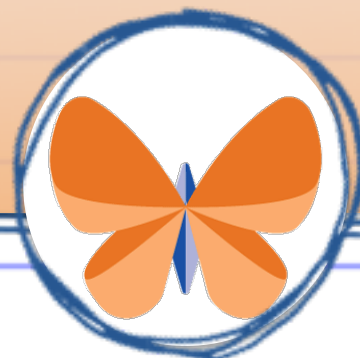




* Your monthly guide to school news, information, and events.

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WELCOME BACK!

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Welcome Back to School! It has been a long summer of growth here at Monarch Academy Annapolis, and we are excited to share this school year with you and your student(s)! If you have any questions, or would like to reach out to a member of our staff, please reach out!

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

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Just when the caterpillar
thought the world was
over, it became a
butterfly.





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.



A message from your Principal!

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Dear Marvelous Monarch
Annapolis families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Monarch Academy Annapolis! We are so excited for the many great friendships, learning experiences, and special moments this year will bring and we are thrilled to have you and your child on this journey with us!

It was a very busy summer preparing for this school year. We had many great successes such as hiring phenomenal new faculty and staff members and finishing construction on our amazing playground. We also experienced several challenges that occur with staff transition, infrastructure changes (i.e. new student information database), and new hiring laws. Though you experienced frustrations with us this summer, I assure you we are here for your child and family. We have amazing plans for the coming year, and you are a part of an incredible school community!

As we kick off this school year, I urge you to get involved with our school. We are providing two tools to help you organize information coming home - a weekly orange take home folder and a student agenda book (grades 2-5). Also, our PTA has many wonderful plans to engage our community and support our students. Consider getting involved!

If I can be of assistance to your child, please contact me at:
ramstutz@aacps.org or (410) 934-1444.

~Ms. Rachel Amstutz

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!



Interested in
Instrumental?
Learn more
here!

<http://brimhallmusic.weebly.com/>

Important Resources

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- [Digital AACPS September Lunch Menu](#)
- [Digital 2019-2020 School Supplies List](#)
- [Free & Reduced Meals Application](#)
- [Digital 2019-2020 AACPS Calendar](#)



Not receiving digital communication? Email us ASAP!
MonarchAnnapolis@gmail.com



High five to the “**Fix It Five!**” In these first few weeks and throughout the year, please remember to introduce, model and continuously reinforce the strategy, “**Fix It Five.**”

The Behavior team uses this strategy with student’s as a tool to assist them with peer interactions. This allows the student to have individual control over their responses to negative situations.

Steps to success:

1. Ignore
2. Move Away
3. Speak Friendly
4. Speak Firmly
5. Get Help

Upcoming Dates

October:

10/7 Fall Picture Day

10/7-25 Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive

10/8 2hr Early Dismissal

10/9 No School

10/11 Pink Hope Spirit Day!

10/15 & 16 No School (Conferences)

10/22-28 Drownpoofing (5th Grade)

10/23 Unity Day

10/25 PB & J Spirit Day!

November:

11/8 Red White & Blue Spirit Day!

11/7 & 8 2hr Early Dismissal

11/18 Picture Retakes

11/22 Football Friday – Spirit Day!

First in Math - Great news! We will have the First in Math online program for grades 1 - 5 this year! Look for login information from your classroom teacher in the coming month.

Ways a Parent Can Help with **MATH**

1

Look for shapes and patterns in real life

2

Have your child measure ingredients for a recipe you are making

3

Ask your child to explain the math skills he or she is working on in school

4

When helping your child with homework or school assignments, ask him or her to explain how he or she got an answer

5

Help your child find some appropriate number and problem-solving games to play online

6

Play card or board games that involve counting or patterns

7

Ask your child to count change at the grocery store, or to estimate the total cost while you are shopping

8

Compare:

Which is the tallest?
...the heaviest?
...the longest?
...the smallest?
...the fastest?
...the hottest?
...the most expensive?

9

Have tools such as a ruler, a scale, a calculator, and a measuring tape available to use in your house

10

Encourage your child to track or graph scores or stats for a favorite sports team

11

Use dice or playing cards to make a game out of practicing math facts

Point out ways math is part of "real" life:
money, computers, music, art, construction, cooking...

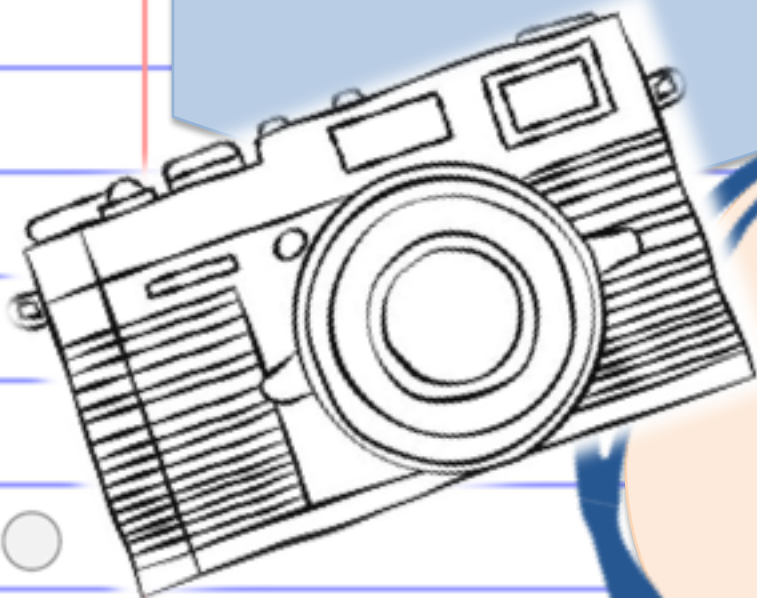
All around us, every day.

