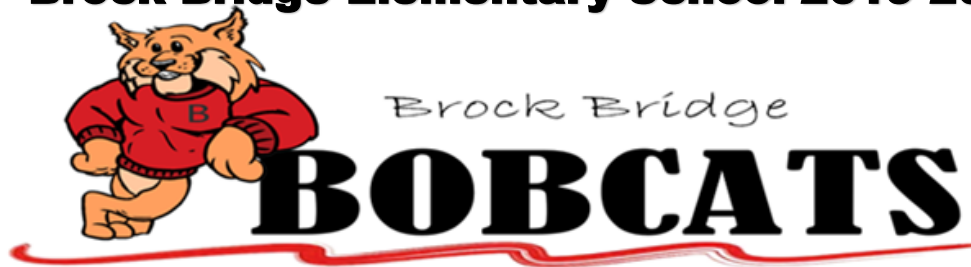


# BBES Blast

## Brock Bridge Elementary School 2019-2020



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### Assistant Principal's Message

Hola familias de Brock Bridge,

¡Feliz año nuevo! Les deseo a todos un feliz y saludable año nuevo. Fue una alegría ver a todos nuestros estudiantes y personal regresar después de un merecido descanso de invierno.

Hemos entrado en la temporada de pruebas estatales. Revise las próximas fechas de exámenes y los consejos de exámenes para preparar a su estudiante para el éxito.

No puedo esperar para ver lo que la segunda mitad del año escolar tiene reservado para nuestros estudiantes de Brock Bridge.

Jessica Kallon  
Subdirector

#### **8 consejos para que los padres ayuden a su hijo a prepararse para las pruebas de alto riesgo**

**Priorizar la asistencia y la tarea.** En última instancia, las pruebas están destinadas a medir qué tan bien los estudiantes han aprendido el material que se enseña en clase.

**Comuníquese con el maestro de su hijo.** La comunicación regular con el instructor de su hijo puede ayudarlo a comprender mejor su progreso.

**Hable con su hijo sobre la toma de exámenes.** Tenga conversaciones abiertas y continuas con su hijo para explicar los beneficios de las pruebas.

**Ofrecer refuerzo positivo.** Un poco de aliento puede ser de gran ayuda para que los estudiantes entren a los días de exámenes sintiéndose seguros.

**Apoyar hábitos saludables.** El sueño y la nutrición pueden tener un gran impacto en la capacidad de su hijo para concentrarse y retener información.

**Dele a su hijo un espacio de estudio.** Un espacio cómodo y dedicado para la tarea y el estudio puede hacer maravillas para la productividad de su hijo.

**Mantenga las pruebas en perspectiva.** Evite poner demasiado énfasis en los puntajes de los exámenes de su hijo.

**Informe después de la prueba.** Al discutir sus respuestas, procesos de pensamiento y sentimientos, puede obtener más información sobre con qué está luchando y sobresaliendo, y luego ayudarlo a prepararse mejor la próxima vez.

**Enlace para el artículo completo:** <https://blog.edmentum.com/8-tips-parents-help-your-child-prepare-high-stakes-tests>

**Recursos adicionales:** <https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/succeed/part9.html>

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# FRONT OFFICE MESSAGE

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### Attendance

Please send a note stating why your child was absent. When your child has been absent more than 3 days, we need a doctor's note stating the child was under their care. If no absence note is received at school, your child's absence will be coded as truant/unlawful. Excessive absences, tardies, and early dismissals will be reviewed by the Attendance Committee each month.



### Someone called from our number and you don't know who called you?



If you get a call from the school, please take a minute to listen for any messages. This will allow us to assist you quicker when you return the call.

### Emergency Cards

The information on the emergency cards that the office requested at the beginning of the school year is invaluable to us. Please report any changes in address or telephone numbers (home or work) to the school office.

If during the school year there are any changes regarding who you would like contacted in the event of an emergency (and we are unable to contact you), please provide us with the updated information.

# January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 No School	2 Students return to School	3	4	
5	6	7 Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) 2nd and 5th	8 Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) 2nd and 5th	9 Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) 2nd and 5th	10	11	
12	13	14	15 PTA Spirit Night Chipotle 5–9 pm	16	17	18	
19	20 School Closed	21	22	23	24	25	
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## Seasonal Reminders

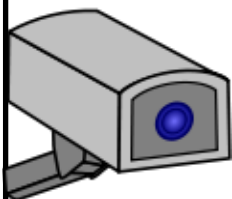
Cancellation of school takes place only during extraordinary circumstances such as extreme weather, equipment failure, or public crisis.

