

South School Sentinel



Weekly Newsletter – May 18 – May 22, 2020



Hello Parents and Guardians,

June 18th will be our students' last day of online learning for the school year. We will be with you each step of the way, supporting you and your student with any questions or concerns as online learning continues through our final month of the 2019-2020 school year. Rest assured that our teachers are taking into consideration the strain that the school closure has created on families and will be understanding and compassionate with grading. I understand that many parents are concerned with the current grading practices. Please inform your students that these assignments still serve a purpose, as they help students practice valuable skills needed as they move forward in their education. Please continue to guide your students in making the best effort possible with their assignments.

Above all, please stay safe and healthy, our family members are always our priority.

*Sincerely,
Mr. Thomas, Principal*

Where do math teachers go on vacation? To Times Square!

What did the calculator say to the student? You can count on me!



STEM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greetings to Old Mill Middle South STEM students and families,

We hope you and your families continue to remain safe and healthy.



Students will satisfy their STEM Magnet commitment differently this year due to the associated pandemic school closures. This serves as notification that the STEM Summer Program your student originally signed up for earlier this spring will change to a **virtual STEM program through E-Learning**. Please disregard the dates and selections of events for which your student registered in a Google Form. Those on-site events or fieldtrips offered are canceled.

However, a new registration for virtual STEM summer activities not held on campus will be posted soon. Updates of information will be emailed to include a description of offerings, logistics and due dates for projects. Parents, please continue to monitor your emails, and students your STEM Google Classrooms for updates. You are always welcome to contact me at mehartman@aacps.org or by cell, 443-618-8054.

We continue to appreciate your understanding and flexibility. Cheers and enjoy going outside on some of these beautiful May days. Standby for future updates.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hartman

OMMS STEM



OMMS Tinker Time Google Class



Do you like to build things, tinker, make things or take things apart? Are you artistic or creative? **This is an optional class we welcome you to join.**

The Tinker Time Google Classroom with this code: **bz42s5a**

Check out what many of your OMMS classmates including STEM students are posting by entering the class. There are photos, animations and video clips of items or tasks produced by kids. It's totally cool and creative. Integrate art or do various crafts from supplies you might have at home. There are no deadlines other than post something by June 12, 2020. Use your imagination, your smarts and your hands to make something.

Here are some links to easy ideas or challenges for you and your family to kickstart at home.

<https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/activities/build-your-own-tinker-space/>

<https://theartofeducation.edu/2019/02/11/5-activities-to-open-your-middle-schoolers-creativebrain/>

<https://www.exploratorium.edu/tinkering/projects>

<https://www.weirdunsocializedhomeschoolers.com/100-hands-on-activities-for-middle-school-and-high-school/>

More information is posted in the Tinker Time Google Classroom, so please join.

Contact Ms. Hartman MEHartman@aacps.org or Ms. Tester- AJTester@aacps.org with questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION 8th Grade Parents:

Please email pictures of your 8th grader working from home doing quarantine activities to Ms. Heather Clark; they will be included in our 8th grade slideshow. This will be a year they will never forget! Thank you!

HRCLARK@AACPS.ORG

VIRTUAL OMMS NJHS

Serving our school
community during the
Pandemic of 2020.

JOIN US ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY !

MUSIC JAM SESSION

Join us on Tuesday with your musical instrument. We will have a jam session, share music pieces and get tips from our peers. Google classroom code for link and time: j3qiavi



SCRATCH CODING

Join us on Thursday to learn to "Scratch Code." Google classroom code for link and time: hyown7e

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Join us on either Tuesday or Thursday for "Arts & Crafts." Learn to do something new while at home . Google classroom for the link and times: k6srfgj



GAMES

Join us Friday for game night. We will have various games, Bingo, Trivia, Pictionary and more. Google classroom for link and times: pbvxy3g

