

Principal's Message

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our annual Back to School Night! Your active involvement in our school programs and events is essential for our success. We hope you enjoyed seeing your child's classroom and meeting with the teachers. As always, if you have individual questions or concerns, please be sure to contact your child's teacher.

Interim Progress Reports will be distributed on Monday, October 7th, the midpoint of the first marking period. This important communication tool is designed to provide parents and students with an update on academic progress and work habits. All students in grades 1-5 will receive an interim report. The report is printed from Parent Connect. Information about setting up a Parent Connect account has been shared with parents through Blackboard Connect. If you need assistance, please contact the office. After reviewing the interim with your child, please sign and return it to the teacher.

Parent-Teacher conferences are quickly approaching. This year, there are conferences during the first semester on October 15th and October 16th. ALL parents will be afforded a conference for each student either on October 15th or October 16th. Conference letters will be sent home in the Communicator folder on Thursday, October 3rd. Please review it and send it back to school as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Alexis McKay, Principal
Megan Edwards, Assistant Principal



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Mark Your Calendar

October

1st	Kindergarten Field Trip
2nd	PTA Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
7th	Interims Distributed, Start of PTA Boosterthon
8th	2 Hour Early Dismissal– Professional Development on Equity
9th	NO SCHOOL—Yom Kippur
15th-16th	NO SCHOOL—Parent Teacher Conferences
18th	Boosterthon Fun Run
21st	Kindergarten Field Trip
22nd	PTA Ledo's Night
23rd	Unity Day—Wear Orange!
24th	Parent Diversity Event, 6:30 pm
25th	1st Grade Field Trip
31st	Halloween Parade & Parties



Federal Impact Aid Surveys

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019 your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and **return it to Nantucket Elementary.**

The U.S. Department of Education asks that you put no more than 2 students on one form. Each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian. If needed, additional forms may be obtained from the school. Federal funding generated from this survey will greatly enhance our school system's quest to elevate all students and eliminate all gaps.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Ms. Donna Barker at 410-222-5200.

Unity Day

On Wednesday October 23, 2019 we will be celebrating **UNITY DAY!** Together we will stand against bullying, united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Unite with us on October 23 by wearing **ORANGE.** Orange provides a powerful, visually compelling expression of solidarity, we are better together!

Boosterthon!

Parents! This year's fundraiser is the Nantucket Starfish Fun Run! It's a 9-Day program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on October 7, 2019. Families will then gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on October 18, 2019. With our big goal of raising \$30,000 for replacing aging technology and increasing student access to Chromebooks during instruction.

Students will also experience an amazing character theme, WILD WEST!, a theme all about being brave and living with character. On their quest, students will learn the "SIX VIRTUES of a TRUE HERO" from a cast of colorful characters.

Donations will go toward supporting our technology goals and to the entire 9-day experience. So please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Fun Run on October 18th! Thank you for your support!

Early Dismissals

Just a gentle reminder that if a student is to be picked up early, please send in a note or email to the classroom teacher. The note should contain the date and time of the early departure and the name of the person picking up the child from school. The child must be picked up from the office at the appointed time and signed out at that time by the person who will be responsible for the child. **Early dismissals MUST be done prior to 3:15 pm.**

In addition, if your child has a change in a dismissal plan, this **MUST be done prior to 3:15 pm.** Our students' safety is of utmost importance. We want to ensure that students go home the way are supposed to each day.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is an important factor in student success. As a parent, you can encourage proper attendance by ensuring that your child gets adequate rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and has adequate time to catch the school bus or walk to school.

School hours are from 9:05 am until 3:30 pm. Students should plan to arrive between 8:50-9:05 am. All students are expected to be **in their classrooms by 9:05 am** so as not to be marked tardy.

PBIS

This year, Nantucket Elementary is a PBIS school. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. PBIS is a framework for reinforcing appropriate behavior by accentuating the positive. Children are encouraged to make good choices that ensure the safety of others and respect for the learning environment. Teachers will reward appropriate behaviors in a variety of ways, including utilizing Class DOJO. Through this online application, students receive DOJO points for appropriate behavior. They can then 'spend' these points on rewards in the classroom. Verbal reminders, think time, counseling and logical consequences are used to discourage inappropriate behavior. Parents will be notified of inappropriate behavior that occurs at school so that we can work together closely to modify and correct unacceptable behavior.

