

SEPTEMBER
2019

JESSUP ELEMENTARY



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Upcoming Events

September

6,9,10...Kindergarten Staggered Start
11...First Day for ALL Kindergarteners
18... Back to School Night 6-8pm
30...School Closed-Rosh Hashanah

October

7...Interim Reports to be sent home
8...Early Dismissal
9... School Closed-Yom Kippur
15-16...No School-Parent/Teacher Conferences
23...Unity Day-Wear Orange/Anti Bullying

November

7-8...Early Dismissal
8...End of 1st Marking Period
20...Report Cards to be sent home
27-29...Schools Closed-Thanksgiving

Dear Families,

Welcome to School Year 2019-2020 and to our new beautiful building. It has been a great start to the school year.

Thank you all so much for all of your support and patience as we transitioned into the new building and into the new school year.

Security will continue to be a top priority. Thank you for being conscientious and following all of the school and county Security Procedures.

Your children have been absolutely fantastic with all that has been expected of them. I am so proud of them every single day.

Elevating all children and moving them forward to the next highest level whether it is Reading, or Math takes a Team- Families, Teachers, Resource Teachers, Administration. Myself, and my new Assistant Principal Ms. Becky Truly stand ready to achieve this goal. All of our children are good, smart, and have tons of potential and with a great team we can achieve the Goal of Elevating All Children and Eliminating All Gaps. Communication is key. Stay in touch with your child's teacher often. Every email or phone call is important to us.

Back to School Night is Wednesday, 9/18 starting at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Book Fair will be in the Media Center starting at 5:00 pm.

Getting to Know You Chats are currently being scheduled by all of our teachers for the month of September. Please call or email your child's teacher.

Have a wonderful September!

Respectfully,
Ms. Dempsey
Principal

Jessup Jaguars are growing into Global Leaders, through Academic Excellence meeting High Expectations, Wellness, and Service.

Jessup 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 question, 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.

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, your child will bring home a **Federal Impact Aid Survey form**. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and:

Elementary Schools – **return it to your child’s school (Jessup Elementary School)**.

The U.S. Department of Education allows a multiple child form. AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children’s names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org. Also, please note that the **complete address of the Parent/Guardian’s Employer if they work on Federal Property**, the **complete address of the Federal Property on which they work**, and **each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian**. The Federal Impact Aid Survey form for 2019-2020 will be available to download on October 1, 2019. We will also be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately \$2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please call Angie Smack in the Finance Office at 410-222-5200.



SCHOOL SECURITY—All visitors to the building are expected to ring the doorbell and state their reason for visiting. Please refrain from letting others inside as you enter. Prepare to show your Photo ID to office staff. We thank you for your continued support in providing a safe environment for our students and utilizing the V•Soft system here at Jessup Elementary School. Don’t forget to **sign in and out with the office** when visiting the school so we know your whereabouts.



Uniform Program

The Jessup Elementary School uniform Program was adopted to create an environment that focuses on school performance, not individual attire. Parents and students are responsible for following the guidelines of the school uniform policy(AACPS Policy 902.04/JCDA).

Tops: Tops must be light blue, white, navy blue, or black long or short-sleeved polo style with collar and two or three buttons at the neck.

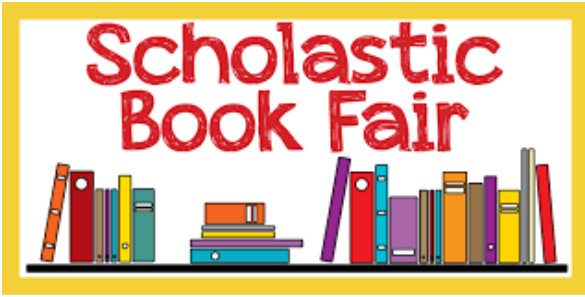
Pants: (Elastic or optional belt) Navy blue, black, or khaki full-length standard pants are to be worn securely around your waist with a belt.

Shoes: Shoes must be safe and enclose the foot. Shoes may not expose students to safety hazards nor should they impede a student from moving quickly during an evacuation. Athletic shoes are permitted. Wheelies shoes are not permitted.

Shirts/Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers: Navy blue, black, or khaki; must be longer than fingertips when standing at attention (Shorts may be worn between April 1st through Oct. 31).

Additional information can be found - Mandatory Uniform Policy Attachment “A”. (copies at the school front office)





Book Fair!

Book Fair will be available to students, September 16th-20th, in the Jessup Media Center!

Please join us to shop with your student during Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 18th from 5:00-7:30 pm!

If you would prefer to shop online, please go to <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/jessup>. All proceeds from online sales still benefit our school!

If you would like to volunteer for the book fair during the school day, please contact Sarah Kellett at skellett@aacps.org.



Safety Information/Transportation

Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Chief Operating Office
Transportation Division

Update: DRAWSTRINGS AND SCHOOL BUS HANDRAILS

The Issue:

Drawstrings on children's clothing have become snagged in school bus handrails located at the entrance to the school bus. About a half dozen youngsters nationwide have been killed and more have sustained serious injury when drawstrings become entangled in the school bus handrail. The problem occurs when the drawstring length permits the child to step to the ground and to an area away from the view of the school bus driver. The bus thereafter departs the stopping area while the locked drawstring causes the youngster to be dragged along the side of or under the school bus.

Remedies:

1. Inspect and Modify Handrail Joint Fixtures:

Handrails on school buses have been inspected at all regular inspections held since the summer of 1995. Future school bus inspections will continue to include a review of this issue.

Handrails that may cause a problem have been modified, replaced, and where permissible, removed. In most cases, the remedy increases the space at the bottom of the joint where the handrail attaches to the school bus entrance way.

2. School Bus Driver Instruction:

All school bus drivers have been advised of this concern and have received appropriate instruction. Drivers have been instructed to be certain that recently discharged passengers have cleared the "danger zone" of the school bus before leaving a bus stop or school unloading zone.

3. The Parental Role:

Parents are encouraged to examine drawstrings on currently owned clothing. All drawstrings, whether at the neck, waist or thigh levels, have risk. Drawstrings having buttons at the end of the drawstring are particularly dangerous. Consider this issue when purchasing new clothing. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) suggests that drawstrings be cut or otherwise removed.

Be mindful that drawstring problems are not limited to school bus handrails. Additional problems may be experienced on playground equipment, bicycles, escalators, automobile equipment, carnival rides, and just about anything that moves people.