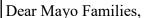


The Mallard Flyer

Mrs. Donna Usewick, Acting Principal

January 2021



I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed working at this wonderful school community. It felt like home from the very first day. My only wish is that I could meet the students in person, but I try to go into the Google Classrooms often.

I hope that all of you had a restful break, one where you did not have to juggle a bunch of schedules.

As you know, I will be here through in January. I do want to remind you to have your student(s) work on iReady in Math and Reading. The article in this newsletter and a ConnectEd message that came out with directions, will help you track how many minutes your child has left each week.

It has been a pleasure to meet some of you and I hope to interact with more of you this month.

Donna Usewick Actin Principal



you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.

Upcoming Important Dates

- January 4: School Resumes Online
- January 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. School closed
- January 28 & 29: End of Second Marking Period. Two-hour early dismissal for all students
- February 1: Schools Closed for Students
- February 2: Third Marking Period Begins
- February 9: Report Cards

Now that we have started 2021, take some time to reflect and set goals!

Everyone should make a New Year's resolution, what's yours?

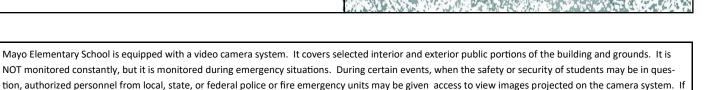
We appreciate all our families' support! We make a great team.

You should think of at least 1 gratitude per day! We have so much to be thankful for!

Each one of our families are appreciated and valued!

Ask your child what they are learning in school each day!

Read nightly with your children





Celebrate Diversity in January

Our school welcomes and encourages you to celebrate all the diversity Mayo Elementary has to offer. Each month we will be highlighting how everyone is special through our similarities and differences. This will be showcased in WMAYO Morning Meetings and in the virtual classroom.

The theme for January will be "What is YOUR story?!"

We encourage family discussions around these questions. What makes your family special? What heritage and history does your family possess?

Here are some book suggestions and an article that you may choose to read with your own family.

https://www.amazon.com/Just-Ask-Different-Brave-You/dp/0525514120/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=kids+book+on+diversity&gid=1609790466&sr=8-1

<u>Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You: Sotomayor, Sonia, López, Rafael: 9780525514121: Amazon.com: Books</u>

Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You [Sotomayor, Sonia, López, Rafael] on Amazon.com. *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You

https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/childrens-books-about-race-and-diversity



13 Children's Books With Strong Black... | PBS KIDS for Parents

To encourage conversations about race and diversity with your children, check out this list of children's books to read together as a family.

Your Kids Aren't Too Young to Talk About Race: Resource Roundup



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In Second Step, we continue to build on empathy, respecting other's feelings, and showing compassion. You can continue to use the Home Links for supporting activities with your child.



Mrs. Boone

(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



What is iReady?

Reading and Math i-Ready is an online program for reading and math that will help determine your student's needs, personalize learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year. i-Ready allows teachers to meet students exactly where they are and provides data to increase your student's learning gains. i-Ready consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction. Please encourage your student to participate in i-Ready daily.

iReady Incentive at Mayo

We are excited to have iReady available for the students to work on differentiated instruction based on their needs! In order to help motivate students to continue on their "path" in this app, we are starting an incentive program. Starting in January, teachers will track students' time on iReady. We are hoping each child gets the recommended amount of time each week in both reading and math. Grades 3-5 are recommended to get 45 minutes in both subjects, while Kindergarten-2nd grades are 30 minutes per subject. The students with the most time from each class will be recognized on WMAYO from the previous week. We look forward to seeing our hard-working Mallards on the announcements!

*For any questions feel free to email your child's teacher or Mrs. Behringer.







Very Important Mallard

We are very excited to announce that our "Very Important Mallard" (VIM) program will be continuing this year virtually! If your child is selected, you will receive an email on the 2nd to last Friday of that month from your child's teacher. We will be focusing on values that are in our Mayo Pledge. When you receive this email, your teacher will also be attaching this premade google slide where you will insert a picture of your child with a special artifact that they want to share.







