

# The Mallard Flyer

Mrs. Donna Usewick, Acting Principal

## January 2021

# FEBRUARY

Families,

I will be staying on as acting principal for the remainder of the school year. As I told the staff, it was not a hard decision. I have truly enjoyed my work here for the past two months. Together, we have accomplished a great deal and I would like to see it through.

The next few weeks will be a bit of a challenge as we prepare for the hybrid learning within the school building. I have information that I will be sharing in this newsletter as well as subsequent Connect Ed messages, emails and phone calls. We will keep you updated when we have important information to share. Thanks for your patience.

Finally, I would like to encourage you all to visit the PTO website. Our PE teacher, Karla McMahon, shared great information and resources regarding Health and Wellness, which can be located on this site. Enjoy and stay healthy.

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Acting Principal  
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### Upcoming Important Dates

- February 1: Schools Closed for Students
- February 2: Third Marking Period Begins
- February 9: Report Cards
- February 10: **Unity Day**  
**wear orange**
- February 15: Presidents Day -All Schools Closed



### **Reminders from the office:**

**Attendance:** Please fill out attendance notes using our google form.

<https://forms.gle/R1GSurFiCGi9mEwH9>

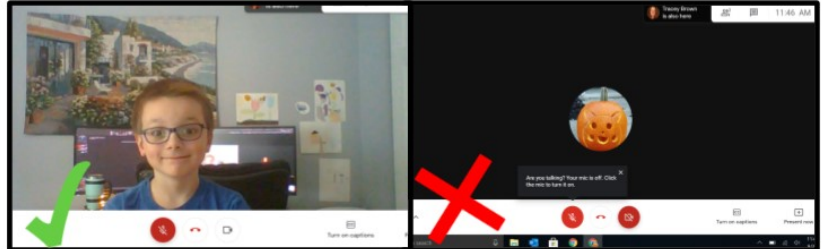
If you send an email to your student's teacher please make sure to copy Mrs. Hardesty ([dmhardesty@aacps.org](mailto:dmhardesty@aacps.org)) and Ms. Paris ([sparis@aacps.org](mailto:sparis@aacps.org)).

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.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Cameras On:

Please ensure that your children's camera is on at all times, otherwise his or her teacher doesn't know if he or she is engaged in the lesson. Thanks for your cooperation. The following is the expectations from AACPS:



“It is an AACPS expectation that **all** students are expected to have their **cameras on** during all **green** learning blocks; Please consistently support this daily expectation.”

## Schedule Changes

- We have new schedules that will be coming home on Friday. These will begin on February 2nd and continue through the remainder of the school year. The schedule may vary from what you received from AACPS. Each grade level was allowed to make small changes. Please read through this schedule so that you are familiar with the changes.
- One time slot that has changed is the Friends and Fun section. Flourish has been added as an extra time for students support. This time is still optional but if your child is invited into a Flourish group I encourage their participation. Learning Engage is only for students in hybrid, this is a time for students to be engaged in literature.

## Hybrid/Virtual Learning:

*If your child is coming back to school for Hybrid learning is very important for every student to bring their headphones every day to school in addition to all other supplies as listed below.*

### Elementary students must bring:

- ◆ fully-charged Chromebooks
- ◆ headphones provided in your backpack (or your own from home)
- ◆ backpack of learning materials
- ◆ small yoga mat, towel, or rug only to be used in their personal space
- ◆ teacher-requested materials

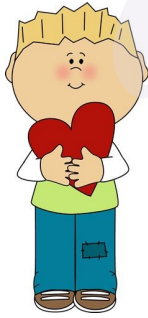
### Elementary students should consider bringing (not mandatory):

- ◆ three personal reading books to be used in student's personal space
- ◆ one small personal item, e.g., small toy, puzzle only to be used in personal space during midday break (Item cannot make any sounds, cannot be an electronic toy with a screen, and must fit fully in student's backpack.)
- ◆ extra face covering or mask (labeled with student's first initial and last name)
- ◆ pocket-sized bottle of personal hand sanitizer

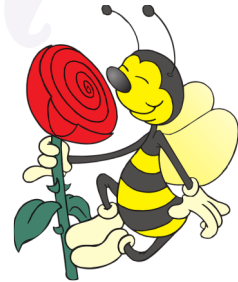
\*Up to date information on Hybrid learning can be found here: <https://www.aacps.org/Page/9199>



# School News



Valentine's Day  
will be celebrated on  
**Friday, February 12**



Students will participate in Valentine's Day themed activities for the morning. Students will participate in a Virtual Valentine's Day Party in the afternoon, determined by each grade level (similar to Halloween). Teachers will give you more detailed information soon.



