



MAGOTHY RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL'S PARENT WEEKLY UPDATE



Updates from Dr. Williams

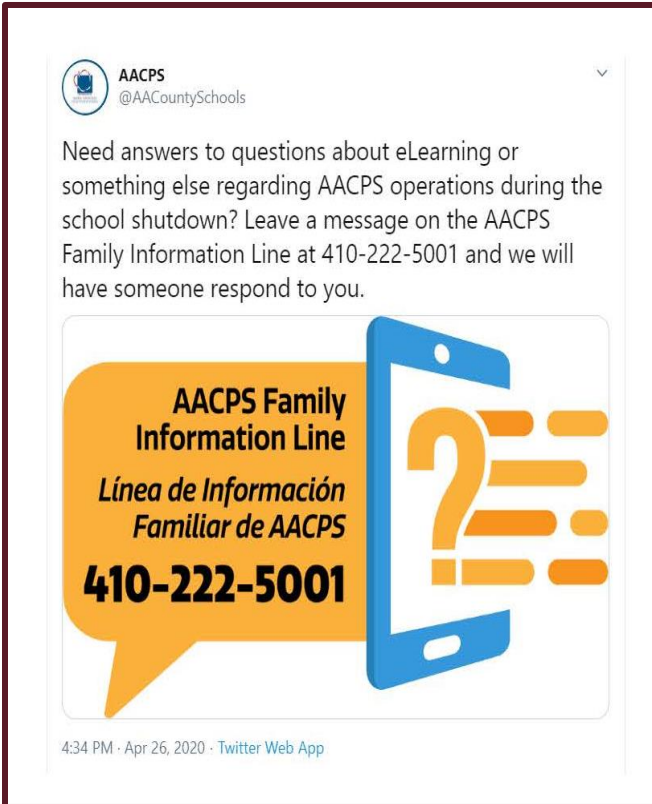
Dear MRMS Families,

I hope you had a wonderful weekend. The weather was amazing! Our school team would like everyone to join in for...Virtual Spirit Week! That's right show your Marlin pride, please review the attached flyer. I would also like to invite our parents to join us for our 2nd Virtual Coffee Hour, this Thursday, May 7 at 6:30pm. Please see the attached flyer for instructions on how to log-on.

On Friday, May 1 my team and I had our bi-weekly faculty meeting where we discussed elearning best practices, as well as parent requests and ideas regarding Google Classroom and Google Meet. Therefore, positive changes will be taking place this week.

Lastly, but also importantly...this week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Our PTSO is asking students and families to take the time to reach out electronically by sending a note, message or video to their teachers. We certainly thank them for all they do in the lives of our students!

Sincerely,
Dr. Williams



Week of 5/4 - 5/8

Mon 5/4	B-Day
Tues 5/5	A-Day
Wed 5/6	B-Day
Thurs 5/7	A-Day
Fri 5/8	B-Day

MAGOTHY RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

SPIRIT WEEK!

MONDAY MASK-ERADE DAY
MAY 4TH



BE A SUPERHERO AND DON YOUR FACE MASK – PURCHASED OR CREATED.

TUESDAY KINDNESS DAY
MAY 5TH



DO SOMETHING NICE FOR SOMEONE ELSE 5 TIMES IN MAY – # 1 TODAY!

WEDNESDAY BE COMFY DAY
MAY 6TH



WEAR YOUR BATHROBE TO CLASS

JOIN IN OUR THEME DAYS DURING E-LEARNING. SHARE YOUR PHOTOS THROUGH THE MRMS ALL-IN PAGE, OR TAG **#MRMS** ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, TWITTER.

THURSDAY CRAZY SNACK DAY
MAY 7TH



WAIT! YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO EAT IN CLASS! BUT TODAY YOU CAN – CREATE A CRAZY BUT DELICIOUS SNACK FOR YOURSELF (AND FAMILY).

FRIDAY MARLIN MADNESS DAY
MAY 8TH



SHOW OFF YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT IN BLUE AND WHITE – YOUR SCHOOL MISSES YOU TOO!

Join Dr. Williams and Ms. Hepting at a Virtual Coffee Hour Thursday, May 7th at 6:30PM



Do you have questions, ideas, comments or concerns about eLearning? Well, please join Dr. Williams and Ms. Hepting for a virtual coffee hour. We miss our community and would love to connect with you!

