



Rolling Knolls Elementary News



September 2019

School Hours: 9:30am - 3:55pm
School Phone Number: (410) 222-5820

Principals' Message

Dear Rolling Knolls Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope all of our families had a wonderful summer and are as excited as we are for the new school year! We have visited all classrooms during the first week of school and have observed teachers and students engaging in activities centered around building positive relationships. We will continue to facilitate community circles in all of our classrooms to encourage a learning environment that "respects our uniqueness as individuals and embraces both our similarities and differences."

We would like to continue to emphasize that the partnership and collaboration between home and school creates memorable learning opportunities for our students. Our school theme reminds us that "We are ALL IN this together!" As you visit the hallways of our school, please take the opportunity to view each staff member's vision board centered around our theme.

We look forward to seeing many parents and guardians at Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30pm-8:00pm. We will introduce all staff members that evening. Please see below for more information regarding the logistics of Back-to-School Night.

Sincerely,

Jazmin G. Lawhorn

Wendy Smith

Rolling Knolls Elementary Vision

The RKE community has a vision to develop and nurture lifelong learners in a positive, safe, and cooperative learning environment. We strive to respect our uniqueness as individuals and embrace both our similarities and differences.

Rolling Knolls Promise

I am respectful.
I am responsible.
I am safe.
I am prepared.
Today I will be the best I can be!

Important Dates

September 11	Back-to-School Night @ 6:30pm
September 30	Rosh Hashanah – All Schools and Central Offices Closed
October 2	Individual Picture Day

THANK YOU!

Our school year would not be a success without the help of our entire school community. We would like to thank our PTO for providing popsicles for the Principal Meet and Greet event and for hosting the Kindergarten/1st Grade Blast Off event. We also appreciate their support for organizing beginning of the year materials and School Kits. Thank you to our RKE families who decorated our sidewalk with special drawings and messages for our teachers and for welcoming our teachers back to school on their first day. Thank you to our parents who helped to make our front garden look beautiful again! WE APPRECIATE YOU!

2019 BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT September 11, 2019

Please consider carpooling or walking as our parking is limited. There will be 2 sessions to allow parents to visit more than one grade level. The schedule for Back to School night is as follows:

- 6:30-6:55 – Welcome
- 6:55-7:00 – Transition to Session 1 (Classrooms)
- 7:00-7:25 – Session 1
- 7:25-7:30 – Transition to Session 2 (Classrooms)
- 7:30-7:55 – Session 2
- 8:00 – End of Back-to-School Night

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School Counselor's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year at Rolling Knolls Elementary. I am looking forward to continuing to work with all of our returning students and getting to know our many new students and families. I can't wait to see all the wonderful things our students and families continue to do at R.K.E.

The School Counseling Program at R.K.E. supports the Anne Arundel County Public Schools' goal of accelerating achievement for **ALL** students, eliminating the achievement disparities among all groups of students, creating a safe and nurturing learning environment, while establishing family and community partnerships. The School Counseling Program will address student academic, personal/social needs, and career exploration in culturally responsive ways. I strive to enhance communication and build relationships with **ALL** students and their families.

RKE School Counseling Services Include:

- Providing classroom counseling lessons for all students according to the County's Core Counseling Curriculum (Each Monthly newsletter will have the topics we will be focusing on for that month.) **Also, please look for important letters from me detailing specific lessons taught in 2nd and 3rd quarter.
- Providing group counseling for students with specific needs
- Developing and supporting individual academic, personal/social, and career/long-term educational goals for students
- Connecting staff and parents with resources as needed
- Working with students individually on social issues, peer relationships, academic support, and supporting regulation/coping strategies in order to enhance academic success
- Supporting students with excessive tardiness and absenteeism

Fourth and Fifth Grade Parents:

Please see the following pages for important information sessions regarding Middle School Magnet Nights. I will also be available on Back to School Night for questions regarding the Magnet application process. Please pay attention to application deadlines as well. They will come up quickly.

