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

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May 2021

3	4	5 Kindness Grows Assembly	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27 PreK-K Spring Conferences	28
31 Memorial Day Schools closed				



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,

Last month, I mentioned that we were moving out of the cold and grey days of February and March. Now we are benefitting from the longer days – more sunshine and April showers which have turned our planet here at Monarch into a mural of green with splotches of color of beautiful flowers adding to that mural.

As we enter the month of May, we are now one month closer to the end of the school year. This is the last marking period, so please remind and prompt your students to **finish well and work hard** these last 7 weeks. Whether students are in the building or online learning from home, each student has the opportunity to be fully engaged and should complete the learning tasks as given by the teacher. And learning opportunities don't end on June 18. The summer brings a continuation of activities, both summer camps and tutoring sessions. Please stay tuned for more details.

I want to congratulate and thank the MAA PTA for their leadership with a very successful fundraiser for the school. A big thank you to each of the families that participated to make this work. Additionally, the PTA brought in treats for Teacher Appreciation Week—the staff and faculty are very thankful.

We continue to navigate through these times of the pandemic. We have had a handful of cases affecting staff and students. If there is a safety concern due to exposure or closeness, you will be contacted by an administrator with a call and by AACPS with a letter stating the concern. As we follow the AACPS guidelines on covid-affected enrollment, MAA has an increased student presence on campus. After two rounds of re-entry options, there are about 60 more students in the building adding up to a total number of 300 Monarchs. This represents about 45% of the students, not including our 100 e-school students.

Needless to say, it has been a privilege for me to be a part of the MAA community while serving as Acting Principal since early March. I am continually impressed with the hard work of the staff and faculty, for their love of learning and teaching, for their skills in delivering hybrid instruction and synchronous learning, and their care and support of the students.

While you look at summer opportunities, we are preparing for next year, anticipating that all students will be back in August. MAA offers a rich diversity of teaching and learning activities in a multi-faceted way: the strong tenants of the PYP program, teaching the total child, and the integration of the arts, along with our eSchool option. Share the great things that MAA can offer with your neighbors and friends.

Sincerely,
Mr. Paul DeKoo

UPDATES from Mr. Clapper



Testing

Prior to the pandemic, students in grades 3, 4, and 5 would take state assessments (called PARCC) at the end of the school year. These assessments were postponed for the Spring of 2020 and will be again postponed for the 2021 school. Our current guidance is that students in these grade levels will take assessments in the Fall of 2021, which will help establish a baseline of their skills.

Students at Monarch Academy Annapolis will take one more administration of the iReady. This assessment will be in both Reading and Math for students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Grade levels will begin testing in Mid May. Specific dates and times will be shared with grade levels prior to the start of testing.

Reach Out To Our Awesome Assistant Principals!

Mr. Johnson- sjohnson5@aacps.org / Mr. Clapper- 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!**



Important Dates

May:

3 | 17 - MAA Spring Bookfair
5 - Kindness Grows Assembly
 7 - Interims
27 | 28 - Spring PreK & Kindergarten Conferences
28 - Kindergarten Orientation
31 - Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)

Coming up in June:

17 | 18 - End of fourth marking period. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for all Prekindergarten and ECI
18 - Last day for students
21 - Last day for teachers

Important Resources

Coronavirus Information and Updates can be found here:
<https://health.maryland.gov/coronavirus>

**AACPS
 SUMMER
 2021**



Link:

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

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

MonarchAnnapolis@gmail.com

● MAA Virtual School Link

● AACPS Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Reporting Form

● AACPS Families Resources

● Digital 2020-2021 AACPS Calendar

"I love the way that each book — **any book** — is its own journey. You open it, and off you go..." ü
 -Sharon Creech



Literacy in November

Spring is in full swing!

Seasons are a great opportunity to teach vocabulary. Words can range from basic for primary students to advanced for intermediate students. Try the names of the spring months like April and May for young learners, and names of flowers or plants for our older learners.

Don't forget to introduce some **Spanish vocabulary** as well, especially to celebrate Cinco de Mayo!

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

HAPPY READING!

