



Meade Middle School

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School Hours
8:20am—3:00pm

A Message from the Principal

Hello Meade Middle School Families,

I thank all of you for welcoming me as I have joined the Bulldog Family as your new principal. Each day has truly been a pleasure here at Meade Middle School. I will continue to strive for student growth, providing support to our teachers, and to work with our school community and parents for the benefit of our students. Students come first and making decisions in the best interest of students is a value that I firmly stand by.

Fall is here and the changing of the season reminds us that our school year is progressing as well. I hope that all 845 of our students were successful 1st marking period. If your student was not, please encourage him or her to stay for HELP Day on Tuesday or Thursday. I also want to remind you that your student receives a progress sheet outlining all their grades every Thursday morning during Advisory. Please review parent portal and your student's progress on a regular basis. Working together, I am confident that ALL of our students will succeed!

Second marking periods are typically characterized by interruption to our school routine-Thanksgiving break, winter holiday break, and the occasional weather break. Your student will likely need extra support at home to keep them focused when we have breaks to instruction. Embracing our #WeAreBetterTogether county theme, we all need to wrap around our students ensuring they receive the support and instruction necessary for growth.

I thank all the parents who were able to participate in parent/teacher conferences October 15th and 16th. If you were unable to participate, our next conference date is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th. The conferences on this date will be slightly different as they will be student-led. If you wish to attend in March, please bring your child. He or she will guide you in reviewing their work samples and discussing what steps needed to increase academic success. Our teachers will also be present to answer any questions you may have.

I am proud of the relationship building that has occurred between our students and staff. It is our daily goal that all students know we care for them, support them, and are invested in their academic success and future. Active involvement from parents, guardians, family members, and teachers is important to a child's education. Working together, we can truly make a difference for our children!

Sincerely,

Karla Steinbach,
Principal

Principal
Karla Steinbach

Assistant Principals
Troy Hermann
6th gr (Last Names A-L) & 7th gr
Erica Garren
7th (Last Names M-Z) & 8th gr

School Counselors
6th grade- Amy Canterbury
7th grade- Katy Kreft
8th grade- Bryan Bauer

**WEAR AND SHARE
ORANGE
IN SUPPORT OF
BULLYING PREVENTION**

**PROJECT UNITY-
KINDNESS. ACCEPTANCE. INCLUSION**

On October 23, 2019, Meade Middle School, participated and celebrated Unity Day. Unity Day is an initiative of the National Bullying Prevention Center designed to visibly show commitments to fostering acceptance and inclusion and eliminate hate and bullying. To support this event, Meade Middle students and staff united wearing orange, showing our commitment against bullying. Our students participated in kindness, acceptance, and inclusion activities and lessons.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools has expanded this one-day initiative to a four-day commitment. We will come together as a county on **December 6, February 12, and March 24**. Meade Middle School will create observances and events that continue to unite our students and staff. Please encourage your student to wear orange on the three upcoming dates!



Each year, the Excellence in Education Teacher of the Year award honors outstanding educators across Anne Arundel County. One lucky winner will earn title of the AACPS Teacher of the Year. Our school has chosen our 6th grade Science Teacher, Ms. William, as the Teacher of the Year Nominee! Congratulations Ms. Williams!

November

PTSA Meeting	Thursday 11/21 6:30pm
Media Center Field Trip- <i>National Electronics Museum</i>	Tuesday 11/26
7th gr Field Trip- <i>MD Science Center</i>	
PBIS Turkey Trot	
NO After School Activities or Activity Buses Today!	
SCHOOL CLOSED- Thanksgiving Break	Wed 11/27 - Fri 11/29

December

AVID Field Trip- <i>McDaniel College</i>	Monday 12/2
2- Hour Early Dismissal	Thursday 12/5
Family Literacy & Wellness Night	6:00-8:00pm
UNITY DAY- <i>wear orange in support of Bullying Prevention!</i>	Wednesday 12/6
8th gr Field Trip- <i>CAT NORTH</i>	Tuesday 12/10
PBIS Holiday Bazaar (after school)	Thursday 12/12
Band & Strings Concert	6:00pm
Interims Go Home with Students	Friday 12/13
Chorus Concert (<i>corrected date</i>)	Thursday 12/19 6:00pm
SCHOOL CLOSED- Winter Break	Mon 12/23 - 1/1