Please use this link to access a form to submit your question(s) in advance:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/112it9ItUIAd6purS3i-t9jA0a2yIT3DYw8aXDX_kHBc/edit?usp=sharing

**Use the link below to join in on the coffee hour.
Don't forget to mute your mic when you log-on.**

Name of group: MRMSparentcoffeehour

To join the video meeting, please log-on to Google Meet through your **child's account**. Once on the main page for Google Meet type in the following code... **aijkepdknx** into the box or copy and paste this link into the browser <https://meet.google.com/aij-kepd-knx>

Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 434-264-7597 and enter this PIN: 429 598 421#

To view more phone numbers, click this link: <https://tel.meet/aij-kepd-knx?hs=5>



MRMS Spotlight



Congratulations! Jack Clark has been selected as one of the 2020 National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Outstanding Achievement Award recipients! He received a \$500 college scholarship. Jack has shown leadership in both NJHS and SGA. He has taken a lead role in our school wide paper recycling! We are very proud of him.



Chalk art created by Braden Brown Gr. 6

Let's Get Organized!

The links below have a couple of different tables designed to help you organize your learning for the week.

Please feel free to modify the table to best fit your needs.

Using the table is completely optional.

As Dr. Williams says, "You do you." - just know that it is here for you as a resource should you need it to keep yourself organized.

[My Weekly Learning Schedule - BLANK](#)

[My Weekly Learning Schedule - SAMPLE](#)

[Another Example of an Organizer](#)

YEARBOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

ORDERING

YEARBOOKS ARE STILL BEING PRODUCED AND MAY STILL BE PURCHASED.

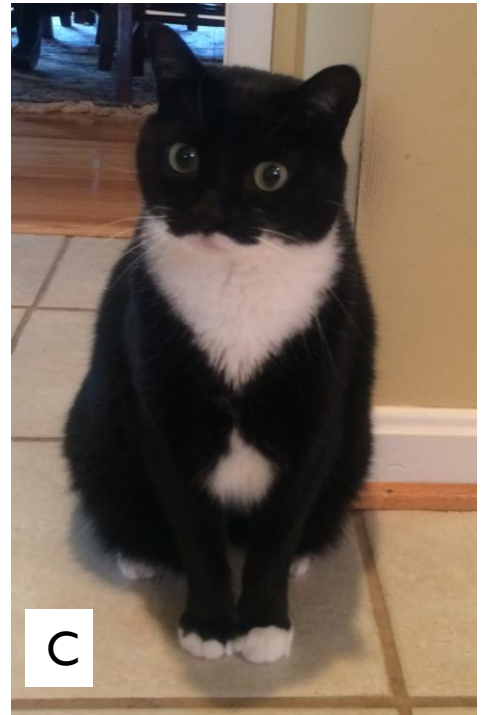
<http://yearbooks.classic-photo.com/MagothyRiverMiddle/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

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

Guess the Teacher's Pet

These wonderful pets will be assisting your teachers in your eLessons! Can you guess which pet goes with which teacher? Answers will be on the last page. No peeking!



Kindness Club May Update!

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

- **YOU MATTER!** So please be kind to yourself! Be sure to get plenty of exercise & fresh air every day!
- To celebrate Cinco de Mayo (May 5th), please commit to 5 acts of kindness you can do for others this month- starting with today!
- Please keep the elderly in mind, both in your family & in your community! There are many organizations, like Meals on Wheels, that have ways to help out!



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.

