

Starfish Scoop

Empowering Every Starfish to be a Life-Long Learner

Principal's Message

Time flies! It is hard to believe that the first quarter of the school year will be over in a few short weeks. We have had a productive start and are looking forward to the month ahead.

As we take a short break from school for Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for our students to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. We appreciate each one of you so much! Please keep in mind that school is closed on Wednesday, November 27th – November 29th and reopens Monday, December 2nd.

Sincerely,

Alexis McKay, Principal

Megan Edwards, Assistant Principal

Dates to Remember

November

6th	PTA General Membership Meeting, 6:30 pm
7th	2 Hour Early Dismissal
8th	2 Hour Early Dismissal
	End of 1st Marking Period
	PTA Fall Fest 6:00-8:00 pm
11th-15th	American Education Week
11th	Veteran's Day
	Beginning of 2nd Marking Period
12th	Parent Visitation Day (please see times on Page 2)
15th	Schoolwide PBIS Incentive
19th	Giving of Thanks, 6:30 pm
20th	Report Cards Distributed, Grades 1-5
27th-29th	NO SCHOOL





American Education Week

November 11th-15th marks the celebration of American Education Week. As part of our celebration, we would like to invite our parents into the classrooms on Tuesday, November 12th. The schedule for classroom visitations by grade level is below. This is a great opportunity for you to see your student(s) in action. We do ask that younger siblings do not attend, as this is a regular school day for our students. Please bring your ID with you during your visit. Pre-registration is encouraged at the following link: <https://forms.gLe/wJJkj8i7p3FMUk6G6>.

9:20-10:20	4th Grade	12:20-1:20	1st Grade
10:20-11:20	Kindergarten	1:20-2:20	3rd Grade
11:20-12:20	2nd Grade	2:20-3:20	5th Grade

Harvest for the Hungry

Thank you for your generous support of the AACPS Harvest for the Hungry food drive. Your kindness is heartwarming and a great way to show our children the importance of sharing with those who are less fortunate. Thank you also to Ms. Conley for organizing our Spirit Week to help raise the donations. What a fun way to give to others! Students may join in the fun and participate in Spirit Week, even if they are unable to donate.

Monday: Pajama Day
Tuesday: Mix Matched Day
Wednesday: Team Day
Thursday: Halloween
Friday: Backwards Day

Veteran’s Day Commemoration

On Monday, November 11th, during our morning announcements, Nantucket Elementary will celebrate the brave men and women who are serving or have served our nation. It is a time for all of us to thank all of our nation’s heroes and to show our appreciation for their service to the United States of America. We invite all current, retired, and reserve service men and women to join us that day during our cultural arts classes. A sign-up was sent through Connect Ed. In addition, students will be engaging in Veteran’s Day activities throughout the week in a variety of classes.

Bike & Scooter Rack

Please be sure that students lock their bikes and scooters on the bike racks. Nantucket Elementary is not responsible for lost or stolen bikes or scooters.

Dress for the Weather

As our weather has turned cooler, please make sure that students are dressed appropriately for the temperature. Students will be going outside for recess if the temperature and wind chill is above 32°F. In addition, the doors do not open in the morning until 8:50 am, so students who arrive earlier will be waiting outside.





Valuables

Just a reminder that students should not be coming to school with valuable games, electronics, jewelry, etc. We encourage this so that these expensive items do not get lost, broken, or taken. The school cannot be responsible for these items. Keeping them at home is the best way to go! Also, students should not be using smart watches as a communication device throughout the school day.

Parking Reminder

At arrival and dismissal time, Nantucket Elementary School asks that you refrain from parking in our neighboring communities while pickup and dropping off students. Parking spaces in the neighboring communities have been reserved for its residents. Lining both sides of the streets with parked cars at arrival and dismissal time can create a safety hazard for those students who are walking to and from school and who are trying to cross the streets safely.



We thank you for helping to keep all members of our community safe!

Diversity Matters

On Thursday, October 24th, Nantucket Elementary hosted a parent diversity evening. Dr. Maisha Gillins, Executive Director of Equity and Accelerated Achievement for AACPS, Kristin Caminiti, Founder of Kindness Grows Here, and Gabrielle Conley, School Counselor, led parents in a workshop entitled “Talking With Your Kids About Differences.” During this engaging evening, participants explored their own experiences with diversity and culture. While we had a small turn out, it was a very insightful and meaningful evening. The team also provided parents with some titles of books to use when teaching kids about differences. We hope to have the team return in the future and hope that more parents can join us!

Giving of Thanks Event

Please join us for our annual multicultural event, “Giving of Thanks in Many Cultures”! It will be on Tuesday, November 19th from 6:30 – 8:00. We invite you to come and enjoy live performances, food samples, and fun! Flyers will be coming home soon. If you are interested in sharing your family’s culture, please contact Mrs. Allman, jallman@aacps.org for more information. We hope to see you there!

Federal Survey Cards

Just a reminder to please return the Federal Survey cards that were distributed to students on Tuesday, October 1st. Please return to school no later than Thursday, November 14th. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Forks + Spoons

If your student is bringing a lunch to school that requires a fork or spoon, please be sure to pack the appropriate eating utensils in their lunch bag. According to cafeteria guidelines, plastic forks and spoons are only distributed to students buying a school lunch.



Giving of Thanks in Many Cultures

Culture is a set of shared values, beliefs and attitudes.
Each family's culture is *unique*.

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HOW DO **YOU** GIVE THANKS IN YOUR FAMILY'S CULTURE?
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Let's get together and share the many ways
in which we say "THANK YOU!"

*Please join us
for live performances, food samples, and fun!*

NANTUCKET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
NOVEMBER 19TH
6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

**If you would like to participate in this event,
please return this RSVP to Mrs. Allman by November 15th.**

Parent Name: _____ Child(ren) Name: _____

- You will be assigned a table to share your display (photos, books, clothing, food etc).
- Please bring your family's favorite dish to share (just a sample!).

The food I will bring is _____.

My family's culture is _____.

My family's country of origin is _____.

I can be reached via phone/email at _____.