



February



TIGER'S EDGE

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Park Elementary News

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**TIGERS
HAVE
GRIT**



**WE
NEVER
QUIT**

THIS IS IMPORTANT!!!



SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:00 A.M.

If students arrive AFTER the bell,

*We need the parent/guardian to sign students
in at the front office.*

PLEASE do not just drop students off.

SCHOOL HOURS

7:40 am - 8:00 am - Arrival

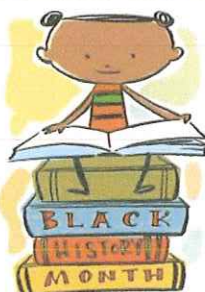
2-HR Delay Arrival 9:40 am

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.**



EDGE

**"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.

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Baltimore, MD 21225
410-222-6593

FEBRUARY INCENTIVE

*This incentive is focusing on
students using positive words
and positive actions in our PAWS Pledge.*



*When a teacher sees a student demonstrating
positive words and/or positive actions, teach-
ers will give out a heart ticket.*



*Students can earn unlimited
heart tickets each day.... The
more they earn the BET-
TER!*

*At the end of the day, each teacher will collect
everyone's heart and they will be entered in a
raffle.*

*1 student in EACH grade level will win a
prize daily on the morning announcements!!*



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age, disability, sexual orientation or family status in matters of employment or in providing access to programs.*

Principal's
corner

It is difficult to believe that we are already into the third marking period of the 22-23 school year. The first semester went by way too quickly!

We are sending home a copy of each child's report card this marking period and hope it makes it easier for parents who do not have access to a computer. Along with the report card, we are sending each child a "Scavenger Hunt." Parents and children will be able to examine the report card to find the answers to questions in the hunt. We are hoping that this activity will allow parents to have detailed conversations with their children about grades, reading levels, and attendance. Students who bring back the completed paper will be given 50 Tiger Paws!

Incentives this month include a trip to the prize cart during lunch for students who have perfect attendance for the week. Students must also come to school on time in order to be eligible. Primary students visit the cart each Friday while children in the intermediate grades get to shop every other week. We are happy to report that more and more children are earning this reward each week.

Round three of clubs has also begun. They are extremely popular with over 100 students participating! Many others are on a waiting list as well. Our students love being part of these afterschool programs that provide an opportunity for them to engage with friends while learning new skills.

We have also begun our schoolwide book, *Friendship According to Humphrey*, which is being enjoyed by students in all grade levels. We appreciate you supporting this program and love all of the pictures of parents reading with their children. These great photos are displayed on the main hallway bulletin board and are attracting lots of attention. I can't wait to read the poems students are writing about their favorite animal as the next challenge begins.

As marking period 3 gets underway, I want to thank you for ensuring that your children are completing I-Ready lessons at home in both reading and math and ask that you continue to promote this program. We are seeing some very positive outcomes for students who are engaging in I-Ready and completing at least two lessons per week.

As always, please contact your child's teacher, counselor, or me with any problems or concerns.

Gratefully,

Sandra Binetti



Community School Updates

Upcoming Events:

Park Family Breakfast February 10, 2023 at 8:00am. This time your child will be able to join you for part of the breakfast! More information to come. Space is limited.



Food for Thought Food and Resource Distribution at Park Elementary on February 25, 2023 from 10:00 am until food runs out. Please come early.



Please contact Janet Liimatta if you have any questions—jliimatta@aacps.org / 410-222-6593



V Soft Raptor Ware Security System

Every visitor must bring their ID with them regardless if you are already in our 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.



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.



Maryland Motor Vehicle Law §21-101.1(b)2,3 states,

A person may not drive a motor vehicle in violation of any provision of this title on any property that is owned by or under the control of this State or any of its political subdivisions, county boards of education, or community colleges and that is open to vehicular traffic and used by the public in general. Any person who violates any provision of this subsection is in violation of the law to the same extent and is subject to the same penalty as if the motor vehicle were driven on a highway.

As you know, in a critical emergency, the loss of every minute caused by vehicles blocking fire and police department access can become critical.

February

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

2023

Upcoming March Dates (subject to change)

March 2nd. 2hr Late Arrival. Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 3rd. 2hr Early Dismissal. Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 29th. 2hr Early Dismissal. Unity Day

March 30th & 31st. 2hr Early Dismissal. End of 3rd MP

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Report Cards	4
5	6	7	8 2hr Early Dismissal Wear Orange for Unity Day!	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentines Day ♥	15	16	17	18
19	20 Schools closed for President's Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				