



The Lions' Roar



From the Principal's Pen



On Monday, April 8th, we will be in the 4th marking period! We finished our 3rd marking period district assessments, and students are working hard in their classes, finishing their work on grade level standards, and preparing for state assessments.

Please note the following information for the assessments. Students should have a good night's sleep, and arrive to school on time each day. Cell phones and smart watches are not allowed in the testing areas.

Grade level	Subject	Dates
Grade 3	Literacy	4/15, 4/18, 4/19, 4/22
Grade 3	Math	5/1, 5/2, 5/3, 5/6
Grade 4	Literacy	4/15, 4/18, 4/19, 4/22
Grade 4	Math	5/1, 5/2, 5/3, 5/6
Grade 5	Literacy	4/24, 4/25, 4/26, 4/29
Grade 5	Math	5/10, 5/13, 5/15, 5/16

Thank you to the PTA volunteers for the "Cub Cash Cart." This has been a hit with the kids! We look forward to another cart experience this month. We also want to thank the PTA for supporting our assemblies and field trips. Parents, when you support the PTA, the students really do benefit!

We look forward to learning about a new literacy curriculum for next year, called CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts). This spring, our teachers will have some professional learning time to delve into the new materials before using it for instruction next year.

Thank you for continuing to support our attendance initiatives, allowing your children to work on iReady at home, and reinforcing our school rules. Together, we will finish the year strong!

Lothian Elementary School's Mission and Vision

Mission Statement

All staff will use culturally responsive practices to prepare every student with the academic and social-emotional skills needed to guarantee success in the next grade level.

Values

- ◇ We always choose to participate in solution-focused problem-solving in order for our students to grow
- ◇ We always choose to seek and use feedback in our professional and behavioral practices.
- ◇ We always choose to build positive relationships through our words and actions with all stakeholders for student-focused success.

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**April 4—2 Hour Early
Dismissal- no pm ECI**

**April 5—2 Hour Early
Dismissal—no PM ECI
End of Marking Period**

**April 10-School Closed
(Eid al-Fitr)**

**April 12, Maasai As-
semblies**

**Saturday, April 13,
Maasai Visitors at
Dunkin Donuts**

**April 15 MCAP (State
Assessment) begins at
Lothian**

April 16 Spring Photos

**April 17 Joe Romano
Assemblies**

April 17 PTA 6:30

**SAT April 27: County
Science & Engineering
Challenge & Innovators'
Olympics Awards**

Spirit Days:

**April 5 Decade Day
(60s, 70s, 80s)**

April 19 Sports Day

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Registration will begin on **Wednesday, April 3, 2024** through our online portal at www.aacps.org/enrollment. Your child must turn 5 by September 1, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at 410-867-3900.

Please have your child's Birth Certificate, Immunizations, Lease or Mortgage and a utility bill when you begin the online registration. If your child is enrolled in Pre-K at Lothian you will receive a request for updated information in the mail.



IMPORTANT MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The 2024-2025 course selections for students entering middle school have been entered into PowerSchool. Parents will now need to go online to their PowerSchool Parent Portal account and verify the course requests through the portal. Parents can access this form through the portal app as well as the online version. The timeframe for the Course Request Verification Form will be open to parents Monday, April 8 through Friday, April 19. Please see www.aacps.org/parentportal for support with this process.

Our Lothian schoolwide expectations are Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Be Prepared. In keeping with our expectations, we have asked our students to refrain from playing with toys from home during instruction and dismissal. In the past few week, small toys and trading cards have made appearances during lessons and dismissal, distracting students from learning and from listening to dismissal procedures. Disruptive toys may be collected for return at a later date. Now that the weather is warming up, we begin to see spring and summer footwear. In accordance with our "Be Safe" expectation, we are asking students not to wear flip flops to school. Shoes without a back or straps pose a safety concern at recess. Thank you for your help in reinforcing our schoolwide expectations!

GUIDANCE NEWS

School Counseling News:

Hello Parents/Guardians,

Please visit my Google School Counseling site for parent resources. I regularly update the site and it includes food/benefit resources, helpful fliers, mental health resources, and parenting support information. You must be signed into google to access the site.

<https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/lothiancounseling/student-resources>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of any assistance to you or your children. You can reach me at 410-867-3900 (the school number) or e-mail me at kpletcher@aacps.org. I am happy to help.

