

# Chesapeake Cluster Elementary News

April 2021

## Message from the Principals

Dear Chesapeake Cluster Elementary Families:

Our Chesapeake Cluster Elementary Schools are hosting hybrid and virtual learning. Schools are maintaining a waiting list in the event seats come available for hybrid learning.

Please contact your student's school to join this waiting list.

AACPS has started preparations for the 2021-2022 school year.

Pre-K registration continues online at [www.aacps.org/enrollment](http://www.aacps.org/enrollment). Registration for kindergarten begins April 7. At this time, AACPS has suspended all in-person registration. Click here if you wish to pursue an [Out of Area](#) request for 2021-2022 and submit appropriate documentation to your school. Please include supporting documentation to your school's principal for timely processing. Incomplete applications will be returned. Bodkin, Jacobsville, and Lake Shore Elementary Schools are OPEN for out-of-area transfers for 2021-2022. Fort Smallwood and Pasadena Elementary are CLOSED for out-of-area transfers for 2021-2022.

A few reminders for all families:

- If you have not previously submitted an AACPS Code of Student Conduct Acknowledgement Form, please [click here](#) to review and discuss the [handbook](#) with your student and download the form. Forms may be returned to your student's school.
- Please update your student's emergency card online if your address, or phone number (home, work, or cell) has changed.

Due to COVID-19, building access is by appointment only. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

The Chesapeake Cluster Elementary School Principals

Bonnie Myers, Bodkin Elementary

Bobbie Kesecker, Fort Smallwood Elementary

April Umile, Jacobsville Elementary

Julie Little-McVeary, Lake Shore Elementary

Jennifer Quirino, Pasadena Elementary





## Cameras On, Please!

Learning is a multisensory process. Teachers need to be able to see and interact with students to provide the best learning experience. Students and teachers are required to have their cameras on so that meaningful engagement and learning can take place.



## AACPS Unites

Through monthly themes, AACPS Unites will host lessons to expand, expose, and experience literature as diverse as our school community.

**April Theme: Inspire  
Stewardship  
AACPS Unity Day – Action**



## AACPS Bus Transportation

The AACPS bus transportation schedule is posted online:

<https://www.aacps.org/buses>.

Bus routes may be updated periodically. Please arrive at the bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to the published time.



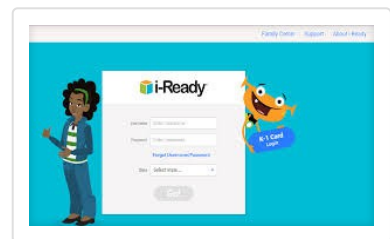
## Connect with PTA

[Bodkin Elementary](#)  
[Fort Smallwood Elementary](#)  
[Jacobsville Elementary](#)  
[Lake Shore Elementary](#)  
[Pasadena Elementary](#)



## April Dates to Remember

**1 - 5:** Spring Break  
**6:** Kindergarten registration online  
**13 - 14:** Two hour early dismissal  
**15:** 4th Marking Period begins  
**21:** AACPS Professional Development; 2-hr early dismissal  
**23:** Report cards grades 1 - 12



## i-Ready

i-Ready is a tool we will use to help personalize your child's learning. Students are expected to spend 10-15 minutes per day/evening on reading and on math.

The Anne Arundel County Public Schools are eager to welcome our newest kindergarteners. **The 2021-2022 enrollment process for Kindergarten will open on Wednesday, April 7, 2021.** We must continue to adhere to safety and health guidelines and protocols; no walk-ins are permitted.

1. The primary option for submitting kindergarten enrollment is by using our Online Enrollment Portal. Through this portal, the parent/legal guardian will complete enrollment paperwork and upload the required documentation using their home computer, laptop, or smartphone, or consider utilizing community resources with computer/internet access. Use link listed below.

If families are unable to complete the online process, these options are available:

2. Contact the school to have a staff member complete the online application by phone on their behalf and submit a photo of the documents to the Enrollment Secretary via email or text using Google Voice, or schedule an appointment for document delivery.

3. Contact the school to schedule an in-person appointment; these will have limited availability and could likely extend into the summer months.