## January 2021 **VIM** (Very Important Mallard)

### Recipients that demonstrate **Respect**

- |             |              |            |            |
|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Berkeley T. | Kaveh M.     | Claudia F. | Zoey B.    |
| Hadley G.   | Mariana L.P. | Keenan O.  | Mason L.   |
| R.J. W.     | Grayson W.   | Lucy M.    | Sophie G.  |
| Cameron M.  | Sophie S.    | Waylon S.  | Madison B. |
| Cassadee E. | Tristan L.   | Olivia M.  | Marick N.  |
| Connor R.   | Charley W.   | Brodie P.  | Damian Z.  |
| Palmer P.   | Marcus M.    | Quentin G. | Emma D.    |
| Delilah M.  | Liam D.      | Claire S.  | Sienna B.  |
| McKenzie P. | Kaydence L.  | Beau G.    | Haiden G.  |

## Yearbook Information



Please visit this website for all of your Yearbook Information  
<https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/mayoesyearbook/home>



Portraits will be set up for the spring, pending any covid restrictions. In the meantime, any pictures you would like to share of your child can be uploaded to Google Forms on the pages in the above website. You can also purchase your yearbook through the link provided!



# secondSTEP

This month, our schoolwide theme is emotion management. In our morning announcements we'll be prompting students to notice their own feelings by paying attention to clues in their bodies, and we'll be reminding them to use their *Second Step skills to calm down*:

- Stop—Use your signal
- Name your feeling
- Calm down: Breathe, count, use positive self-talk



These skills help students calm down strong emotions when faced with learning and social challenges, which helps them succeed academically and get along well with others.

*Second Step lessons specifically teach about calming down strong emotions such as anger, disappointment, frustration, and anxiety. You'll be receiving Home Links that describe why managing strong emotions is important and include fun activities to do with your child to help him or her identify strong feelings and calm down. We hope the Home Links will give you tools to use together when your child is upset.*

## A note from Mrs. Boone, School Counselor

<https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/southriversclustercounseling/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

School Counselor  
**SPOTLIGHT**  
www.schcounselor.com

## Self-care Ideas

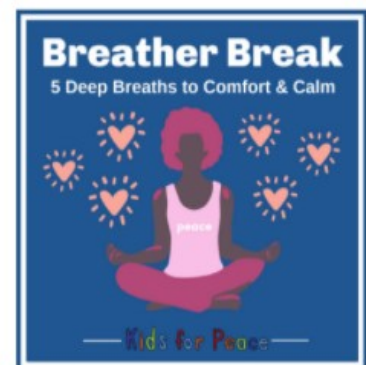
We must remember to take care of ourselves so we can take good care of our children!

1. Seek accurate information from legitimate sources & set limits around news on COVID-19.
2. Look after yourself – exercise & meditate.
3. Reach out to others and support people around you.
4. Maintain a sense of hope and positive thinking.
5. Acknowledge your feelings.
6. Take time to talk with your children about the COVID-19 outbreak.
7. Ask for professional support.
8. Remember you are not alone.

Sources/learn more:

<https://www.mhe-sme.org/covid-19/>

<https://www.verywellmind.com/managing-coronavirus-anxiety-4798909>





African American History Month is a holiday that is celebrated every February in the U.S. It's an important month for remembering important people, events, and achievements in the African American culture.

There are several ways parents can discuss African American History Month and the heritage and culture of African Americans. Some suggestions include sharing the poem "I, Too, Sing America" written by Langston Hughes; view the Migration Series by artist Jacob Lawrence – which shows the migration of slaves from the south to the north; read the poem "A Pledge to Rescue Our Youth" by Maya Angelou; visit the Kennedy Center to learn about blues music; talk about hip-hop music and the effect it has had on not only the United States but also the world; talk about the landmark decision of Brown v. Board of Education; and talk to our students about the history and significance of the Civil Rights Movement.



You can also celebrate Black History Month by participating with the National African American Read-In in sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers (NCTE) and endorsed by the International Literacy Association. The Goal is to document readers making the celebration of African American Literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities. <https://ncte.org/get-involved/african-american-read-in-toolkit/>

 <p>The National African American Read-In</p> <p>Hosted by</p> <p>Black Caucus of NCTE &amp; NCTE</p>	<h3><u><a href="#">African American Read In Toolkit - NCTE</a></u></h3> <p>History of the National African American Read-In . At its November 1989 meeting, the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English accepted the Issues Committee's recommendation that the Black Caucus sponsor a nationwide read-in on the first Sunday of February.</p> <p><a href="https://ncte.org">ncte.org</a></p>
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**Books Suggestions with black characters as the protagonist:**

