Upcoming 5th grade parents for the 2024-2025 School Year (Current 4th graders):

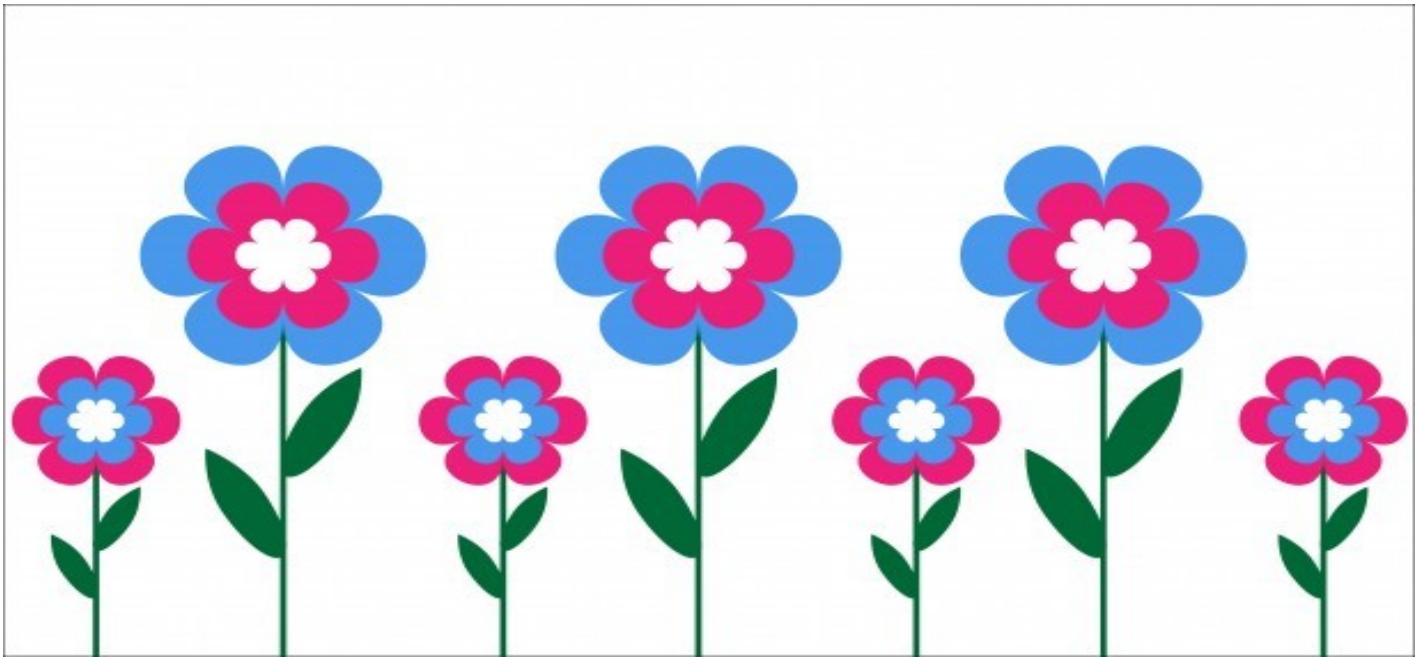
It is not too early to start thinking about Middle School options for your child. Magnet programs, part of Anne Arundel County's Programs of Choice, offer motivated students who reside in Anne Arundel County the opportunity to engage in a specialize course of study that differs from the traditional curriculum offered in AACPS. Eligible Magnet students will engage in rigorous and relevant learning experiences in subject areas in which they have a great interest. The 3 options for those students that will be in 6th grade in the Fall of 2025 include the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program at Central Middle School, Apex Arts at Bates Middle School, and the IB (International Baccalaureate) program at Annapolis Middle School. For additional information about the Magnet Programs offered in AACPS and information about the online application process, you can visit their website at <https://www.aacps.org/Page/1104>. You can also contact the Magnet Office at 410-222-5390 or 410-533-4815. If I can assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to call me at 410-867-3900.

Please stay tuned for information regarding Magnet Information Nights in the Fall of 2024.

Summer Camp for Grieving Children

Chesapeake Life Center is excited to announce that it is bringing back Camp Nabi, its summer overnight camp program for grieving children and teens. The weekend-long camp is for children ages 6 to 18 and will be held Aug. 9th to 11th at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center in Millersville, Maryland. There will be grief professionals and trained volunteers there to help the campers learn how to cope with their grief, and more importantly, formal, and informal opportunities for peer-to-peer support in an exciting but safe environment.

Details regarding cost and registration is still being finalized. Watch for updates at www.chesapeakelifecenter.org or email griefinfo@chesapeakelifecenter.org to be included in future emails.



Moving This Summer?

Below is a form for those families who will be moving over the summer. If you are leaving Lothian Elementary School, a transfer package will be prepared for you and sent home with your child the last day of school. **THIS TRANSFER PACKAGE MUST BE TAKEN TO THE NEW SCHOOL TO REGISTER. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO FIFTH GRADERS GOING TO SOUTHERN MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

CHILD'S NAME _____

TEACHER/GRADE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING NEXT YEAR _____

LOCATION _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____