This month the focus of my lessons will be the role of the school counselor as well as confidentiality protocols. I will also begin building relationships and self esteem within our students. If I can be of help to you or your children, please call the school at (410) 222-5820 or email @ ccovington-alex@aacps.org. Again, I look forward to working with you and your family. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Crystal Covington-Alexander

School Counselor



[Application for Free/Reduced Price Meals](#)

School Meal Prices

Student	
Breakfast (Full Price)	\$1.50
Lunch (Full Price, Elem. Schools)	\$2.75
Milk, ½ pint (A la Carte)	\$0.55

Lunch Menus
[September 2019](#)
[October 2019](#)



Magnet Information Nights — Fall 2019

AACPS Magnet Information Sessions!

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For more information about the Magnet Programs offered in AACPS and information about the online application process, attend one (or more!) of these information sessions, talk to your school counselor, or visit our website: www.aacps.org/magnet.

For questions about the information sessions, contact the Magnet Office at 410-533-4815 or 410-222-5435.

Specific Magnet Program Information Nights — all sessions 6:30–8:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Centers for Applied Technology (CAT)	Performing Visual Arts (PVA)	International Baccalaureate (IB)	Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)
<p><i>High School</i> CAT North October 17</p> <p>CAT South October 2 6–8 p.m.</p> <p><i>CAT applications will be accepted until March 15, 2020</i></p>	<p><i>Middle School</i> Bates Middle October 21</p> <p>Brooklyn Park Middle November 4</p> <p><i>High School</i> Annapolis High School November 7</p> <p>Broadneck High School November 5</p>	<p><i>Middle School</i> IB MYP Annapolis Middle October 10</p> <p>MacArthur Middle (will be held at Meade HS) October 29 6–7:30pm</p> <p>Old Mill Middle North October 15</p> <p><i>High School</i> IB MYP/DP Annapolis High School October 22</p> <p>Meade High School October 22</p> <p>Old Mill High School October 16</p>	<p><i>Middle School</i> Central Middle October 23</p> <p>Lindale Middle October 14</p> <p>Old Mill Middle South October 28</p> <p><i>High School</i> North County High School October 23</p> <p>South River High School October 17</p>
<p><i>Specific magnet information sessions provide an overview of the specific magnet programs offered at the host school, provide a tour of the school, and answer specific school-based magnet-related questions as well as overall AACPS magnet related inquiries. If the Information Night happens during the application window, computers may be available so that magnet applications may be filled out onsite!</i></p>			<p>STEM BioMedical Allied Health (BMAH)</p> <p><i>High School</i> Glen Burnie High School October 24</p>

When Can You Apply for the 2020–21 School Year?

The online magnet application process opens at noon on October 14, 2019, and closes at noon on November 26, 2019 (CAT Centers will accept applications through March 15, 2020).

For an overview of all of our magnet programs, [look on the back.](#)



AACPS Magnet Program Overview

Please note, Magnet programs are available only to students living in Anne Arundel County.

What is a Magnet Program?

Magnet Programs, part of Anne Arundel County's *Programs of Choice*, offer motivated students the opportunity to engage in a specialized course of study that differs from the traditional curriculum offered in AACPS. Eligible Magnet students will have the opportunity to gain rigorous and relevant learning experiences in subject areas in which they have great interest.

- A student's Magnet School is determined by their home school. (Exception: A student's PVA High School is determined by his or her Arts Major.)
- These are public school programs and are offered at no cost to students. (Some programs may have lab, field trip, or exam fees.)
- Transportation is provided from consolidated bus stops.

What Middle School Programs are available?

Students apply in the fall of Grade 5.



The **International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme** (IB MYP) provides a student-centered education that challenges students to make connections between education and the real-world as they consider their roles in both local and global communities.



The **Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math** Middle School (STEM) Magnet Program immerses students in an interdisciplinary, inquiry-based, and technology-rich curriculum where they will apply STEM content and values to the world around them.



