

October

2023

## Southgate Elementary IB PYP World School

School Hours: 8:00-2:25  
Office Hours: 7:15-3:15

Mr. Greubel, Principal  
Ms. Tuscano, Assistant Principal

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Dear Parents,

As we enter the month of October, we find ourselves in full swing of our school year. Routines are developing and our students are becoming accustomed to the new school year. Our teachers and students have been working hard to get to know each other and build relationships. I would like to thank all the parents who attended "Back to School" night on September 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful evening to engage families and share information. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or our school office if you have any questions. Teacher email addresses can be found on our website at <https://www.aacps.org/Page/5085>

It was also wonderful to see so many parents and community members at our Volunteer Orientation on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to a variety of opportunities to have volunteers support our school.

We are so excited to announce that our STEM program has begun classes the week of September 26<sup>th</sup>. Our students will engage in weekly hands-on opportunities to work cooperatively and solve real world problems. Please engage your students in conversation as to the activities and what they are learning during these opportunities.

As we continue through the school year, it will be important for families to sign in to **Parent Portal** to check student progress, attendance, as well as view interims and report cards. If you do not have a Parent Portal account, please contact Mrs. McLaren (our Registration Secretary) at (410) 582-4900.

The month of October will be filled with FUN! During this month, we will hold our first attendance challenge of the year. The class in each grade with the highest attendance percentage for the month will have a celebration of their choice. On October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm, we will host Hispanic Heritage Night. This event will include snacks, music, crafts, and school information. On **October 27<sup>th</sup>, we will host our PTA Fall Festival for our Southgate community!** The Fall Festival will include Trick or Treating as well as Book Fair Shopping. Please be on the lookout for additional details for these events.

### Upcoming Events

**October 11 – PTA Meeting @ 5:30 Media Center**  
**October 17 – Professional Development**  
**2hr Early dismissal (@12:25)**  
**October 23 – Fall Book Fair Kickoff**  
**October 24 – Fall Pictures**  
**October 27 – PTA Fall Festival**  
**October 30 & 31**  
**End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking period**  
**2hr Early dismissal (@12:25)**  
**November 1 - Professional Development**  
**School Closed (Elementary & Middle)**  
**November 20 & 21 - Parent Conferences**  
**Closed for Students**  
**November 22-24 - Thanksgiving**  
**Schools and Central Offices Closed**  
**November 28 – Fall Pictures Retakes (@12:25)**

If your child/children are in need of a Chromebook, please reach out to Mrs. Argubright in the office at 410-582-4900 or [hargubright@aacps.org](mailto:hargubright@aacps.org). Once the request is made, an electronic User Agreement will be sent. the agreement is returned, the Chromebook will be issued to the child.



## Picture Day - October 24<sup>th</sup>

Time to smile and look your best! Lifetouch Studios will be at school on October 24, 2023, to take Fall pictures.

If you choose to purchase pictures, you will need to fill out the envelope and enclose cash or check made payable to Lifetouch Studios. Please send in with your child on picture day.



Please remember to put your child's name in their backpack, lunch boxes and jackets. If any item is lost, we do have a lost and found across from the cafeteria.

**Southgate ES Parents:**

**Middle School  
Magnet Programs**

Please click on the link below for more information

[Magnet Program Parent Link](#)

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION POLICY

Birthdays are very special days to honor and celebrate your child. We understand the excitement and wanting to share with classmates, however, Birthday Treats are not allowed. This includes cupcakes, cookies, balloons, etc.. Students will be recognized on the announcements. Thank you for your understanding.



### MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL:

According to the Anne Arundel County Board of Education policy, all medications, including over the counter medicated items, must be labeled with the child's name and brought to the Health Room by an adult along with a completed and signed **Parent's Request to Administer Medication at School** form. The medication forms can be accessed from the Health Room or by clicking on this link <https://www.aahealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/med-form.pdf>.

Please contact us with any health concerns or changes in the status in the health of your children. We are available in the health room between **8:00am – 2:30pm** every school day.

Health Room Phone Number 410-582-4907

# 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.

## Next PTA Meeting

**October 11, 2023 @ 5:300 pm in the Media Center**

If you are interested in joining the PTA or the Facebook page, use the QR codes below!



Facebook

To join pta: [southgatepta.memberhub.com](https://southgatepta.memberhub.com) or email Lisa DeLuca (president): [southgatepta290@gmail.com](mailto:southgatepta290@gmail.com)

# Harvest for the Hungry

**OCTOBER 1-31, 2023**

**DONATE ONLINE**

at [aacps.org/harvest](http://aacps.org/harvest).

**BRING IN FOOD**

to your local school.



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
FOOD BANK

All proceeds benefit  
the Anne Arundel  
County Food Bank.



## DID YOU KNOW?



Food insecurity impacts a child's ability to learn.



Every dollar collected is equivalent to 1 pound of food.



1 in 8 families in Anne Arundel County struggle with food insecurity.



Monetary donations purchase exactly what is needed for our community.

## FOOD LIST

Please bring the following  
nonperishable items.

### CANNED FOOD

Fruits & Juices	Tuna, Salmon & Sardines
Meat, Ham & Chicken	Vegetables
Stews & Soups	

### DRIED FOOD

No glass please.