January

Make-Up Picture Day	Monday 1/6
Make-Up Date for Chorus/Band/Strings Concert	Thursday 1/16
Media Center Field Trip- <i>Library of Congress</i>	Friday 1/17
SCHOOL CLOSED- MLK Jr. Day	Monday 1/20
AVID Field Trip- <i>UMD Baltimore College</i>	Wednesday 1/22
PTSA Meeting	Thursday 1/23 6:30pm
2- Hour Early Dismissal	Tuesday 1/28
Dance Festival- <i>North County High</i>	7:00pm
2- Hour Early Dismissal	Wednesday 1/29
End of the 2nd Marking Period	
Dance Festival- <i>North County High</i>	7:00pm
SCHOOL CLOSED for Students	Thursday 1/30
Beginning of 3rd Marking Period	Friday 1/31
Dance Festival- <i>North County High</i>	7:00pm

February

National School Counselor Appreciation Week	Mon 2/3—Fri 2/7
Report Cards and Newsletters Go Home	Monday 2/10
AVID Family Night	Tuesday 2/11



AVID Family Night

Where: Meade Middle School: Media Center
When: Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Time: 5-7 PM

- Learn about AVID!
- Students can apply for the program
- Interviews will take place on the spot for students!
- Mingle with middle school teachers!
- Enjoy **FREE** food and beverages!

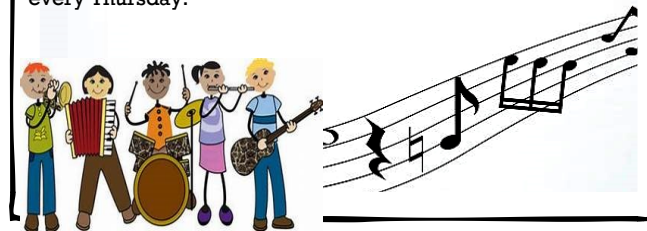
Contact Molly Felton (AVID Coordinator)
mfelton@aacps.org for more information.

Join Us



Band and Orchestra Concert

Our Concert is going to be December the 12th at 6pm. Students that are in Band or Orchestra are expected to be there and at the rehearsals leading up to our Concert. Orchestra meets every week on Tuesday after school and band meets every Thursday.



News Worthy Science

7th Grade Field Trip to Science Center Tues Nov 26
We need chaperones! Money is DUE NOW! Give to Ms. Baateast or Ms. Poteet!

8th grade Science Expo December 9-12
We need parent and Community judges! Email Ms. Schuler mlschuler@aacps.org if you want to be a SCI Expo Judge!

Patuxent Research **Animal Skull Detectives- (In school field experience) Dec 10, 11, 12 for grade 8** By examining a skull's teeth, eye placement, and spinal connection, you can tell a lot about the past life of an animal.

Coming Soon! M-Power Girls In STEM - AFCEA International Education Grant

35 girls across grades will be given opportunity for STEM experiences beginning in January 2020
USNA In School STEM Experience in January '20



EMERGENCY CARDS

We are still missing a number of student Emergency Cards! If you have not yet returned one for your child, please do so immediately! It is extremely important that we have current information on file for all of our students!

Free Food for Families in Need

The Meade Middle Food Pantry is stocked and available for any families in need. Please call to arrange a pick-up. The backpack buddy program sends food home with students who need it every Friday. If you would like your student to receive food every Friday, please contact our school social workers Ms. O'Donnell or Ms. Blake or have your student stop by the social work office to pick up a consent form.



A Message from the School Counseling Office

Hello Parents, Guardians, and Students!

As we conclude the first marking period, please take this time to review your child's report card. Report cards will be distributed on November 22nd. The new marking period comes with new opportunity for academic success. Additionally, students receive a copy of their grade report to bring home each Thursday. Parent Portal is available for 24/7 access to student grades. If your student needs additional support, please have them stay after for tutoring with their teachers on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Please contact teachers with specific question's regarding your student's grades.

