

# RICHARD HENRY LEE ELEMENTARY

SOARING TO EXCELLENCE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

## October 2023:

10th	Vision and Hearing Screenings McDonald's Fundraiser 5-7 PM
11th	Individual Pictures for Students
12th	PTA Meeting 6 PM
13th	PTA Halloween Movie Night
16th	Family Math Launch Party Glen Burnie High School 5:30-7:00 PM
17th	2-Hour Early Dismissal Project Unity Day – Wear Orange Professional Development
19th	Kindergarten Field Trip Downs Park
20th	PTA Trunk or Treat
21st	Family Involvement Conference at Crofton High School 8 AM – 1 PM
23rd	Literacy Luau
30th	2-Hour Early Dismissal End of First Marking Period Vision and Hearing Rescreens
31st	2-Hour Early Dismissal End of First Marking Period

**Mission:** Richard Henry Lee provides a safe and challenging environment in which all children can learn. We strive to have our school community actively involved in empowering students to become lifelong learners and productive members of society.

**Vision:** We have a safe and open environment for learning that encourages risk-taking among all students and staff. We provide a rigorous environment that fosters diversity while encouraging students to be critical thinkers, communicators, and problem solvers. We collaborate to learn from each other and to strengthen relationships between families and school. We are all engaged in learning, staff, and students alike, finding joy in its constant pursuit.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe it is already October. We have had five wonderful weeks with our students. They have settled into the routines and structures of school and are enjoying learning every day in our classrooms. Teachers have taken the time to assess where students are academically and are using the results to plan for meaningful instruction. As you know, this year we started using the Reveal Math Program. It is exciting to see students engaging in learning mathematics. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please join the Elementary Math Office at Glen Burnie High School on October 16th from 5:30-7:00 PM. Be on the lookout for more information. There will be a sign up for family members to attend the session.

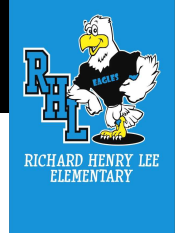
Next month all families will have the opportunity to attend a conference with your child's teacher. Students will not have school on November 20 and 21, and you will be able to attend a conference with your child's teacher to learn more about his/her progress.

The first marking period concludes at the end of October. Students will have early dismissals on October 30 and 31, and do not have school on November 1. Students also have an early dismissal on October 17. Please ensure your child has a dismissal plan for these three early dismissal days.

Thank you for all that you do to support your child at home. We appreciate you!

Respectfully,  
Ms. Koennel  
Principal

# School Counselor's Corner



Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns throughout the school year at:

(410) 553-2200 or [dhorn@aacps.org](mailto:dhorn@aacps.org)

## Helping Our School Community



Each year, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank partners with AACPS to help students and families in need. All donations will go to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. Monetary donations can be made by going online or scanning the QR code below.

Students can bring in non-perishable food donations to schools from October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Boxes will be available outside classrooms for students to donate food items throughout the month.

### Food donation ideas include...

- Canned proteins, such as tuna, salmon, and chicken
- Canned meals, stews, and soups
- Peanut butter and jelly (plastic jars)
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Whole-grain hot and cold cereal
- 1 lb. bags of rice
- 1 lb. bags of dry beans and legumes (pinto, black, lentils)
- Baby formula and food
- Nutritional supplements for adults (Ensure, Boost)
- Healthy snacks (breakfast bars, nuts, and dried fruit)

### MAKE A DONATION:

Donate online through the Education Foundation of Anne Arundel County Public Schools:

[aacps.org/harvest](https://aacps.org/harvest)



## Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

## Magnet Program Information



Magnet school applications will be available online from **Noon on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** and will close at **Noon on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

For more details on information nights for your student, please click on the QR code or go to <https://www.aacps.org/Page/11086>.

To learn more or to apply, go to

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

## Title I News!

### The Power of Parent Workshops

Join us throughout the school year as we continue to provide strategies and materials to support learning at home. For each evening workshop, we will provide a light dinner, an interpreter, and child care.



## Save the Dates!

### Upcoming Parent & Family Workshops

October 23, 2023

#### Literacy Luau



Families will have an opportunity to learn various strategies to support foundational literacy. Families will also learn about the different literacy assessments we use, as well as the Foundations and SIPPS literacy programs.

December 7, 2023

#### Shauna King: What we Say Matters: Positive Language to Foster Student Success



Families will have the opportunity to hear renowned speaker, Shauna King, speak on the topic of using positive language with children so that they are successful in school and life.

January 24, 2024

#### Pirate Math Night



Families will have an opportunity to learn various strategies to support problem solving. Families will explore different math manipulatives and strategies through a pirate exploration workshop.

April 15 or  
April 24, 2024  
(Choose One)

#### Parent Input Meeting



Parents of RHLee students will participate in the planning, review, and improvement of the Schoolwide Title I Plan.

## Parents Right to Know

Parents, you may request information, at any time, regarding professional qualifications of your child's teacher and any staff members who provide instructional services to your child by contacting Bob Mosier at 410 - 222 - 5313.



