

BBES Blast
Brock Bridge Elementary School 2019-2020



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SCHOOL YEAR 19-20

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Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As we begin the third marking period, we want to encourage you to take a few moments to review the second marking period report card and set goals with your student(s). Our final parent/teacher conference day is scheduled for March 10, 2020. Teachers will be sending home information regarding conferences in the upcoming weeks.

Career day will be coming up on Monday, April 27. We are looking for parent volunteers to speak to students and share various career options. If you are interested in participating, please contact our primary guidance counselor, Geoff Crocker (gcrocker@aacps.org).

Respectfully,

Amy Shandrowsky

Principal



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BBES Café

Lunch Schedules

Breakfast Serving:

9:00-9:15 AM in the classroom

Lunch Serving:

Kindergarten - 11:00 - 11:30 AM

1st grade -11:10 - 112:00 PM

2nd grade - 12:00 - 12:30 PM

3rd grade - 12:30-1:00 PM

4th grade -1:00-1:30 PM

5th grade-1:30-2:00 PM

Lunch Prices:

Lunch (Full Prices)

\$2.75

Milk- 1/2 pint (A La Carte)

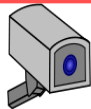
\$.55



Apply for free/reduce meals:

<http://aacpschools.org/nutrition/apply-for-free-or-reduced-price-meals/>

School Camera System



Brock Bridge Elementary School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations.

During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in questions, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.

AACPS Non-discrimination Disclaimer



DISCLAIMER

The Anne Arundel County Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation or familial status in matters affecting employment or in providing access to programs. Questions regarding nondiscrimination should be directed to Mr. Leslie N. Stanton, Specialist in Human Relations, AACPS, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401, (410) 222-5318, TDD, 410-222-5500 or www.aacps.org.

Lost and Found

Please come in and check in the cafeteria for any lost coats, jackets, hats, gloves, or lunch boxes. Check in the office for any glasses, earrings, necklaces, keys, hair bands, etc. Periodically we donate unclaimed items to charity



FRONT OFFICE MESSAGE



Please remember:

This is only an application process. All applications will be reviewed and children will be placed in appropriate categories.

Children placed in category 1, letters will be mailed out on July 15th. Category 2, letters will be mailed out on August 15th. Category 3, letters will be mailed out by September 15th. Your letter will state your child session, (am/pm) conference date and staggered day with instructions on the next step to register.

We look forward to servicing your child's educational journey.

Picture Day

We are having a **Photographer** at the school to do **Yearbook Groups and Candid** picture on February 19th, 2020.

If your student is new to the school or missed picture day last time, this is also a final opportunity to have your student's portrait shot taken.



Arrival Procedures

Arrival begins at 9 am. Students must be in their class by 9:15 am.

Students arriving after 9:15 am will need to report to the office with a parent to be signed in.

School Hours: 9:15 a.m.—3:40 p.m.

Students not in class by 9:15 a.m. will be marked late.

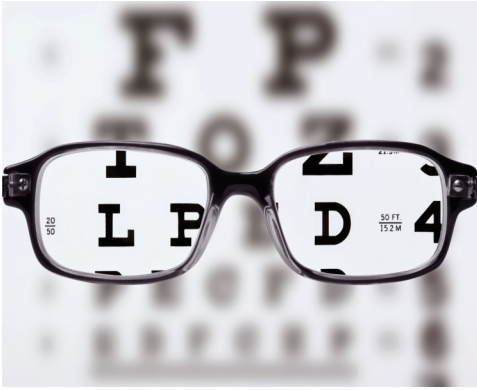


Students in the office for Early Dismissal

When calling the office to change your child's transportation, be aware that the student cannot be called down and wait in the office until pick-up.

All students can only be called out of the classroom for dismissal when the authorized person is at the school office. This is imperative for your student's safety and prevents him/her from missing instructional time.

Vision and Hearing Rescreen



Vision and Hearing Rescreen will be held on Monday 2/3/20. We will be pulling any students in PK, K, 1st, or new to Anne Arundel County that were either absent or did not pass the Hearing portion on the initial screen date.

