



December

TIGER'S EDGE



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Park Elementary News

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"Academic Success for All!"



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Attendance Class Challenge

Classes with outstanding attendance from **December 1st-21st** will earn candy canes to go with their popcorn and drink during the movie!

The 2 winning classes will be announced on the morning announcements December 22nd.



Milk & Cookies with Santa

December 15th, 2022 - You **MUST** register

Rotation 1: 5-6 PM

Rotation 2: 6-7 PM

Info & Registration will come home on 12/5



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"Every Day Give
Everything"

NOTICE:

Please remember to check your voice mail first if you receive a call from our school phone number. There is no way the main office can track calls.

When your child is out sick or tardy you will receive an automated phone call from the school even if you contact the school first.

201 East 11th Avenue
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410-222-6593

DECEMBER MOVIE PARTY



Students will get to watch the movie, Prep and Landing, in the Park Café with popcorn and a drink.



Students that color at least 13 out of 15 pictures on their ugly sweater and with no major referrals will be invited!

Students can earn pictures to color on their sweaters from Dec 1-21st. Students must earn at least 13 pictures to color on their sweater by Dec 21st so they can attend the movie on December 22nd.



**Principal's
corner**

Mrs. Blondell continues to recover from her surgery and is looking forward to returning to Park Elementary. She is in constant contact with us and continues to be involved with Park.

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and hope that this holiday season brings peace, happiness, and good health to all of our incredible families who deserve the best. Please let us know if you or any of your neighbors are in need of holiday support.

We are pleased to let you know that we will be having our annual Holiday Shop where our children can buy gifts for their family members, friends and themselves using just their Tiger Paws and/or DoJo points. We are in need of wrapping paper, tape and the following gently used or new items: toys, jewelry, purses, arts and crafts kits, puzzles, mugs/cups, decorations/ornaments, and gifts for Dads. Please consider helping with this enjoyable event.

It's hard to believe that we are in the midst of the second marking period and want to congratulate all of our hard working students who earned Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. We are so proud of them and hope even more students will work towards those achievements. Please continue to check Parent Portal and reach out to teachers too when you have questions. We encourage children to use the i-Ready Program on their chrome books each evening for at least 30 minutes. This is a research-based program that meets children where they are academically and supports students in reading and math.

We are also happy to be able to offer a wide range of after school clubs again this year. Students in the clubs are enjoying sports, soccer, games, art, and science. Our next session of clubs will begin at the end of January.

As the holiday season continues, we know that it is a time of need for many. Please reach out to us if you need any support.

Gratefully,

Bonnie Reese

Acting Principal



The Holiday Shop is coming once again to Park Elementary, and we need your help. We are looking for volunteers on the following dates and times.

Friday, December 16th - 12:30 - 2:30 Set Up of the Holiday Shop

Monday, December 19th - 8:00 - 2:20 Holiday shopping

Tuesday, December 20th - 8:00 - 2:20 Holiday shopping

Wednesday, December 21st - 8:00- 12:30 Shopping, 12:30- 2:30 Breakdown of the shop

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Ms. Liimatta at jliimatta@aacps.org.

Remember, if you haven't done so already, you must complete a background check to volunteer.



December 5th-9th

Monday– Scarf Day (wear your favorite scarf)

Tuesday– Twinkle Tuesday (wear light, glitter or sparkle like a tree)

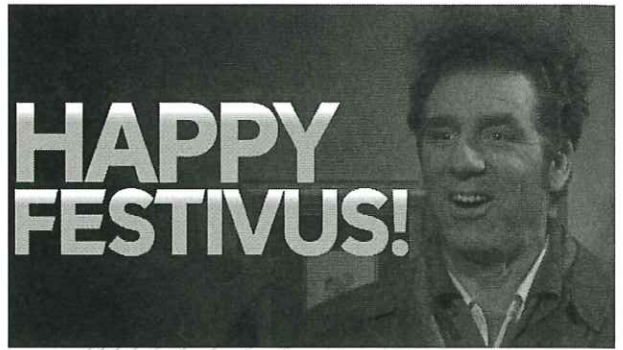
Wednesday– Unity Day (wear orange and a holiday hat/headband)

Thursday– Candy Cane Day (wear red and white)

Friday– Festive Flannel Friday (wear flannel/plaid. No pajamas)

* **December 19th** is a school wide ugly sweater day! *

The FESTIVUS Attendance Race



From 12/1 – 12/21

the TOP 3 Homerooms with the



BESTivus Attendance
will win a Tiger PAW
SHOPPING SPREE!

