, add 2 ½ cups of water and stir. Serve with ice.



## Compliments for Tickets

Spread a table cloth or bedsheet over a table to create a "booth". Have your child create a ticket booth sign and tickets. Take turns being the ticket holder and give each other compliments to earn tickets for games!

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