

SCHOOL YEAR 20-21

FEBRUARY/2021

Message from the Principal...

As we begin the second semester, now is a great time to review grades with your students and set goals for the upcoming marking period. Consider setting a weekly goal to increase the number of minutes completed on iReady. Students in grades K-2 should be completing 30 minutes of reading and 30 minutes of math, every week. Fourth and fifth grade students should be completing 45 minutes of reading and 45 minutes of math, weekly. When the weekly iReady goals are met, students close the gaps to improve their reading and math skills. This also helps us achieve our goals within our School Improvement Plan.

During February, we will be celebrating Black History Month, with a series of guest speakers and readers. Thank you to Mr. Weiss and Ms. Hayman for coordinating such amazing opportunities for our students.

We are moving forward with our reopening planning. Once we have more information to share, I will be hosting a virtual meeting to assist with answering questions. Stay tuned for more information.

As you are preparing your student to return, please practice having your student wear their mask for extended periods of time. It will be required at all times, except for a brief mask break during recess. Due to the nature of the pandemic and frequent changes, please check the website for the most current system updates: <u>https://www.aacps.org/spring2021</u>

As always, thank you for your partnership.

Respectfully, Amy Shandrowsky, Principal

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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 9th. 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 5th 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.