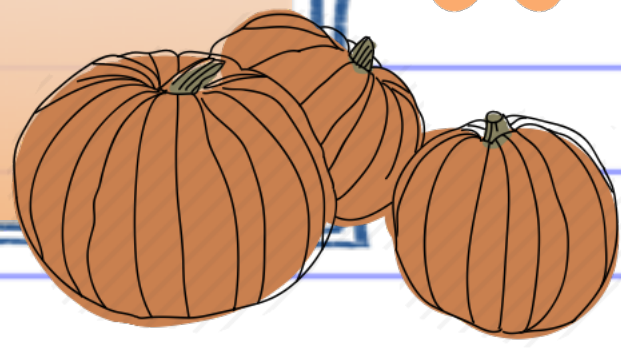
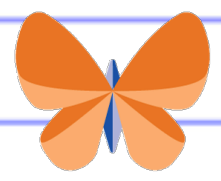




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* Your monthly guide to school news, information and events.

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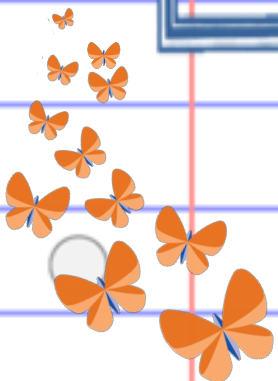
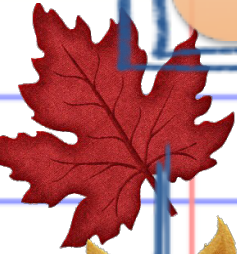
Wow, October is already here! We have many updates and reminders for you this month. Please review the information inside and contact us if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to get involved!

<http://monarchacademy.org/annapolis/> (410) 934-1444

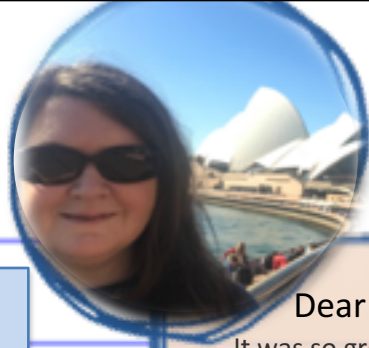
OCTOBER 2019

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri |
|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 PYP & Parents @6pm (gr. K-3) | 4 World Smiley Day! |
| 7 Interims Home School Photos PTA General Mtg 6-730pm | 8 2-hr Early Dismissal | 9 No School | 10 PYP & Parents @6pm (gr. 4-5) | 11 Spirit Day Pink Hope Hispanic Heritage Month party |
| | 14 | 15 No School Conferences | 16 No School Conferences | 17 5th Grade Drown-Proofing |
| | | --- Harvest for the Hungry - Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive --- | | |
| 21 Flu Clinic 5th Grade Drown-Proofing | 22 5th Grade Drown-Proofing | 23 Unity Day! | 24 | 25 PB&J Spirit Day! |
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| 28 Trunk or Treat @5:30pm | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

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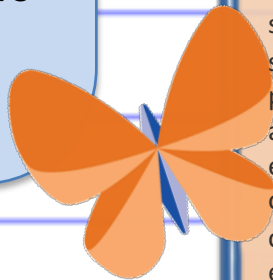


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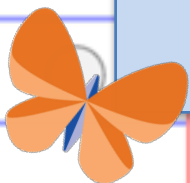
Monarch Academy Annapolis (MAA) is a Public Charter School contracted through AACPS, run by The Children's Guild. The Children's Guild programs are guided by [Transformation Education \(TranZed\)](#), MAA is approaching the authorization to become an official International Baccalaureate, Primary Years Programme School.



Our Mission

At Monarch Academy Annapolis, we educate the whole child by empowering students to embrace diversity, inspire curiosity, and cultivate compassion.

**Exceptional Education
for Every Learner!**



Dear Monarch Annapolis Families,

It was so great to see so many of you at our Back to School Night and Community Dinner/Fair! We are delighted to have you at Monarch Annapolis and just love your kids!

October is a busy month for us! As we've settled into our school routines, we are digging deeper into academic content and amazing learning experiences. We also have Parent Teacher Conferences to look forward to in the middle of the month. I urge you to sign up for a conference to better understand your child's progress and ways to partner with the teacher to support your child's development.

In October, we will also have our 1st Unity Day of the year. This is an important day for all schools and specifically for our school to promote inclusion and stand up against Bullying. As a contract school that pulls students from around the county, we have an amazing and diverse student body. Developing empathy and understanding is an important layer of our work at school. At Monarch Annapolis, we are committed to ensuring a safe and orderly environment and we need your support reminding our children to demonstrate expected behaviors, keep hands, feet and things to themselves, and to work through the problem solving strategies when challenges arise.