Spring Vocabulary Word List

- April, May
- baby animals, baseball, bloom, blossom, breeze, bulbs, bunny, butterfly
- chick, crocus
- daffodil, dandelion
- eggs
- flowers, foal
- galoshes, grass, green, grow
- hatch, hyacinth

LITERACY

PYP UPDATE

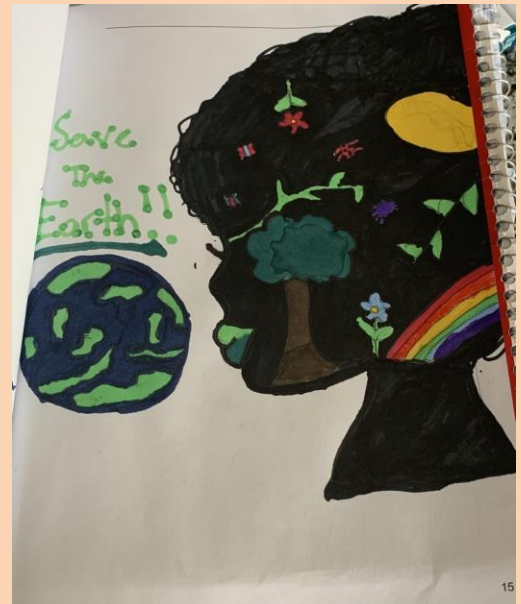
Hello Parents!

We had 74 individual submissions and 6 whole class submissions for the 4th Annual Earth Day Poster Contest. I worked with our Earth Week teacher committee to whittle down our submissions to two "Top 20" categories of finalists. You can view the great work of our Marvelous Monarch's here:

<https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/monarch-annapolis-inquiry/>

We then had an esteemed group of community judges vote. Our voter panel included leaders such as Mayor Buckley, County Executive Steuart Pittman, Alderman of Ward 7 Rob Savidge. We had community artists such as Julia Gibb and Jeff Huntington from Future History Now and Comacell Brown make selections. And then our Environmental partners from ClearShark H2O and Conservation Fund took part.

And the results are in: we have Kendall Burroughs from Mrs. Troast's PreK class win the Mini-monarch category and Kasidi Mosby in Ms. Rudis's Grade 5 class win the Mighty Monarch category. We are so proud of the thoughtful work of our Monarch students!



As for our PYP in May, learning is very much in full swing! Please review the current list of units underway below. In May our teachers are looking out for students who show the Learner Profile attribute, Thinkers. Developing thinking and the ability to find answers is the heart of our inquiry approach to learning. Please encourage your learners at home to be thinkers!

PYP Units Underway

Pre-Kindergarteners are inquiring under the PYP transdisciplinary theme How the World Works Their unit is called “Build and Create”

Central Idea: Decisions are made to meet needs and goals.

Kindergarteners are inquiring under the PYP transdisciplinary theme How the World Works. Their unit is called “Watch it GO!”

Central Idea: Combinations of materials and forces affect motion.

1st Graders are inquiring under the PYP transdisciplinary theme Sharing the Planet. Their unit is called “Plantamania”

Central Idea: Living things depend on each other to meet specific needs.

2nd Graders finished inquiring under the transdisciplinary theme Who We Are. The unit is called “Heroes” Central Idea: Personality traits influence future accomplishments. They are about to begin a Sharing the Planet unit called “Planet Earth”

3rd Grade’s just finished a VERY fun unit under the transdisciplinary theme is How We Organize Ourselves called “Ancient Civilizations”

Central Idea: Civilizations form when people live together. The Landforms unit is currently launching.

4th Grade is inquiring under the transdisciplinary theme Sharing the Planet. Their unit is called “Pollution Solution”

Central Idea: Protecting the natural environment requires citizens to take action.

5th Grade’s is about to start inquiring under the transdisciplinary theme Sharing the Planet. Their unit is called “Struggle”

Central Idea: Struggle occurs when there is not enough.

SCHOOL EVENTS



<https://efairs.follettbookfairs.com/guest/home?classCode=L662E>

HEALTH ROOM UPDATE

Vision and Hearing

Vision and hearing screening was completed for the M/Tu cohort on 4/20 students who are in PK, K and 1st grade and those new to the county. On 5/21, it will be completed for the TH/Fr cohort for the same group of students. If your child does not pass, you will be receiving a letter from our vision and hearing technicians. Please contact them at 410-222-6838 if you have any questions or need resources for eye exams and glasses. We can help!

Enrolling into our Monarch community?

Enrollment is currently online but there are some health forms that are still required including required immunizations, proof of lead testing and a physical exam. Attached are the forms we need to better serve the health needs of your child.