Sign up for Parent Portal online at <https://powerschool.aacps.org/public/home.html>.

The Meade Middle School Counseling team



United Way of Central Maryland at MMS

On Track 4 Success (OT4S) is a data-driven early intervention strategy that helps ensure students at Meade Middle School receive the support they need to stay or get back on track for high school graduation. Developed with support from The Johns Hopkins University's School of Education, OT4S utilizes student data to examine proven predictors of dropping out: poor attendance, behavior and course performance (A,B,C's). When a student falls behind in any of these areas, a cross-disciplinary team of school staff, including a United Way Site Manager and Social Worker, meet to discuss the student's unique situation and implement appropriate interventions to support the student and their family.

If you ever are in need of assistance, call the 2-1-1 Hotline! The answers you're looking for are just three digits away. Information, community resources and referrals on a variety of health and human service issues are available with one easy call. A trusted and caring call specialist is there to answer the helpline 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 2-1-1 Maryland United Way Helpline provides individuals and families one easy-to-remember hot line for assistance. The 2-1-1 Maryland United Way Helpline can help you access:

- Food
- Shelters and emergency housing for the homeless
- Access to transitional housing
- Medical care
- Utility assistance
- Tax help
- Job training
- Eviction prevention services
- Family services and counseling
- Day care
- Prescription assistance
- Suicide prevention and crisis center services



PARENT PORTAL

PowerSchool Parent Portal is a powerful, easy-to-use, secure communication tool connecting parents/guardians and schools. Using the PowerSchool student information system, the Parent Portal allows collaboration to improve student achievement. Online access to grades, attendance, and assignments makes it easier for parents to monitor, identify, and accelerate students in grades 1 through 12 progress in **real time**.

PowerSchool Parent Portal will allow parents/guardians with more than one child to access all their children at one time with one user name and password. If you would like to sign up, please contact the school.





Important Messages from our School Nurse



Communicating with your School Nurse

Parents/Guardians -

Keep Your School Nurse Up to Date:

Be sure to inform your school nurse about your child's health conditions or other special health needs to plan for safe management at school. Chronic health conditions include but are not limited to: asthma, seizures, diabetes or life threatening allergies.



Remember to provide your school nurse with current emergency contact information.

Tell your school nurse if your child's health condition interferes with school attendance.

Make sure to tell your school nurse about medications and medical treatments your child requires during the school day.

Tell your school nurse about any changes in your child's health or mobility status, or about any infectious disease.

Any questions or health related concerns?
Please contact your school nurse, Denise Woodard, RN at
(410) 674-2355, ext. 211.

Working Together for a Safe
and Healthy School Year!

Anne Arundel County Department of Health
School Health Services



ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS!!!



PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD TO THE SCHOOL NURSE ONCE HE/SHE HAS RECEIVED THE REQUIRED **Tdap** (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) and **MCV4** (meningococcal) vaccines!

Proof of these immunizations MUST BE ON FILE **BEFORE** beginning 7th grade!



ANY QUESTIONS?
Please call the school nurse!
Denise Woodard, RN
410-674-2355



School Hours



Before & After-School Hours

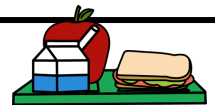
Morning Drop Off: Please note that staff is not on duty to supervise students prior to 7:55a.m. **We ask that parents not drop students off prior to 7:55a.m. as students must wait outdoors, unsupervised, regardless of weather conditions.** The only exception is when prior arrangements have been made with a staff member for reasons such as early morning band or orchestra rehearsal.

Afternoon Dismissal: There are two separate bells for dismissal. Bus riders are dismissed at 3:00p.m. Car-riders and walkers are to remain in their 6th period class until the bell at 3:10. The staggered dismissal is a pre-cautionary measure that we take to make sure students exit the building in a safe manner. Parents of car riders and walkers, please emphasize the dismissal time with your children.

After-School Activities: After-School Activities will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the school year from 3:10-4:10pm, where a light dinner will be provided. At the conclusions of activities, activity buses will be available to transport bus riders home.

