



# April Newsletter

Dear Millersville Families,

Such odd times we now find ourselves in, but what a way to show we really are a community!

We appreciate all your patience and support as we roll out a new way of learning to get us through this time where distance is the best for everyone. I know here at my home this time has been wonderful being able to truly reconnect and spend time together. I also love getting outside during the day, what a treat that is for me.

I do miss my staff, my students and all the families who brightened up each and every day of the school year. I am definitely down on the number of hugs throughout the day and being tackled by a student who is so excited to see me that they wrap me in a hug before I even know they are there! I am however, tripped more by my feline companions who are trying to tell me that it must be mealtime .... Again!

I believe it is important that we all keep a sense of humor throughout this time, and it is also important to take some time to take care of ourselves. I am asking what are you doing to take care of yourself? Our children benefit from seeing us being responsible with self-care too. Take some time and explain it to your children.

Next week will be a week where new lessons will be sent out via Google Classroom to all of our students. Our teachers are hard at work and missing their classes tremendously. There is still a great deal of uncertainty ahead, but I know that if we all stick together (virtually) we will get through this with flying colors. Our community is amazing and very resilient.

I want you to know that even though we have not been in school, we have been working hard for our students. I also want to ask that as you take pictures of your children working and playing, send them to Mrs. Worrall and me. I can share them with their teachers and through twitter to show we are doing well, and that the Roadrunner Spirit is alive.

For now, please take time to enjoy this gift of family time, reconnect and share. Read with your children and play games together. This is how we can be in the moment.

Reach out with questions and concerns, as always, we remain here for you and your children.

Linda Toth, Principal



Our School Wide  
Motto

"Tell me and I  
forget.

Teach me and I  
remember.

Involve me and I  
learn.

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## Why Kids at Hope?

There is an epidemic of HOPELESSNESS. Many young people have lost hope in their future. You see it in depression, drug abuse, anxiety, lack of interest in school, juvenile delinquency and tragically, suicide. When you give up on your future, you make very bad decisions.

### The Challenge

Often we wait until the symptoms of hopelessness appear and then we rally to address those symptoms. It is time we make a concerted effort to address the challenge before the symptoms appear.

The COMMITMENT to Prevent Hopelessness

Every child and youth deserve to be vaccinated against hopelessness. Today's science is offering us answers. We know that young people who sense adults truly BELIEVE in them; CONNECT with them in meaningful ways that are sustainable; and teach all kids the power of mental TIME TRAVEL, a process that teaches goal setting, pathways toward goals, and understand the energy needed to pursue those goals are much more hopeful than youth who don't.

*By offering all youth, the three major building blocks needed for HOPE*

- BELIEVE
- CONNECT
- TIME TRAVEL

*we can protect them from hopelessness.*

## Important Dates for April

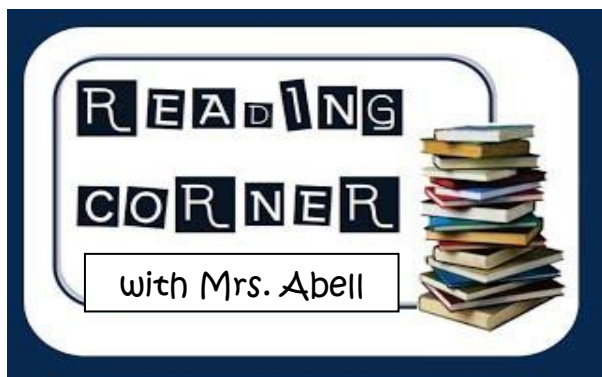
1<sup>st</sup> Kindergarten Registration -  
Postponed-information  
to follow

6<sup>th</sup> Beginning of Fourth marking  
period

9-13<sup>th</sup> Spring Break

23<sup>rd</sup> Report card distribution





Sit. Click. Read.  
**Repeat.**

Log in to your school's  
MackinVIA account  
and start reading!

