



November

TIGER'S EDGE



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Park Elementary News

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THE GREAT ATTENDANCE RACE CLASS CHALLENGE

Classes with the best overall attendance will earn a lollipop turkey!

There will be one primary and one intermediate winner.

This contest will run from **Nov 1-30**. The two winning classes will be announced at the end of the day, Nov 30th!



We are
Thankful for
YOU!



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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
Baltimore, MD 21225
410-222-6593

November Incentive



Rock -n- Turkey Bowl

Bowling event with music & cartoons. Students will get to bowl at the Park Bowlerama!

Students with no major referrals and by being present each day will be invited!

Students can earn bowling pin feathers from Nov 1-17.

Students must earn at least 11 feathers to attend on Friday, Nov 18th.



NEW 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.

**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. As we enter the busy month of November, I hope you will look at the calendar of events for November and December. We would love to see you at Cookies for Santa, a virtual PTA meeting, and Reading Night.

Please consider volunteering in December as well to help in our very popular Holiday Shop. In order to volunteer, you must have a recent background check completed. You can call the school and ask to speak to Mrs. Miller or Mrs. Armstrong to make sure we have one on file. Our children love being able to purchase gifts for their family and friends with their Tiger Paws and enjoy being able to wrap these wonderful gifts in the beautiful paper donated by parents. Also, consider sending in any gently used items like holiday decorations, sports equipment, mugs, and jewelry. Specific dates for the December special events will be sent home in the near future.

Thank you for your support this year with ensuring that your children are reading each night for homework. Reading daily provides the essential practice necessary for our students to grow academically. We will be celebrating Reading Night on December 1st, from 5:30 – 7:30. We are looking forward to learning from Frank Kros, an international consultant and child advocate.

A special thanks to you as well for ensuring that your children get to school each day on time. Students who earn their tiger feathers for coming to school on time every day will have a fun bowling event on Friday, November 18th. The class with the best attendance for the month of November will also win a prize the end of November. There will be two winners, one in primary and one in intermediate.

Have a wonderful fall!

Gratefully,

Bonnie Reese

Acting Principal

Community Schools Updates



Session 2 of clubs will begin on November 9th for those students in Wednesday clubs and November 14th for Monday.

Mark your calendars! The last day for Monday clubs will be December 19th and December 21st for Wednesday!



November 14-18 is National Education Week



We invited families to join their students for community circle in the classroom from 8-8:20 am.

Please see the schedule below;

Tuesday, November 15th: PK K and 1s
grade parents

Wednesday, November 16th: 3rd and
4th grade parents

Friday, November 18th: 2nd and 5th
grade parents

We are hosting breakfast for parents on November 17th from 8-9:30. Come and meet other parents, the student support team and some of our community partners. We will also be giving away clothes, books and food.



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.

November

Upcoming December Dates (subject to change)

December 1st. Reading night

December 7th. 2hr Early Dismissal

December 8th. Kindergarten to Down's Park

December 23rd-30th. School closed for

Christmas/Winter Break

Cookies & Milk with Santa and the Holiday Shop are

TBD

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Park Elementary School

Principal—Sandy Blondell

Assistant Principal—John Panitz

School Counselor- Debbie Cale

Principal Secretary- Mrs. Brooks

Attendance Secretary- Mrs. Miller

Registration Secretary- Mrs. Armstrong

PTA President - Mrs. Hinshaw 410-222-6593

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		1	2 5 th Grade ESOL to ZOO	3 2hr Early Dismissal	4 2hr Early Dismissal	5
5	7	8 School closed for Election Day	9	10	11	12 1 st grade to Masonville Cove
13	14 National Education Week Begins	15	16	17	18 National Education Week Ends	19
20	21 School closed for ALL students ~ Conferences	22 School buildings closed for ALL students and staff ~ Conferences	23 School closed for Thanksgiving Break	24 School closed for Thanksgiving Break	25 School closed for Thanksgiving Break	26
27	28	29	30 Fall Picture Retake Day			