On Monday, September 30, 2019, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form.

Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and return it to Monarch ASAP! The U.S. Department of Education allows a multiple child form. AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children's names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org.

Also, please note that the **complete address of the Parent/Guardian's Employer if they work on Federal Property**, the **complete address of the Federal Property on which they work**, and **each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian**.

The Federal Impact Aid Survey form for 2019-2020 will be available to download on September 30, 2019. We will also be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately \$2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed. Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please call Angie Smack in the Finance Office at 410-222-5200.



Monarch Annapolis is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.



School Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Nikki Johnson, School Counselor

September 2019

Starting the Schoolyear!

Welcome Back! The new school year promises to be an exciting year of learning for each of our Marvelous Monarch Students. As we begin this new year, please be reminded of the importance of helping children to be socially and emotionally successful each day when they enter the building. Parents are challenged to practice three simple steps each day with their child/children.

1. Start each morning with a positive attitude and a verbal reminder that "today will be a great day". As parents, we all know that the morning routine can be quite hectic, but take a little extra time to make the start of your child's day as positive and smooth as possible. It sets the tone for their day.
2. Help children have a solid plan for a successful day. Maybe the day before wasn't great or maybe there is a level of anxiety about the day ahead. Be sure to talk openly with your child about the time they were not with you and how it was spent. Help them to problem solve where necessary and to have a plan to achieve success that day. Take one day at a time...it is all our minds can handle.
3. Simply say "I Love You" each day. Who doesn't want to feel loved? As parents, we often assume that our children just know that we love them and normally they do, but a little extra "verbal love and appreciation" goes a long way. Write a note and stick in their bookbag or lunch bag. There is no better feeling than to feel loved and supported by those around you.

Let's make each day great! Remember, "Educating the Heart is just as important as educating the mind".



EDUCATE THE HEART!

"Educating the mind
without educating the
heart is no education at all."
- Aristotle, Greek philosopher

Spirit Days!

Friday, September 13th
Wacky Socks Day



Friday, September 27th
Ties & Tutus Day



HELLO

**Start with
Hello Week!**

Monday, Sept. 23rd

through

Friday, Sept. 27th

more information
coming soon

Transportation Concerns?



Please call (410) 934-1467
for transportation related
questions/concerns.

Hotline open 9/3-9/6



A School Health Note for Parents and Guardians

HELP STOP THE FLU AND OTHER COMMON ILLNESSES

If your child is sick, what can you do to keep others healthy?
First, talk to your doctor and follow medical advice! If it is the flu, here
are some tips to help stop it from spreading:



Wash your hands or use hand sanitizers!

This is the most important thing you can do!
Help keep the virus off your hands. Always wash
after taking care of your sick child and don't forget
to wash his or her hands too. Alcohol-based hand
sanitizers are also effective.

Cover that sneeze or cough!

Keep droplets from coughs and sneezes from
reaching someone else! Teach kids to cover coughs
and sneezes with a tissue or elbow—not their hands!

Keep your child at home!

Your child can spread the flu at school or daycare. So,
children should stay at home until they feel better.

Quick Facts:

Flu is caused by
a virus that can
be spread by
droplets from
coughing or
sneezing.



You can prevent
other respiratory
infections by
following the
same steps for
preventing flu.

For more information, visit www.aahhealth.org
or talk to your doctor and school nurse.

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Monarch Academy Annapolis has moved
Recess to before student lunch periods!

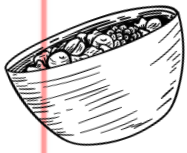
RECESS
before **LUNCH**

Wondering Why? Learn more here!

**GET !
INVOLVED!**

PTA Newsletter emailed
9/15

PTA General Meeting
10/7



Monarch Academy is now serving
FREE breakfast for ALL!



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Maryland Meals for Achievement

Cultivating Communities of Wellness

Anne Arundel County Public Schools Food & Nutrition Services

What is Maryland Meals for Achievement?

- Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) is a State-funded nutrition program that provides healthy breakfasts to students at participating schools
- Schools are eligible if at least 40% of their students qualify for free and reduced-price meals

How does MMFA work?

- All students are offered a complete breakfast at no cost, regardless of an individual's household income
- Breakfast may be served at a kiosk or directly in the classroom. Contact your front office to find out how MMFA operates in your school
- AACPS also provides breakfast to the teachers serving the meal so that the entire classroom may enjoy a healthy meal together
- All breakfasts meet USDA nutrition standards. An MMFA breakfast may include:

- Yogurt, Graham Crackers, Fruit and Milk
- Mini Whole Grain Muffin, Fruit and Milk
- French Toast Sticks, Fruit and Milk

What are the benefits?

Students who participate in MMFA have:

- Improved test scores
- Decreased tardiness & behavior problems
- Increased attention spans
- Less stress trying to squeeze breakfast into busy morning schedules



Contact Information:

- Jodi Risse at jrisse@aacps.org or 410-222-5900

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