COOKING & BAKING

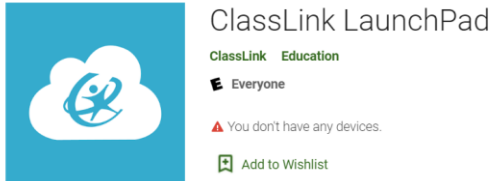
Join us on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday to learn all about cooking something special. Google classroom for link and times: 7uey5wp



OMMS Families and Guardians,

If your child has been relying on the Google Classroom app on a mobile device, please download the free ClassLink app that is also available for that device and have your child sign in with their AACPS login. ClassLink will allow them to access the many instructional tools their teachers are using without having to sign in to each one. Using Classlink to get to Google Classroom and any other necessary apps will also mark your child present for instruction.

For Android:



For iPhone:



Message from Ms. Dutton in Media:

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 11am Ms. Dutton, our media specialist, will be holding Patriot Book Chat to discuss and share thoughts on reading, books, how to find more to read, and to catch up on our lives. The class code to the media center classroom is **dqjf6cy**. Look for the announcement and link to the upcoming Google Meet.

MEALS AVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE

Food and Nutrition staff will provide bagged meals for children 18 or under between 12:00-12:30 PM Monday through Friday. Cafeteria staff will prepare meals and cart all bagged meals to the front of the building for distribution.

Please go to www.aacps.org for a complete list of meal locations



Hey Old Mill Middle School South!

Your 2019-2020 memories are coming together in the yearbook and it is



Orders are taken now for yearbooks that will be distributed in June.

To order online:

- YearbookOrderCenter.com
- Enter the school code for OMMS... #4892
- Pay Herff Jones directly



Don't miss out on your yearbook!

Any questions should be sent to Ms. Sauer (jsauer@aacps.org).

Parent and Student Guide to Google Classroom

- [A Guide to Google Classroom for AACPS Students](#)
- [A Guide to Google Classroom for AACPS Parents \(versión en español\)](#)

AACPS Digital Resource Information for Families can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11MDFYpuo1ViG5HH7hBtd6tbsA38zOlo1Hv1eFr2pR2c/edit?usp=sharing>

Questions about Online Learning? Please reach out to the email below:

<mailto:elearning@aacps.org>

Friendly reminder for student attendance at Google Meets Google Meets are great opportunities to get help, clarification and support for questions on assignments. Be sure to follow your teacher's Google Meet Schedules and/or request a meeting by appointment. Contact your teachers through your classroom or email them directly. Contact your teachers through your classroom or email them directly.

Resources from Anne Arundel County Public Library



Did you know that ALL AACPS students have a FREE public library account? It is called:



Here's how it works:

Go to: www.aacpl.net to access the many resources of the Public Library

Then, anytime you are asked to enter your account number use the following:

Prefix	Student Number
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Your student number →

Your student number is your AACPS Student ID number (your lunch number)

Important – your SAIL number has a six-digit PIN, which is set to the digits in your birthday.

PIN _____

For example, if your birthday is 10/18/2008, your PIN is 101808. You can change your PIN anytime you want online or ask the friendly staff at the library to change it for you.

Your SAIL number works just like a library card. Anytime the Library's website asks for your library card number, just enter your SAIL number. You can also use any of the library's eResources to access eBooks, audiobooks, stream videos, etc. with your SAIL number and PIN.

Resources from Anne Arundel County Public Schools



eBooks & Databases

AACPS eBooks, Digital Audio Books and Databases are available through the MackinVia app or through the AACPS website:

Using the APP:

- 1- Go to APP store
- 2 - Download the MackinVia APP then open the APP
- 3- Select school site- Old Mill Middle South
- 4-Log-in is your 6-digit student ID
- 5- Password is the last 4 digits of your student ID
- 6- Search for book and check out
- 7-Download eBooks to your device while they are checked out to you

OR

Using the AACPS website:

Go to www.aacps.org >click on students>click on library media in the bottom right corner> select Public Access Catalog> select MackinVia in the top right corner>Site ID is Old Mill Middle South>Log in using your 6-digit student ID number as your ID and the last four of that number as your password




Access any database you'd like to use, no password needed if you're logged into MackinVia

Troubleshooting Your AACPS Chromebook



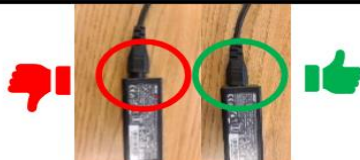
While in schools, Chromebooks are charged daily and remain continuously connected to the school's wireless network. Following are some troubleshooting tips to help you manage the power and wireless connectivity of your AACPS Chromebook while outside the school environment.