Upcoming events

Mark your calendar!
January 4 – Schools reopen
January 19 – PTO meeting, 7pm, Zoom

Join PTO!

Even though our PTO membership drive has ended, you can still join the PTO using this Google Form and by making a PayPal donation at our website. Memberships are good for one year and the minimum donation is only \$10/family. Also please check with your employer to see if they make charitable donations or make matching contributions.

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 (1/19 at 7pm) on our Facebook Page and Website. The PTO meets on the third Tuesday of every month. January's meeting will begin with updates and end with fitness ideas for the family with our guest speaker, Mrs. McMahon!

Playground Update

The playground is complete! Feel free to go check it out. It is open for play after school and on weekends. All are welcome! Remember to take your normal COVID precautions. Bring a mask and use hand sanitizer. More information about a ribbon cutting ceremony will be shared once we have clearance to gather and play on a larger scale!

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!

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

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

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 <u>website</u>. 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 <u>mayoPTOprez@gmail.com</u> and the edits will be made ASAP.





<mark>Dream Big</mark> Believe Bold!

School Meals @ Curbside

Noon to 12:30 p.m.

Mobile Meals @ Curbside, visit $\underline{www.aacps.org/mealpickup}$ for times $January\ 4-15,\ 2021$

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unch:	Lunch:	Lunch:	Lunch:	Lunch:
Pancakes w/Sausage	Popcorn Chicken w/Rice	Garlic French Bread Pizza	Taco w/Corn Chips	Stuffed Crust Pizza
Roasted Potatoes	Corn & Black Bean Salad	Mixed Green Salad	Celery Sticks	Broccoli Florets
Pears, Milk	Apple, Milk	Strawberry Cup, Milk	Peach Cup, Milk	Craisins, Milk
inner:	Dinner:	Dinner:	Dinner:	Dinner:
Cheese & Yogurt	Turkey Ham & Cheese	SunButter & Jelly Sandwich	Turkey Breast, Turkey Ham	Hummus & Sunflower Seeds
w/Benefit Bar	Sandwich	w/Cheese Stick	& Cheese Wedge	w/Corn Chips
Cucumber	Yellow Squash	Grape Tomatoes	Red Pepper	Green Pepper
Apple, Milk	Mixed Berry Cup, Milk	Craisins, Milk	Kiwi, Milk	Orange, Milk
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Chicken Quesadilla	Taco w/Tortilla & Corn Chips	Korean BBQ Meatballs w/Rice	Macaroni & Cheese	Pizza
Carrot Chips	Broccoli Florets	Mixed Green Salad	Celery Sticks	Corn & Black Bean Salad
Pears, Milk	Apple, Milk	Strawberry Cup, Milk	Peach Cup, Milk	Craisins, Milk
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Cheese & Yogurt w/Benefit Bar	Turkey Italian Combo Sandwich	SunButter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick	Turkey Breast & Cheese Sandwich	SunButter & Sunflower Seeds w/Muffin
Cucumber	Yellow Squash	Grape Tomatoes	Red Pepper	Green Pepper
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Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice	Cheez-It's, Fruit Juice	Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Juice	Cheddar Goldfish, Fruit Juice	Baked Scoops, Fruit Juice



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For a list of afterschool activities and complete list of meal sites visit

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Stand Out Be Original!

