The Bulldog Blast

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Meade Middle School

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Message from the Principal...

Good day Parents and Guardians! I can not believe tomorrow is June. We now have THREE weeks left of school! What a school year this has been. I hope all of you are staying healthy and safe during this time. Please remind your student during the last three weeks of school that assignments and activities posted in Google Classroom are there to support their learning and to practice skills. There will be **ONE** graded assignment each week, with the term **GRADEBOOK** attached to the title.

As you navigate the world of e-learning with your child, take a moment to read the following excerpt from an article written by Arianna Prothero that appeared in Education Week Magazine:

Leonard said the first step is to remember that the parent-child relationship comes first.

"When I have butted heads with my children, and this is inevitable, I have found it important to back up on pushing academics and build the relationship," she said. "Children are more willing to accept their parents in the role of teacher if they feel secure in that relationship."

Leonard also said that she sees herself more as a facilitator than a teacher. It's a title and role that may sound a little less intimidating than teacher. "I'm there to learn with them and help them answer their questions," Leonard said.

Teaching is not a role that is as foreign as some parents are thinking it is, either, said Utsey. They should remember that in many ways, they are already teachers. "You are the first teacher and the most important teacher," she said.

She also recommends trying to relax and see this time—as hectic as it may be—as an opportunity to spend time with your kids and be a bigger part of their education.

As we begin to wrap up the 2019-2020 school year, we are already planning for the 2020-2021 school year. We believe school uniforms can improve learning by reducing distractions, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more serious environment, allowing our scholars to perform better academically. The uniform policy for the 2020-2021 school year has been revised. Please follow this link to view the policy: https://www.aacps.org/Page/3892

As you focus on your families and staying healthy and safe remember we will overcome! #WeAreMEADE

As always, #WeAreBetterTogether,

Karla Steinbach, Principal





June Dates 1-18-State Mandated School Closure

> Meade Middle Yearbook Order Link:

https://link.entourageyearbooks.c om/my/meademiddleschool2020

Fourth Marking Period Grading

http://aacpsschools.org/pressr/?p =5777

E-Learning Frequently Asked Questions:

https://www.aacps.org/elearningf aq

Meal Locations:

https://www.aacps.org/mealpick up

Information about Coronavirus (COVID-19):

https://www.aacps.org/coronavir us

Meade Middle School Google Classroom Information:

https://www.aacps.org/cms/lib/M D02215556/Centricity/Domain/137 6/MMS_GOOGLE%20Classrooms_4 -3-20.pdf

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