

Chesapeake Cluster Elementary News

January 2021

Message from the Principals

Dear Chesapeake Cluster Elementary Families:

As we turn the page on a new calendar year, it is always a good time to set intentions for the coming year. As I am sure you know, routines are often forgotten after a long break. Teachers will be reviewing Google Meet and Classroom expectations as well as revisiting important Second Step lessons. This is a great time for you to reinforce the importance of classroom participation by keeping cameras on. Additionally, the hand-raising feature is another great way for your student to stay involved in instruction.



The end of the marking will be fast upon us. It is important to ensure that your student is independently completing assignments in all class areas, including Cultural Arts. The deadline for completion of all Marking Period 2 assignments will be shared in mid-January. Therefore, it's important to stay ahead so that assignments are not turned in at the last possible moment. All students are expected to complete assignments independently and in a timely manner following a lesson rather than accumulating incomplete assignments and submitting them at the end. Assignments are intended to be a follow-up and an indicator of independent student application of the skill taught. It also provides us with student strengths and needs for reteaching and extending student learning.

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

We wish our families a safe, wonderful holiday season. May you enjoy family traditions and have a Happy New Year!

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



Taking Care of your Chromebook
Important Reminders!

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AACPS | Taking Care Of Your Chromebook

Students and parents/guardians are responsible for the general care of the device they have been issued. Anne Arundel County Public Schools has issued Chromebooks in order to support access to virtual learning. When a Chromebook becomes damaged, that learning is interrupted, so please take care of your Chromebook as you would take care of your gaming station or cell phone. For resources and help using your Chromebook, please visit AACPS Virtual Learning Information www.aacps.org/virtualllearning.

- Protect your password. Do not share your password or account information.
- Keep all food and drinks away from your device.
- Be careful when inserting and removing cards, cables, and external devices.
- Do not place foreign objects into your Chromebook.

Transporting your Chromebook
Always carry and transport your Chromebook with care. The screen is delicate and can crack easily. Always be sure the lid is completely closed and secured before moving your Chromebook.

- Never move a device by lifting from the screen.
- Be certain all objects are out of the way before closing the screen.
- Be careful when carrying the device in a case or backpack. Notebooks, books, writing utensils, erasers, etc. may put too much pressure and weight on the Chromebook screen. Small items may slip between the screen and keyboard.

Screen Care
Your Chromebook screen can easily be damaged! Excessive pressure can break the screen.

In Case of a Spill
If a liquid spills into the Chromebook, **unplug it immediately**. Do not plug back in until it is thoroughly dry.

If your Chromebook is not working, contact your school or email ChromebookIssues@aacps.org.

- Do not lean or place anything on the top of the device that could put pressure on the screen.
- Do not close the device with the screen in the open position.
- Do not poke the screen with anything that will mark or scratch the screen surface. Only use your clean finger.
- Do not place anything on the keyboard before closing the lid (e.g. pens, pencils, etc.).
- Do not use any liquid to clean the screen—use a soft dry microfiber cloth or anti-static cloth.



AACPS Digital Resource Information for Families
Family instructional technology info

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Elementary Math Virtual Family Support

AACPS now offers Elementary Math Virtual Family Support to parents, guardians, or other adults who help students learn virtually. **Come with questions** about Pre-K through grade 5 math concepts or in search of help understanding current problem-solving teaching/ technique. If the question cannot be answered on the phone, a Google Meet code will be shared where a math teacher tutor can provide a response visually.

Primary Link [HERE](#)

Intermediate Link [HERE](#)

Tuesday and Thursday 6:00PM – 8:00 PM

English and Spanish Support

AACPS Family Survey

AACPS will be sending a survey to families to state intentions as we prepare for hybrid learning. Families will be asked to decide if in-person hybrid learning or continuation of virtual learning is preferred. For students participating in hybrid learning, students will attend in-person learning two days and online the remaining days in the week.

When school opens for in-person hybrid learning, all students participating in hybrid and virtual learning will follow the school's traditional hours of operation:

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

For students participating in-person hybrid learning, the school team try to work with families to determine in-person attendance days. There are many factors to consider, and the decision will include COVID-19 protocol requirements and schedules for related service providers. Please consider your options for hybrid and virtual learning. If you have any questions, please contact your student's school principal.

Meals will be provided to all students participating in hybrid learning. Meal pick-up is still available at the identified distribution sites and will continue for students participating in virtual learning as well as children in the community ages 2-18.

Meet our Pupil Personnel Worker

School Success in Virtual Learning

This year has brought unprecedented changes, but some things remain the same as school **attendance** matters and is critical to student success.

My name is Patricia Lynch and I am the new Pupil Personnel Worker for the Chesapeake cluster of Anne Arundel County Public Schools. My role as PPW is to work together with the school, the family, and community agencies to identify, address, and alleviate barriers impacting a student's education, one of which is **attendance**.



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.

What can you do?

- Communication with your child's school is critical.
- Make school attendance a priority.
- Establish routines for bedtime, waking up, and showing up for class.
- Identify a learning space for your child. Reach out to the school or community agencies for help if you have multiple children or need technology resources.

- Have a back-up plan for when you cannot be there to help your child.
- Avoid non-urgent medical appointments and vacations when school is in session.
- Help your child stay healthy and engaged.
- Sign up for Parent Connect to monitor attendance and progress.
- Send a written excuse when your child is absent from school.
- Ask for help when you need it.

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.

My goal is to work together with you and the school to help alleviate this and other barriers to school success. If your child is struggling with school attendance, please contact me to further discuss how we can problem solve together. I can be reached at plynch@aacps.org or (443) 510-3426.

Patricia Lynch, Pupil Personnel Worker

Chesapeake HS, Chesapeake Bay MS, Bodkin ES, Ft. Smallwood ES, Jacobsville ES, Lake Shore ES, and Pasadena ES



Connect with PTA

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



Mark Your Calendars

- January 4:** School resumes online
- January 18:** Martin Luther King, Jr. - School closed
- January 28 & 29:** End of second marking period. (44 days) Two-hour early dismissal for all students, teacher workdays. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.



iReady: Reading and Math

i-Ready is an online program for reading and math that will help determine your student's needs, personalize learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year. *i-Ready* allows teachers to meet students exactly where they are and provides data to increase your student's learning gains. *i-Ready* consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction. Please encourage your student to participate in *i-Ready* daily.

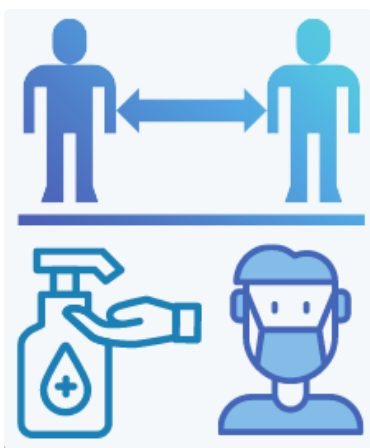
Food & Nutrition Services

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!



Google Meet Class Recordings

As a reminder, in the virtual learning environment, families are forbidden to record or take pictures during live lessons. Please remember that virtual classrooms are no different than building classrooms where student privacy should be respected and upheld. AACPS has guidance for teachers on the proper recording of lessons should you need information (www.aacps.org/googlemeet); however, such recordings are not meant for personal nor public consumption beyond the classroom. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated for the safety and integrity of our school community.



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.



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sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity, or disability. 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.

FAMILY INFORMATION LINE

AACPS Family
Information Line
Línea de Información
Familiar de AACPS
410-222-5001



410-222-5001 - Call with questions about eLearning or other issues during the shutdown