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	Yogurt & Goldfish Graham	Muffin	Cheese Stick & Cereal	Sweet Potato Roll
	Fruit Juice, Milk	Fruit Juice, Milk	Fruit Juice, Milk	Fruit Juice, Milk
	Lunch:	Lunch:	Lunch:	Lunch:
	Chicken Tenders	Mini Corn Dogs	Taco w/Corn Chips	Stuffed Crust Pizza
Schools Closed	w/Corn Chips	Mixed Green Salad	Celery Sticks	Corn & Black Bean Salad
	Broccoli Florets	Strawberry Cup, Milk	Peach Cup, Milk	Craisins, Milk
	Apple, Milk	Dinner:	Dinner:	Dinner:
	Dinner:	SunButter & Jelly Sandwich	Turkey Bologna, Turkey Salami	Hummus & Sunflower Seeds
	Turkey Ham & Cheese	w/Cheese Stick	& Cheese Sandwich	w/Corn Chips
	Sandwich	Grape Tomatoes	Red Pepper	Green Pepper
	Yellow Squash	Craisins, Milk	Kiwi, Milk	Orange, Milk
	Mixed Berry Cup, Milk	Snack:	Snack:	Snack:
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Benefit Bar	Yogurt & Goldfish Graham	Granola	Cheese Stick & Mini Muffin	Sweet Potato Roll
Fruit Juice, Milk	Fruit Juice, Milk	Fruit Juice, Milk	Fruit Juice, Milk	Fruit Juice, Milk
Lunch:	Lunch:	Lunch:	Lunch:	Lunch:
French Toast w/Sausage	Teriyaki Chicken w/Rice	Rotini w/Meat Sauce	Taco w/Corn Chips	Stuffed Crust Pizza
Roasted Potatoes, Carrot Chips	Broccoli Florets	Mixed Green Salad	Celery Sticks	Corn & Black Bean Salad
Pears, Milk	Apple, Milk	Strawberry Cup, Milk	Peach Cup, Milk	Craisins, Milk
Dinner:	Dinner:	Dinner:	Dinner:	Dinner:
Cheese & Yogurt	Turkey Breast, Turkey Ham	SunButter & Jelly Sandwich	Turkey Breast & Cheese	SunButter & Sunflower Seeds
w/Benefit Bar	& Cheese Wedge	w/Cheese Stick	Sandwich	w/Muffin
Cucumber Apple, Milk	Yellow Squash Mixed Berry Cup, Milk	Grape Tomatoes Craisins, Milk	Red Pepper Kiwi, Milk	Green Pepper Orange, Milk
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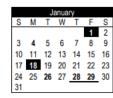
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August

- 12 Fall Sports begin.
- 17 New Teacher Onboarding Kickoff.
- 27-9/3 Opening activities for teachers

September

- 4 Schools closed for teachers.
- 7 Labor Day-All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- 8 Schools open for grades 1-12.
- 8-9 Conferences for Kindergarten and Full-day and Half-Day Pre-K & ECI students
- 10 Conferences for Half-Day Pre-K & ECI students.
- 10-14 Staggered entrance for Kindergarten and Full-day Prekindergarten.*
 - 11 First day of school for ECI students.
- 11|14|15 Staggered entrance for Half-day Prekindergarten.*
 - 15 First day for all Kindergarten and Full-day Prekindergarten
 - 16 First day for all Half-day Prekindergarten.
 - 19 Rosh Hashanah—See notes under Religious Observances
 - 28 Yom Kippur-All Schools & Central Offices closed. See notes under Religious Observances.

October

- 9 Interims to be distributed via Parent Portal.
- 12 Schools closed for students. Parent/Teacher conferences for elementary, middle, and high schools
- 13 Schools closed for elementary and middle school students for Parent/Teacher conferences. Schools open for all high school students.
- 14 SAT Administration for high school seniors
- 21 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.

November

- 3 Elections-All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- 12 I 13 End of first marking period (45 days). Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI.
 - 14 Winter Sports begin.
 - 16 Beginning of second marking period.
- 16-20 American Education Week
 - 24 Report card distribution for students in grades 1-12.
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday All Schools & Central Offices Closed.

December

Key: 24 Schools closed 12 Two-hour early dismissal 27 First/Last day for students | Bold calendar type— See explanations below

- 9 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten
- 18 Interims to be sent home by this date
- 24-1/1 Christmas/Winter Break-All schools closed December 24 through January 1 for students, teachers, and school-based Unit IV employees. School Offices & Central Offices closed December 24, 25, 31, and January 1.