<https://www.weareteachers.com/books-with-black-protagonists/>

<https://www.weareteachers.com/black-history-books-for-kids/>





## Google Meet Do's and Don'ts for Students

 Do's	 Don'ts
 <b>✓</b> Join your class on time, ready to learn. Dress appropriately for class.	 <b>⊘</b> Share Meet links, invite other people to your Google Classroom Meet, or attempt to join a meeting for other classes.
 <b>✓</b> Make sure your lighting is adequate and you are not in shadow.	 <b>⊘</b> Type in the chat box unless directed to do so by your teacher.
 <b>✓</b> Mute your microphone when you enter class.	 <b>⊘</b> Present your screen unless directed to do so by your teacher.
 <b>✓</b> Use appropriate hand signals to participate in class.	 <b>⊘</b> Record the lesson, or in any way keep the recording (this includes screenshots, pictures, copies, or any distribution of any image depicting another student or teacher.)
 <b>✓</b> Go class to class using the Meet links in each scheduled subject's Google Classroom.	 <b>⊘</b> Behave in a way that is distracting to classmates during instruction.
 <b>✓</b> Keep your Meet video camera on. Unless directed by your teacher to turn off.	 <b>⊘</b> Use, import or present offensive, obscene, libelous, disruptive, or inflammatory language, pictures, or other material.
 <b>✓</b> Be respectful to your classmates and their ideas.	 <b>⊘</b> Bully, harass, intimidate, threaten or in any way harm the safety and welfare of others.



AACPS Office of Instructional Technology, September 2020



Google Meet

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](http://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.

**Come by & take a look, grab a book, or drop a book.**



**Just a reminder the Lending Library is here at Mayo Elementary**

Students and Community Members can borrow, keep, and/or donate books to our Lending Library.



**Upcoming events**

**Mark your calendar!**

- February 1 – No School
- February 9 – Chipotle – MES Spirit night
- February 16 – 7pm PTO meeting on Zoom
- March 16 – 7pm PTO meeting on Zoom



**MES Spirit night at Chipotle – FEB. 9th!**

Take a night off from cooking and show your MES spirit by ordering dinner from Chipotle. Feel free to invite family and neighbors to do the same! Use promo code: **BBGKFKF** when ordering online, or you can tell the cashier you are supporting MES at checkout! **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!**



**Shop and Support MES**

Did you know our school has an AmazonSmile account? Just click this link to shop on Amazon and our school will get a percentage! Thank you!  
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-1948514>



**PTO Meetings on Zoom!**

Look for a Zoom link to our next PTO meeting (2/16 at 7pm) on our Facebook Page and website. The PTO meets on the third Tuesday of every month. February's meeting will begin with our guest speakers Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Brewer as they show us how we can make music and art as a family!



**Mayo Spirit Wear**

Did you know that we have 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). So, click the link and check out the different spirit wear options today!



**Box Tops**

No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone!

Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online.

Let your extended family know! They can select Mayo Elementary on the app and help us grow our funding too!

\*Squeamish about sharing your purchase info with General Mills? You could consider checking out the box top items separately.

**Online Shopping?**

No problem! Forward your digital receipt to [receipts@boxtops4education.com](mailto:receipts@boxtops4education.com) using the same email you used for your Box Tops account. Box Tops credits will be applied within 2 weeks!

**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: [mayoPTOprez@gmail.com](mailto:mayoPTOprez@gmail.com)



**PTO Directory**

Everyone who joined the PTO has been entered into a directory based on their preferences. The directory is available to view on our [website](#). You will need to login to view it. Look under the documents tab. If you see any edits that need to be made, simply email [mayoPTOprez@gmail.com](mailto:mayoPTOprez@gmail.com) and the edits will be made ASAP.





Anne Arundel County Public Schools are looking to hire Midday Monitors to help Elementary Schools when returning to Hybrid Learning. See below for more information.



## **Make a Difference in Our Community!**

**AACPS is hiring Midday Monitors who can offer support to our elementary schools when students return to hybrid learning on March 1, 2021.**

### **SCHEDULE**

- Midday Monitors work on either Mondays and Tuesdays or Thursdays and Fridays (or all four days).
- This is an in-person position.

### **DUTIES**

- Monitor student activities during a midday block from **11 am to 1 pm**
  - Support students as they eat their lunch in the classroom.
  - Supervise students as they participate in recess.
  - Read to students or monitor students during quiet time after recess and lunch.

### **PAY**

- \$14/hour for 4-8 hours/week (No experience necessary)
- This is a temporary position.

**NOTE: Monitors qualify for early COVID vaccinations as AACPS employees**

**Learn more & apply: [www.aacps.org/employment](http://www.aacps.org/employment)**

Questions: Contact AACPS Human Resources via email: [recruitment@aacps.org](mailto:recruitment@aacps.org)  
or phone: 410-222-5061

**Thank you!**



# School Meals @ Curbside

Noon to 12:30 p.m.

