

SCHOOL YEAR 20-21

### FEBRUARY/2021

## Message from the Principal...

Al comenzar el segundo semestre, ahora es un buen momento para revisar las calificaciones con sus estudiantes y establecer metas para el próximo período de calificaciones. Considere establecer una meta semanal para aumentar la cantidad de minutos completados en iReady. Los estudiantes en los grados K-2 deben completar 30 minutos de lectura y 30 minutos de matemáticas cada semana. Los estudiantes de cuarto y quinto grado deben completar 45 minutos de lectura y 45 minutos de matemáticas por semana. Cuando se cumplen las metas semanales de iReady, los estudiantes cierran las brechas para mejorar sus habilidades de lectura y matemáticas. Esto también nos ayuda a lograr nuestras metas dentro de nuestro Plan de Mejoramiento Escolar.

Durante el mes de febrero, celebraremos el Mes de la Historia Afroamericana, con una serie de oradores y lectores invitados. Gracias al Sr. Weiss y la Sra. Hayman por coordinar oportunidades tan maravillosas para nuestros estudiantes.

Estamos avanzando con nuestra planificación de reapertura. Una vez que tengamos más información para compartir, organizaré una reunión virtual para ayudar a responder preguntas. Estén atentos para más información.

Mientras usted prepara a su estudiante para que regrese, practique que su estudiante use su máscara durante períodos prolongados. Será obligatorio en todo momento, excepto por un breve descanso de la máscara durante el recreo. Debido a la naturaleza de la pandemia y los cambios frecuentes, consulte el sitio web para obtener las actualizaciones más recientes del sistema: https://www.aacps.org/spring2021

Como siempre, gracias por su colaboración.

Respetuosamente,

Amy Shandrowsky,

Directora

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## Google Meet Class Recordings



As a reminder, in the virtual learning environment, families are forbidden to record or take pictures during live lessons. Please remember that virtual classrooms are no different than building classrooms where student privacy should be respected and upheld. AACPS has guidance for teachers on the proper recording of lessons should you need information (www.aacps.org/googlemeet); however, such recordings are not meant for personal nor public consumption beyond the classroom. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated for the safety and integrity of our school community.

Thank you.



## <u>School Camera System</u>



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



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.

## Apply for free/reduce meals:

http://aacpsschools.org/nutrition/apply-for-free-or-reduced-price-meals/

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# FRONT OFFICE MESSAGE

## Attendance

Attendance plays a critical role in a student's success at school. Poor attendance in elementary school can lead to failing behind, failing classes, and excessive absences in middle and high school.

In the virtual learning world, it is important that your child be present during the entire live teaching part of the day. If your child is not able to attend the entire virtual class, please communicate to your student's teacher or the front office.



## Pre-kindergarten Application Process Details

The Pre-kindergarten Application process will be online and begin on February 9<sup>th</sup>. At this time, schools are not accepting in-person/walk-up Pre-kindergarten applications or offer in-person appointments due to health and safety guidelines. Families have two options to submit a Pre-kindergarten Application and the required documentation:

1. Complete the application using the online portal <u>https://www.aacps.org/Page/1514</u> and upload documentation.

2. Contact the school to have a staff member complete the online application over the phone on their behalf.

Families that have trouble uploading the required documentation can submit a photo of the documents to the enrollment secretary via email or text using Google Voice.

If a family is truly having difficulty uploading the documents, they may call the school and make an appointment for a "document delivery" after the online application has been completed.

Applications for Pre-kindergarten in AACPS will be considered complete and families placed on the enrollment category list when all documentation has been submitted, *with the exception of the physical*.

## Scheduling Process for 5th Grade Students

The scheduling process for our current 5th grade students will begin in February. Meade Middle School Counselors will be meeting with students in the upcoming weeks to help students select their 6th grade courses for the 2021-2022 school year. Additional information will be posted in google classroom. Please check the links below for more information regarding Parent/Guardian Q & A sessions on February 4, 2021.