It is essential that parents reinforce our behavioral expectations at home. The staff and administration will maintain close contact and open communication with families in order to ensure that every child has the chance to benefit from the instructional program in a safe, caring environment.

Nantucket Expectations:

Respect Learning

Students will demonstrate respect for learning by participating appropriately in class activities, staying focused on work and following all adult directions.

Respect Ourselves

Students will demonstrate respect for themselves by listening carefully, controlling personal behavior and completing all assignments to the best of their ability.

Respect Others

Students will demonstrate respect for others by working cooperatively, using positive language, showing empathy and treating others as they would like to be treated (no bullying).

Respect Property

Students will demonstrate respect for our school by taking care of their classroom materials, keeping their classrooms neat and organized and using all school facilities appropriately.

Starfish stay in the LOOP by respecting:

Learning

Ourselves

Others

Property

Wellness Wednesdays

On Wednesdays, Nantucket Elementary School will be celebrating “Wellness Wednesdays” to encourage all of our students and staff to lead a healthy lifestyle. On Wednesdays, all students are encouraged to wear a sports jersey of their choice. Teachers will get the students up and moving during Morning Meeting. We look forward to seeing all of our students and staff celebrating Wellness Wednesday!

Halloween Celebration

One of the traditions of Nantucket Elementary is our Halloween Parade and classroom parties. Our Halloween Parade will take place on Wednesday, October 31st at 2:00 pm. Classroom parties will follow at 2:30 pm. Students who are participating in the parade and parties should bring their costumes in a bag to school that day. Please label all pieces of the costume, so parts of the costume are not lost. In addition, please do not send in any toy weapons (guns, swords, axes, etc.). Room parents will be in contact with families regarding class parties. Please remember that all food being brought in must be store bought. All parents attending the parade must be signed in through our Raptor Security system. More details to follow.

An alternative activity will be planned for those students who do not celebrate Halloween for religious reasons. Please let your child’s teacher know if this applies to your family.

Harvest for the Hungry

Once again this year, Nantucket Elementary, along with all of the schools in Anne Arundel County Public Schools will be collecting nonperishable food and funds for those in need. Harvest for the Hungry will run from October 1-31st. Be on the lookout for information regarding this collection. Last year, Nantucket Elementary was in the top 10 schools for the most collected. We were also in the top 10 of all AACPS schools for most money and food combined.

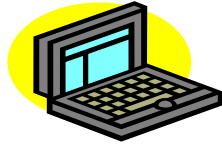
Box Tops for Education



We are a Box Tops School! For each Box Top, Nantucket Elementary earns \$0.10. Please send in your Box Tops at the end of each month.

AACPS Discrimination Policy

Anne Arundel County Public Schools prohibits discrimination in matters affecting employment or in providing access to programs on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability unrelated in nature and extent so as to reasonably preclude performance. For more information, contact The Office of Investigations, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, (410) 222-5286; TDD (410) 222-5500. www.aacps.org



Communicating with Your School Nurse

Parents/Guardians - Keep Your School Nurse Up to date:

1. Be sure to inform your school nurse about your child's health conditions or other special health needs in order to plan for safe management at school. Chronic health conditions include, but are not limited to, asthma, seizures, diabetes or life-threatening allergies.
2. Tell your school nurse if your child's health condition interferes with school attendance.
3. Make sure to tell your school nurse about medications and medical treatments your child requires during the school day. If a medication is needed during the school day, a PRAM MUST be filled out by the Doctor and Parent (even for over the counter medications). All medications must be brought in by an adult to the health room. Parents are always welcome to personally administer medication to their child in the health room on an occasional basis.
4. Tell your school nurse about any changes in your child's health or mobility status, or about any infectious disease. Please keep the health room informed of any activity limitations (crutches/braces etc...) so we may plan accordingly for activities.

When Do I Keep My Child Home from School?

(Although no comprehensive list is possible, the following conditions may be appropriate reasons to keep a student home from school)

Temperature 100° or greater	Suspected fracture
Vomiting, diarrhea	Severe pain
Shortness of breath, wheezing	Undiagnosed rash
Abdominal pain	Productive cough and fever
Red, draining eyes	Suspected communicable disease
Chest pain	Head injury
Earache	Adverse medication effect
Nuisance condition not currently treated e.g., ringworm, scabies, head lice	

Any questions or health related concerns? Please contact your school nurse, Allison Holly, RN and Elaine Petrucci, LPN at 410-451-6135.

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