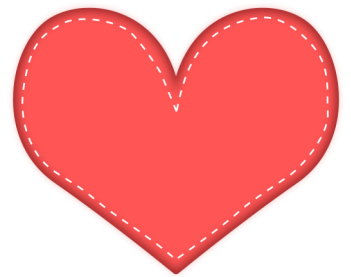
No Cost Dental Sealant/Fluoride Varnish Application Program

Starting on the 6th of February 2020, the Anne Arundel County Department of Health will be offering a No Cost Dental Sealant/Fluoride Varnish Application Program at Brock Bridge Elementary School to all 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students. Parent permission is required for your child to participate in this dental program. Forms were sent home 1/31/2020. Your child will bring home the consent form today. For additional information you may call our school nurse Krysta Guerrero at 301.498.6280.

A partir del 6 de febrero de 2020, el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Anne Arundel ofrecerá un programa de aplicación de sellador dental / barniz de fluoruro sin costo en la escuela primaria Brock Bridge a todos los estudiantes de 1^o, 2^o y 3^o grado. ¡Se requiere permiso de los padres para que su hijo participe en este programa dental! Las aplicaciones fueron enviadas a casa hoy 1/31/2020. Para obtener más información en español llame a Ingrid Muñoz al 301.498.6280 o 410.440.2538 (texto solamente).



February 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Vision and Hearing Rescreen	4	5  Pre-K Application period begins PTA Meeting 6:15 pm	6 Dental Program	7	8
9	10 Progress Report/Report Card distribution Chuck e Cheese Spirit Night 3-9pm	11	12 2h Early Dismissal No School for Pre-K afternoon	13	14 	15
16	17  PRESIDENT'S DAY No School	18	19 Yearbook Groups and Candid Picture Day 	20	21	22
23	24 3rd grade Steel Drums Residency	25	26	27	28	29

Keeping student's safe while in school



Visitors **MUST** provide a **PHOTO ID** when entering the school building for the safety of all students. A valid photo ID must be presented when taking your child out of school for early dismissal.

Early dismissal is any time before 3:20 PM.

Birthdays Celebration



We are no longer allowing outside food to be brought in for birthday celebrations due to allergies and the loss of instructional time.

Please consider donating a book or pencils for the classroom.

Registration

Registrations will be held Monday-Friday from 9:30 am-3:00 pm. Please make sure you have all your paperwork at the time of registration to include a transfer packet if applicable.

You can visit AACPS.org, type enrolling @ aacps in the search bar for a more detailed list of documents that are needed at the time of registration.

Reminder!

Chaperone / Volunteers

Chaperone/Volunteers are required to complete a background check before volunteering in classrooms or attend a field trip. Please contact one of our volunteer coordinators Mr. Crocker at gcrocker@aacps.org or Mrs. White at lwhite@aacps.org for more information.



Visiting Brock Bridge Elementary School

BBES welcomes parents and guardians to visit our classrooms. We ask parents to set up a time with the teacher, at least 24 hours in advance, as to not disrupt instruction. Visiting hours from 9:30-3:00 PM. Please, no siblings. **We do require that you check in with the front office with your government issued photo ID. You must be on the student's emergency form in order to visit the school. (Please notify the teacher of your plans to visit ahead of time by contacting the teacher via e-mail. Their e-mail address is listed on our website.)**



Math Corner

Happy African American History Month

Math Facts

The oldest **mathematical games** in the world originated in African regions located south of the Sahara.

The **oldest mathematical artifact**, the Lebombo bone, dates back to more than 35,000 years ago. It was found in the Lebombo Mountains near Swaziland.

The development of **geometrical thinking** started in early African history as hunter-gatherers of the Kalahari Desert in southern Africa learned to track animals by getting to know the shape of their poop to learn which animal passed by, how long ago, if it was hungry or not, etc

Benjamin Banneker

(1731–1806)

Banneker, a mostly self-educated man in mathematics and astrology, is best known for building America's first clock—a wooden device that struck hourly. Using his rich understanding of trigonometry and astronomy, he accurately predicted a solar eclipse in 1789.



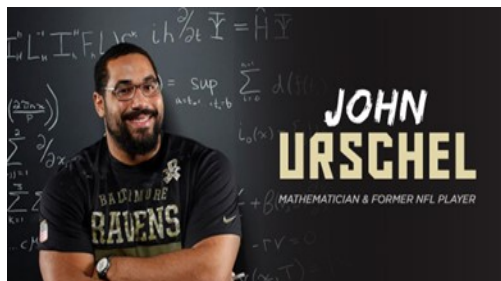
Mae Carol Jemison (1956-Present)

Mae Carol Jemison is a mathematician, engineer, physician, and astronaut. In 1992, she became the first African American woman to visit space when she went into orbit aboard NASA's Space Shuttle Endeavour.

