



MAGOTHY RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL'S PARENT WEEKLY UPDATE



Updates from Dr. Williams

Medication Pick Up Information

- Date - Tuesday, May 26th.
- Time - 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.
- Place - at front entrance of the school.
- ❖ ID required.
- ❖ Medications will only be released to an adult. If someone other than a parent or guardian is picking up medications, a note is required giving this person permission to pick up their child's medications.
- ❖ For controlled substances - it must be the parent or guardian who picks up the medication.
- ❖ Any medication that is not picked up on May 26 will be discarded per School Health policy.

Sincerely,
The Healthroom

Dear MRMS Families,

Please take the time to review the **updated grading policy**, which is located on the AACPS webpage. Please note that 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. Please review the Parent Coffee Hour where this was explained in greater detail. We also discussed **8th Grade Celebration** ideas. Click the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1B4ddfoCotwhw4lD5uf-XEdZppFfzNwMy>

Also, encourage your student to visit their team page to review the "**Week at a Glance**". This will inform students of Google Meet Sessions and what is due as the graded assignment.

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**.

Yearbooks: Our yearbooks are currently being printed by our vendor and should arrive early June. Once the school system has provided guidance regarding distribution, we will follow up with specific information pertaining to pick-up.

Week of 5/25 - 5/22

Mon 5/25	No School
Tues 5/26	A-Day
Wed 5/27	B-Day
Thurs 5/28	A-Day
Fri 5/29	B-Day

Sincerely,
Dr. Williams

PTSO Meeting

Date: May 27, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99975893549>

Meeting ID: 999 7589 3549

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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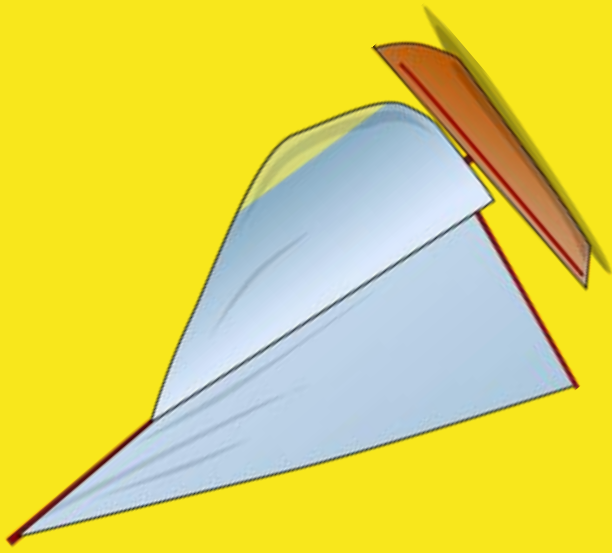
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Mariner's April Student of the Month



Congrats to our April SOTM winners!
They had a surprise visit from their teachers.. who will be the
lucky winners for May?
We could be knocking at your door!



SKIPJACKS



Stay Anchored in E- Learning!

**THE SKIPJACKS TEAM WOULD LIKE TO HONOR THE FOLLOWING
STUDENTS:**

To view the full presentation please visit the link below (use your student's AACPS log-on)
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19UpAAEHar3BthfOltZobXX4Ja9TmOTGbPGzkIcz6HYM/edit?
usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19UpAAEHar3BthfOltZobXX4Ja9TmOTGbPGzkIcz6HYM/edit?usp=sharing)

MRMS Spotlight



This week Mrs. Glennon's AVID class played "Guess the Baby". This cutie-pie is none other than Mrs. Glennon!



#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

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).

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 and www.cdc.gov. All School Health Services staff have been deployed in Anne Arundel County's COVID-19 emergency response effort.

RE: Medication Pick-up

Information posted on page 1 of this PWU.

Thank you,

Jane Lefavor,
RN School
Nurse
Magothy River Middle School



**KEEP
CALM AND
THINK HEALTH
AND
SAFETY**

Administrators Duties 2019-2020

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

May 2020



The Resource Center at Point Pleasant
1450 Furnace Avenue
Glen Burnie, MD 21060
410-222-3805
www.aacps.org/partnersforsuccess
partnersforsuccess@aacps.org

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

Parents' Place of Maryland www.ppmd.org

RISE for Autism www.riseforautism.org

The Arc Central Chesapeake Region
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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