

Brock Bridge Elementary School



SCHOOL YEAR 20-21

JANUARY/2021

Message from the Principal...

Happy New Year!

Hopefully, you had an opportunity to rest and relax over the winter break! As of now, we are planning for a hybrid learning option to begin at the start of the second marking period, on February 2, 2021. Due to the nature of the pandemic and frequent changes, please check the website for the most current system updates: <https://www.aacps.org/spring2021>. Families should receive a survey soon to select your preference for whether your child will remain virtual or return in a hybrid format.

Beginning February 2nd, there will be an important schedule change. Please refer to the new schedules posted here: <https://www.aacps.org/Page/9197>. Thank you for ensuring that your child is present during the instructional day and completing assignments in a timely manner. Please see the Literacy Teacher's Corner for more important updates and tips for virtual learning.

As always, thank you for your partnership.

Respectfully,

Amy Shandrowsky,
Principal



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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.



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.

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FRONT OFFICE MESSAGE

Registration

Registration is still being conducted virtually. Please visit www.aacps.org for the link to start enrollment process.



Just a friendly reminder...

Moving??



Dear Families,

If you have moved or is in the process of moving, please provide us with updated paperwork and address so we can keep your student's information accurate in our system.

In case your student is moving to another school, please let us know so we can get the transfer sent to the other school or for pick up.



Contact Information

Please keep in mind that is very important to keep your student's contact information up to date. If you have changed your email address or/and your phone number, please call the office and let us know. We will update our system immediately.

Yearbook

Dear Families,

We appreciate and continue to encourage photo submissions to assist our yearbook staff in creating a memorable keepsake. Please email photos to your child's homeroom teacher. They will share the photos with our yearbook committee. As always, it is our intent, to create a yearbook that is appropriate and represents our student body, along with various school activities.

Therefore, as in years past, we are not able to include every photo that is submitted. We will capture this unique year to include photos that were pre and during COVID. In addition, we recognize that in some photos students may or may not be wearing masks based on the setting and guidelines over this year. However AACPS, will not include any photos on school property where COVID guidelines were not followed. Again, thank you for all photo submissions in support of creating an amazing 2020-2021 Yearbook!

Literacy Teacher's Corner

Happy New Year to all of our Brock Bridge families! As we wrap up the first semester of virtual learning, we would like to let you know how much we appreciate the hard work you are all putting into our virtual learning community. We have all done a lot of learning and growing over the past 4 months. We would like to share some of our discoveries with you so we can continue to work together, as a team, to support our students both intellectually and emotionally.

First, we would like to thank all of the students who show up each and every day, put their cameras on, and engage in the class discussions as much as possible. As with anything, the more you put into it, the more you will get out of it. We encourage you to work with your children to make sure they are showing up in all ways, every day!

Next, thank you to all of the families who are helping their children complete and turn in their work. We know that it can be hard some days, however, we want to encourage you to let your children complete their assignments as independently as possible. When we are in school with your children, they are expected to complete the work on their own and are given support when needed. We want them to become independent workers and thinkers, so sometimes they might struggle. We like to call this a productive struggle! They always come out of it a little stronger and more confident. When you encourage self-reliance and responsibility, you'll be empowering your child with an "I can do it" kind of attitude.

Also, as teachers, we are better able to help your children when we know what they are able to do on their own. If all work is being turned in with no errors, we believe the students have mastered the skill and are ready to move on. We don't know what your children need as learners if we can't see their mistakes. We understand how difficult it is to watch your children struggle, and we want you to know, we are available to help during office hours, flex time, and by appointment. Please reach out!

With all that being said, please know that our highest priority is supporting your children both academically and emotionally. This is a difficult time, in so many ways, for all of us. Please find comfort in knowing that your children have made great gains this school year! We are so proud of them and know they are up to the challenge to keep working hard and to adapt to all situations. We miss all of our families and are thinking of you all.




Sincerely,

Valerie Fried and Laura White

Literacy Teachers

Brock Bridge Elementary School

JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year! School Closed	2
3	4 Schools Open for Teachers and Students	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14  Community sponsored food distribution	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King  School Closed	19	20	21  Community sponsored food distribution	22	23
24	25	26	27	28  Community sponsored food distribution	29	30
31				End of first marking period 2h Early Dismissal Schools closed for pm PK and ECI students		