Please note that we no longer require students to turn in a signed permission slip to participate in Tutoring Tuesday and Thursdays. Please touch base with your student to ensure they know when they can stay after and to communicate that information with you on a regular basis. We encourage our students to be self-advocates and to regularly communicate with their teachers, reviewing progress reports to determine any extra support that may be required. Thank you for your support!

School Meals



A light breakfast is provided free of charge to ALL students each day during homeroom. School lunches can be purchased for \$3.00.

Free and Reduced Meal Applications

Start your family's meal benefits early by going online to <https://applyformeals.aacps.org/> and entering the requested information as accurately as possible. All data will be instantly and securely sent to the school district for processing and you will receive a letter in the mail with the status of your application.

MyPaymentsPlus

Free registration gives you 24/7 access to:

- Student cafeteria balances and purchase history
- Prepayments for breakfast/lunch, with auto-pay capability
- Low balance e-mail reminders

To sign up, go to <https://www.mypaymentsplus.com>

Uniforms and Uniform Policy



Meade Middle Tardy Policy

Please help us stress the importance of following the Uniform policy by making sure that your child is coming to school dressed appropriately every day! Meade Middle believes uniforms can improve learning by reducing distractions, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom a more scholarly environment, allowing students to perform better academically. **In addition, please make sure that your child dresses in appropriate layers as temperatures vary from classroom to classroom.**

Please reinforce the expectation that students must get to class on time so that your child does not miss out on instruction and avoids the following consequences for being late to class.

The teacher will document each time a student is Late to Class Unexcused and parents will be notified via Parent Connect phone call.

1st time Late to Class Unexcused (LU) – Teacher warning

2nd (LU)– Teacher warning

3rd (LU) – Teacher - specific consequence: conference after class, lunch detention, etc.

4th (LU) – Counselor and / or Student Advocate meeting with student

5th (LU) – Disciplinary referral written by teacher to Administration

Subsequent Tardiness = Additional referrals resulting in progressive consequences.

**This process is reset at the end of each marking period if the student has 3 or fewer offenses.*

Tops: Black, navy blue, gray or pastel blue long or short-sleeved polo (collared) style shirts with two or three buttons at the neck. Black Meade Middle M-Power polos may be worn daily. *Students may wear Meade Middle School Spirit Wear, Club and M-Power shirts with the appropriate uniform bottoms on Fridays.

Pants: Khaki-style pants in black, navy blue, or a khaki color and must fit securely around the waist. Belts are recommended and must be plain black or brown. Jeans and sweatpants are not permitted.

Skirts/Shorts/Skort: Must be black, navy blue, or khaki colored. The bottom of the garment must be no more than 3 inches from the center of the knee cap.

Additional Clothing: Solid navy blue or black V-neck sweaters, front button cardigans, sweatshirts or fleece jackets, and Meade Middle School sweatshirts may be worn **over** uniforms during the school day. College sweatshirts clearly stating the name of the college/university and that do not have hoods may also be worn.

Hoodies, coats, jackets, and hats must be kept in lockers.

All bookbags and string bags must be kept in students' main lockers during the school day. Students will not be permitted to carry their Gym or Dance uniforms in string bags. Only plastic grocery bags may be used to carry these items.

Purses should be 5x7 in size or smaller. All fanny packs should be worn around the waist.

Consequences for not following the Uniform Policy: *Students that do not follow the policy will be addressed in homeroom.*

- 1st Offense- Verbal Reminder to student
- 2nd Offense- Phone call home
- 3rd Offense- Lunch Detention
- 4th Offense- After-School Detention
- 5th Offense- Administrative Consequence



Thank you for supporting scholarly dress at Meade Middle School!

Cell Phones OFF and Out of Sight!



Cell phones are becoming an increasing distraction in school and teachers do not allow them to be used in class. Please help us reinforce the message that cell phones should be off and out of sight. Please also remind your child that if he/she has a cell phone, he/she must practice responsible behaviors. Students should not leave them unattended (such as out on their desk, charging against a wall, or laying on a locker room bench) and they should not be allowing others to use their phone. When we have students report their phone was broken or stolen, we often find that they left their phone unattended or gave it to another student to use. We rarely find stolen phones and we cannot force compensation for broken or stolen phones, which is why ask for them to be off and out of sight.

