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

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## Who We Are

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!**

## A message from your principal!

Dear Marvelous Monarch Annapolis Families,

Perhaps by the time you read this newsletter, the school year will be down to near completion. And what a year it was! We as Monarch Academy Annapolis (MAA) had to be flexible and patient as students, teachers and parents to move through a challenging and changing year. By the end our teachers were teaching both students in the classroom as well as continuing to teach on-line virtual students. We are thankful for all-all means all-for everyone to make this a unique year. Survival is one thing in a time of change, but engaging and gaining success in the teaching and learning process is another. [Take a look at some of the great learning activities your students have been engaged in this last quarter.](#) Try to remember several items as you share with a friend or neighbor what a great school we have here at MAA!

While the school year ends with two early dismissal days on Thursday and Friday June 17 and 18, MAA has a busy summer planned including tutoring programs, art camps, and teacher training programs. Check out the page on summer activities for more information.

I will complete my tenure at MAA the end of this month. I would like you to know that it has been my pleasure to serve as Acting Principal for 4 months. We have made good progress and finished well! MAA, I have learned is a great and unique school. I would share with a neighbor, a friend or a prospective Monarch parent that the staff is very competent and caring, that we address teaching and growing the total child, and we make curriculum relevant, creative and exciting with our transdisciplinary PYP-SEL-arts integration approach. Enjoy your summer!

**Sincerely,  
Mr. Paul DeRoo**

# UPDATES from Mr. Clapper



The 2020-2021 school year has been incredibly challenging, but it has also had amazing opportunities for our scholars. Our students this year started experiencing Canopy and Meg Languages. We created an eSchool and started a Pre-K program for our students. Our students and staff have learned about new technology tools that will make instruction even stronger in the future.

## Chromebooks

Since the pandemic started, we have provided chromebooks to over 550 of our students. Students in Pre-K to Grade 4 who are returning to Monarch Academy Annapolis are encouraged to keep the chromebook they have borrowed at home this summer and use it at school in the Fall. For our Grade 5 students, and Pre-K - Grade 4 students not returning in the fall, we ask that borrowed chromebooks are returned Monarch Academy Annapolis so they can be processed and prepared for new students who will need them next year. All of our devices are connected to our Monarch network. They are not compatible with other AACPS schools and will not work in other buildings. Chromebooks can be returned to Monarch Academy Annapolis after the last student day of school.

## Reach Out To Our Awesome Assistant Principals!

**Mr. Johnson-** [sljohnson5@aacps.org](mailto:sljohnson5@aacps.org)

**Mr. Clapper-** [bclapper@aacps.org](mailto:bclapper@aacps.org)



I will think positively.  
 I believe in myself.  
 I have the courage to work hard  
 to reach my goals and dreams.  
 My struggles help me grow. I will  
 be successful today.  
 I matter.  
 I am amazing.  
**Today is going to be an  
 awesome day!**





### Literacy in June

Summer is almost here! Please check out all of the fun summer events at your local library. Join the [Summer@ Your Library Challenge](#) and start logging your reading and fun activities for prizes. <https://www.aacpl.net/summer>

Here is a great resource for **what** to read this summer. The library has books listed for each grade and they are usually on display in the children's section. They have suggestions for Prekindergarten all the way to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. If your child picks a book lower or higher on the list, that works too as it is always more fun to read a book that interests you.

<https://www.aacpl.net/summer/readinglists>

As always, if your child wants to share what they are reading – please email Ms. Nash [cnash@aacps.org](mailto:cnash@aacps.org) or Ms. Good [ahgood@aacps.org](mailto:ahgood@aacps.org) and you can get a shout out on the morning announcements. Happy Reading!

**HAPPY  
READING!**

LITERACY



**Virtual Student Support Center**

The Student Support Team wanted to remind students and families about the Virtual Student Support Center. This tool will be open to all students. To access the Virtual Student Support Center:

- Open the virtual school: <https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/virtualmaa/>
- Click “To Classrooms”
- Click “Student Support”
- Click on the door – welcome to our offices (contact & parent forms are here)
- To get to the student access page click “Student Access to the Virtual SSC”

[Direct Link to the Virtual Student Support Center](#)

**Cultural Fact Collection**

As you know on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings we celebrate ALL CULTURES on the morning announcements.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are looking for anyone that wants to celebrate a cultural fact. Your fact might just be shared on the morning announcements! You could share anything from highlighting a country, a dish, a word/phrase, a famous person, ANYTHING that connects to a culture/heritage you want to celebrate.

