

Chesapeake Cluster Elementary News

May 2021

Message from the Chesapeake Cluster Elementary Principals

Dear Families:

May flowers are blooming and spring is in full effect. We have been very fortunate to have great weather and hope our virtual learning students have had a chance to get outdoors and enjoy sunshine and movement. Our hybrid learning students have enjoyed outdoor recess. Please be reminded that, at the time of this writing, all students, staff, and visitors continue to be required to wear a face mask at all times while on AACPS property with few exceptions. This includes recess.

Interims are on the schedule! For students grades 1 -5, interims will be available on your Parent Portal account on May 7th. Now that the midday point in the marking period is here, this is a great time to have your student set some positive and attainable goals for the remainder of the school year.

Thank you to all our families for completing the return to 4-day learning survey. Each school has different availability, but we will be making school decisions at the beginning of May to get the most students back in our buildings. We thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we enter our next phase.

Promotion planning has begun. Our cluster has been planning for our 5th grade promotion celebrations. On the morning of Wednesday, June 16th, our schools will be releasing a ceremonial video showcasing our students accomplishments in elementary school.

ECl, Pre-K, and Kindergarten Conferences are scheduled to occur on May 27th and 28th. These students will not have school these days so families can meet with teachers to reflect on the school year and set goals for your child. Your child will be sending information soon to sign up for a virtual conference.

All cluster schools are in the beginning stages of planning for the new school year. Part of that process involves closely reviewing every student and build classes based on many data

points. We kindly ask that you refrain from making teacher requests due to these factors and possible changes in staffing.

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

We thank you for your continued support this school year.

Sincerely,

The Chesapeake Cluster Elementary School Principals

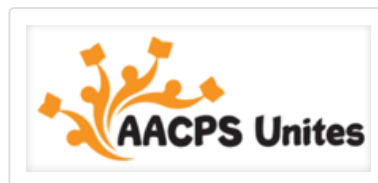
Bonnie Myers, Bodkin Elementary

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Summer Academy

AACPS is planning summer programs for elementary, middle and high school students. These summer programs are intended to **help students engage in unfinished learning** while focusing on mathematics, literacy, and preparing for the next grade level. Info: www.aacps.org/summer.

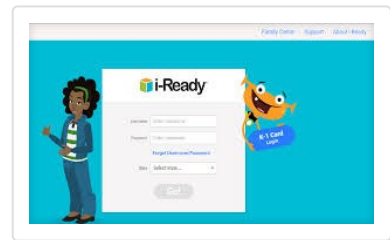
AACPS Unites

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

May Theme: Develop Passion & Perseverance

AACPS Summer Programs

Phase 1 has ended, but phase 2 will begin soon. Please use this page to find summer opportunities at no cost to your family. The camps are in person and virtual and are offered all day and ½ day. Register asap to be sure you get a spot. Click for more info: <https://www.aacps.org/summer2021>.



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May Dates to Remember

3 - 7: Teacher Appreciation Week
7: Interims
13 - Eid al-Fitr, school open
27-28: Spring Conferences for Pre-K; Kindergarten; ECI
27: Last day graduating seniors
31: Memorial Day - school closed

i-Ready

Please have your child log on to i-ready at least 15 minutes a day. This program has a math and reading focus and is leveled to meet your child's academic growth. We will be assessing our students in math May 17-21 and reading May 24-28. Please have them work on the test independently so we can capture their true ability and set goals to move them forward. If you ever want more information on your child's progress please reach out to your child's teacher.

Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration for 2021–2022

The Anne Arundel County Public Schools are eager to welcome our newest kindergarteners. **The 2021-2022 enrollment process for Pre-K and Kindergarten is now open.** We must continue to adhere to safety and health guidelines and protocols; no walk-ins are permitted.

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: 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.

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>.



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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,

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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 ¹	Polio ²	Hib ³	Measles, ^{2,4} Mumps, Rubella	Varicella ^{2,4,5} (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B ²	PCV ³ (Pevnar TM)
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 th grade								
Grade Level Grade (Ungraded)	DTaP/DTP/Tdap/ DT/Td ^{1,6}	Tdap ⁶	Polio ²	Measles, ^{2,4} Mumps, Rubella	Varicella ^{2,4,5} (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B ²	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 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

**ATTENTION PARENTS:
NEW VACCINE REQUIREMENT
FOR KINDERGARTEN**
**ALL STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN MUST
HAVE RECEIVED 2ND 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.



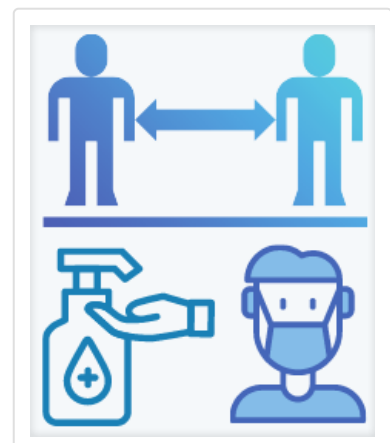
Food & Nutrition Services

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>

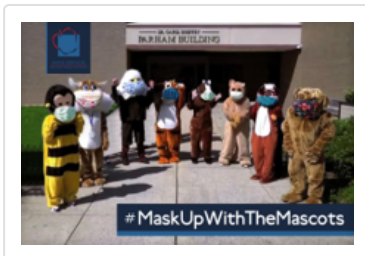
AACPS has provided a list of cleaning protocols; screening checklists; expectations for face coverings and social distancing; and protocols for confirmed COVID-19 cases.



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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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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