Finally, please help us keep a focus on learning by refraining from texting or calling your child on his/her cell phone during the day. If you have an emergency, we ask that you call the school and we can bring your child down to the office to speak to you.

Classroom Visitation Guidelines

At Meade Middle School, we welcome parents and guardians and look forward to partnering with you to better support your children. We ask that you follow certain guidelines to help make your classroom visit a positive experience for both you and your child.

Also, classroom visits are meant to allow parents/guardians to see their child and his/her teacher as they go through a regular class period. We ask that visitors not interact with their own child, other students or the teacher so as not to disrupt the learning of any students and disciplining of students by visitors is not allowed.

Please make arrangements with the teacher that you wish to visit at least 24 hours in advance. When you arrive at the school, please sign in at the Counseling Office to get a visitor's badge. As a security measure, we ask that parents wear their visitor's badge where it is easily visible and that you do not bring bags into the school.

Please ensure that your cell phone is turned off or on silent when visiting the classroom. In order to protect the privacy of our students and staff, taking pictures and recording videos is strictly prohibited.

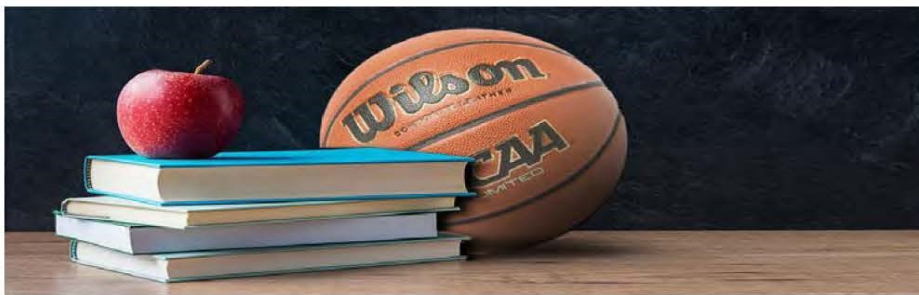
Please remember that teachers will NOT be available for an individual conference before, during or after instruction without a pre-arranged appointment. If you would like to speak to one of your child's teachers, please contact that teacher by email to make arrangements. If you would like to meet with more than one teacher, please contact your child's school Counselor to make an appointment.



DESTRESS WITH YOUR FAMILY BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS!



MEADE MIDDLE'S FAMILY LITERACY AND WELLNESS NIGHT!



Thursday, December 5th 6-8 pm

Literacy and Wellness Stations for the **WHOLE** Family + Information and Resources for Parents/Guardians (English and Spanish)



Relax with a Steaming Cup of **Hot Chocolate** as You Pick Your
FREE Books from Meade's First
Family BOOK SWAP!



Books * Basketball * Writing * Soccer * Literary Art * Dance *
Community Outreach * Mobile Crisis Table * Bingo *
Mindfulness Exercises * Family Literacy Information *
Health/Wellness Resources * Competitions * Literacy and
Wellness Strategies * Door Prizes and Giveaways * Bingo *
Photobooth * Avid Team * and much more!

Contact Mrs. McCallister – Dmccallister@aacps.org or Mr. Lustgarten-
Jlustgarten@aacps.org if you have any questions or comments about the event.

Family Book Swap

FREE Books for Meade students, younger siblings, and parents. Clean out your bookshelves at home and help make our first Family Book Swap a success! The Advisory Class that brings in the most books = Donuts!

Family Basketball / Soccer Game

Bring your competitive spirit to participate in a parent/child Basketball or Soccer game.

Engaging Literacy stations

Participate in engaging Literacy Stations such as Book Bingo, Literary Art Projects, Black Out Poetry Writing, and Book Tasting.

Health and Wellness Information/Resources

Parents/Guardians collect current Health and Wellness information and resources from school and community outreach tables.