The **Performing Visual Arts** Middle School (PVA) Magnet Program offers advanced arts instruction and performance opportunities through a strong academic curriculum interwoven with the arts.

What High School Programs are available?



The **STEM Biomedical and Allied Health** (BMAH) Magnet Program offers students hands-on experience to learn and discuss relevant 21st century biomedical and allied health issues.

Students apply to this program in the fall of Grade 8.



The **Performing Visual Arts High School** (PVA) Magnet Program immerses students in a cutting edge, arts infused college and career preparatory curriculum designed to foster effective communication and creative/critical thinking.

Students apply to this program in the fall of Grade 8.



The **Centers of Applied Technology** (CAT) Programs offer students the opportunity to apply theory and knowledge towards skills proficiency through hands-on technical experience similar to what they would receive in the commercial/ industrial workplace.

Students apply to this program in the fall of Grade 9, 10, or 11.



The **Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math** High School (STEM) Magnet Program uses problem/project-based learning and cutting-edge technology to expose students to the importance and relevance of STEM applications in the careers of tomorrow.

Students apply to this program in the fall of Grade 8.



The **International Baccalaureate Middle Years/ Diploma Programme** (IB MYP/DP) Magnet offers a broad and balanced curriculum designed to promote student centered inquiry, creative and independent thinking, and effective communication.

Students apply to this program in the fall of Grade 8 or 10.

**Sesiones informativas Magnet — otoño 2019****Sesiones informativas Magnet de AACPS**

Para más Información sobre los programas Magnet ofrecidas por AACPS y de cómo solicitar en línea, asista a una (¡o más!) de nuestras sesiones Informativas, hable con el consejero o visítenos en: www.aacps.org/magnet.

Preguntas sobre una sesión informativa se deberán dirigir a: Magnet Office al 410-222-5391 x1 o al 410-222-5342.

Noches informativas sobre el programa Magnet— todas las sesiones 6:30–8:00 p.m. a menos que se indique lo contrario

Centros de Tecnología Aplicada (CAT)	Artes Visuales y Escénicas (PVA)	Bachillerato Internacional (IB)	Ciencias, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas (STEM)
<p><i>Escuela Secundaria CAT North</i> 17 de octubre</p> <p><i>CAT South</i> 2 de octubre 6–8 p.m.</p> <p><i>Se aceptan las solicitudes para CAT hasta el 15 de marzo de 2020.</i></p>	<p><i>Escuela Intermedia Bates Middle</i> 21 de octubre</p> <p><i>Brooklyn Park Middle</i> 4 de noviembre</p> <p><i>Escuela Secundaria Annapolis High School</i> 7 de noviembre</p> <p><i>Broadneck High School</i> 5 de noviembre</p>	<p><i>Escuela Intermedia IB MYP</i> <i>Annapolis Middle</i> 10 de octubre</p> <p><i>MacArthur Middle</i> <i>(la reunión será en la Meade HS)</i> 29 de octubre 6–7:30pm</p> <p><i>Old Mill Middle North</i> 15 de octubre</p> <p><i>IB MYP/DP</i> <i>Escuela Secundaria Annapolis High School</i> 22 de octubre</p> <p><i>Meade High School</i> 22 de octubre</p> <p><i>Old Mill High School</i> 16 de octubre</p>	<p><i>Escuela Intermedia Central Middle</i> 23 de octubre</p> <p><i>Lindale Middle</i> 14 de octubre</p> <p><i>Old Mill Middle South</i> 28 de octubre</p> <p><i>Escuela Secundaria North County High School</i> 23 de octubre</p> <p><i>South River High School</i> 17 de octubre</p> <p>STEM Biomedicina y Materias de Salud (BMAH)</p> <p><i>Glen Burnie High School</i> 24 de octubre</p>
<p><i>Las sesiones informativas de programas específicos ofrecen un panorama del programa magnet que imparte la escuela, además de un tour del plantel y respuestas a preguntas específicas sobre ese programa magnet y otros programas magnet de AACPS. ¡Si la Noche de Información ocurre durante el periodo de aplicaciones, las computadoras estarán disponibles para que estas aplicaciones sean completadas allí mismo!</i></p>			

¿Cuándo puede solicitar un programa Magnet para el curso 2020–2021?