Identifying your child's Chromebook

Two model Acer Chromebooks were distributed to students: C731 and C732. The type of power plug will help you identify the model Chromebook.

 <p>C731 power plug has a 90-degree bent style plug</p>	 <p>C732 power plug is a flat oval style plug</p>
	<p>The serial number uniquely identifies both model Chromebooks. It is located on the bottom of the device.</p> <p>Devices should also have a white AACPS asset tag with a 6-digit number. Additionally, some schools labeled their devices with cart and device name label; some did not.</p> <p>The serial # and/or asset tag # can accurately identify your device in our tracking system.</p>

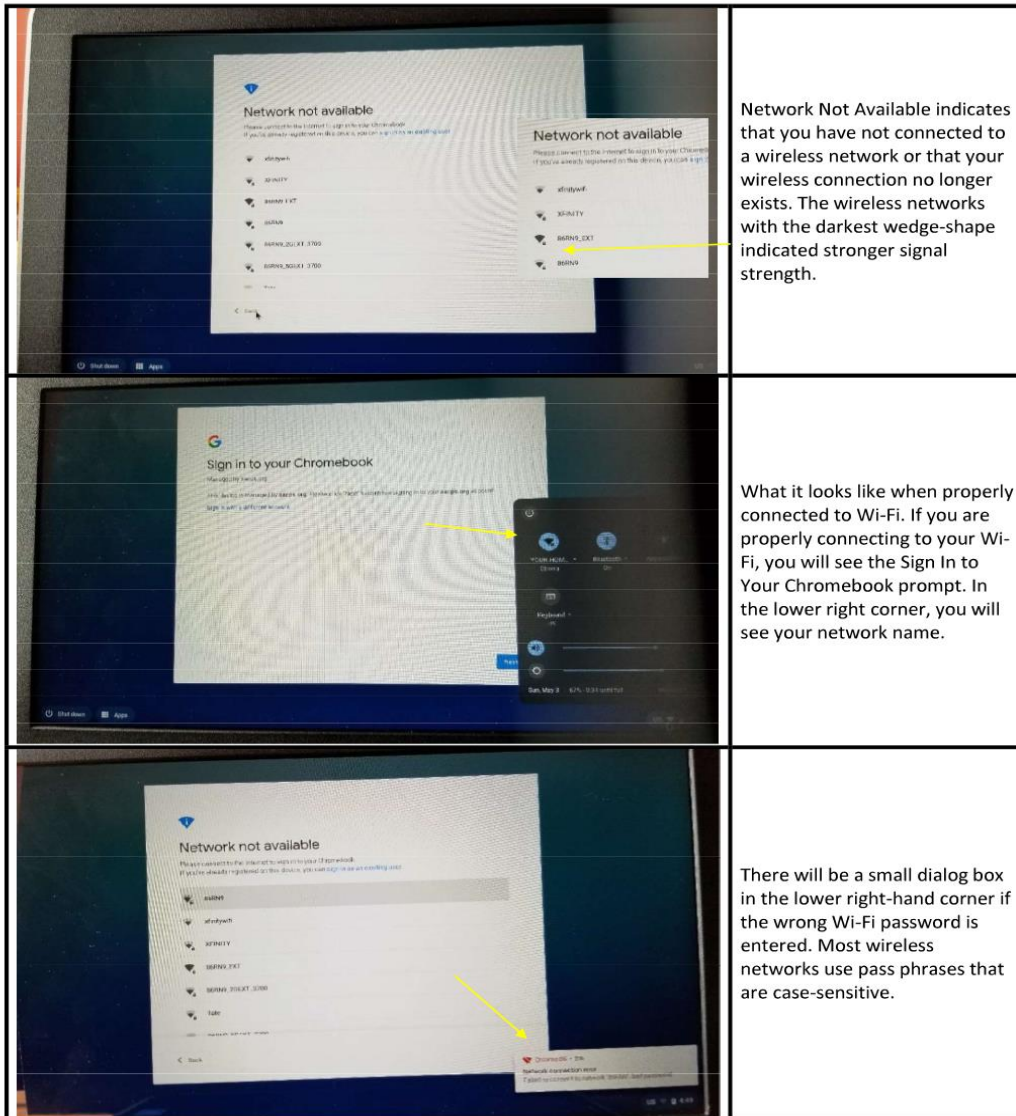
Troubleshooting power issues

		
<p>C731 will have an amber light when the plug is properly inserted, and the device is charging.</p>	<p>C732 will have a blue light when the plug is properly inserted, and the device is charging.</p>	<p>Be sure the wire that connects the power adaptor to the wall outlet is completely inserted.</p>