January

- 1 All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- 4 Schools open for teachers and students
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration— All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- 26 PSAT administration for high school juniors
- 28 I 29 End of second marking period. (44 days) Two-hour early dismissal for all students, teacher workdays. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten

*For more information on the start of Kindergarten, Pre-K, or ECI, contact your local school or visit the Early Childhood website at www.aacps.org/earlychildho

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February

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April

- 1 Schools closed for students. Professional Development day/Workday for elementary and middle school. (Note: may be made a school day for all students. See Inclement
- 2 Beginning of third marking period.
- 9 Progress Report/Report card distribution for all students
- 9 Prekindergarten Application begins.

5 Interims to be sent home by this date.

10 Schools closed for students. Parent/Teacher

All Schools & Central Offices closed.

7 Registration for Kindergarten begins.

13 I 14 End of third marking period (47 days).

15 Beginning of fourth marking period.

1 Spring sports begin.

opens. Grades 5 & 6.

1-5 Easter/Spring Break-

- 10 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten
- 15 Presidents Day-All Schools & Central Offices closed.

8 Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) window

conferences for elementary, middle, and high schools.

Two-hour early dismissal for all students.
Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI.

21 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for

all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarter and ECI students.

May

- 3 High School Assessment (HSA) Administration. (Government & Biology)
- 7 Interims to be sent home by this date.
- 13 Eid al-Fitr- Schools & Central Offices open. See notes under Religious Observances
- 27 Last day for graduating seniors.
- 27 I 28 Spring Conferences for Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, & ECI. Schools closed for those students
 - 31 Memorial Day-All Schools & Central Offices closed.

June

- 17 I 18 End of fourth marking period (46 days). Two-hour early dismissal for all students Schools closed for all Prekindergarten and ECI.
 - 18 Last day for students
 - 21 Last day for teachers.

July

- 5 Independence Day-All Schools & Central Office closed.
- 7 Summer School begins.
- 19 High School Assessment (HSA) Summer Administration.
- 20 Eid al-Adha-See notes under Religious Observances

School Closings Required by Law

- Labor Day (September 7, 2020)
- Thanksgiving (November 26 2020)
- Christmas/New Year (December 24, 2020, through January 1, 2021)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (January 18, 2021)
- Presidents Day (February 15, 2021)
- Good Friday (April 2, 2021) Easter Monday (April 5, 2021)
- Memorial Day (May 31, 2021)

Inclement Weather and Emergency School Closings

This calendar has two days built in at the end of the school year for emergency closings, making the school year 182 student days and 193 teacher days any of the two emergency days are not used, they shall be deducted from any of the two emergency days are not used, they shall be deducted from the June closing date. If more than two additional makeup days are needed:

- . Wednesday, March 10, 2021, will be converted to a school day if a third inclement weather day is needed by this date.
- If more than three additional makeup days are needed or if a makeup day is needed because of inclement weather after March 10, 2021, days will be added to the end of the school year.
- If emergency closings affect the end of any marking period, the calendar will be adjusted and the marking period extended so that both early dismissal days occur at the end of the marking period. This applies to all schools
- . There must be one non-student day between the second and third marking periods

Religious Observances

In addition to the above, Anne Arundel County Public Schools will operate on a normal schedule on the following days of major religious observance:

November 14: Diwali (No Moon Day)

- May 13: Eid al-Fitr
- July 20: Eid al-Adha

AACPS tests and examinations (including mandated tests and assessments) shall not be scheduled on any of the above dates. Similarly, AACPS tests and examinations (including mandated tests and assessments) for Evening High School students shall also not be scheduled on the day of or day after a religious observance occurs. There will be no AACPS activities on Saturday, September 19 (Rosh Hashanah).

Jewish and Muslim religious observance dates are set according to the Lunar calendar, beginning at sundown on the evening prior to the date noted above and concluding at sundown the next evening.

For Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Eid-al-Fitr, and Eid al-Adha, athletics and other school-sponsored extracurricular activities will not take place after sundown on the day before the religious observance starts or before sundown on the first day of a multi-day religious observance.

Students who are absent from school due to a religious observance, as noted on this calendar, will be allowed the option to make up work missed due to that absence, and such absence shall not affect a student's eligibility for perfect attendance recognition.

23 Report Card distribution for students in grades 1-12.