



# October

## TIGER'S EDGE



Sandy Blondell, Principal

Park Elementary News

John Panitz, Assistant Principal

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"Academic Success for All!"



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### THE GREAT ATTENDANCE RACE

Homerooms have been battling each other for the class with the most days of perfect attendance!

At the end of each race, the homeroom in each grade level with the MOST perfect attendance days **WINS A SURPRISE!**

Who will it be?

GET READY FOR...



✿ **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

### Pumpkin Party Time

October Incentive for Students



#### What happens during the event?

There will be music and pumpkin-themed games.

When is the event?  
October 28<sup>th</sup>



#### Who attends the event?

Students who earn a pumpkin invitation.

#### How do I get to go?

The invitation costs ten pumpkins. Each pumpkin is ten Tiger Paws. Students earn Tiger Paws for using positive words, showing positive actions and making safe choices every day in school.



Please encourage your children to come to school each day and work hard to earn as many Tiger Paws as possible!

**Pumpkin it Up!!**

#### 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.

The Anne Arundel County Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion,, age, disability, sexual orientation or family status in matters of employment or in providing access to programs.



**Principal's  
Corner**

Mrs. Blondell continues to improve from her surgery and is looking forward to returning to Park in a few weeks. Bonnie Reese, retired principal, will continue to assist at Park until Mrs. Blondell returns.

It has been a wonderful start to a great school year! Our students are coming to school each day even with the change to earlier school hours with arrival starting at 7:40 a.m.; however, some of our friends are missing school on a regular basis. As a reminder, if you miss 2 days a month, you are chronically absent. If you're struggling to get your student to school, please reach out to our counselors, Ms. Cale & Mrs. Tyler.

It is important that students are doing i-Ready math and i-Ready reading after school and teachers have reached out to families with the amount of time recommended for each evening. Reading to your student regularly is just as important as it widens their vocabulary and comprehension. We believe in the ability of all students to become proficient readers and writers.

On October 31<sup>st</sup> grade levels are planning a fall festival for their students. Students are invited to wear their costumes to school if they wish.

We continue to ask for your patience and understanding as student safety is our top priority. Please remember to always carry your I.D. while on school grounds. To ensure a smooth dismissal for all students, we ask if you are picking your child up early, please do so prior to 2:00p.m.

At dismissal, please remain in your car and your child will come to you. I know the traffic is sometimes frustrating, but student safety is of the utmost importance. As a reminder, dogs are not allowed on school property. We love our furry friends, but we want to keep kids safe.

As always, please call or email teachers and/or me if you have any questions or concerns. Our teachers and administrators are here to help and make sure everyone has a successful school year.

As parents requested, beginning November all newsletters will be sent the first Friday of each month. Look out for the Nov. newsletter on 11/4.

Have a safe and enjoyable fall.

Gratefully,

**Bonnie Reese**

Acting Principal

**Park Elementary PTA Board 2022-2023**

**Principal- Sandy Blondell**

**Vice Principal- John Panitz**

**PTA President- Stephanie Hinchaw**

**PTA Vice President- Edna Griffin**

**PTA Secretary- Carly Miller**

**PTA Treasurer- Nancy Dolin**

**email: parkelempta@gmail.com**



**Our virtual PTA meetings are TBD.  
More info to follow**

**Federal Impact Aid Survey Forms**

*Each year, Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) is eligible to apply for federal Impact Aid grant funds. Impact Aid is a federal formula grant program designed to assist local school districts that enroll federally-connected students.*

*Federally-connected students are children of active duty uniformed services personnel, children who live on federal property or in subsidized federal housing, and children whose parents are employed on eligible federal properties.*

*AACPS anticipates receiving approximately \$2,000,000 in federal funds from the Impact Aid grant. The funds become a part of the school system's general operating budget and are critical to maintaining high standards for educational excellence.*

We need your assistance in identifying students with federal connections to ensure that AACPS can obtain its fair share of funds from this program. Please complete the Federal Impact Aid Parent-Student Survey for your child(ren) online at

<https://secure.aacps.org/webapps/SEFP/en-US/OOF/Federal>. Please be assured that all information provided will be treated confidentially.

If you have any questions, please call Angie Smack in the AACPS Finance Office at 410-222-5200. Information about the Impact Aid Program can be found on the U.S. Department of Education's website at <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/impact-aid-program/>.





### 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.





**Park Elementary School**

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October 21, 2022

**WE ARE A SCHOOLWIDE TITLE 1 SCHOOL**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Title I is a federally funded grant program designed to support children in academic achievement. Its purpose is to ensure that ALL children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain high-quality education and reach at least proficiency on the State's academic achievement standards and assessments. Funds are used to support additional academic services, materials, personnel, professional development, and parent & family engagement opportunities.

Schools are selected based on the percent of students who qualify for free meals. This data is used for many grants to distribute funds. Schools are ranked according to this percentage.

Title I offers many benefits to students in our school. These benefits include parent & family engagement workshops, staff development, supplemental materials of instruction, extended learning programs, and additional teachers and staff. Parents are given opportunities during the school year to articulate their needs and assist in how the budget is spent during the school year.

You may request information regarding professional qualifications of your child's teacher and of paraprofessionals who provide instructional services to your children at any time by contacting Bob Mosier, Chief Communications Officer at 410-222-5000.

We are very fortunate to have Title I funds which are used to help accelerate the learning of the students at Park Elementary School.

Respectfully,

Sandra Blondell, Principal



**el 21 de octubre de 2022**

**TODA LA ESCUELA ES UNA ESCUELA TÍTULO I**

Estimados padres:

Título I es un programa financiado por el gobierno federal diseñado para apoyar a los niños en su rendimiento académico. Su propósito es asegurar que **TODO**s los niños tengan oportunidades justas, iguales y significativas para obtener educación de alta calidad, y alcanzar al menos competencia en los estándares de logro académico del Estado y las evaluaciones. Los fondos se utilizan para financiar servicios académicos, materiales, empleados, oportunidades de desarrollo profesional, y de participación de los padres **adicionales**.

Las escuelas se seleccionan en base al porcentaje de alumnos que califican para recibir alimentos gratis. Esta información se usa para que muchos subsidios distribuyan los fondos. Las escuelas se clasifican de acuerdo con su porcentaje.

Título I ofrece muchos beneficios a los estudiantes de nuestra escuela. Estos beneficios incluyen programas y actividades de participación de padres, desarrollo del personal, materiales de instrucción suplementarios, un programa de día extendido, y profesores y empleados adicionales. Se les da oportunidad a los padres durante el año escolar para expresar sus necesidades y asistir en cómo se gasta el presupuesto.

Usted puede pedir, en cualquier momento, información sobre las cualificaciones profesionales del maestro/a y de los para-profesionales de su estudiante, favor de comunicarse con Bob Mosier, Director de Comunicaciones al 410-222-5000.

Somos muy afortunados de tener fondos de Título I que se utilizan para ayudar a acelerar el aprendizaje de los alumnos en la escuela primaria Park.

Respetuosamente,

Sandra Blondell, Director



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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

Upcoming November Dates (subject to change)  
Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ESOL to Zoo  
Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - 2hr Early Dismissal  
Nov 8<sup>th</sup> - School Closed for Election Day  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - School closed for ALL students  
Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>- School Closed for Thanksgiving Break  
Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - Fall Picture Retake Day

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30	31 Happy Halloween! Students may wear costumes to school No weapons!					