Meade Middle Scheduling Process for 5 Grade Students

Meade Middle Scheduling Process for 5 Grade Students - SPANISH

FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No Schools for Students	2 Beginning of 3rd Marking Period	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Progress Report/ Report Card Distribution		11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents Day School Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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## SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE: Third Marking Period Program (02/01-04/14)





INFORMATION: We are pleased to be able to continue to operate in our current locations for the Third Marking Period! We will continue to provide Wi-Fi access to complete virtual learning (parents must provide schedules, log-in information, electronic devices & headphones), arts and crafts, games, activity stations, and STEM & Literacy

enrichments. Outdoor play will be utilized as we are able depending upon weather, sharing space with schools, site layout and restrictions. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will also be provided for FREE to the children via our partnership with Anne Arundel County Public Schools' Food and Nutrition Services.

<u>Current COVID-19 restrictions include the following</u>: children must remain in the same room the entire week, children & staff members must wear masks (except when eating), heightened sanitizing & social distancing will be in place, and temperature checks & health screenings are required upon arrival of staff and children. Parents may not enter the child care space and must also wear masks at all times. We will follow the guidance of the Health Department to close/alert the program as necessary if a child/staff member meets the symptom/exposure criteria to do so. If the program closes due to COVID, credits will be issued to parents. *Per the Maryland State Department of Education, please be aware that group sizes to previous child care capacity as long as social distancing can be maintained*.

REGISTRATION/REFUND POLICY: Please be aware that there is a minimum & maximum registration for each center. We will rollover registration for the families we are currently serving before opening any remaining spaces to the public.

- <u>Third Marking Period Registration</u> for any available spaces is now open online on a first-come, first-serve basis. Interested
  parents must log in to their account, and register for the location they are interested in. Your child(ren) will be placed on the
  Wait List. Then, the Billing & Registration team will contact you if there are spaces available in the location of your choice. Your
  first payment will be due when you have been alerted that a space is available. See below Third Marking Period Fee Schedule
  for more details.
- Payment & Refund Policy: You must pay for the third marking period program on a bi-weekly basis two weeks ahead of service. If your needs should change during the marking period and your family no longer needs care, you must email us at sacc@aacounty.org to withdraw from the program. A \$25 fee will be charged for all refunds due to withdrawal.
- <u>Holiday Closings</u>: All programs will be closed for President's Day (02/15) and Easter/Spring Break (04/01-04/05). Credits will be issued for these days.

	Child Care Service	Days Closed during	Virtual Fee/
Payment Due Date	Period	the Service Period	Bi-Wkly
Due upon Registration	02/01/21-02/12/21		\$360.00
02/01/2021	02/16/21-02/26/21	02/15	\$324.00
02/15/2021	03/01/21-03/12/21		\$360.00
03/01/2021	03/15/21-03/26/21		\$360.00
03/15/2021	03/29/21-04/14/21**	04/01, 04/02 & 04/05	\$360,00

### THIRD MARKING PERIOD FEE SCHEDULE:

\*\*Special note to be aware of for Service Period 03/29/21-04/14/21: There are 13 days (rather than the usual 10 days) in the final service period. The 3 days SACC is closed equal out the 3 additional days of care, so the fee remains the same.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- AGES: Children must be at least 5yo & entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2020-2021 school year to be eligible to attend.
- STATE MANDATED FORMS: Every child must have the State mandated forms completed and on file at the site on their first day.
- TOILETING: Children must be toilet trained. Your child must be able to be self-directed & self-sufficient in the restroom and able to care for their own hygiene needs.

### LOCATIONS:

- Arnold Senior Center (Arnold)
- Benfield Elementary School
- Davidsonville Elementary School
- Folger McKinsey Elementary School
- Freetown Elementary School
- Glendale Elementary School
- Hebron-Harman Elementary School
- High Point Elementary School
- Lake Shore Elementary School
- Mayo Elementary School
- Nantucket Elementary School
- O'Malley Senior Center (Odenton)
- Pasadena Elementary School
- South County Senior Center (Edgewater)

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

Our office accepts Scholarships through the Department of Social Services for all school locations. Call DSS for more info: (866) 243-8796.