

Parent Link

Connecting You and Your Child to Information on Our Journey to Greatness

November 2011



To be the truly great school system we want to be, we need to continue to develop partnerships with our parents. Children need to see that parents value education and are willing and able to be involved in helping them realize their potential - Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell

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PARENT INVOLVEMENT NEWS

It's Time for Parent Teacher Conferences- Plan to Make Yours Successful

- Start by talking to your child. Ask your child about the best and the worst subjects this year.
- Work with your child to make a list of questions and concerns to share with your child's teacher(s).
- Develop a plan with the teacher to build on your child's strengths and to address any weaknesses. Set tentative dates for any follow up meetings you might need.
- End the conference by reviewing what was discussed and what you have planned to do as a result of this meeting.
- Once home, discuss the conference with your child. Everyone has to take part in the trip to success!

Note: Making your child a part of the process is the best way to ensure success at school. As your child ages, you might consider asking the teacher if your child can attend the conference as well. This is especially important at the secondary level.

November is Family Stories Month.

Because of Thanksgiving, many families make an extra effort to get together during the month of November. This year, start a tradition of not only telling those family stories, but recording them for the future. This is the perfect opportunity for your child to practice the arts involved in storytelling – writing, photographing, and making short videos. You can record Nana telling about her childhood. You can make decorated recipe cards of family favorites to share with everyone. But, whatever you do, build great family memories!

Other Dates to Remember in November.

- November is National Scholarship Month. It's time to start thinking about getting those scholarships for college.
- November is National PTA's Healthy Lifestyles Month. Healthy children achieve more, so plan healthy meals and be more active!

AACPS VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

October 2011 Volunteer of the Month
Marty Hammond – Piney Orchard Elementary

Don't forget that you can nominate outstanding volunteers for the AACPS Volunteer of the Month award. For more information or nomination forms, please email ttudor@aacps.org.

What's Going On



Don't forget!

PARENT INVOLVEMENT CONFERENCE

November 5, 2011 ❖ 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Anne Arundel Community College
101 College Parkway ❖ Arnold, MD

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Program, and the Title I Program.*



Hispanic Family Education Forum
Edgewater Elementary (South River Cluster)
November 16, 2011 ❖ 5:45 - 8:00 PM
Learn more about school system and community
resources available to the Hispanic community!



American Education Week
November 13 - 19

This year marks the 90th year for American Education Week. Although visitors to our schools are welcome throughout the year, this national event reminds everyone to take the time to visit your local schools and to support public education.



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AACPS TV Programs on Comcast and Broadstripe Channel 96,
and Verizon Channel 36-**

**Parent Connection, Parents' Corner, World View,
Nuestra Comunidad (Our Community),
and ;Charlemos Juntos! (Let's Chat)**

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