



General News



Pershing Hill Elementary



Volume 3
Issue 9

May 2020

Pershing Hill Elementary
7600 29th Division Road
Ft. Meade, MD 20755

410-222-6519
410-222-6527 (fax)

Inside:

- Counselor's Corner
- May Calendar



Follow us on Twitter:
@PershingHillIES



Please visit our website
at:

<https://www.aacps.org/Page/4838>

From the Principal

Happy May! I hope this month brings warmer and dryer weather. Our staff, students, and families have settled nicely into the world of online learning. I know that online learning has many challenges, but I have been impressed with how well the students are doing. Like you, I am waiting to hear what the Governor and the State Department of Education will do about the remainder of the school year. If students don't return this year, we will be communicating with families about the process for collecting student supplies and medications as well as for returning school equipment and materials. In the meantime, please know that we are here to support your efforts at home. You are a parent first and that should always be a priority over the demands of teaching and learning at home. Let us know if we can help.

Sincerely,

Christopher Wooleyhand, Ph.D.

Contacts

If you have questions for our secretaries, please email them:

Joann Smith jsmith2@aacps.org
Bonnie Henthorn bhenthorn@aacps.org
Penelope Reisler preisler@aacps.org

Here are several web pages created by our staff to ensure that parents have resources and the ability to connect with them. Please check out their sites:

- [Principal's Page](#)
- [Assistant Principal's Page](#)
- [Counseling Page](#)
- [Reading Team Page](#)
- [Visual Arts Team Page](#)
- [Music Department Page](#)
- [Media Page](#)

Counselors Corner

Mrs. Natalicchio is providing school counseling lessons in every Google Classroom. Be sure to be on the lookout! In addition to classroom lessons, Mrs. Natalicchio is available by appointment for individual student support. Please send her an email at enatalicchio@aacps.org to schedule.

Check out our new school [counseling website!](#)

Virtual Career Day

PHES' first Virtual Career Day is coming soon! Be on the lookout for more information!

The following excerpt comes from an article written by Arianna Prothero that appeared in *Education Week* magazine:

How to Balance the Parent/Teacher Role

Leonard said the first step is to remember that the parent-child relationship comes first.

"When I have butted heads with my children, and this is inevitable, I have found it important to back up on pushing academics and build the relationship," she said. "Children are more willing to accept their parents in the role of teacher if they feel secure in that relationship."

Leonard also said that she sees herself more as a facilitator than a teacher.

It's a title and role that may sound a little less intimidating than teacher.

"I'm there to learn with them and help them answer their questions," Leonard said.

Teaching is not a role that is as foreign as some parents are thinking it is, either, said Utsey. They should remember that in many ways, they are already teachers. "You are the first teacher and the most important teacher," she said.

She also recommends trying to relax and see this time—as hectic as it may be—as an opportunity to spend time with your kids and be a bigger part of their education.

PHES May 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Staff Appreciation Week	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Newsletter items due	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day- schools closed	26	27	28	29	30/31