	<p><i>Not powering on?</i> – be sure to check the power/charging troubleshooting tips listed above. Also try pressing and holding down the power button for at least 20 seconds if the Chromebook is charging but not powering on.</p> <p><i>Other items to check if the Chromebook is not charging:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Check AC wall outlet by plugging in a known-working device (such as wall lamp). ➤ If using a power strip, check the strip to make sure it is on and/or has not tripped.
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Troubleshooting Wi-Fi issues

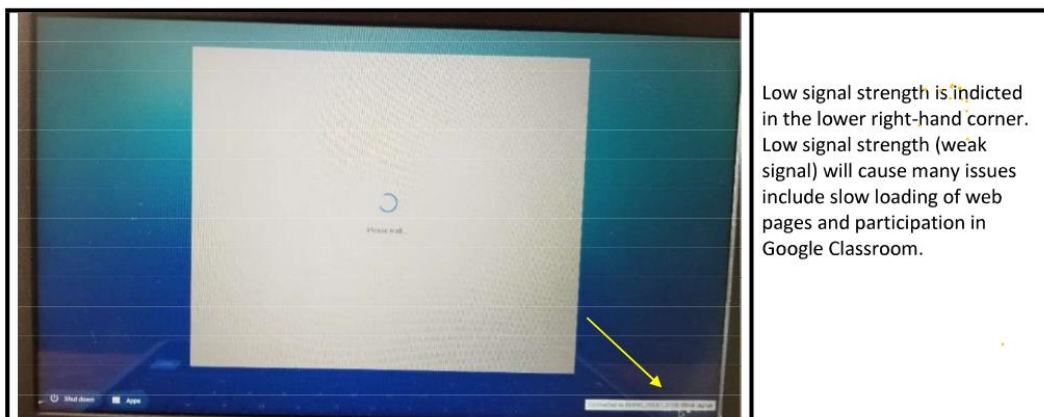
The following pictures will help you troubleshoot Wi-Fi issues with your Chromebook:



Network Not Available indicates that you have not connected to a wireless network or that your wireless connection no longer exists. The wireless networks with the darkest wedge-shape indicated stronger signal strength.

What it looks like when properly connected to Wi-Fi. If you are properly connecting to your Wi-Fi, you will see the Sign In to Your Chromebook prompt. In the lower right corner, you will see your network name.

