

# The Mallard Flyer

Mrs. Donna Usewick, Acting Principal

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Dear Families,

Well, we did it! We successfully launched hybrid learning at Mayo Elementary School. It took a great deal of detailed planning and extra hours but it truly paid off. We had a few technology glitches at the beginning but that was to be expected.

All students seem to be happy in whatever situation that they are in. I know for me, it's wonderful to see students in the building.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some key players in making hybrid a success. First and foremost, the teachers have done a fabulous job of preparing themselves to instruct students' both virtually and face to face. This is a daunting task to say the least but they make it look easy. Next, is our ongoing chief custodian and her staff who diligently clean the building for what seems like all day, every day. We also had a hybrid team who composed of Sheri Paris, Donna Hardesty, Traci Boone, Nancy Behringer and myself who met every week in February. Each took on various tasks to ensure that all details were covered.

On a personal note, I could not have done my role in all of this without our wonderful reading teacher Nancy Behringer. She worked side by side with me as we did the vast number of schedules that had to be created and so much more.

Finally, Mayo has amazing parents who listened to the Connect Ed messages and read all of the information sent home, which assured that students came into the building prepared for hybrid learning.

Thank you one and all!

Donna Usewick  
Acting Principal



## Important Reminders

- ◆ **SAFETY**—Please do not enter or exit the bus loop while children are exiting buses during arrival and loading buses during dismissal.
- ◆ **SAFETY**—As you are dropping your child off in the car line, please make sure they get out of the car on the sidewalk side. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

## April

- **1–5 Easter/Spring Break— All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 7 Registration for Kindergarten begins.
- 13 | 14 End of third marking period (47 days). **Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI.**
- 15 Beginning of fourth marking period.
- 21 Professional Development. **Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**
- 23 Report Card distribution for students in grades 1–12.



Mayo 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.

# School News

Important Information



## Important Yearbook/Picture Information

From Suzanne Jones [snjones1@aacps.org](mailto:snjones1@aacps.org)

The yearbook will be one to remember. However, in order to make it the best yearbook yet, we need your help. We will not be doing spring pictures, so we will need parents/guardians to send in their child's individual picture for their grade level page in the yearbook. This gives the students a little more creativity in what they want to send in. Please remember this will be on a page with many other pictures, so we want to be able to see the child.

Please don't send in pictures where your child is too far away and will be too small.

Use our yearbook website to find where to upload pictures. Individual student pictures will need to be uploaded to the page that says "CLASS PORTRAIT Pages" and be sure to choose the correct grade level when you are uploading the picture.

Don't forget to send in any other pictures that you would like to share to be considered for use in the yearbook. When on the website, you will see links to all different kinds of pictures we are looking for, links to purchase a yearbook and information on pictures and the yearbook.. Thanks for all of your help to transform our 2020-2021 yearbook into one for the record books! Please send in portrait pictures by April 20th. Other candid pictures will be considered through May.



<https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/mayoesyearbook/home>



Kindergarten registration begins April 7, 2021. Please register your child for Kindergarten as soon as possible. Remind your neighbors to do the same.



We continue to operate under the guidance that all enrollments should be processed virtually with no in person appointments (only document drop-offs can be arranged and/or the Portal can be completed by school staff on behalf of the parent with documents emailed).

The **Online Enrollment Portal** will open to begin receiving registrations for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

- **Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> open now**—make sure to chose 2021-2022 school year
- **Kindergarten** will begin on **April 7<sup>th</sup>**

The link to register online is: <https://secure.aacps.org/webapps/SEFP/en-US/OSS/Enrollment>

- ◆ If your child will be transferring from Mayo Elementary at the end of the school year, please let the office know so a withdrawal packet can be prepared.
- ◆ Out of Area Transfer Requests are being accepted now through May 1, 2021. Forms can be found at [aacps.org](http://aacps.org)

# secondSTEP



This month, our schoolwide theme is problem solving. In our morning announcements we'll be reminding students to use the *Second Step Problem-Solving Steps*:

- S: Say the problem
- T: Think of solutions
- E: Explore consequences
- P: Pick the best solution

As you can see, the first letter of each step spells the word "step." Remembering "step" helps students solve problems with each other in safe and respectful ways.

Second Step lessons specifically teach students to use each step and reinforce the message that solutions need to be safe and respectful. Home Links about the steps that describe why solving problems is important and including fun activities to do with your child to help him or her learn and practice the steps will be posted in your child's google classroom. We hope the steps will be helpful for you and your child when there are problems at home.