Family Literacy Information and Strategies

Parents/Guardians collect various Family Literacy Strategies and useful information from the Media Center, Public Library, Avid Site Team, and Language Arts/Special Education/ELL Departments.



Free Family Photo Booth

Don't forget to visit the Photo Booth for a Fantastically Fun Literacy/Wellness-themed Family Photo!

We're excited to announce Our School, Our Future Fall Giving Campaign!



Meade Middle School is raising money for
PBIS events.

Here's how you can help:

Donate online at www.aacps.org/fall
(\$10 minimum online donation)

Help us compete in the **American Education Week Challenge!** The school with the greatest participation will win a cash prize.

Every donation helps!

All proceeds from the Fall Giving Campaign will go to PBIS and school events for your student.

Thank you!



TURKEY TROT 2019 **Tuesday November 26**

WHEN? Tuesday during encore

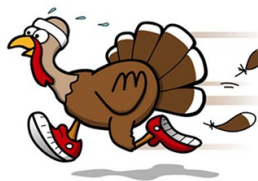
WHERE? Outside (Dress warm and bring your jacket!)

WHO? Everyone in each grade

WHAT? A Trot along the provided route through campus
(the fastest participants will win a prize!)

*All students are expected to report to their encore class
with just their jackets and sneakers ready to trot!*

Donuts and drinks will be sold for \$1.



Volunteers / Field Trip Chaperones

ALL school volunteers and field trip chaperones will be required to complete an online Background Check, watch the Sexual Harassment and Child Abuse training video online and submit a signed Verification Form (new for this school year) to the school prior to volunteering or chaperoning.





If you are interested in volunteering with our students or chaperoning a field trip, please contact your child's teacher or Ms. Wagner in the office for a Verification Form. More information, including the links to the Background Check and video and a printable Verification Form can be found on our school's website.


Thank you for your support!



AACPS Digital Resource Information for Families

<h2>Google Chrome Browser</h2> 	<p>You may not give a lot of thought to the web browser that is used at home, but in AACPS Google Chrome is the “instructional browser” that teachers have students use when working on the Internet in the classroom. Most of our instructional websites function best in Chrome; some require it!</p> <p>If you do not have the Chrome browser installed on your child’s computer, click here to download Chrome for Mac or PC.</p> <p>To install on an iPad it can be accessed in the App Store. Android devices will come with Chrome.</p>
<h2>Signing into Chrome</h2> 	<p>To maximize the student’s experience in Chrome and ensure that they can access the same tools their classroom teachers have them use, we recommend they sign into Chrome.</p> <p>Follow these directions to have your child sign into Chrome to gain access to their bookmarks and extensions.</p> <p>Have more than one child in AACPS? Do your children share a computer at home? Perhaps they even share the computer with you! Watch this 10 minute video to find out how all Google users in your household can be signed into Chrome simultaneously so everyone has access to only their own online resources.</p>
<h2>ClassLink at home</h2> 	<p>When logged onto computers and Chromebooks in AACPS, students have an online homepage called Classlink. The Classlink dashboard contains the links to the websites and online textbooks that students use frequently in class so they don’t have to waste instructional time conducting searches or typing in web addresses. Classlink is also a “single sign on service” that allows students to get into their AACPS online accounts without having to remember multiple logins or to waste time repeatedly typing in usernames and passwords.</p> <p>Follow these directions for how your child can access their ClassLink from home.</p>
<h2>Online Textbooks</h2> 	<p>Links to access the online textbooks that students use in various classes are all available from the ClassLink homepage. If students follow the directions above to use Chrome, sign into Chrome, and access ClassLink, they can click and enter into any of their online textbooks from the Classlink page. This includes McGraw Hill, StemScopes and TCi.</p>