CARING CONNECTIONS: Strengthening Relationships by Practicing Kindness, Being Grateful, and Spending Quality Time With Those We LOVE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Do something helpful for a family member or friend. 	Connect with a relative to say hello and chat. 	Count your blessings: List the kind things others have done for you. 	Create and then share a card or a piece of art with someone you love. 	Go outside and find one thing that reminds you of someone. Share what you find and your why. 	Create a cell phone / device parking lot so you can enjoy device-free moments together each day. 	Find a deck of cards and play a game like Crazy Eights, Spoons or Go Fish.
Find a joke that you love and share it with 2 other people in person, by phone, or virtually. 	Work together to plan a 3-course meal. Write down / draw each part of the meal to share as the menu for the evening. 	Go outside and find materials to create a centerpiece for others to enjoy! 	Name 3 things you are grateful for. Draw a picture or write a list of these things and then post in a prominent place. 	Work to create 5 "happy cards" for seniors that are in a local nursing home. Drop them off for them to enjoy. 	While washing your hands look at yourself in the mirror and tell yourself one thing you like about YOU! 	Do one act of kindness to make life easier for someone.
Thank 3 people you are grateful to and tell them why. 	Smile at the people you are with to brighten their day. 	Learn one new thing today and share what you learned with someone. 	Choose a favorite song(s) and enjoy a spontaneous dance party. 	Get a deck or two of cards and build a home. Talk about what makes a home safe and what connects us to others. 	Go outside and enjoy a game of "Red Light, Green Light." Be sure to run, walk, slide, jump and enjoy other creative ways to move. 	Design and create a musical instrument. Enjoy a sharing concert.
Ask someone to do what you LOVE to do today. 	Send a message or letter to someone you cannot be with today. 	Find a favorite book and read it or share it with someone. 	Enjoy a scavenger hunt with someone. Both write lists of 5 things the other person will look for, switch lists and then GO! 	Notice 5 things that are beautiful within your world. Share your ideas with someone. 	Learn how to play hopscotch and then PLAY! 	Thank someone and tell them how they make a difference for you.

‘In truth a family is what you make it. It is made strong not by the number of heads counted at the dinner table, but by the rituals you help members create, by the memories you share, by the commitment of time, caring, and love you show one another, and by the hopes for the future you have as individuals and as a unit.’
— Marge Kennedy

Mindfulness Corner:

Focus on your deep breathing with blowing bubbles. Make your own bubble solution and wand!

5 Conversation Prompts for Dinner Time for the Week

Ask your child one dinner time prompt each night this week. See where the conversation takes you.

- If you were sent to live on a space station for three months and only allowed to bring three personal items with you, what would they be?
- If you could make any vegetable against the law, which one would it be?
- What did you do to help someone today?
- Can you guess what ingredients are in the meal tonight?
- If you could have any animal for a pet, what would it be? Why?



Go Global During Quarantine

Take this time at home to explore other countries! Watch videos, take virtual field trips, try new recipes and activities. Download a free printable passport or create your own and explore the world from the comfort and safety of your home.

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FREE-Passport-Booklet-Template-Bundle-Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah-Designs-2998626>

Ciao Italy!

Did you know ciao (pronounced “chow”) is an Italian greeting used for “hello” and “goodbye”? While it is a common greeting among friends and family, it is considered rude to use the greeting with elders or strangers. Let’s learn more about Italy!

Cool Facts about Italy:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGoEdvtB-SI>

Gondola Ride in Venice:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKlPgvoYLO8>

What else can you learn and discovery about Italy?



Italy’s Favorite Appetizer

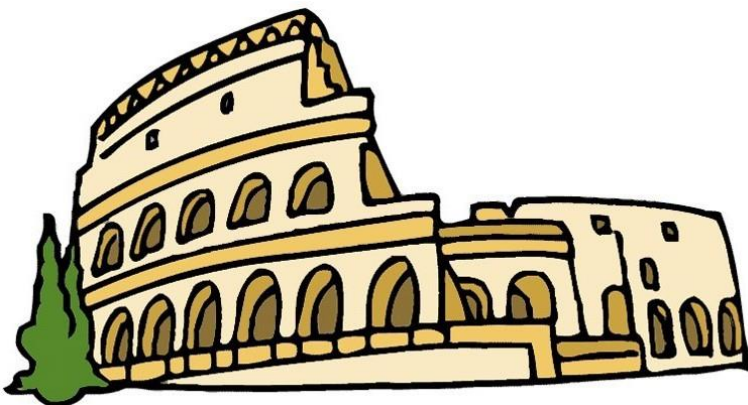
Bruschetta’s roots can be traced back to ancient Rome where fresh pressed olive oil was tested on bread. Today, Bruschetta has been dubbed Italy’s favorite appetizer (also called “aperitivo” in Italian). Try this simple and delicious kid-friendly taste of Italian with this recipe from Delish.