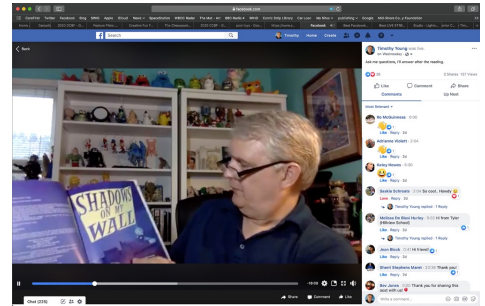
AACPS Library Media Services



Go to this URL  
**MackinVIA.com**  
School  
Your school name  
User ID  
Six digits  
Password  
Last four of these digits

Single login for  
**eBook and Database Portal**

Where Libraries Transform <sup>ALA</sup>®



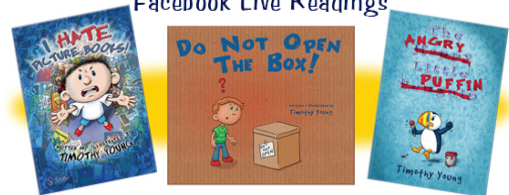
*Hi, I hope this email finds you all well and safe at home. This is an unusual time for all of us. I'm reaching out to educators who I've interacted with in the past. I've visited some of your schools, I've emailed with others and I've met some of you at conferences and author events.*

*While the students are all staying home during this crisis I am reading my books on Facebook Live. I am live on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:30 EST. You can find them here: [facebook.com/timothy.young.author](https://facebook.com/timothy.young.author).*

*The videos will remain online for the duration of this situation. Please share my links with your families who are looking for supplements to their schooling at home. Feel free to follow or friend me on facebook to see announcements and updates.*

*I have also added activity sheets and coloring pages to my website here: [CreaturesAndCharacters.com/FunStuff.html](https://CreaturesAndCharacters.com/FunStuff.html). I am putting drawing videos on my YouTube page and those are linked on my website as well. Everything is linked below. Please stay safe and healthy and I hope things return to normal in the very near future.*

Facebook Live Readings



Click to open link: [facebook.com/timothy.young.author](https://facebook.com/timothy.young.author)



Good afternoon Millersville families,

As we all adjust to online learning and teaching I have been thinking how we can come together as a school community. Each month this school year, the students and staff came together and contributed something to make a bulletin board in the main foyer come alive with a theme of kindness, encouragement and thankfulness. I'd like to challenge each family /students to participate in a MES virtual community bulletin board.

Simply go outside, find a rock, decorate it and write a message of kindness, encouragement or thankfulness on the rock. Then place the rock back outside in an area where it can be seen, by your mailbox, next to a sidewalk....

Take a picture of your rock and either send it to me at [phudgins@aacps.org](mailto:phudgins@aacps.org) and I'll tweet it. You can also tweet it with the #aacpsawesome@mesaacps phudginsschool. If you see rocks others have made, be sure to take pictures!

Miss you all, take care, and be well.

Pam Hudgins, School Counselor  
Millersville Elementary



**The Partnership for Children Youth and Families- <http://aacounty.org/Partnership>**

Please visit this website daily for real-time updates to their Resources Guide and COVID-19 Bulletin.

The resource guide has pop-up pantries throughout the county and regularly running pantries.

New pantry resources are added in real-time. The COVID-19 Bulletin is updated with information regarding supports, resources, closures, etc. to county

agencies and nonprofits. This Bulletin is updated daily with new information. I've added a copy of today's bulletin to this email.

**Systems of Care- 1-800-485-0041**

Systems of Care is still up and running remotely. Families can contact the number to receive navigation support with available resources.

**Anne Arundel County Workforce Development <http://www.aawdc.org/COVID19>**

Services for jobs seekers and unemployment information

**MSDE Meals Sites [www.MDSummermeals.org](http://www.MDSummermeals.org)**

Families can use this link to find the closest school meal distribution site anywhere in the state of MD being provide by all school systems.

**Anne Arundel County Food Bank <https://aafoodbank.org/>**

Attached is the most up-to-date Pantry list provided by the food bank. Check the site for updates.

**Anne Arundel County Department of Health <https://aahealth.org/virtual-services/>**

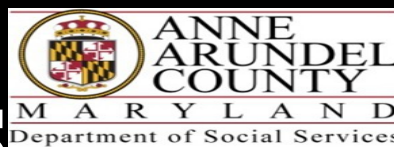
While the Department of Health is closed, visit their website to see how to access services virtually.

**Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency <http://www.aamentalhealth.org/>**

The Mental Health Agency supports the Crisis Warmline which is still up and running at 410-768-5522, check out

the website for additional services available.

# Mobile SHOWERS



**Across from:  
44 Calvert St  
Annapolis, MD 21401**

**10 AM—2 PM Monday-Friday**

**Behind Bates Senior Center  
119 S Villa Ave  
Annapolis, MD**

**10 AM—2 PM Monday-Friday**

**At Brooklyn Park Library  
7409 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd  
Baltimore, MD**

**10 AM—2 PM Monday-Friday**

**At: 1 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Glen Burnie, MD**

**10 AM – 2 PM Monday-Friday**

**Towels and soap provided**