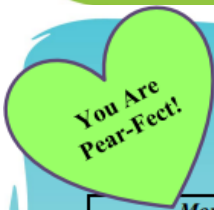
Mobile Meals @ Curbside, visit [www.aacps.org/mealpickup](http://www.aacps.org/mealpickup) for times

February 1 – 12, 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <b>Schools Closed</b>	2 <b>Breakfast:</b> Yogurt & Elf Graham Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Taco w/Tortilla & Corn Chips Broccoli Florets Apple, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice	3 <b>Breakfast:</b> Muffin Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Pizza Sticks w/Marinara Sauce Mixed Green Salad Strawberry Cup, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> SunButter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick Grape Tomatoes Craisins, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Cheez-It's, Fruit Juice	4 <b>Breakfast:</b> Cheese Stick & Mini Loaf Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Drumstick w/Corn Chips Celery Sticks Peach Cup, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> Turkey Breast, Turkey Ham & Cheese Wedge Red Pepper Kiwi, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Juice	5 <b>Breakfast:</b> Raspberry & Cream Cheese Bar Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Pizza Corn & Black Bean Salad Craisins, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> Hummus & Sunflower Seeds w/Corn Chips Green Pepper Orange, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice
8 <b>Breakfast:</b> Benefit Bar Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> French Toast w/Sausage Roasted Potatoes, Carrot Chips Pears, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> Cheese & Yogurt w/Benefit Bar Cucumber Apple, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice	9 <b>Breakfast:</b> Yogurt & MJM Graham Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Quesadilla Broccoli Florets Apple, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> Turkey Italian Combo Sandwich Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Cheez-It's, Fruit Juice	9 <b>Breakfast:</b> Muffin Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Garlic French Bread Pizza Mixed Green Salad Strawberry Cup, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> SunButter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick Grape Tomatoes Craisins, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Juice	11 <b>Breakfast:</b> Cheese Stick & Cereal Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Taco w/Corn Chips Celery Sticks Peach Cup, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> Turkey Breast & Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Kiwi, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice	12 <b>Breakfast:</b> Sweet Potato Roll Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Stuffed Crust Pizza Corn & Black Bean Salad Craisins, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> SunButter & Sunflower Seeds w/Muffin Green Pepper Orange, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice

Menu Subject to Change

For a list of afterschool activities and complete list of meal sites visit [www.aacps.org/mealpickup](http://www.aacps.org/mealpickup)  
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# School Meals @ Curbside

Noon to 12:30 p.m.

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February 15 - 26, 2021


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 <b>Schools Closed</b>	16 <b>Breakfast:</b> Yogurt & Elf Grahams Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Taco w/Tortilla & Corn Chips Broccoli Florets Apple, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Juice	17 <b>Breakfast:</b> Muffin Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Macaroni & Cheese Mixed Green Salad Strawberry Cup, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> SunButter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick Grape Tomatoes Craisins, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice	18 <b>Breakfast:</b> Cheese Stick & Mini Loaf Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Korean BBQ Meatballs w/Rice Celery Sticks Peach Cup, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> Turkey Bologna, Turkey Salami & Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Kiwi, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice	19 <b>Breakfast:</b> Raspberry & Cream Cheese Bar Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Pizza Corn & Black Bean Salad Craisins, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> Hummus & Sunflower Seeds w/Corn Chips Green Pepper Orange, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Cheez-It's, Fruit Juice
22 <b>Breakfast:</b> Benefit Bar Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> French Toast w/Sausage Roasted Potatoes, Carrot Chips Peaches, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> Cheese & Yogurt w/Benefit Bar Cucumber Apple, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Juice	23 <b>Breakfast:</b> Yogurt & Goldfish Grahams Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Mini Corn Dogs Broccoli Florets Apple, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> Turkey Breast, Turkey Ham & Cheese Wedge Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice	24 <b>Breakfast:</b> Muffin Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Rotini w/Meat Sauce Mixed Green Salad Strawberry Cup, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> SunButter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick Grape Tomatoes Craisins, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice	25 <b>Breakfast:</b> Cheese Stick & Cereal Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Taco w/Corn Chips Celery Sticks Peach Cup, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> Turkey Breast & Cheese Sandwich Red Pepper Kiwi, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Cheez-It's, Fruit Juice	26 <b>Breakfast:</b> Sweet Potato Roll Fruit Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Stuffed Crust Pizza Corn & Black Bean Salad Craisins, Milk <b>Dinner:</b> SunButter & Sunflower Seeds w/Muffin Green Pepper Orange, Milk <b>Snack:</b> Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Juice

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
Schools closed for Students	3rd Marking Review Begins	 CSUNDROG DAY		5 National Wear Red Day for Heart Health		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	PTA Fundraiser Restaurant Night at Chipotle	PTA Fundraiser Restaurant Night at Chipotle	Unity Day wear orange			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Happy Valentine's Day	Schools closed	PTA Mtg 7 pm				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						