<p>Microsoft OneDrive & Office 365</p> 	<p>All AACPS staff and students have a Microsoft OneDrive & Office 365 account. Your child's login to this account is studentid#@aacps.org, and the same password they use to logon to AACPS computers. This account includes a cloud drive with 1 Terabyte of storage for digital folders and files. It also includes a suite of productivity tools that include Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel online.</p> <p>Along with the online tools, families in AACPS can install Microsoft Office Pro Plus on up to 5 computers to have access to Office at home. Follow these directions to install.</p>
	<p>All AACPS staff and students have a Google for Education account. Your child's login to this account is studentid#@aacps.org, and the same password they use to logon to AACPS computers. This account includes a cloud drive of unlimited storage for digital folders and files. It also includes a suite of productivity tools that include Google Docs, Slides, Drawings and more. Please note: students DO NOT have Gmail accounts or any email with AACPS.</p> <p>Our Google for Education accounts also include access to Google Classroom. If your child's teacher has assigned digital homework, they can access it through Google Classroom, and/or their Google Drive account.</p>
<p>Google Classroom</p> 	<p>Google Classroom is a paperless, digital class platform for teachers to share resources, announcements, assignments and assessments with students. Students can access, complete, and turn in their assignments and assessments. Teachers can grade, share feedback and return those assignments and student scores, without a piece of paper every changing hands. As our teachers work to reduce paper use, Google Classroom is gaining popularity. It is quite likely that at least one of your child's teachers is sharing resources through Google Classroom.</p> <p>For more information about Google Classroom, check out the What is Google Classroom file created for families.</p>
	<p>Most AACPS schools have available to families a What's Happening page on Blackboard for sharing important information (syllabi, field trip permission forms, calendar of events, etc). If your school uses this resource, they will send home information with specific login instructions for their site. For ongoing questions about a school's What's Happening page, please check your school's website, or call the school.</p>

<p>Doing Research</p> 	<p>AACPS has a subscription to a variety of professional online databases that students can use in class and at home to conduct research for class assignments. Using these resources will alleviate the frustrations that students and their parents can experience when endless Internet searches fail to yield helpful or useful results.</p> <p>The School's Media Specialist can share the login for the databases that students would need to use when accessing these resources from outside of school.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Students can access all of their school's databases if they sign into MackinVIA. Go to https://www.mackinvia.com/ and login with their Student ID number and the last 4 digits of their Student ID as their password.</p>
<p>Online subscriptions</p> 	<p>Looking for quality instructional platforms your child can access online from home? These applications are accessible through Classlink:</p> <p>Discovery Education - AACPS has a subscription to DE where students can access videos, audio files, images and articles that can all be incorporated into other projects.</p> <p>Google Earth - Google Earth is free and online! Students can travel the world by simply typing in where they would like to go. Students can search for street addresses, landmarks, countries, continents, oceans and more.</p> <p>The Math Learning Center- The Math Learning Center has free digital math manipulatives including geoboards, number frames, pattern shapes and more.</p> <p>Scratch and code.org - students learn to code in online platforms, beginning with block coding and advancing into text-based coding.</p> <p>Typing Club - Elementary students in AACPS have access to Typing Club to help them learn to type faster, more efficiently, and with more accuracy.</p> <p>WeVideo - AACPS has a district license for the online video recording and editing platform. Students can record video or audio files, add narration and still images and perform advanced video editing to make a polished final project.</p> <p>Wixie - elementary and middle school students in AACPS have accounts for Wixie. Wixie is an online whiteboard program where students can write, type, paint pictures and tell stories. They can even record audio narration for their slides.</p>
<p>Software to download</p> 	<p>Want to maximize access to school platforms from home? AACPS has district licences for the following software programs that allow students and staff to install and use from home:</p> <p>SMART Notebook - Notebook is a whiteboard program that allows users to make interactive presentations. If installed at home, staff and students can open, edit and create Notebook files. Please note: AACPS is currently using version 17.1.1, plans to upgrade to version 19 in October 2019. To ensure full compatibility between home and school, we recommend installing the same version at home.</p> <p>Microsoft Office Pro Plus - families in AACPS can install Office Pro Plus on up to 5 computers to have access to Office at home.</p>
<p>Digital Citizenship</p> 	<p>Concerned with <i>how</i> your child is using the Internet? AACPS has some great Internet safety and digital citizenship tools for students and families.</p> <p>Elementary school students</p> <p>Middle school students</p> <p>High school students</p>