Finally, I encourage you to become involved with our school! You are invited to our PTA meetings, Monarch Anne Arundel Board meetings, and we have many family evening activities coming up! We appreciate partnering with you in your child's education! If I can be of assistance to your child, please contact me at ramstutz@aacps.org or (410) 934-1444.

~Ms. Rachel Amstutz

Hello Fall

Family Involvement Conference



Save the Date!

Saturday, November 16, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold MD



Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming!

October 15th & 16th

When parents and schools partner for students, we see amazing gains in social/emotional and academic skills. AACPS has set aside 2 days for fall conferences in mid-October and we want to see you there! Teachers will be opening their conference schedules to you in the very near future to allow you to pick a convenient time. If we don't hear from you, expect to hear from us! We need to connect to ensure we are all on the same page to help your child exceed expectations!

Bullying is behavior that...

- Is intentional.
- Is repeated over time: Chronic bullying is considered more than 2 acts per month.
- Is intended to harm: There is an intent to cause physical or emotional hurt.
- Involves a power differential: One person is more popular, bigger, older than another.
- Creates a hostile educational environment: a student doesn't feel safe.
- Could be done through the use of social media, otherwise known as [Cyberbullying](http://cyberbullying.org/) - read [more at http://cyberbullying.org/](http://cyberbullying.org/)

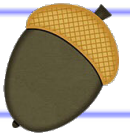
Bullying is NOT...

- Unkind words that occur once.
- Rough-housing or rough play that is not intended to hurt
- A physical attack that is not part of a pattern of behavior
- Behavior that may be inappropriate to the adult, but that the other does not perceive as hurtful, for example name-calling that all are participating in on an equal basis.

[AACPS BULLYING, HARASSMENT & INTIMIDATION FORM](https://secure.aacps.org/webapps/SEFP/OSOS)

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Important Resources



- [October Lunch Menu](#)

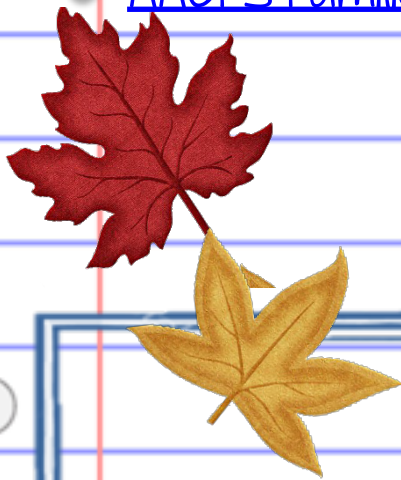
https://aacpschools.org/nutrition/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/October_2019_590.pdf

- [Digital 2019-2020 AACPS Calendar](#)

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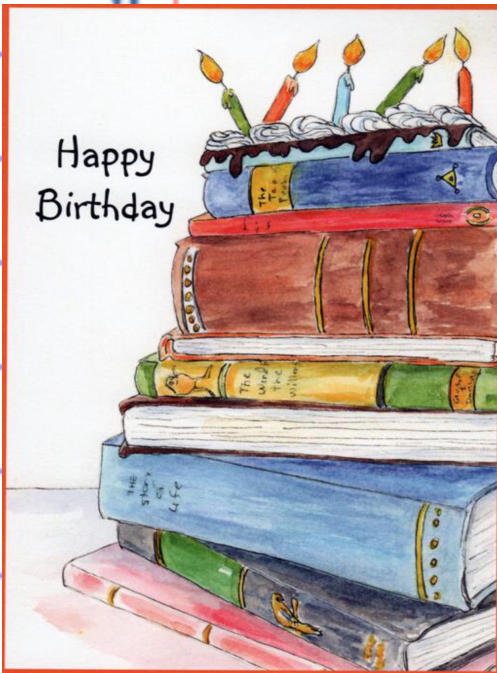
- [AACPS Families Resources](#)

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



Not receiving digital communication from us?
Please let us know immediately!

MonarchAnnapolis@gmail.com



The Reading Team is happy to announce that all Monarch Annapolis students will receive a book as a gift on their birthdays! Books are at a range of levels and topics so that students will be able to select a book that interests them. Birthdays are celebrated at our new Town Hall meetings and will include all birthdays for the month. As part of the celebration, each grade is learning to sing "Happy Birthday" in Spanish to support our International Baccalaureate curriculum. The grade level sings to our birthday students and then they are able to select a book of their choice. If you would like to donate any new books, in English or Spanish, please contact our Literacy Teachers Cathryn Nash, cnash@aacps.org or Alison Good, ahgood@aacps.org