Ingredients:

For the tomatoes	For the Bread
4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil	1 large baguette, sliced 1/4” thick
2 gloves garlic, thinly sliced	Extra olive oil, for brushing
4 large tomatoes, diced	2 cloves garlic, halved
¼ cup thinly sliced basil	
1 tsp. kosher salt	
Pinch of crushed red pepper flakes	

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In medium skillet over medium-low heat, heat oil. Add garlic and cook until lightly golden, 2 to 4 minutes, then remove from heat and let cool.
2. In large bowl, toss together tomatoes, basil, vinegar, salt and red pepper flakes. Add garlic and oil and toss to combine. Let marinate for 30 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, toast bread: Brush bread on both sides lightly with oil and place on large baking sheet. Toast bread until golden, 10 to 15 minutes, turning halfway through. Let bread cool for 5 minutes, then rub tops of bread with halved garlic cloves.
4. Spoon tomatoes on top of bread just before serving.

While here in the U.S., we tend to eat our Bruschetta with tomatoes, In Italy, bruschetta is eaten with various toppings including cured meats, cheese, or beans. Try eating Bruschetta as if you were in Italy!



Get Creative

Learn about the Roman Colosseum and then try to build your own! Use supplies in your house to create your own Colosseum. Try poster board, paper, plastic cups, popsicle sticks, tape and glue or come up with your own creative ideas.

Read about the Colosseum here:

<https://www.historyforkids.net/the-colosseum.html>

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FAMILY LINK

MAY 2020

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Curriculum Connections

Keep Your Young Scientist Engaged!



Parents of 3-5th graders are encouraged to check out these useful Family Bulletins created by the AACPS Science Office.

[3rd grade](#)

[4th grade](#)

[5th grade](#)

Along with details on what your child will be learning in the 4th quarter, the bulletins include activities to support the home-to-school connection, a list of real world connections, links to websites and resources and tips on what you can do to make your student successful in science!

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month

Thank you to all the many fabulous volunteers that make AACPS Awesome!

Supporting Learning at Home

A routine schedule for learning is important if children are to get the most out of learning.

[As described in the AACPS Suggested Daily Schedules for Students, depending on the age](#) of your child, between 2 - 4 hours per day of core academic learning is appropriate for home-learning.

Engage your child in making the schedule. This will help them buy into it.

Post your daily schedule, so everyone knows what to expect.

Embrace the opportunity to create a rhythm of life that works best for your family.

Plan learning times for when your child is most attentive. This is most often shortly after the day begins which can vary depending on the age of your child.

Build in breaks. Work with your child to decide the length of study periods and how often they need a break. Elementary School students may need a break every 5-20 minutes. Middle and High School students may need a break every 15- 45 minutes.



For more tips on how to support learning at home, click [HERE](#).

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Does your child need help with schoolwork?
Check out Anne Arundel County Public Library's
online tutor service!

[Chat live with a tutor](#)

12 pm - 11:55 pm, 7 days a week.
Kindergarten through Adult Learner

Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Spanish.
Spanish-speaking tutors available.

Wellness Tip

Keeping active and engaged as a family is a great way to remain emotionally strong during this unprecedented time. The following list, from Indy's Child, provides a wide variety of activities you can do with your children while you are at home. [For a complete list, go to 70 Things to Do with Kids Now That We're All Stuck at Home](#)

1. Go camping in the living room.
2. Design and go on an indoor treasure hunt.
3. Plan a family garden.
4. Teach your pet a new trick.
5. Have an indoor picnic.
6. Listen to an audiobook or podcast.
7. Learn and play a new card or board game.
8. Play indoor volleyball or soccer with balloons.
9. Snuggle on the couch and read your favorite books.
10. Rearrange or redecorate your room.

Food that's in when school is out!

Serving Meals Monday Through Friday!

Anne Arundel County Public Schools is providing free breakfast, lunch, and dinner to children, ages 2–18. There are no income or registration requirements. A complete list of meal sites can be found

at www.aacps.org/mealpickup.

A map of meal sites can be found at www.aacps.org/mealsitemap.



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Maryland Department of Human Services SNAP Program, helps low income people buy the food they need for good health. You may be able to receive a food supplement if you:

- Work for low wages
- Are unemployed or work part-time
- Receive public assistance payments
- Are elderly or disabled and live on a small income
- Are homeless

Click [here](#) for more details.

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Answers to "Guess the Pet"

A – Ms. Banton (Lily Mae)

B – Ms. Lewis (Baxter)

C – Ms. McCallister (Minnie)

D – Ms. J. Murphy (Luna)

E – Ms. J. Murphy (Nakita)