Immunization requirements: https://aahealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/vac_req_schoolchildren.pdf

Lead certificate and Physical exam

forms: <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/system/files/filedepot/3/occ1215-healthinventory.pdf>

Please feel free to call the school at 443-449-2757 and ask for the health room.

Daily Screening

Please continue to screen your children prior to sending them to school. If your child has 1 symptom, they still need to stay home until it has resolved. If your child has 2 COVID like symptoms, they will require a doctor's note or a negative PCR test to return to school. If this documentation is not provided within 3 days or your child tests + for COVID, your child will need to stay home for 10 days since the symptom onset. In addition, any household members (siblings, relatives) who attend AACPS school will need to stay home for at least 10 days as close contacts. Close contacts cannot test out of their quarantine. We so appreciate you helping to protect the health and safety of our students and staff in our Monarch community. The link for the daily screening tool is

here. [https://www.aacps.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=28239&dataid=67256&FileName=Reopen-](https://www.aacps.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=28239&dataid=67256&FileName=Reopen-Daily%20Checklist228.pdf)

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Questions about COVID vaccinations

Please visit <https://www.aacounty.org/covidvax/> to register for a vaccine. It is open for everyone 16 years of age and older. It is free and all that is required is a photo ID.

Have questions about the COVID vaccine, please visit our AA county health department for answers <https://aahealth.org/covid-19-vaccine-faq/>

HEALTH ROOM



STUDENT REFERRAL PROGRAM



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Many of our families initially hear about Monarch Academy Annapolis through a personal referral from an existing school family. We would like to reward you for promoting our school to your family and friends! Through our Student Referral Program, your family can receive a \$50 Uniform & School Supply voucher for every student you refer to the school who completes registration. Refer two students who complete registration and receive a \$100 voucher, three students and receive a \$175 voucher.

Here's how it works:

- The Student Referral Program is open to all parents or legal guardians with Pre-K through 5th grade students enrolled at Monarch Academy Annapolis, and teachers and staff from Monarch Academy Annapolis.
- Uniform/School Supply vouchers will be given for referring new students to the school. To qualify for the incentive, referred students cannot have a sibling currently or previously enrolled at Monarch Academy Annapolis.
- To qualify, the Prospective Student must fill out this form and present it upon initial contact with the school.
- All prospective students must meet standard enrollment criteria and be registered for the upcoming school year before the voucher is granted. No cash incentives will be paid to school families.
- Interpretation of program parameters will be at the discretion of the Principal.

 Your Full Name

 Name of Student

 Student Grade

 Phone

 Email

I/We were referred by the following family to Monarch Annapolis:


 Referred Parent/Guardian Name

 Referred Parent/Guardian Phone

Recruitment



Tech Corner



Internet Essentials from Comcast

Internet Essentials from Comcast brings affordable, high-speed Internet to your home so you can have greater access to homework, job opportunities, healthcare and benefits, education resources, and more. When you're connected, you're ready for anything.

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- 2 Live in an area where Comcast Internet Service is available.
- 3 Have not subscribed to Comcast Internet within the last 90 days.
- 4 Have no outstanding debt to Comcast that is less than one year old.

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GOOGLE RESOURCES

- **Intro to Google and Other Online Tools**

<https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/studentintrotodigitaltools/home>

- **Family Help Site - AACPS Digital Resource Information for Families**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1igVJ2kotPH05soBxGCMDU4wYy8moGrIDn4nF9wd58EE/edit#>

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



Let your child SHINE!

Sing ★ Act ★ Dance ★ Perform ★ Rock
gain confidence and learn new skills ★ enjoy a final showcase for families

WEEK 1	BROADWAY BOUND July 5–July 9 DANCING ★ ACTING ★ SINGING	WEEK 2	MONARCH ROCKS! July 12–16 MUSIC MAKING ★ SONGWRITING	WEEK 5	Merry Tales August 2–6 9am–1pm grades K-2 Cost is \$175 per week CREATIVE MOVEMENT ★ ACTING
Camps run 9am–3pm and are open to grades 3-8. Cost is \$250 per week.					
WEEKS 3-4	IT'S SHOWTIME July 19–30 Cost is \$500 for this 2 week comp. MUSICAL THEATRE — ADVENTURES OF ALADDIN	WEEKS 5-6	Kids First Chorus Aug. 2–6 & Aug. 9–13 A CAPPELLA ★ SHOW CHOIR ★ HIP-HOP		

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



Camps will abide by all CDC safety requirements
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