John Urschel (1991-Present)

John Urschel excelled in both mathematics and playing football at Penn State University and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics. In 2014, Urschel was drafted from Penn State into the NFL by the Baltimore Ravens, where he played his entire NFL career before retiring at age 26 to further pursue mathematics.

He is currently working towards his Ph.D. in mathematics from MIT where some of his mathematical fields of interest include graph theory, numerical linear algebra, and machine learning.





Math Corner (2)

How can you help your child be successful in mathematics?

Children learn math best when they can connect math concepts and procedures to their everyday experience.

Here are a few strategies your child may be working on in class for subtraction.

Subtraction Strategies:

Connecting Base Ten Blocks to the Standard Algorithm

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \ 17 \\ 1 \ 4 \ 7 \\ - \ 8 \ 9 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$$

Decompose addends to find differences.

For example: When solving the equation $623 - 378$, think $378 + \underline{\quad} = 623$.

Count up to 623.

Add the intervals to find the difference: $2 + 20 + 200 + 20 + 3 = 245$

Subtract $14 - 6$.

Start with 14 counters.



Decomposing Numbers

$$\begin{array}{r} 764 - 436 \\ \hline 328 \end{array}$$

700 + 60 + 4 becomes 700 + 60 + 14

$$\begin{array}{r} 700 + 60 + 14 \\ - 400 + 30 + 6 \\ \hline 300 + 20 + 8 = 328 \end{array}$$

Connecting Place Value Disks to the Standard Algorithm

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \ 7 \ 8 \\ - 1 \ 4 \ 5 \ 9 \\ \hline 2 \ 4 \ 6 \ 5 \end{array}$$

Students in Grades 2-5 have access to First in Math

Math fact fluency is the ability to recall the answers to basic math facts automatically and without hesitation. Fact fluency is gained through significant practice, with mastery of basic math facts being a goal of both teachers and parents.

Luckily our students have access to "First in Math," a program that provides tools for students to hone their fluency skills at school, home, or anywhere with an internet connection. Teachers have access to student progress towards mastery of basic fact skills and this information can be shared with families. Students now have access codes to First in Math and should be able to log in from home. We encourage the students to practice 7-10 minutes a day to strengthen their fluency skills.



No Parking at Fire Lanes and Bus Loops

Parking in designated **fire lanes** and/or **bus loops** is prohibited. This prohibition extends to staff, students, visitors, spectators at athletic events, day care vans, and after school activity vans such as karate centers, clubs, etc. Any vehicle parked in a fire lane or obstructing a fire hydrant must be moved to an authorized parking space.

Maryland Motor Vehicle Law §21-101.1(b)2,3 states:

A person may not drive a motor vehicle in violation of any provision of this title on any property that is owned by or under the control of this State or any of its political subdivisions, county boards of education, or community colleges and that is open to vehicular traffic and used by the public in general. Any person who violates any provision of this subsection is in violation of the law to the same extent and is subject to the same penalty as if the motor vehicle were driven on a highway.



Source: Geniemove

Please use the designated parking lots. Parking is not permitted by the playground or in the staff designated lot.

Please use the designated lower parking lot for car rider drop off and pick up. Double parking in the staff lot is not permitted, at any time.

Vehicles with handicap tags or plaques are permitted to park in the designated handicap spots in the front parking lot.

Healthy Habits = Healthy Children



Healthy Habits Decrease the Spread of Germs & Help Keep Children and Families Well

1. **Handwashing** is one of the best ways to keep from getting sick. If soap & water aren't available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.
2. **Cover that sneeze and cough**—Coughing and sneezing spread germs. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or the inside of your elbow to prevent spreading germs to your hands.
3. **Get Moving**—Exercise helps the body fight off simple illness. Include active play in your child's schedule.
4. **Sleep**—Getting the right amount of sleep will help fight off colds and infections.
5. **Healthy Eating**—Good nutrition is Vital for good health. Provide a variety of foods, including plenty of vegetables, fruits and whole grains at meal and snack times.
6. **Keep Your Child Home When Sick**—Children should stay home until they feel better!



When Do I Keep My Child Home From School?