The school board and administrators are aware of the hardship which can be caused by an abrupt cancellation. Therefore, school will not be canceled unless a significant safety risk has been created by an unusual circumstance. In the event that conditions cause school to be closed, announcements will be posted on the Board of Education's web page ([www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org)), and a Connect-Ed message will be sent. Television and radio stations in the Annapolis, Baltimore, and Washington areas are notified one hour before normal bus runs. More than likely a Connect-Ed message will be sent out by the Board Of Education.

Breakfast is offered to all students when schools are delayed for 2 hours.

There are times when schools will close earlier than normal. Please have a plan for your child to follow in case this happens and you are not at home.

## 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



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](http://www.aacps.org).

## ACCIDENTS HAPPEN

From playground puddles to tummy troubles, there may come a time when your child needs a change of clothes. Please send the following items in a gallon-sized ziploc bag, with your child's name on it, to be kept in their locker: SHIRT, PANTS, UNDERGARMENTS, and SOCKS.

Thank you for your help!

-The Health Room



### Cell Phones



Cell phones that are brought to school by students must be turned off during the instructional day and kept out of sight. Students are not permitted to use cell phones during the school day. Students that need to contact a parent during the day should ask to go to the office. The school is not responsible for phones that are brought to school.

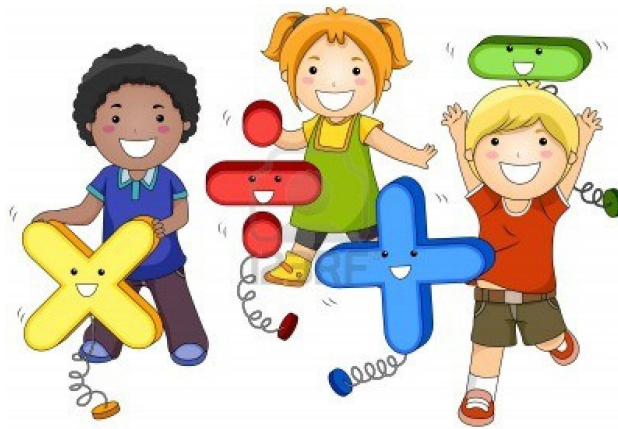
### Changes in Transportation Home



There has been an increase in request for changes to transportation at the end of the day. Calls into the classroom at the end of the day are for emergency situations only. If you know your child will be going home differently, please write your child's teacher a note in the morning to avoid any misunderstanding of what your child is to do at dismissal. This will allow the office to get the emergency messages to students without holding up buses or having confusion at the end of the day. Thank you so much for helping.



## Math Corner



### 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.*

- Be positive about math! Let your child know that everyone can learn math.
- Point out how math is used in daily activities.
- Include your child in activities that involve math, such as making purchases, measuring ingredients, and determining elapsed time.
- Play math-related games with your child.
- Encourage your child to explain his/her thinking when solving problems.
- Count everything with young mathematicians.
- Make connections between real world objects and multiplication and division.

**When a math moment presents itself, make the most of it!**

### Play 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





## #AACPSReadWithMe Elementary School At-Home Reading Challenge

Read in the car or on the bus _____	Read for 15 minutes _____	Read while eating a snack _____	Read on a rainy or snowy day _____	Read for 10 minutes _____
Read to a sibling or neighbor _____	Read with a friend _____	Read while on the floor _____	Read outside _____	Listen to someone read to you _____
Read to a senior adult _____	Take turns reading aloud with a friend _____	 Use your AACPL SAIL account to check out a book! Read in bed _____	Listen to an audio book _____	Read after school _____
Read to a parent or family member _____	Turn out the lights and read by flashlight _____	Read about a character that doesn't look like you _____	Read for 20 minutes _____	Read on a Saturday morning _____
Introduce yourself to a librarian _____	Read in your pajamas _____	Read before school _____	Read in your favorite room _____	

Write the name of the book on the line to complete the square and earn BINGO!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian or Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please turn in your bingo card to your teacher! Students will receive 5 Bobcat Bucks for participating!