## A note from Mrs. Boone, School Counselor

<https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/southernveresclustercounseling/home>

Mrs. Boone can be reached at (301) 684-8738 E-learning Number during school hours 8am-4pm Monday through Friday.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

CRISIS WARMLINE: 410-768-5522

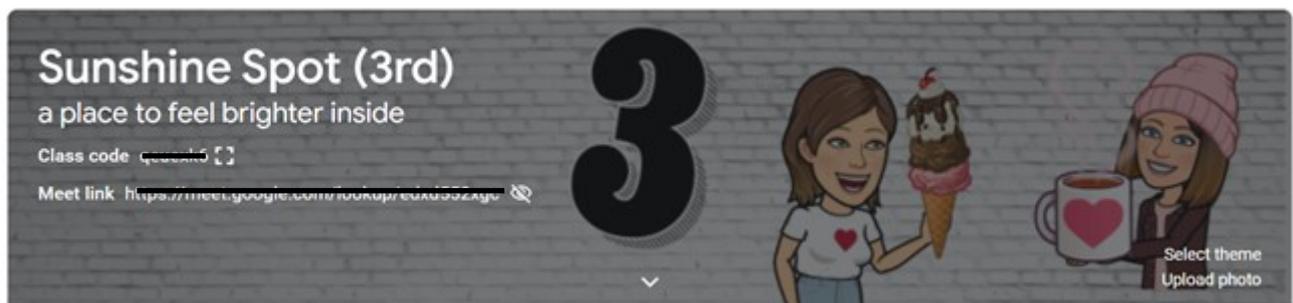
CRISIS TEXT LINE: 741-741

AACPS Student Safety Hotline: 1-877-676-9854



## Sunshine Spot with Mrs. Boone

It can be confusing for a child when their feelings take over and lead to behaviors they may not usually have. When this happens, explain that all people have these feelings sometimes, and we have to learn how to manage them. When children are calm, their thinking brain is on, and this is the best time to come up with a plan for when their emotional brain tries to take over. As a family, take some time this month to visit my Virtual Counseling Office (located in my google classrooms for 1st-5th, called "Sunshine Spot") \*picture below for reference. You will find many resources to review skills kids learn during School Counseling lessons. If we want kids to utilize their self-regulation skills, they need to practice!



March 2021 **VIM** (Very Important Mallard)  
 Recipients that demonstrates  
 the student is ready to learn

Ryleigh K.	Levi G.	Sam H.	Jordan R.
Jack S.	Ella C.	Katy H.	Jocelyn S.
Emma C.	Michael H.	Payton C.	Logan H.
Anderson B.	Noah G.	Cora H.	Chance P.
David K.	Faithlyn L.	Owen Z.	Hunter P.
Mary E.	Sawyer J.	Juniper H.	Ellie F.
Mack T.	Peter S.	Mashayla D.	Lilly R.
Marin H.	Cole B.	Dylan S.	Lizzie R.
Areia B.	Aria L.	Harper A.	Josh P.

April is  
 NATIONAL AUTISM  
 AWARENESS MONTH



Mayo Elementary celebrates all differences in children, and April is devoted to Autism Awareness Month. The Autism Society states Autism could look like nonverbal or having atypical speech patterns, having trouble understanding nonverbal communication, difficulty making and keeping friends, or difficulty maintaining typical back-and-forth conversational style, as well as restrictive or repetitive behavior. Prevalence in the United States is estimated at 1 in 54 births. ([CDC, 2020](https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/data.html)) Did you know Dan Aykroyd, Sir Anthony Hopkins, and Jim Henson were diagnosed with Autism? Activities will be emailed home for more educational resources on this lifelong disability.