Parent & Family Plan

Park Elementary School

2022-2023



Both the county's Parent Policy and the Title 1 Parent & Family Engagement Plan are written to ensure strong home-school-community partnerships and promote the increase of effective comprehensive involvement practices.

The Park Elementary School PTA works to enrich our student's educational experiences and support their success both inside & outside the classroom. At Park, our PTA is a team of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members who come together to share ideas, carry out effective programs, and advocate for our children. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month.

Please complete the membership application sent home with your child if interested in being a member. The fee is \$7.00

Ways we will Communicate Important Information:

- Information goes home in students' folders daily.
- Our school website and Park Parent Google site will continue to be updated.
- Monthly newsletters will go home to students through ConnectEd messages and email.
- Parent workshop information will be sent home with a reminder email and text message.

All documents will be sent home in English & Spanish. If needed, we will send home in any other language a family requests.

We are always looking for volunteers to support our teachers and staff. If you are interested, please contact Janet Liimatta at 410-222-6593 or jliimatta@aacps.org

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The Power of Parent Workshops

Join us throughout the school year as we continue to provide strategies and materials to support learning at home. Each evening workshop parents will have the option for a light dinner and an interpreter. We also will provide transportation if necessary.

Parent Advisory

As a school, it is important to have a team of parent supporting our school discussion on data each quarter. We are looking for parents who can commit to 4 meetings each year. We will show data and discuss as a team how we can enhance our program.

Out of This World: March 30, 2023

Parents will be shown different strategies to help their children improve their math skills at home. Teachers will share tools and ideas related to helping children master basic skills.

"Wonder Words" Reading Night:

Dec 1, 2022

Parents will learn how their use of language impacts their child's learning, behavior, and emotional state from a nationally recognized expert, Frank Kros. Parents will be provided with strategies to use at home to increase fluency and comprehension skills.

Family Engineering Night:

January 19, 2023

Parents and their students will learn the importance of balance in engineering design, how to decode binary, building a smart structure, how to communicate to solve problems, and how to design.

Diving Into School: May 2023 PK Families

Parents will be provided hands-on resources, tips, and advice for the transition to school for Kindergarteners.

Gab on Google: February 2023

Parents will have the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Blondell and Title 1 math teacher to discuss data, ask questions, and provide input for ways to support the students.

Spring Budget Meeting:

April & May 2023

Title 1 staff will meet with parents to review the Title 1 and PFE Plan implementation from the current school year and solicit feedback for FY23's plan.

Grow on Google:

December 2022 & May 2023

Parents of students in PK or other preschool classes will be invited to participate in these Grow With Google meets to provide suggestions for transitioning from those settings to school for Kindergarten.

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Title 1 Plan Quick Glance



Goals

1. Reduce the # of students in grades K-2 who score intensive on DIBELS benchmark assessment from 72% to 40%.
2. Increase the % of students in grades 3-5 scoring proficient or advanced on literacy district assessments from 18% to 40%.
3. Increase the % of students in grades 2-5 scoring proficient or advanced on math district assessments from 15 to 40%.
4. Reduce the % of chronically absent from 33% to 20%.

Attendance Data TSI Students - Chronically Absent

| | White | Economically Disadvantaged |
|-----------|-------|----------------------------|
| 2018-2019 | 27.2% | 21.9% |
| 2019-2020 | 25% | 24% |
| 2020-2021 | 31% | 37% |
| 2021-2022 | 39% | 36% |

Attendance Data School-Wide Chronically absent

2018-2019= 22%
Virtual learning 2020-2021 =
27%
2021-2022= 33%

Reading Data

Students in grades 2-5th do not progress to the next level of text largely because they struggle with comprehension.

District quarterly assessment- 18% of students in grades 3rd-5th averaged proficient or advance.