Se aceptan las solicitudes desde el mediodía del 14 de octubre hasta el mediodía del 26 de noviembre. Se aceptan las solicitudes para CAT hasta el 15 de marzo de 2020.

Mire el reverso para más información sobre estos programas.



AACPS Resumen de los Programas Magnet

Sólo son disponibles para los residentes de Anne Arundel County.

¿Qué es un programa Magnet?

Los programas Magnet, parte de los *Programas de elección* del condado de Anne Arundel, ofrecen a los estudiantes motivados la oportunidad de participar en cursos especializados de estudio, diferentes a los del currículo regular de AACPS. Los estudiantes elegibles para el programa Magnet podrán ganar experiencias de aprendizaje importantes en áreas académicas en las que tengan interés.

- La escuela Magnet de un estudiante se determina a partir de su escuela base. (Excepción: la secundaria PVA a la que asistirá un estudiante se determina por la rama artística.)
- Estos son programas de escuelas públicas y se ofrecen gratis a los estudiantes. (Algunos programas cobrarán por laboratorio, excursiones y/o exámenes.)
- Se provee transportación desde paradas determinadas.

¿Qué programas de escuela intermedia hay?

Este programa de escuela intermedia se solicita en el otoño de 5º grado.



El programa de **Bachillerato Internacional de Intermedia** (IB MYP) ofrece una educación centrada en el estudiante y retos para que descubran nuevos nexos entre la educación y la vida diaria, mientras consideran sus roles en las comunidades local y global.



El Programa Magnet de la Escuela Intermedia (STEM) en **Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería, y Matemática** sumerge a los estudiantes en un enriquecido currículo interdisciplinario, basado en la investigación, y tecnológico donde ellos aplicaran en el mundo que gira a su alrededor los valores y contenido parte de STEM.



El programa Magnet de **Artes Visuales y Escénicas** de intermedia (PVA) ofrece instrucción avanzada en las artes visuales y escénicas mediante un currículo riguroso que combina artes con materias académicas.



El programa Magnet de **Artes Visuales y Escénicas** (PVA) ofrece un currículo de avanzada, combinando materias artísticas con las académicas para fomentar el éxito artístico y académico y el pensamiento crítico y creativo.

Este programa se solicita en el otoño del 8º grado.

¿Qué programas de escuela secundaria hay?



El programa Magnet de **STEM Biomedicina y Materias de Salud** (BMAH) ofrece a los estudiantes un aprendizaje práctico así como les instruye acerca de los temas más relevantes de la biomedicina y la salud en el siglo XXI.

Este programa se solicita en el otoño del 8º grado.



Centros de Tecnología Aplicada (CAT) ofrece a los estudiantes la oportunidad de aplicar conocimientos teóricos y prácticos para dominar las destrezas mediante experimentos prácticos similares a los que encontrarían en un ambiente laboral industrial/comercial.

Este programa se solicita en el otoño de los grados 9, 10 u 11.



El Programa Magnet de la Escuela Secundaria (STEM) en **Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería, y Matemática** utiliza aprendizaje basado en problema/proyecto y tecnología para exponer a los estudiantes a la importancia y relevancia de las aplicaciones de STEM en las carreras del mañana.

Este programa se solicita en el otoño del 8º grado.



El programa Magnet de **Bachillerato Internacional de Intermedia/Diploma** (IB MYP/DP) ofrece un currículo amplio y balanceado, diseñado a promover la creatividad e independencia de pensamiento, así como una comunicación efectiva.

Este programa se solicita en el otoño de los grados 8 y 10.