Parents should be certain to have their documents ready to upload prior to entering the Online Enrollment Portal by saving them in PDF, JPG, or PNG format. All of the following documents are required for all enrollments; these documents must be uploaded in the online portal in order for the system to accept the enrollment submission:

- Parent's proof of identity: government-issued photo ID
- Primary proof of residency: mortgage, deed, or lease
- Secondary proof of residency: utility bill, bank statement, or pay stub within the last 60 days
- Student's birth certificate
- Student's immunization (shot) record
- Custody order (if applicable)

A video explaining the use of the Online Enrollment Portal is available at

<https://www.aacps.org/enrollment>.

March 9, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

For the 2021-22 school year, the following vaccines are required for children entering kindergarten and seventh grade:

- All students entering kindergarten must have had two varicella (chickenpox) vaccinations. This also includes first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grade student entries new to the county.
- All students entering seventh grade must have had one Tdap vaccination and one meningococcal vaccination. This also includes eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade student entries new to the county.


These new vaccinations are in addition to the current school vaccine requirements.

According to the *Maryland Vaccine Requirements for Children*, students must be vaccinated in order to be allowed in school. You should work with your child's health care provider to get his/her vaccination record and to receive any vaccinations that are missing. Students who are not compliant with immunization records must be excluded from school on the first day of classes unless parents/guardians provide proof of a medical appointment with a health care provider or local health department for vaccinations within the ensuing 20 calendar days (30 days for military families).


If you are unable to get a vaccination appointment with your child's health care provider, please call Anne Arundel County Department of Health's Immunization Services at 410-222-4896.

If you have questions about vaccines that are required for school, please call your child's health care provider or the school nurse. When your child receives the above vaccinations, please provide a copy of the current vaccination record to the school nurse. **If your child has already received the required vaccinations, please provide a copy of your child's current vaccination record to the school nurse as soon as possible so that records are up to date before this school year ends.**

Sincerely,



Karen Siska-Creel, R.N., M.S.N.  
Bureau Director, School Health and Support  
Anne Arundel County Department of Health



Sarah S. McDonald-Egan  
Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services  
Anne Arundel County Public Schools

## BLOOD LEAD TESTING REQUIREMENT

### FOR NEW STUDENTS ENTERING PRE-K, K, FIRST GRADE

In 2016, the Maryland legislature updated new blood testing requirements for children born on or after January 1, 2015. All children living in Maryland are at-risk for lead exposure resulting in childhood poisoning. For fall enrollment 2021:

- All prekindergarten and kindergarten students enrolled in Anne Arundel County Schools must show proof of blood lead testing.
- All first grade students enrolled in Anne Arundel County Schools must show proof of blood lead testing, if the child lives or has ever lived in targeted ZIP Codes.

To comply with the law, all parents/guardians must complete the DHMH Blood Lead Testing Certificate.

If you have any questions about this requirement, please call the school office or school nurse.



Lead Testing Certificate-English.pdf

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Physical Exam Record.pdf

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**Vaccine Requirements For Children**  
Enrolled in Preschool Programs and in Schools — **Per DHMH COMAR 10.06.04.03**  
Maryland School Year 2021 - 2022 (Valid 9/1/21 - 8/31/22)

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for PRESCHOOL aged children enrolled in educational programs							
Child's Current Age	Vaccine DTaP/DTP/DT <sup>1</sup>	Polio <sup>2</sup>	Hib <sup>3</sup>	Measles, <sup>2,4</sup> Mumps, Rubella	Varicella <sup>2,4,5</sup> (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B <sup>2</sup>	PCV <sup>3</sup> (Prevnar <sup>TM</sup> )
Less than 2 months	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2 - 3 months	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
4 - 5 months	2	2	2	0	0	2	2
6 - 11 months	3	3	2	0	0	3	2
12 - 14 months	3	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	2
15 - 23 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	2
24—59 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	1
60 - 71 months	4	3	0	2	1	3	0

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for children enrolled in KINDERGARTEN - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade							
Grade Level Grade (Ungraded)	DTaP/DTP/Tdap/ DT/Td <sup>1,4</sup>	Tdap <sup>6</sup>	Polio <sup>2</sup>	Measles, <sup>2,4</sup> Mumps, Rubella	Varicella <sup>2,4,5</sup> (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B <sup>2</sup>	Meningococcal (MCV4)
Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 5 & 6 (5 -11 yrs)	4 or 3	0	3	2	2	3	0
Grade 7 (11-13 yrs)	4 or 3	1	3	2	2	3	1
Grades 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 (13 - 18 yrs)	3	1	3	2	1 or 2	3	1

\* See footnotes on back for 2021-22 school immunization requirements.