Important Dates

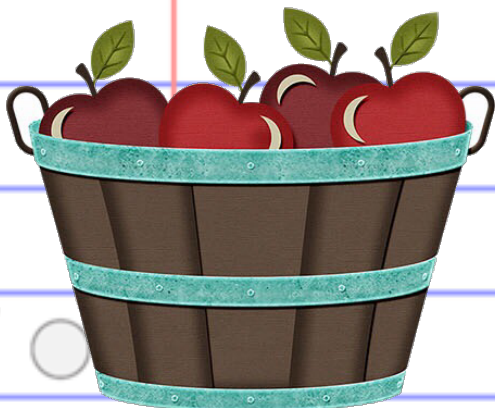


November:

- 11/1 PTA Movie Night
- 11/4 Chuck-EE-Cheese Fundraiser 3-9pm
- 11/7 & 8 2hr Early Dismissal (12:55)
- 11/8 Spirit Day ü Red, White & Blue
- 11/12 Student Showcase
- 11/18 Retakes: School Photos
- 11/18 Maryland Science Center Night 5pm
- 11/21 Heart Talk for Parents 6pm
- 11/22 Spirit Day ü Football Friday

December:

- 12/5 2hr Early Dismissal (12:55)
- 12/6 Spirit Day ü Favorite Holiday Sweater
- 12/11 Heart Market
- 12/11 Monarch Anne Arundel Board Mtg
- 12/13 Winter Festival
- 12/19 Holiday Boutique
- 12/20 Spirit Day ü Pajama Day
- 12/20 PTA Membership Night Out @ Skate Zone
- 12/23 - 1/1 Winter Break



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Welcome to Instrumental Music. All information about instrumental music (including schedules, concerts, PVA, and forms) can be found here: brimhallmusic.weebly.com. You can also email Mrs. Brimhall at cbrimhall@aacps.org. Thank you!

Code of Conduct Reminders

Students should:

1. Promote and work toward making school a positive, supportive, safe, and welcoming place for all students and staff.
2. Respect and be courteous to fellow students, parents/ guardians, and school staff.
3. Understand and comply with discipline policies, regulations, and rules.
4. Follow school rules, even when not specifically asked to do so.
5. Make every reasonable effort to participate actively in any conferences, activities, interventions, or programs recommended appropriately by school staff.
6. Recognize how their conduct affects other students and school staff and make every reasonable effort to restore relationships affected by their conduct.
7. Request to complete make- up work while they are out of school for disciplinary reasons, so that they do not fall behind.
8. Share ideas and strategies for improving school climate and school discipline practices.

[Learn more here!](#)

Unity Day

Bullying affects more than one in every five students around the country. On October 23rd, Monarch Academy Annapolis is showing that we are together against bullying by celebrating Unity Day. This is a featured event during National Bullying Prevention Month with a simple call to action: wear and share orange. Along with wearing orange, we are also working together as a school to show that we care about safe and supportive communities for all students. For information and resources, visit [PACER.org/bullying](https://www.pacer.org/bullying).

<https://www.aacps.org/cms/lib/M02215556/Centricity/Domain/247/codeofconduct2018.pdf>



Monarch Academy Annapolis

Unity Day 2019

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Make it **ORANGE** and make bullying end!

The Staff and Students of Monarch Academy Annapolis are coming together in one giant **ORANGE** message of hope and support!



STOP cyberbullying



We are asking everyone to wear and share **ORANGE** to visibly show that our school community believes that no child should ever experience bullying!

Each grade level will participate in a fun and exciting project to support Bully Prevention!

Let's make
Wednesday, October 23rd a success...
WEAR ORANGE!

Monarch Academy Annapolis
2019 Kids Helping Kids Food & Fund Drive

Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive

Monday, October 7, 2019 to Friday, October 25, 2019

Calling all Monarch Families to donate the following...



***Peanut Butter**

(any brand accepted)

***Jelly - Any Flavor**

(any brand accepted - NO GLASS JARS PLEASE)

**Our Goal is to collect
100 jars of PB&J !**



Poverty is affecting over 28,000 people in Anne Arundel County. With your help we can provide them with food in these difficult times.

Proceeds benefit the Anne Arundel County Food and Resources Bank

Please contact Mrs. Nikki Johnson, School Counselor with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your service to our community!

Monarch Academy Annapolis



Spirit Days!

Building a positive school climate is one of our many goals here at Monarch Academy Annapolis. As an educational team we want our students and staff to come to school each day with an excitement for learning, teaching, and being an active service member of our community. Our monthly "Spirit Days" are just one way for our students to positively participate in something that makes our community great!

Friday, October 11th

Pink Hope Day!



*in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month

*students and staff dress in pink (students should wear uniform bottoms - khaki or navy)

Friday, October 25th

PB & J Day!



Food Drive



*a culmination to our Harvest for the Hungry: Kids Helping Kids Campaign (don't forget to send in your donations of PB&J)

*students and staff dress in purple shirts (jelly) and khaki uniform bottoms (peanut butter)