

# The Bulldog Blast

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### Message from the Principal...

Good day Parents and Guardians! Last week Governor Hogan and Dr. Salmon, State Superintendent, announced that all Maryland schools will be closed through April 24<sup>th</sup>. I am sure for your family, like mine, this has caused concern and many questions. We are moving into new educational learning during this unprecedented time. If you haven't done so already, please take the time to view a message from Dr. Arlotto: <https://youtu.be/TLDxDn1VWrY>.

During this time, please continue to focus on your families and students. Everyone's health and wellbeing are the most important items. You can keep your students engaged in academics with activities created and provided by AACPS by following this link on the right. Please note that AACPS has stated "The learning experiences we've provided are designed to engage students for a few hours each day. For many students, this daily learning will help them establish routine to add comfort and stability to their day. Beyond the lessons we posted, encouraging students to read, draw, build with blocks or Legos, exercise, play board games, and explore their other AACPS online resources would be wonderful."

As a school we are working through these changes and doing our best to ensure not only are our own families safe, but that we are meeting your students' academic learning needs. During the week of 3/30 or 4/3 your student's teacher will be contacting you or your student through Google Classroom and they will post their Learning Opportunity Block and Office Hours Block available timeslots. As described in the letter from the AACPS Academic Team (<https://www.aacps.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=26913&dataid=58440&FileName=middleschool3.pdf>) for our middle level student the Office Hours Block will be for 1.5 hours during the morning hours between 8:00-11:00 am and the Learning Opportunity Block will be scheduled between 1:00-4:00 pm. These two 1.5-hour blocks will be set by your student's teacher; these will be set by the teacher and will not change during our online schooling beginning 4/13/20. These blocks do not suggest that a student must be available online for learning during these timeslots. They are blocked timeslots when teachers will be available to answer questions and provide learning support in real-time.

Please let your student know how much I, how much ALL of us, miss seeing our students every day! Please reassure them and ask them to stay calm. Together we will navigate this journey successfully.

As always, #WeAreBetterTogether,

*Karla Steinbach,*  
Principal

### March Dates

16-31-State Mandated School Closure

### April Dates

1-24-State Mandated School Closure

Middle School E-Learning:

<https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/e-learning-resources/for-students-parents/middle-school-learning>

Comcast Lesson Schedule:

<https://www.aacps.org/cms/lib/MD02215556/Centricity/Domain/1753/AACPS%20e-Lessons%20Broadcast%20Schedule.pdf>

E-Learning Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://www.aacps.org/elearningfaq>

Meal Locations:

<https://www.aacps.org/mealpickup>

Social and Emotional Supports:

<https://www.aacps.org/crisisresources>

Information about Coronavirus (COVID-19):

<https://www.aacps.org/coronavirus>

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