**ATTENTION PARENTS:  
NEW VACCINE REQUIREMENT  
FOR KINDERGARTEN**

**ALL STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN MUST  
HAVE RECEIVED 2<sup>ND</sup> VARICELLA VACCINATION**



CALL YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO MAKE SURE YOUR KINDERGARTNER IS READY.  
BRING A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S VACCINATIONS TO YOUR SCHOOL NURSE  
TO SHOW PROOF.

STUDENTS WITHOUT PROOF WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND SCHOOL.



**Attention All Parents**  
**School Year 2021-2022**



Visit your health care provider or area health center\*, if you qualify.

**\*Due to federal requirements, the Anne Arundel County Department of Health can only provide immunizations for students who are uninsured, underinsured (insurance doesn't cover vaccines), or on Medical Assistance.**

**PARENT MUST BRING SHOT RECORD!**

**Glen Burnie Health Center**  
416 A Street, S.W.  
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

**Call for an appointment**  
410-222-6633

**Parole Health Center**  
1950 Drew Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Call for an appointment**  
410-222-7247



## Food & Nutrition Services

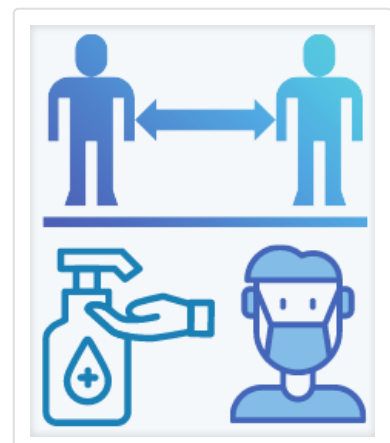
All Schools will continue curbside meals between 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm for children ages 2 -18. Curbside meals are FREE and include breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack. No RSVP necessary - so please stop by!

## Safety Protocols

Please review this information for Fall 2020 Safety Protocols:

<https://www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols>

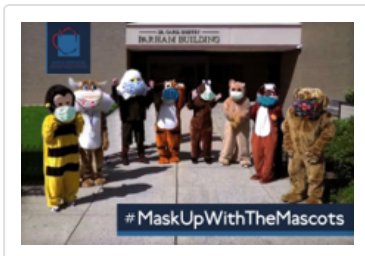
AACPS has provided a list of cleaning protocols; screening checklists; expectations for face coverings and social distancing; and protocols for confirmed COVID-19 cases.



# Attendance Reminders (Virtual & Hybrid Learning)

**Attendance** is huge barrier to school success, even in the virtual world. Starting as early as kindergarten, missing 10% of school (or just 2 days every month) can make it harder to learn to read and cause children to fall behind in school. Anne Arundel County Public Schools considers any student who unlawfully misses school for eight days in any quarter, fifteen days in any semester or twenty days in a school year truant.

Not only is **attendance** critical to school success, it is the law. Maryland has a Compulsory Attendance Law. It states that children between the ages of 5 and 18 shall attend public school regularly during the entire school year unless otherwise enrolled in a private school, approved home instruction, or home teaching through the school. Parents may be charged in District Court for failure to see that their children attend school. Parents can be found guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not to exceed \$50 per day of unlawful absence, or imprisonment not to exceed 5 days or both.



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[Pasadena Elementary](#): @PES\_AACPS

School hours will shift when AACPS re-opens for in-person learning:

Bodkin: 9:35am - 4:00pm

Ft Smallwood: 9:10am - 3:35pm

Jacobsville: 9:00am - 3:25pm

Lake Shore: 9:05am - 3:30pm

Pasadena: 9:35am - 4:00pm

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For more information, contact: Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Division of Human Resources, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401. 410-222-5286 TDD 410-222-5000 [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org).