All students and families are welcome to participate. Facts will be announced on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We will be giving shout outs for students whose facts are announced.

Sign Up Link: <https://forms.gle/f8dG7Baj9QG9PygU6>

**eClubs**

Thank you to everyone who made eClubs so successful this year! Our Adventures In Bookland club still has a few sessions left for anyone who is interested! An email is sent out on Tuesdays with the link if you want to come and hear a great book read by guest readers! Hope to see you on Tuesdays at 4:30pm!

If you have any ideas for next year reach out to Kate McFaul at [mcfaulk@monarchacademy.org](mailto:mcfaulk@monarchacademy.org)

**Family Resources**

In February we hosted our first Family EdCamp – there were amazing sessions across a variety of topics to support your students. We wanted to make sure all families had access to these resources and created a space where you could view all of the workshops.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16lqVp7CC3eYf1USTdSjDoNH1GtvVbM-ABwjsYfkkADQ/edit?usp=sharing>

# \*Special Project\*



## Time Capsule Project

*Please join with us as we memorialize our shared Pandemic experience in our Monarch Annapolis Time Capsule project.*

Please contribute an item that captures your Pandemic experience at MAA. There is a box on the dock in the main office where staff, students and our families may contribute their item. The collection box will be there until the end of the May. We will officially close and "bury" the Time Capsule at the school before the end of the school year. Invitations to join will be forthcoming. We will open the Time Capsule on March 13, 2034, the year our current kindergartners will graduate from High School. We encourage all staff, students, and families to participate.



*Únase a nosotros mientras conmemoramos nuestra experiencia pandémica en un proyecto de Capsula del Tiempo en Monarch Annapolis.*

*Contribuya con un artículo que capture su experiencia pandémica en MAA. Hay una caja en el muelle de la oficina principal donde el personal, los estudiantes y nuestras familias pueden contribuir con sus artículos. La caja para recoger artículos estará disponible hasta finales de mayo. Cerraremos y "enterraremos" oficialmente la Cápsula del Tiempo en la escuela antes de que finalice el año escolar. Próximamente estaremos enviando invitaciones para que puedan unirse. Abriremos La Capsula del Tiempo el 13 de marzo de 2034, el año en que nuestros estudiantes de kínder actuales se graduarán de la escuela secundaria. Alentamos a todo el personal, estudiantes y familias a participar.*

# Summer Programs

THE CHILDREN'S GUILD ALLIANCE PRESENTS  
**TRANSFORMATION THEATRE COMPANY**  
PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER CAMPS


**Let your child SHINE!**  
Sing • Act • Dance • Perform • Rock  
gain confidence and learn new skills ★ enjoy a final showcase for families

<b>WEEK 1</b> <b>BROADWAY BOUND</b> July 5–July 9 DANCING • ACTING • SINGING	<b>WEEK 2</b> <b>MONARCH ROCKS!</b> July 12–16 MUSIC MAKING • SONGWRITING	<b>WEEK 3</b> <b>Merry Tales</b> August 2–6 9am–1pm grades K-2 Cost is \$175 per week
<b>WEEKS 3-4</b> <b>SHOWTIME</b> July 19–30 Cost is \$500 for this 2 week camp. MUSICAL THEATRE — ADVENTURES OF ALADDIN	<b>WEEKS 5-6</b> <b>Kids First Chorus</b> Aug. 2–6 & Aug. 9–13 CAPPELLA • SHOW CHOIR • HIP-HOP	<b>WEEK 5</b> CREATIVE MOVEMENT • ACTING

Scholarships available on a sliding scale for students enrolled in a Monarch Academy (first come first served). Enrolling more than one child? Enjoy a 10% sibling discount.

For more information & how to register  
**SCAN HERE**  
or visit: [MonarchAcademy.org/camp](https://MonarchAcademy.org/camp)

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**Summer Tutoring Available!** Please email Mr. Johnson or Mr. Clapper for more information.

It's all about  
**PREK**

**AACPS SUMMER 2021**



Link:  
<https://www.aacps.org/summer>

**Summer School PreK at MAA**  
**Dates: July 6-30th**  
**Times: 8:30am - 3:30pm**  
**\*Invitation only**