(Although no comprehensive list is possible, the following conditions may be appropriate reasons to keep a student home or seek medical advice)

Temperature 100 degree or greater

Vomiting, Diarrhea

Shortness of breath, Wheezing

Abdominal Pain

Suspected Fracture

Severe pain

Undiagnosed rash

Productive Cough/Fever



Prekindergarten Application—Important Information

Applications will be accepted at all prekindergarten program sites, beginning February 5, 2020.

Please note: Public school prekindergarten programs in Maryland must serve children from economically disadvantaged or homeless families. If seats remain after all economically disadvantaged children have been enrolled, the system may enroll children who have other school readiness needs.

Age and Residency Requirements

- Children must be four years of age on or before September 1st of the school year in which they are registering.
- Children must reside in Anne Arundel County.

Enrolling Your Child In Pre-K

You will need to bring the following documents when you apply:

- Documentation of income eligibility for Category 1 applicants only:
 - Most recent Federal Income Tax Return (1040)
 - or
 - A current Food Stamp Award Letter
 - or
 - A current Temporary Cash Assistance Award Letter
 - or
 - Proof of Foster Care income
- Your child's original birth certificate
- A copy of your child's immunization record (Check immunization requirements at www.cdc.gov/vaccines)
- Proof of residency in Anne Arundel County
 - Lease/mortgage document and a current telephone bill or utility bill or income tax/property tax notice
 - or
 - A notarized Tenant Verification Form (available at all schools)

Homeless Students

Homeless students have the right to enroll immediately.

Head Start

A current Federal Income Tax Return (1040) is required for Head Start enrollment.

Income Eligibility Requirements

(reduced price school meals) are available at: www.fns.usda.gov

Non-Public Preschool Programs

Maryland State Department of Education-approved non-public preschool programs can be found at: www.msde.state.md.us/nonpublic/nsab_directory/DisplayLocations.asp?County=Anne%20Arundel

School Information

Contact your local school for information about office hours. Information about individual school programs is available at www.aacps.org.

Attendance Area Notes

- Open for enrollment only to families living within this attendance area.
- Dual enrollment with Head Start available.
- Only open to families residing in the Tracey's Elementary and Deale Elementary attendance areas and those families that reside in Maryland Manor and in Wayson's Corner on Sands Road and on Route 408.
- Families residing in Maryland Manor and in Wayson's Corner on Sands Road and on Route 408 attend Carrie Weedon Early Education Center.

School	Half- or Full-Day	ECE Program	Phone Number
Annapolis		–	410-222-1600
Belle Grove ^{1,2}		–	410-222-6589
Belvedere		✓	410-975-9432
Benfield		✓	410-222-6555
Brockbridge		–	301-498-6280
Brooklyn Park		–	410-222-6590
Carrie Weedon ³		–	410-222-1625
Central Special		✓	410-956-5885
Eastport ²		–	410-222-1605
Ferndale		✓	410-222-6927
Fort Smallwood		✓	410-222-6450
Four Seasons		✓	410-222-6501
Freetown		✓	410-222-6900
Georgetown East ^{1,2}		✓	410-222-1610
Germantown		–	410-222-1615
Glen Burnie Park		–	410-222-6400
Glendale		–	410-222-6404
Hebron-Harman		–	410-222-6930
High Point		–	410-222-6454
Hillsmere		–	410-222-1622
Jessup		✓	410-222-6490
Jacobsville		–	410-222-6490
Lake Shore		–	410-222-6465
Lothian ^{1,4}		✓	410-222-1697
Marley		–	410-222-6414
Marley Glen		✓	410-222-6940
Maryland City		–	301-725-4256
Meade Heights ²		✓	410-222-6509
Mills-Parole ²		–	410-222-1626
North Glen		–	410-222-6416
Oakwood		✓	410-222-6420
Odenton		–	410-222-6514
Overlook		–	410-222-6585
Park		–	410-222-6593
Point Pleasant		–	410-222-6425
Quarterfield		✓	410-222-6430
Rippling Woods		–	410-222-6440
Riviera Beach		–	410-222-6469
Rolling Knolls		–	410-222-5820
Ruth Eason		✓	410-222-3815
Seven Oaks		–	410-222-0937
Severn		–	410-222-6220
Shadyside ¹		–	410-222-1621
Solley		–	410-222-6473
Southgate		–	410-222-6445
Sunset		–	410-222-6478
Tyler Heights ²		–	410-222-1630
Van Bokkelen ²		–	410-222-6535
Waugh Chapel		–	410-222-6542
West Meade		✓	410-222-6545
Woodside		–	410-222-6910