## Summer Camps with Anne Arundel County Rec and Parks

Anne Arundel County parents are beginning to contact our department in reference to 2021 summer camps and child care. Due to COVID19 restrictions our annual February Camp Fair will not take place. We want to assure families we are working diligently to plan for various scenarios to provide camp programs for our youngest residents this summer. The Department of Recreation and Parks will begin announcing plans and opportunities to register for our Summer Camps and Child Care Programming in early April 2021. Mark your calendar to check our website in early April when our Summer Camps and Child Care Programming will be posted on our website with links for registration. <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/>

### Camp Wabanna

<https://www.campwabanna.org/summer-camp/>

### Camp Letts with YMCA

<https://www.campletts.org/>

### South River Martial Arts

<https://srmausa.com/seasonal-camps/>

*\*There may be other summer camps, this is just a few I added for parents.*



## Department of Health



### School Health Services Positions

The Anne Arundel County Department of Health is seeking RN's, LPN's and health assistants to provide health services for students in Anne Arundel County Public Schools for the upcoming school year. The positions include:

- Full-time and part-time positions
- No nights or weekends
- Summers off – follows the public school calendar
- Health Insurance and leave benefits
- 457 Deferred Compensation Plan

For more information or to obtain an application, please call 410-222-6838 or visit our website: [www.aahealth.org](http://www.aahealth.org). Smoke-Free Workplace. EOE.



## PTO News

FIND MEETING MINUTES AT OUR WEBSITE  
UNDER DOCUMENTS!

### Upcoming events

Mark your calendar!

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Small Tall Ball on Zoom

April 20<sup>th</sup> – 7pm PTO meeting on Zoom

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Broadneck Grill (Edgewater) Spirit night

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Old Stein Spirit night

### MES Spirit Night at MOD pizza – Thank you!

The PTO is happy to announce that families helped raise \$255 for our school! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

### MES Spirit Nights

Our last two spirit nights for the school year will be at Broadneck grill in Edgewater on April 21 and Old Stein Inn on May 19! Please do yourself a favor and take a night off from cooking and do the school a favor by heading to these amazing restaurants who are willing to support our fundraising during these tough times.



### Small Tall Ball Goes Virtual

Mayo's first ever virtual dance will take place on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-8pm on Zoom. The fifth graders will help choose the dance theme, DJ Khaki will spin some fun tunes, and we will give lots of shout outs to the special people at MES throughout the night including a shout out to our graduating Mallards at the end of the dance. Come for fun, friendship, and **raffle prizes!**

### PTO Meetings on Zoom!

Look for a Zoom link to our next PTO meeting (4/20 at 7pm) on our Facebook Page and website.

The PTO meets on the third Tuesday of every month. Meetings usually include a guest speaker, but this month we are leaving time for questions regarding hybrid, discussion on upcoming virtual events, and PTO leadership positions for the following school year.



### Air Filters for our School

Let's improve air quality at Mayo! The PTO is working to support better air quality in our classrooms. To do this, we have received approval from the school board to contribute towards each classroom acquiring a permanent HEPA air filter. This will not only help reduce the spread of airborne germs, but it will also help reduce allergens. Please feel free to contribute towards this goal. Any amount is welcome! Simply visit our website and contribute via our donation link. THANK YOU!

### Mayo Spirit Wear

MES has a Spirit Wear shop! [Snow Pro Tees](#) offers a variety of Mayo Mallard clothing at a reasonable price! They also send a portion of all sales back to the PTO! Shop local and support your PTO. SnoPro is located on Ponder Drive. They now offer free pickup to avoid paying shipping (just wait for an email confirmation before you pick up). Click the link and check out the different spirit wear options today!

### Let's Be Friends!

- ◆ Like us on Facebook: Mayo Elementary School PTO
- ◆ Bookmark our website: [www.mayopto.com](http://www.mayopto.com)
- ◆ Email our Board at: [mayoPTOpres@gmail.com](mailto:mayoPTOpres@gmail.com)

facebook



### PTO Leadership Positions for 2021-2022

Do you love Mayo Elementary and feel a strong desire to support our school? The PTO has lots of positions that can use your leadership skills. Openings in positions for next year will be discussed at our April meeting. Nomination forms for the top executive positions will soon be sent electronically. Feel free to join our next meeting or email us to let us know that you are interested!

### Shop Amazon Smile and Support MES

Just click this link to shop on Amazon and our school will get a percentage! Thank you!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-1948514>



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <b>APRIL FOOL'S DAY</b>	2 <b>All Schools &amp; Central Offices Closed for Easter/Spring Break</b>	3
4 	5 <b>All Schools &amp; Central Offices Closed for Easter/Spring Break</b>	6 Mayo Spirit Day! <b>Wear your Mayo gear</b>	7	8	9 Mayo Spirit Day! <b>Wear your Mayo gear</b>	10
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25	26	27 Mayo Spirit Day! <b>Wear your Mayo gear</b>	28	29	30 Mayo Spirit Day! <b>Wear your Mayo gear</b>	