



October

TIGER'S EDGE



Sandy Blondell, Principal

Park Elementary News

Candace Pannebaker, Assistant Principal

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"Academic Success for All!"



Issue 2

**TIGERS
HAVE
GRIT**



**WE
NEVER
QUIT**

just a friendly reminder...

- **All visitors, student and staff** to AACPS schools or buildings must bring proper ID, especially when picking up a student.
- Late students after 8am **must** be signed in at the front office by an adult.
- **Every time** an adult other than the parent or guardian picks up your student prior to dismissal, we will need a note and they must have ID.
- There is no parking in the drop off loops. Adults should remain in vehicles when dropping off and picking up students.
- Make sure to apply for free lunches online
- Be sure to create an account for Parent Portal. Call the office if you need help.
- We love animals but they are **not permitted** on school property. Thank you!



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.

201 East 11th Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21225
410-222-6593

October Incentive

To celebrate the students who come to school **on time** each day **and** demonstrate their best PAWS behaviors (showing positive actions, words, and safe choices), Park Elementary will host a soccer event in October. For this event students will earn the opportunity to play in a soccer game on the big field.

To earn this event, students will need to come to school on time each day, stay all day, complete all classwork, and demonstrate their best behavior. They will receive a soccer ball tracking sheet and calendar to record their progress each day. Once the soccer ball is full then the students will earn the incentive!

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher!



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**

As we move into the 23-24 school year, I want to thank you for your support and the opportunity to work with your incredible children. I also want to ask for your assistance as a parent volunteer. We are looking for a volunteer coordinator and others to support our teachers and students. We especially need parents and guardians to help set up and run our holiday shop. This event is extremely popular with our students and gives them, a chance to purchase gifts for family and friends using their Tiger Paws which they earn for positive behavior. Shopping begins on December 18th and ends on December 21st. Donations for this store are appreciated as well.

I am also happy to report that our student attendance is improving. Although we don't want children in school when they are ill, it is important to send all children to school on time. To encourage great attendance to continue, we will be offering several incentive trips for students who have superior attendance. The first trip is scheduled for the end of November and includes a trip to see a play at Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia.

We send reminders home through email, paper, and/or messaging. Please remember to check all communication from us so that you are aware of trips, incentives, and messages from teachers. In addition, please make us aware of any changes to emails and or phone numbers. We want to make sure you are aware of everything that is going on at Park!

I hope you are having a wonderful fall and know that we have many supports in place to help students and families. We have two guidance counselors, a social worker, school psychologist, a Community School Manager, and a bilingual assistant who are always willing to help.

Gratefully,

Sandy Blondell



Sandra Blondell
Principal

Federal Impact Aid Survey Forms

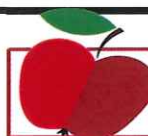
Each year, Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) is eligible to apply for federal Impact Aid grant funds. Impact Aid is a federal formula grant program designed to assist local school districts that enroll federally-connected students.

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

**Health Room
News & Information****Notes from Nurse Linda ~**

I have seen an increased number of falls with injuries as a result of students wearing crocs. Crocs may look cool but crocs lack arch support, so exercising, walking for an extended period of time or working is not recommended by foot specialists. The plastic construction may also lead to sweaty, stinky feet and even blisters.



MEET OUR *Team*

~ Student Services ~



Brad Brainer, Pupil Personnel

My primary focus is:

- * Resolving issues related to attendance
- * Residency
- * Custody
- * Matters related to homelessness

I am available as a resource to the staff and families at your school.

Cell: 410-627-7968, Email: bbrainer@aacps.org

Rebecca Barnes, Community School Program Manager

As Community School Program Manager my primary role is to:

- * Support families
- * Provide experiences and opportunities for all members of the family
- * Build partnerships with community organizations to support our school

Contact Information

Email: rbarnes@aacps.org

School Phone: 410-222-6593

Cell Phone: 410-562-1203



Aiissa Starkey, School Social Worker

As the School Social Worker I am here to:

- * Provide individual or group counseling to your child to promote social/emotional well-being and academic success
- * Help you and your family find resources
- * Advocate for your child when additional supports are needed
- * Provide crisis intervention for your child and help find crisis/outpatient mental health resources for family
- * Participate in Individual Educational Plan meetings



Cell: 240-927-0249

Email: Amstarkey@aacps.org

Clare Bailey Maclary, School Psychologist

As a school psychologist I:

- * Work with students to support social, emotional, and behavioral well-being, and academic achievement
- * Work on skills such as coping skills, social skills, and problem



Stephanie Hinshaw, Behavior Assistant/Learning Lab

I am available to:

- * Support students during the day by offering them a quiet and safe place to learn
- * Have your child earn a break to come and engage in a fun activity.
- * Put your child in a social skills group
- * Help you join the PTA
- * Give you information about Park



Email: shinshaw@aacps.org

Ms. Cale, School Counselor



Ms. Tyler, School Counselor



Google Voice: (301)679-0418

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Email: jmt Tyler1@aacps.org

Roberto Gonzalez, Bilingual Specialist

Hello, my name is Roberto González and have the pleasure and privilege of serving as the Bilingual Specialist for Park Elementary Community School. I will be working alongside the Community Schools Program Manager to support our Spanish-speaking Community with appropriate community resources.

Hola, mi nombre es Roberto González, trabajé como Facilitador Bilingüe en el área de North County durante los últimos 7 años y ahora tengo el placer y el privilegio de servir como Especialista Bilingüe para Escuelas Comunitarias aquí en Park Elementary. Trabajaré junto con la Gerente del Programa de Escuelas Comunitarias para apoyar a nuestra comunidad de habla hispana con los recursos comunitarios apropiados.

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School Phone/Teléfono de la Escuela: : 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.



JOIN US

for an in-person or virtual family math night about

Reveal **MATH**



Reveal Math is the new math curriculum program for AACPS students in grades K-5. Learn how Reveal Math will guide your student into a future of math success!

All events are from 5:30 - 7:00 PM



Southern Middle School

5235 Solomons Island Road
Lothian, MD 20711



North County High School

10 E 1st Ave.
Glen Burnie, MD 21061



Glen Burnie High School

7550 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.
Glen Burnie, MD 21060



Annapolis Middle School

1399 Forest Dr.
Annapolis, MD 21403



Meade Middle School

1103 26th St.
Ft. Meade, MD 20755

Virtual Options

Will be held online



Check your email for
more details!



Interpreters available
upon request



ÚNASE

para una noche familiar de matemáticas en persona o virtual sobre

Reveal **MATH**



Reveal Math es el nuevo programa curricular de matemáticas para estudiantes de AACPS en los grados K-5. ¡Aprenda cómo Reveal Math guiará a su estudiante hacia un futuro de éxito en las matemáticas!

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Opciones virtuales

Se realizará en línea



¡Verifique su correo electrónico para más detalles!



Intérpretes disponibles
con previa solicitud



October

Upcoming November Dates (subject to change)

- 1st. School closed for Elementary/Middle school students
- 20th. School closed for all students: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 21st. School closed for all students: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 22-24th. Schools closed for Thanksgiving Break

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

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Fall Picture Day	13	14
15	16	17 2hr Early Dismissal Unity Day!	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 2hr Early Dismissal	31 2hr Early Dismissal Happy Halloween!				