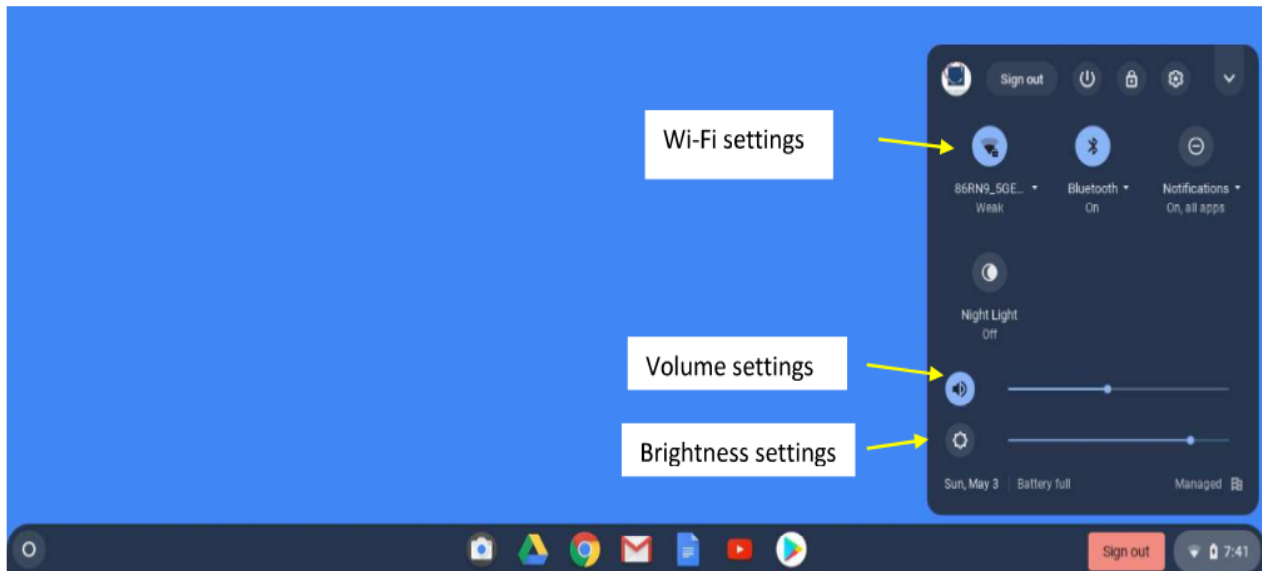
There will be a small dialog box in the lower right-hand corner if the wrong Wi-Fi password is entered. Most wireless networks use pass phrases that are case-sensitive.



Low signal strength is indicated in the lower right-hand corner. Low signal strength (weak signal) will cause many issues include slow loading of web pages and participation in Google Classroom.

Additional controls

By clicking on the bottom right-hand corner on the time, you can access the controls for volume settings, screen brightness and wireless settings. Depending upon the version of Chrome OS, this setting may appear different.



Wi-Fi settings – this setting allows you to add an additional wireless network to your device and check signal strength.

Volume settings – this setting allows you to mute sound and adjust sound volume. If headphones (or headphones with microphone) are plugged in, this setting will allow you to choose between the internal speaker (and microphone) and the external speaker (and microphone).

Brightness settings – this setting allows you to brighten/darken the screen.

NOTE – there are other settings that can be accessed in this panel. It is strongly recommended to not make additional adjustments to your device as it may adversely impact the use of this device for instruction.

Still having trouble?

If you are still having difficulty with your child's Chromebook, kindly send an email to chromebookissues@aacps.org. Make the subject line: "Chromebook Issue – Student Last Name" and include the following information in the body of your message:

- Child's name
- Child's school
- Chromebook model #
- From what location did you get your child's Chromebook
- Brief description of what the issue is

Depending upon the circumstances, we may resolve the issue or swap out the Chromebook.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us with Chromebook support!

CLASSROOM GOOGLE TEACHER CODES:

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Abel (A)		f4ellp6	aq2jgo6	y6atqy2	y6atqy2	
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Boggis			6siinex	j42p4jp	rmfegte	pyqkq6i
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Bruch (B)	ewnzza2	nn3pbyj	s5smyts		qd35aak	
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Chiarello (B)		lkygmqk	caa3iqh	caa3iqh	6n2d35j	
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