Dibels Data-

72% of students in grades K-2 scores intensive and need phonics instruction.

Math Data

2021-2022 district quarterly assessment- 75.5% of students in grades 2-5 did not meet the goal for mathematics proficiency.

2019-2022 district quarterly assessment-

50% of students in grades 2-5 did not meet the goal for mathematics proficiency.

2018-2019 PARCC data-

33% of students were approaching the standard.



V Soft RaptorWare Security System

The safety of all students and staffing Anne Arundel County Public Schools is of utmost importance to all of us. Our school utilizes a system to check in all visitors. The system is called **V Soft by RaptorWare**. When you visit our school for the first time, you will be asked to present a government-issued photo (i.e., driver's license) to a staff person in the school office. This card will be scanned and the following information will be collected: your photo, your name, and your date of birth. This information will be utilized to check you in, create an ID badge, and compare your information against sexual offender databases throughout the country. If your name appears on any of the lists or you refuse to allow the use of your ID, you will not be allowed access to the school.

On future visits to a school, in which you have previously registered, you will only be asked to show your ID as your name will be selected from an existing list of previous visitors. You will also be asked to check out with the office upon leaving the school so that we know you are no longer in the building. You will be required to check into the system even if you are only coming to school to pick up your child. The information collected will not be shared outside of the school and is kept on a secure server. Your assistance in keeping our students safe is very much appreciated.

Electronic Lock and School Cameras

For security purposes, we have an electronic lock and cameras at the main entrance. Parents and visitors must press the bell to the right of the main entrance and wait for the office staff to disengage the electronic lock before entering the building.



Security Cameras

Park 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, although, select cameras are frequently monitored on a daily basis. 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.

Park Elementary School Emergency Plan

Every Anne Arundel Public County School is required to have a plan to address different kinds of emergencies. At Park we have a plan in place and frequently conduct practice drills. In addition, it is important to note that if we ever had an emergency situation where we had to evacuate the building for an extended period of time that our evacuation site would be to Brooklyn Park Elementary School.



SCHOOL HOURS

7:40 am - 8:00 am - Arrival

2-HR Delay Arrival 9:40 am

8:00 am— Instruction Begins (must be in their seat)

2:25 pm - Dismissal

12:25 pm - Early Dismissal

Due to traffic congestion and end of the day dismissal procedures, changes in early pick ups should occur before 2:00 pm.

Fire Lane/Bus Loops

Reminder that parking in designated fire lanes and/or bus loops is prohibited. This prohibition extends to staff, students, visitors, spectators at athletic events, day care vans, and after school activity vans such as karate centers, clubs, etc. Any vehicle parked in a fire lane or obstructing a fire hydrant must be moved to an authorized parking space.



December

Park Elementary School
Principal- Sandy Blondell
Assistant Principal- John Panitz
School Counselors- Debbie Cale & Julie Tyler
Principal Secretary- Ms. Rogers
Attendance Secretary- Mrs. Miller
Registration Secretary- Mrs. Armstrong
PTA President- Mrs. Hinshaw 410-222-6593

2022

Upcoming January Dates (subject to change)
January 10th- Winter Concert
January 16th- School closed for MLK Birthday
January 23rd & 24th- 2hr Early Dismissal
January 25th- School closed for Semester break
January 26th- Mo Gaba Day

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------------|--|--|--|--|---|----------|
| | | | | 1 Reading Night | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Scarf Day (Wear your favorite scarf) | 6 Twinkle Tuesday (Wear light, glitter or sparkle like a tree) | 7 2hr Early Dismissal Unity Day (Orange and a holiday hat) | 8 Kindergarten to Down's Park Candy Cane Day | 9 Festive Flannel Friday (Wear flannel/plaid. NO PJ) | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Cookies & Milk with Santa | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Ugly Sweater Day | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 School closed for Winter Break | 24 |
| 25 | 26 School closed for Winter Break | 27 School closed for Winter Break | 28 School closed for Winter Break | 29 School closed for Winter Break | 30 School closed for Winter Break | 31 |
| 1 Happy New Year! | 2 School opens for all students | | | | | |