## News from the Literacy Office

Wow! It is hard to believe we have been in school for 5 weeks. Students are learning to read, write, speak, and listen during all their academic subjects, even in Cultural Arts. All of our kindergarten students have been assessed on their letters and sounds. First through fifth grade students took the i-Ready diagnostic test in both reading and math. This will help our teachers know how to best teach the students.

We are excited to bring back Storybook Pumpkins to RHLee. More information will be coming home in the next few weeks. Here's an example of a few to get your ideas flowing.





Anne Arundel County Public Schools  
Office of School & Family Partnerships invites you to attend a...

## Family Involvement Conference



*Belong • Grow • Succeed*

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**  
Crofton High School | 8 am – 1 pm

Come Join us at...

**Mc-D-O-N-A-L-D-S**



RHLee is hosting a fundraising event. Our school receives 20% of all sales, which includes drive thru, delivery, & eat in! Be sure to say you are with RHLee.

Place: McDonald's-7415 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie (across the street from Food Lion).

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Time: 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

\*\* Bring your receipts in on Wednesday (10/11) for a chance to win prizes. \*\*

# **FEDERAL IMPACT PROGRAM SURVEY**

Parents who are active military or who live or work on Federal Property in Maryland are asked to complete this year's [Federal Impact Aid Survey](#) when it becomes available on September 29, 2023.

You will be asked to verify your home address and identify if it is located on federal property. You will also complete sections identifying if a family member is in the military or works on federally owned property in Maryland. The survey should only take a couple of minutes to complete and, be assured, all data collected is kept completely confidential.

## **Why Complete This Survey**

Anne Arundel County Public Schools, like many local school districts across the United States, include within our boundaries parcels of land that are owned by the Federal Government or that have been removed from the local tax rolls by the Federal Government. Federal property is exempt from local property taxes. By submitting an application to the Department of Education each January, AACPS receives approximately \$2 million to assist in educating all our students.

For more information go to <https://www.aacps.org/federalsurvey>

## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECT

Dear Families and Staff,

The Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works (DPW) is leading a Safe Routes to Schools project in partnership with the County Office of Transportation, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and the Maryland State Highway Administration. This project aims to improve safety, mobility, and accessibility for students to walk and bike to and from elementary schools around the County. Seventeen elementary schools, listed below, were identified in the County's transportation master plan, *Move Anne Arundel!*, for assessment and are currently under evaluation.

DPW has assessed existing conditions within the walk zone and surrounding attendance area for each school and developed draft planning-level recommendations to improve pedestrian and bicycle student transportation, including infrastructure, policies, and educational outreach programs. The agency now needs your input.

DPW has created a project webpage compiling reports for each school, which summarizes findings and draft recommendations. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/srtsaacounty> to review this information.

Comments will be accepted through **November 5, 2023** and can be sent to **Adam Greenstein, DPW Project Manager**, at [adam.greenstein@aacounty.org](mailto:adam.greenstein@aacounty.org) or 443-569-9587.

DPW is also hosting a one-hour virtual open public meeting focused on each school. Meetings will be held using Google Meet. We encourage you to review the content on the project webpage in advance of this meeting. The schedule of meetings can be found in the document linked to this communication.

Thank you!

**File attachments:**

[Safe Routes To School meetings ENG.pdf](#)



# PTA NEWS

October 2023

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## CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who supported the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser!

The top three sellers won the following prizes respectively – Nintendo Switch/\$50 GameStop gift card, Maryland Zoo annual membership and a \$100 gift card to Dave & Buster's.

We also had three raffles for the duration of the fundraiser. Three lucky students won a \$25 gift card to Skate Zone, a \$25 gift card to Horizon Cinemas and a \$25 to Get Air.

All students who sold a box also received a small prize as an appreciation for their support.

We cannot wait to do this again next year! Again, a big thank you to all for helping out our school! We could not do this without you!

## CANDY DRIVE

We are collecting sealed, store bought, individually wrapped Trick-or-Treat style candy donations for our annual Trunk-or-Treat!

Please send candy in with your student or drop off at the office during school hours beginning October 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 18<sup>th</sup>!

Bags must be marked with your student's teacher as the class with the highest weighted candy donations will win a donut and juice party!

## TRUNK-OR-TREAT

We are hosting our annual Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>! A rain date is scheduled for Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We are seeking volunteers to decorate cars for this event. All volunteers must have a current and favorable background check completed! Candy will be given to volunteers to hand out. If interested, please email [rhlepta@gmail.com](mailto:rhlepta@gmail.com) or check out our Trunk-or-Treat Facebook post with a link to sign up!

The music department will also be selling food, snacks, and drinks to raise money for their upcoming annual music trip!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Flyers have been sent home with your student.

**PTA Meeting – 10/12**

**Movie Night – 10/13**

**Trunk or Treat – 10/20  
(Rain date 11/3)**

**Want to become a PTA member and/or volunteer for school events? Email [rhlepta@gmail.com](mailto:rhlepta@gmail.com) to learn how!**

**Please  and follow us on Facebook @ R H Lee PTA!**