Beans	Peanut Butter
Evaporated Milk	Powdered Milk
Infant Formula	Puddings & Custards
Macaroni & Cheese	Rice Cakes
Multigrain Crackers	Sauces & Salad Dressing
Nuts & Seeds	Whole Grain Cereals
Oatmeal	Whole Grain Pastas

## HIGH-PRIORITY ITEMS

- ✓ Baby Food & Formula
- ✓ Beans & Legumes (Dried)  
(1-pound Bags)  
(Pinto, Black, Lentils)
- ✓ Healthy Snacks  
(Breakfast Bars, Dried Fruit, Etc.)
- ✓ Nutritional Shakes (Ensure, Boost)
- ✓ Peanut Butter and Jelly (Plastic Jars)
- ✓ Rice (1-pound Bags or Boxes)



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# CELEBREMOS NUESTRA HERENCIA HISPANA

## EN SOUTHGATE

REFRIGERIOS, MÚSICA, MANUALIDADES,  
INFORMACIÓN DE LA ESCUELA  
Y ¡MUCHA DIVERSIÓN!

**MÉRCOLES, 11 DE OCTUBRE - 5:30 PM**

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**POR FAVOR CONFIRME SU ASISTENCIA:**  
FIRME Y DEVUELVA AL MAESTRO(A) DE SU ESTUDIANTE ANTES DEL 4 DE OCTUBRE DE 2023

NOMBRE DEL ESTUDIANTE/S: \_\_\_\_\_  
GRADO/S: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAESTRO(A) DEL ESTUDIANTE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NÚMERO DE PADRES/ADULTOS QUE ASISTEN: \_\_\_\_\_  
NÚMERO DE ESTUDIANTES/NIÑOS QUE ASISTEN: \_\_\_\_\_




# LET'S CELEBRATE OUR HISPANIC HERITAGE

## AT SOUTHGATE

SNACKS, MUSIC, CRAFTS, SCHOOL  
INFORMATION AND  
LOTS OF FUN!

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 - 5:30 PM**

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**RSVP**  
PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHER BY OCTOBER 4, 2023

STUDENT(S) NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
GRADE(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT'S TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER OF PARENTS/ADULTS ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER OF STUDENTS/CHILDREN ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

The AACPS Office of School and Family Partnerships is launching **Family Academy**, a learning platform for parents and guardians to help them support their students. Family Academy is an extension of the AACPS learning management system, Brightspace.

To access the Family Academy visit [www.aacps.org/brightspaceparent](http://www.aacps.org/brightspaceparent) and click on the red Parent & Guardian button. There are three initial Family Academy courses available in the course waffle:

- Academics and Programs
- Wellbeing and Growth
- Navigating Resources

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

**Southgate Elementary** is having a Joe Corbi's Fundraiser!

We will earn a portion of every order placed through **Monday, October 9, 2023**

If you have a student at Southgate, please support them by placing your order with them. They can earn cool prizes and/or CASH!

Or just go to joecorbi.com and click "SHOP" -- don't forget to enter our PARTICIPANT CODE 7491 so we get the benefits from your generous support.

Thank you for your support!



**Did you know?**

**Apples grow in apple orchards.  
One apple has around 6-10 apple seeds.  
One cup of apple juice is made from three apples.**



**What is your favorite type of apple?**

## VIRTUAL SUPPORT FOR ELEMENTARY MATH

### AACPS Elementary Math Virtual Family Support is back!

Join us with questions about Pre-K through grade 5 math concepts or in search of help understanding current problem-solving teaching/ techniques.

**Who?** Parents, guardians, or other adults who help students learn

**When?** On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
(First session begins Tuesday, September 26th)

**Where?** Live Google Meets (See links below) with AACPS math teachers

**\*English and Spanish support is available**



Please use the Google Meet links below where a math teacher tutor will provide a visual response with support.

**Primary (Pre-K - 2nd Grade)**

Link: [meet.google.com/yqy-bwfg-uxi](https://meet.google.com/yqy-bwfg-uxi)

**Intermediate (3rd -5th Grade)**

Link: [meet.google.com/ujs-rwje-xie](https://meet.google.com/ujs-rwje-xie)



## APOYO VIRTUAL PARA MATEMÁTICAS DE PRIMARIA

### ¡El apoyo Familiar Virtual de AACPS para Primaria en Matemáticas ha regresado!

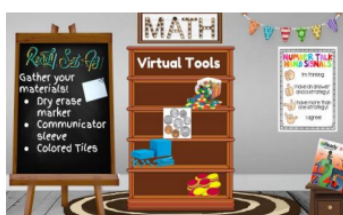
Únase a nosotros con preguntas sobre los conceptos matemáticos de Pre-kínder hasta 5 grado o en busca de ayuda para comprender la enseñanza / técnicas actuales de resolución de problemas.

**¿Quién?** Padres, tutores legales u otros adultos que ayudan a los estudiantes a aprender

**¿Cuándo?** Los MARTES y JUEVES por la noche, 6 p.m. a 8 p.m.  
(Primera sesión comienza el martes 26 de septiembre)

**¿Dónde?** En vivo por Google Meets (ver el enlace abajo) con maestras de matemáticas de AACPS

**\*Apoyo disponible en inglés y español**



Por favor, utilice los siguientes enlaces de Google Meet, donde un tutor de matemáticas brindará respuesta visual con apoyo.

**Grados Primarios  
(Pre-K - 2 Grado)**

Link: [meet.google.com/yqy-bwfg-uxi](https://meet.google.com/yqy-bwfg-uxi)

**Grados Intermedios (3 -5 Grado)**

Link: [meet.google.com/ujs-rwje-xie](https://meet.google.com/ujs-rwje-xie)



# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

**OCTOBER 23RD - OCTOBER 27TH**  
- OPEN DURING OUR FALL FEST -

**E WALLET, CASH, CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED**