



**GLEN BURNIE HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER**

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Glen Burnie High School, educating generations of the community's children, sets the standard for excellence by providing a rigorous academic program for our diverse 21st Century learners. Through collaboration among students, teachers, parents, and community, we ensure a safe, nurturing, and respectful learning environment, which promotes persistence, responsibility and integrity-skills and attitudes that are part of our tradition and are essential in our global society.

Dear Parents and Glen Burnie High School Community Members,

Giving thanks is a phrase utilized often during the month of November. Those of us at Glen Burnie High School have a great deal to be thankful for:

- Students:** Working hard in the classroom every day, completing the important and arduous PSAT test and participating in school activities – loved all the RED during Spirit Week!
- Teachers:** Preparing quality and interesting lessons, caring about students and expressing that concern through phone calls and emails, and attending professional development to increase strategies for closing the achievement gap.
- Parents:** Attending parent-teacher conferences and 9th grade open house events, attending sporting events, using Parent-Connect to stay on top of the achievement of their children, and making contact with school as needed.

We have a few upcoming dates of note:

- November 11:** Report Card Distribution
- November 14:** PTSO Meeting, 7 pm, Principal's Conference Room
- November 15:** Winter Sports Begin
- November 14-18:** American Education Week – Parents are invited to visit their student's classes
- November 16-19:** Musical, "Seussical", 7 pm, tickets sold at the door, \$5
- November 21-25:** Thanksgiving Break – Schools closed for students

Please try to take time to give thanks this month and always. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email staff members as necessary. We are here to support the academic growth of all Glen Burnie High School students!

Vickie L. Plitt
Principal

*85 Years of Pride and Excellence!
Go Gophers!*

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“The safety of all students and staff in Anne Arundel County Public Schools is of utmost importance to all of us. Our school is utilizing a system for checking in all visitors. The system is called V Soft by RaptorWare. When you visit our school for the first time, you will be asked to present a government-issued photo ID to a staff person in the school lobby. This card will be scanned and the following information will be collected: Your photo, your name, and your date of birth. This information will be utilized to check you in, create an ID badge, and compare your information against sexual offender databases throughout the country. **If your name appears on any of the lists or you refuse to allow the school to scan your ID, you will not be allowed access to the school.** The only alternative will be to allow the school to see your ID, verify your first name, last name, and date of birth to be entered into the system manually. However, this method does not store the information and you must do this each time you visit the school. If you do have your ID scanned, you will only be asked to show your ID on future visits and your name will be selected from an existing list of previous visitors. You will also be asked to check out with the office upon leaving the school so that we know you are no longer in the building. You will be required to check into the system even if you are only coming to school to pick up your child. The information collected will not be shared outside of the school and is kept on a secure server. Your assistance in keeping our students safe is appreciated.”

VIDEO CAMERA SYSTEM

Glen Burnie High School 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.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County is **not responsible** for damage to any motor vehicle parked on Board of Education property at any time. The Board does not carry insurance to cover vandalism, malicious mischief or other acts which might result in damage or loss to personal property.

The same provision applies to any personal property which might be brought into the school or work location or left overnight which subsequently may be stolen, destroyed, or vandalized.

We are not able to compensate anyone for damage or loss of personal property.

October 26, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child is currently enrolled in Glen Burnie High School for the 2011 - 2012 school year. The school has been identified by the Maryland State Department of Education as a school in need of Local Attention.

Why has Glen Burnie High School been identified as a school in need of Local Attention?

Under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB)*, schools must meet specific achievement targets in attendance rates, reading and mathematics. These annual improvement targets demonstrate if a school has made “Adequate Yearly Progress” (AYP). Glen Burnie High School did not meet AYP in the areas of English 10, Algebra, and Graduation Rate in the following demographic groups:

- English 10 – Special Education
- Algebra– Special Education

How does Glen Burnie High School compare to other schools in our county and state?

The chart below compares the percentage of students who scored advanced, proficient, and basic on the 2011 MSA for Glen Burnie High School with the average scores for Anne Arundel County and schools across the State.

2011 MSA Reading/Math

CONTENT	Glen Burnie High School			ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY			MARYLAND SCHOOLS		
	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Advanced	Proficient	Basic
English 10	19.2	60.9	19.9	31.1	55.8	13.1	28.3	53.3	18.3
Algebra	15.2	70.1	14.7	38.8	51.5	9.6	30.0	53.6	16.4

What is Glen Burnie High School staff doing to improve student achievement?

The School Improvement Team at Glen Burnie High School will develop a two-year plan to improve student achievement and continuously analyze school data to determine how to improve performance in **English 10 and Algebra**. Student performance data will be utilized to determine interventions based on the needs of the students. Our staff will monitor and evaluate student performance.

During the 2011 - 2012 school year, Glen Burnie High School will be implementing the following strategies to further improve student achievement:

- **Differentiated Instruction**
- **High expectations for all students**
- **Equitable teaching practices**

- **Data analysis of formative assessments**

What is Anne Arundel County Public Schools doing to increase student achievement?

The *Bridge to Excellence*, a framework for improving student achievement, provides clear direction for everyone involved in education in Anne Arundel County. The *Bridge to Excellence* is built on a foundation of clear standards, quality instruction, and individual accountability. In addition, all students in AACPS receive instruction aligned with the Voluntary State Curriculum. Professional development is provided to teachers to ensure highly effective instructional delivery and content knowledge. Additionally, our staff will receive technical assistance from the Superintendent and central office staff.

What can parents/guardians do to help in Glen Burnie High School increase student achievement?

Parents/guardians can assist the efforts of the school by making sure that their children come to school on time every day, ready to learn. In addition, parents can check that all homework assignments and school projects are completed on time. Parents are encouraged to participate in parent education activities, attend all parent-teacher conferences, and learn more about how to help their children at home and at school. Parents should tell teachers they want to hear from them as soon as problems occur so they can work together to find solutions.

How can parents/guardians find out more information?

Glen Burnie High School will continue to provide assessment data on our website and newsletters and information at parent meetings to assist the community understand:

- What identification for school improvement means for our school.
- The reason(s) that MSDE identified Glen Burnie High School for improvement.
- What we are doing to address school improvement.
- What parents/guardians can do to help address the academic issues that led to not making AYP.

Additional information regarding AYP can be found on the Maryland State Department of Education website: www.mdk12.org.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we will provide every child with an excellent education.

Sincerely,
Vickie Plitt, Principal

GBHS CALENDAR

<u>OCTOBER</u>	26	Underclass Pictures Make-Up Date
	28	End of 1st Marking Period – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students
	28	Alumni Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony
	31	2 nd Marking Period Begins
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	3	National Honor Society Inductions – 5 pm
	9	SAT
	9	Teacher Professional Development - 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students
	11	Report Card Distribution
	14-18	American Education Week – Parents are invited to visit GBHS
	14	PTSO Meeting – 7 pm – Principal’s Conference Room
	15	Winter Sports Begin
	16-19	Musical Performances – 7 pm
	21-22	Schools Closed for Students – Teacher Workday
	23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday – All Schools and Central Offices Closed
	28	BioMedical and Allied Health Ribbon Cutting & Showcase, 6 to 8:30 pm
	29	Winter Sports Orientation Night – Cafeteria - 5-8 pm
<u>DECEMBER</u>	3	Winter Craft Fair, 9 am to 3 pm
	14	Interim Distribution
	14	Winter Concert – 7 pm
	Dec. 23 - Jan. 2	Winter Break – All Schools Closed for Students, Teachers
<u>JANUARY</u>	1	All Schools and Central Offices Closed
	3	Teachers and Students Return to School
	9-20	High School Assessment Administration
	11	Teacher Professional Development – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students
	12	Evening of Dance, 7 pm
	16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration – Schools and Central Offices Closed
	17*	1A and 2A Semester Exams – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students
	18*	1B and 2B Semester Exams – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students
	19*	3A and 4A Semester Exams – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students
	20*	3B and 4B Semester Exams – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students
	23-24	Professional Development Day – Schools Closed for Students
	28	SAT
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	3	Report Card Distribution
	20	President’s Day – All Schools and Central Offices Closed

*In the event that schools close due to snow during semester exams in January postponing two scheduled exams, those exams will be rescheduled in the same order as initially scheduled. For example, if snow disrupts exams for 1st and 2nd periods on B day, the students will take those exams upon their return to school.

*The Senior Prom will be May 18th, 7 to 11 pm, at the Hippodrome
Senior Awards will be 7 pm, May 23rd, in the auditorium
GBHS Graduation will be June 8th, 2:30 PM, at the Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro*

GUIDANCE

Student's Last Name

A – Ce
Cf – Gi
Gh – J & ESOL
K – O
P – Sm
Sn – Z

Counselor

Ms. Rizzuto
Mrs. Rowan
Mr. Newbury
Mrs. Taylor
Mr. Caldwell
Mrs. Canevazzi

We look forward to meeting you and working with you to develop a sound educational plan for your child. Due to various school commitments/duties and previously scheduled appointments, counselors may not be available to personally receive your calls. Please leave a message with the secretary or student aide and we will return your call at our earliest convenience. 410-761-8950

COLLEGE TESTING DATES

SAT TEST

December 3
January 28
March 10
May 5
June 2

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

November 8
December 30
February 10
April 6
May 8

ACT TEST

December 10
February 11
April 14
June 9

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

November 4
January 13
March 9
May 4

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Parents of juniors and seniors, please join us in GBHS's auditorium on Thursday, December 8th, 6:30 to 8 p.m. for important information regarding paying for college. Federal, State, Institutional, and private aid will be discussed. Information with the FAFSA application and eligibility will also be covered.

NAVIANCE

The Glen Burnie High School's School Counseling Center uses a web-based program called Family Connection from Naviance to assist students with academic courses, college searches, and career plans. By January all students at GBHS will be registered to use this program free of charge. Seniors are currently encouraged to use the program to gain access to the following:

Scholarship Information

College Visits

College Searches

Check out Glen Burnie High School's new wiki page for information regarding statewide and national assessments at <https://gbhs-testing.wikispaces.com/>. More information will be posted as it comes available.

BULLYING SURVEY

Dear Glen Burnie High School Parent/Guardian,

Glen Burnie High School has a strong commitment to providing our students with a safe and caring environment in which to learn. The Anne Arundel County Public School system has been implementing a Bullying Prevention Initiative for the past six years, to support this commitment. This initiative focuses on teaching students skills to avoid being victimized by bullies and empowers students to take a stand against bullying in our school.

To assist schools in gathering data about bullying in each school, the county will be administering a web-based bullying survey on **November 7 through December 22** to all students in grades 4 – 10. The survey will be also available on-line for parents at this time. Parents can access this survey on the Anne Arundel County Public Schools website, <http://www.aacps.org>, or at <http://survey.aacps.org>. The passcode for parents for this administration is **nq38dp**. Students in grades 6 to 12 should use **ka96gs** as their passcode.

Results from the survey will be available to the school immediately after it is administered, to be used in developing individual school plans to address bullying.

This program is most effective when the parent community, administration, staff, and students all share the belief that kindness and respect contribute to a positive environment that will result in increased academic success. Bullying and aggressive behaviors do not have a place in our school. When we all have a common language for discussing these issues, our efforts to increase respectful behaviors and decrease incidents of bullying will have great results.

We appreciate your support, encourage your participation in the survey when it is available on-line, and welcome your questions and comments.

9th GRADE CONFERENCES

Dear Parents of 9th grade students,

Glen Burnie High School will be hosting parent/teacher conferences on the following dates: **November 8, December 13, February 14, March 13, April 10, and May 8**. Conferences are from 2:10 to 3:05 in the Media Center. No appointment is necessary. Please bring a list of the teachers that you would like to speak with regarding your child's attendance, behavior, or grades.

ENGLISH H.S.A.

English 10 Parent(s),

This is a very important academic year for your children as they will sit for the English 10 HSA test in May. **Passing the HSA is a graduation requirement beginning with the graduating class of 2009.**

The tests contain multiple-choice questions. These questions are based on the content outlined in Maryland's Core Learning Goals. More information on the Core Learning Goals and sample test questions are available on the Web at [mdk12.org/assessments/highschool/look like/](http://mdk12.org/assessments/highschool/looklike/)

To prepare our students for this all important test, the English Department will offer **help sessions on Thursday after school in the Media Center from 2:15 until 3:00 pm.** Activity busses are available for students who take advantage of these sessions. The activity bus only delivers students to the Middle Schools.

While at English Clinic, students will work in small group settings and rotate through two or three skill building sessions guided by English teachers. These sessions will build their skills and readiness to take the TEST.

PLEASE share this information with your child and encourage them to attend every Thursday. We hope to see your student take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

Thank you!

English 10 Team

Susan P. Chittim; Assistant Principal

2011-2012 CLASS ADVISORS

Seniors:	Ms. J. Angelo
Juniors:	Ms. A. Fauerbach, Mr. C. Werfelman
Sophomores:	Ms. K. Simmons
Freshmen:	Ms. D. Barile

MRS. VOLL'S FUNCTIONAL LIFE SKILLS

Mrs. Voll's class is raising 2 Diamondback Terrapins again this year. The students will care for and measure the terrapins' growth throughout the winter. The class will take a boat trip in May to release the terrapins back where they were born, Poplar Island. The students named the terrapins Popi and Echo.



MATH CLINIC

Math Clinic is held every Thursday, 2:05 to 3 in room I-107B. This is a great place for students to get help with their homework, study for a test, or make up any missing assignments. Teachers are on staff to assist any student regardless of the math class they are taking.

MEDIA NEWS

Radical Researcher: The AVID 10 students participated in a collaborative program to use online databases at GBHS Library Media Center and the Anne Arundel County Public Library. The database instruction and assignment prior to the public librarian's visit was an exercise to introduce the students to GBHS databases. The North County public librarian followed up by introducing the students to public library services and databases. The AVID teacher will give the students reminders at exam time about Live Homework Help and Ask Us Now. Resources can be found at <http://www.aacpl.net> and <http://libguides.aacpl.net/homework>. The project was coordinated by Mrs. Linda Pollack, Media Specialist, Mr. Jeff Sears, AVID teacher, and Mr. Brian Oberle, North County Public Library librarian.



Overdues: Please check at home for overdue books and magazines that belong to GBHS Media Center and return them promptly to the Media Center. According to Department of Education policy, lost and damaged materials must be paid for. Thank you for your assistance in helping us retrieve our overdue materials.

HOMEWORK HELP

Students can connect to *HelpNow* from *Brainfuse*, a free tutoring service available between 2 and 11 PM, seven days a week. Go to www.aacpl.net and click on **Homework Center** to access *HelpNow from Brainfuse* & other research databases.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY


The National Honor Society is already having a very busy and productive year. We have supported our school community by welcoming our 9th graders at Freshman Orientation in August, planting pinwheels for International Peace Day in September, and Trick or Treating for UNICEF in October. We have also been running a fall fundraiser selling school spirit items and painting faces at home football games. In November we look forward to welcoming our new inductees at the annual Induction Ceremony on Thursday, November 3rd, at 7 pm! December will find us leading games and activities at the Salvation Army Boys' & Girls' Club Christmas party and supporting a member of our school community.

KUDOS TO....

The new SGA Officers:

Justin Mohammed	President
Jerrika Kennard	Vice President
Symone Gross	Treasurer
Mia Carr	Back-up Treasurer
Monica Brown	Chief of Staff (Secretary)
Igor Holt	BMAH Representative
Elli Mann	BMAH Representative
Jillian Sheffield	BMAH Representative
Joshua Austin-Smith	Public Relations
Helen Contreas	9 th Grade Representative
Gwen McGuirk	10 th Grade Representative
Sam McClosty	11 th Grade Representative
Ardy Sowe	12 th Grade Representative
Tyler Englemeyer	BMAH Representative



 **Brandon Walker**, football, was named "Player of the Week" for the entire state of Maryland on Rivals.com. Brandon was also named "Player of the Week" for various local publications.

The following students were recognized by the Business Advisory Board, Senator DeGrange, Outback Steakhouse, NAACCC, and GBHS Administration for their outstanding contributions to Glen Burnie High School:

September

Kayla McDonald	9 th Grade
Amanda Varden	10 th Grade
Lenny Taylor	11 th Grade
Monica Brown	12 th Grade

October

Chase Branham	9 th Grade
Tyler Englemeyer	10 th Grade
Jonathon Talabong	11 th Grade
Jared Belt	12 th Grade



SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL!

Do you find it hard to agree on family-friendly entertainment? Are movies too expensive? Then come to GBHS to see a fun-for-the-while-family musical full of characters and stories from our childhood. The Cat in the Hat is at it again as he tricks his way into our hearts. Come see the Cat, Horton, the Whos, the Grinch, those rascally Wickersham brothers and more! Come enjoy a show featuring over 40 performers, dancers, singers, and LIVE music from our talented instrumental students.

The Glen Burnie Theatre Company
Presents

Seussical the Musical

November 16, 17, 18, & 19 at 7 PM
Tickets are \$5 and will be available
at the door

Seussical is presented through special
arrangements with
Musical Theatre International (MTI)

All authorized performance materials
are also supplied by

MTI
421 West 54th Street, New York, NY
10019
Phone: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684
www.MTIShows.com

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION: (GBHSAthletics.digitalsports.com)

Winter sports registration will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Students wishing to try-out for Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Wrestling, Winter Cheerleading, Indoor Track, Swimming, and Unified Bowling must submit their completed forms at this time.

Physicals are required of **ALL** participants. Fall Sport athletes and those who tried out for a Fall Sport, who have already submitted a Physical Evaluation **DO NOT** have to submit a second Physical.

Parent Permission, Concussion Awareness and Character Code of Conduct Forms must be completed by **ALL** Winter participants **BEFORE** November 15, 2011.

All forms can be printed from this site or picked up from the Athletic Director or Coach.

Schedule of Registration:

9:00 – 10:00



Basketball
Boys – Coach Rudd,
mrudd@aacps.org
Girls – Coach Mangum,
Daniel.mangum@verizon.net

10:00 – 10:30



Wrestling
Coach Cabradillia,
kcabradillia@aacps.org
Unified Bowling, Coach to be announced

10:30 – 11:00



Cheerleading
Coach King,
coachjami1@hotmail.com

11:00 – 11:30



Indoor Track
Coach to be announced later
Swimming
Coach Zelezen, jzelezin@aacps.org



CELL PHONES



Students are prohibited from using, activating, or displaying personal electronic communication devices on school property or at school sponsored activities during the school day unless approved by the principal for a specific educational and/or administrative purpose. Any student found using a cell phone during the school day will have the phone taken and **the phone will be held until a parent/guardian can pick-up the device from their student's administrator.**

Pupil Personnel Worker Newsletter

December 2011

Truancy

What is Truancy?

Truancy refers to students' unexcused absences from school. Concern about truancy typically focuses on these unexcused absences.

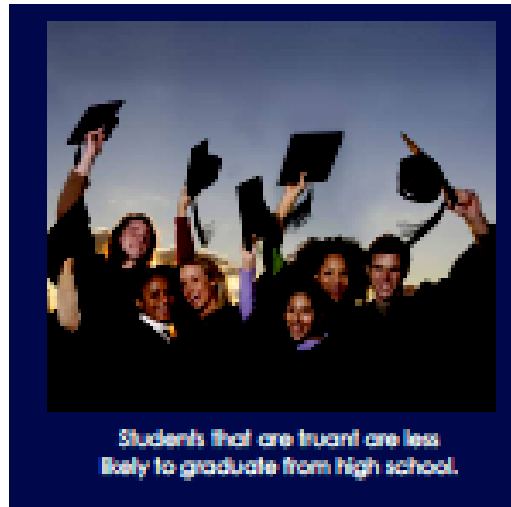
However, any school absence—excused or unexcused—as well as missed classes and tardy arrivals can affect students negatively.

There is no universal definition of truancy. It is defined differently by each state's compulsory school attendance laws and local and school district policies. Running away from home, alcohol use, and curfew violations may be contributing factors to truancy. Truancy is a status offense—an act that would not be criminal if committed by an adult.

Truancy is a problem in school districts nationwide. Although no national statistics on truancy exist, some metropolitan areas report thousands of absent youth on any given school day. Truancy affects students of all ages, from all types of communities and socioeconomic backgrounds.

What Causes Truancy?

Students miss school for different reasons, depending on the age and circumstances of each student. A national survey on youth behavior indicates that in 2008, about 5 percent of students in grades 9 through 12 skipped school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school. Other students may miss school because of



family health issues and financial demands, substance abuse, or mental health problems. Research shows that factors contributing to truancy stem from three areas: school, family and community, and student characteristics. For example—

School Factors

- Inconsistent and ineffective school attendance policies.
- Poor record keeping.
- Not notifying parents/guardians of absences.
- Unsafe school environment.
- Poor school climate.
- Inadequate identification of special education needs.

Family and Community Factors

- Negative peer influences, such as other truant youth.
- Financial, social, medical, or other problems that pressure students to stay home to help the family.
- Child abuse and neglect.
- Family disorganization.

- Teen pregnancy or parenthood.
- Lack of family support for educational and other goals.
- Violence in or near the home or school.

Student Characteristics

- A lack of personal and educational ambition.
- Poor academic performance.
- Lack of self-esteem.
- Unmet mental health needs.
- Alcohol and drug use and abuse.

What Are the Impacts of Truancy?

For decades, educators, researchers, and social reformers have recognized the link between truancy and delinquency.

Truant students are at risk for many negative outcomes, including—

- Educational failure.
- Social isolation.
- Substance abuse.
- Low self-esteem.
- Unwanted pregnancy.
- Unemployment.
- Violence.
- Adult criminality and incarceration.

In addition to placing students at risk, truancy has harmful social and financial consequences. Communities with high rates of truancy are likely to have corresponding rates of daytime criminal activity and vandalism. High school dropouts claim more in government-funded social services than high school graduates.

Dropping Out of School

According to figures from the *Children’s Defense Fund*, one out of every eight school children will not graduate. According to the *United States Census* school enrollment projections, there were 53,445,000 children in school in the year 2000.”

If one is defining “at-risk” as “at-risk of dropping out of school”, this means we currently may be harboring as many as 6,680,625 children in our schools who are technically, legally, and educationally at-risk.

Why is Dropping Out of School So Bad?

These figures are based on only year-round, full-time, male workers 18 and over who were in the civilian labor force, worked and had earnings in 2000.

Total Education	Average Annual Income for Life
Less than 9 th grade Education	\$20,998
9 th – 12th grade, No diploma	\$21,490
High School Graduate	\$32,020
Some college (incl. Assoc. Degree)	\$39,125
Bachelor’s Degree	\$63,216
Master’s Degree	\$76,340
Terminal or Professional Degree	\$100,230

There is also quite an incentive for advancing one’s education:

- Some high school is worth \$1,000 additional income per year
- A high school diploma is worth \$10,000 more a year
- Some college is worth another \$7,100 a year
- A college degree is worth \$24,000 more a year
- A Master’s Degree is worth an additional \$13,000
- A terminal graduate or professional degree is worth another \$24,000 per year

[NOTE: This means the difference between income for a drop-out and a graduate degree is almost \$78,000 per year

for every income earning year – right around \$3,500,000.00 on the average per lifetime.]

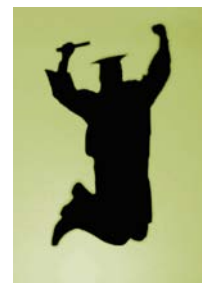
Multiply any of the above amounts by the average number of working years in any person’s life – and is this a big enough reason to whatever it takes to keep kids in school? Think about the children they will raise when they have a family and what kind of influence that differential will make in their readiness, health, and socialization skills!

How Can We Prevent Truancy?

Preventing truancy requires the support of schools, families, and communities. Truancy prevention efforts are typically school-based, court-based, or community-based. The best efforts incorporate all three components and provide a continuum of prevention and intervention strategies.

Truancy reduction programs may involve one or more of the following components:

- Parent/guardian and family involvement.
- A continuum of support, including incentives and consequences for good, improved, and poor attendance.
- Collaboration among schools, courts, law enforcement agencies, social services providers, businesses, and faith-based and youth-serving agencies.
- Tangible goals to measure program and student performance.
- Effective record keeping to track improvements in student attendance and truancy rates.
- Establishment of a community standard in which school attendance is valued and expected.



The average school dropout costs society more than \$800,000 during the course of a lifetime. Cost-benefit studies indicate that truancy reduction programs are inexpensive relative to the cost of students who drop out of school.

Information from this newsletter was gathered from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the U.S. Department of Education, and the National At-Risk Education Network.

RESOURCES FOR THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS

SHELTERS

Sarah's House – 410-551-7723

On the edge of Fort George G. Meade Army Base, Sarah's House provides emergency shelter for as many as sixty-six people and transitional housing for twenty-two families. Their goal is to effect positive change in the families that are served.



Light House – 410-263-1835

The Light house is located in Annapolis and provides shelter for homeless men, women, and children. During their stay, professional caseworkers help guests access self-sufficiency support services, which promote an end to homelessness.

CLOTHING RESOURCES

Salvation Army

Annapolis: 410-263-4091

Glen Burnie: 410-768-0477

FOOD RESOURCES

Department of Social Services

Annapolis: 410-269-4500

Glen Burnie: 410-421-8500

Food Bank – Crownsville, 410-923-4255

Food Link – Annapolis, 410-222-7854

HEALTH/DENTAL RESOURCES

REACH: 410-222-4531

Stanton Clinic – Annapolis, 443-481-3599

South Baltimore Family Health Centers

Baltimore: 410-354-2000

Brooklyn: 410-355-0343

Ask A Nurse - Annapolis, 410-573-5490

Dental Health Services

Annapolis: 410-222-7138

Glen Burnie: 410-222-6861

Maryland Children's Health Program

Annapolis: 410-222-4792

JOB TRAINING AND RESOURCES

Department of Social Services

Annapolis: 410-269-4500

Glen Burnie: 410-421-8500

Workforce Development, 410-424-3240

YWCA Career Services, 410-626-7800

URBAN PLUNGE

The Urban Plunge is a program that allows participants to immerse themselves into the homeless culture of the Washington, D.C. area. It is meant to allow individuals to understand the homeless situation and think about how this problem can be addressed. Here is an excerpt from an individual that experience the Urban Plunge in March 2007:

"Been homeless almost 24 hours. Sick of it. Humbled by the kindness of some – rejected a lot. There's barely any place to just ... be. Finally, here in the library – warm and sitting down, but that took hours of waiting and a metal detector. Want out of these clothes, my feet hurt, I want a shower and a bed"

An hour later:

"The thing I want most right now is a nap. I don't think we can nap in here, though. I started to doze off, then some police officers came through doing their rounds. I love police, but NOT when I'm homeless! Last night we went to a park in the mall to sleep. We set up our cardboard on the grass, tried hard to get warm and cozy (although not successful at all). I played us some harmonica ... and about 45 minutes later there were bright headlights from a cop car shining on us. "Ev'ning folks." Long story short, he ran us out of the park ... Kyle and I look good together as a homeless couple. People are more sympathetic to us... As hard as this 48 hour plunge is, it is nothing because I know I have a place to stay at the hostel later, and then a home back in Kansas City."



For more information contact:

National Coalition for the Homeless

2201 P Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20037-103

Phone: (202) 462-4822 x2

Fax: (202) 462-4823



STEM Engineering Family Night

Thursday, December 8
6 – 8 PM
AACC at Arundel Mills

Engineering @ AACC

Anne Arundel Community College

Parents and Students are invited to attend the STEM Engineering Family Night at AACC at Arundel Mills to learn more about High School-to-College Program Pathways in Engineering

- Anne Arundel Community College
 - Jump Start – Taking college courses while in high school
 - Engineering Scholars Program (ESP)
 - Associate of Science In Engineering Transfer
 - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Center
- Frostburg State University
 - Bachelor of Science In Engineering with a concentration In Electrical Engineering offered on-site at AACC at Arundel Mills
 - Associate Degree Scholars Award (discount tuition program)
- Business and Industry Opportunities
 - Internships
 - Careers

Register online at www.aacc.edu/admissions/formsession_register.cfm or at the door.
AACC at Arundel Mills • 7009 Arundel Mills Circle • Hanover, MD
(located across the street from Glenmark movie theaters at Arundel Mills Mall)

For additional information contact Elizabeth Elliott at 410-777-2472 or eaelliott@aacc.edu



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AACPS Update!

November 2011

Information you need to know from Anne Arundel County Public Schools

Students to receive first marking period report cards

Report cards for the first marking period will be sent home with students in grades 1 through 12 on Friday, November 11, 2011. Parents should discuss the report card with their child and, if their child's school requires it, sign and return a copy of the report card or envelope as soon as possible.

Parent-Teacher conferences set for Nov. 21 and 22

Elementary and middle schools throughout the county will hold parent-teacher conferences on November 21 and 22, 2011. These conferences provide parents with a perfect opportunity to assess their child's progress to date and to discuss any issues or concerns with their child's teachers.

If your child attends high school, you can call your child's school counselor to arrange for a conference.

Magnet program application deadline approaching

County students interested in one of Anne Arundel County Public Schools' magnet programs can apply for a seat in the program of their choice through December 3, 2011.

High School programs:

- Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) program at North County and South River high schools; students apply to this program in Grade 8.
- BioMedical Allied Health (BMAH) program at Glen Burnie High School; students apply to this program in Grade 8.

- Performing Visual Arts (PVA) program; students apply to this program in grades 8 and 9.

- IB Diploma Programme/Middle Years Programme (IB MYP/DP) at Annapolis, Meade, and Old Mill high schools; students apply to this program in grades 8 and 10.

- Centers for Applied Technology

ON THE CALENDAR



Nov. 9: *Attacking The Gap!* Professional Development; two-hour early dismissal for all students; schools closed for half-day p.m. kindergarten and ECI classes.

Nov. 11: Veterans Day. All schools operating on normal schedules, with teachers devoting a portion of the day to appropriately themed exercises.

Nov. 14-18: American Education Week.

Nov. 16: National Education Support Professionals Day.

Nov. 17: National Parental Involvement Day; Fall GCR Parent Community Forum.

Nov. 21-22: Elementary and middle school parent-teacher conferences; high school teacher work day; all schools closed for students.

Nov. 23-25: Thanksgiving break; all schools and offices closed.

(CAT) North and South; students apply to this program in grades 9, 10, and 11.

Middle School programs:

- Performing Visual Arts (PVA) program at Bates and Brooklyn Park middle schools; students apply to this program in grades 5 and 6.

- IB Middle Years Programme (IB MYP) at Annapolis and MacArthur middle schools, and Old Mill Middle

School North; students apply to this program in grades 5 and 6.

For more information about applying to magnet programs, call the Office of Advanced Studies and Programs at 410-222-5391 or visit the Advanced Studies and Programs page on the AACPS website, which can be accessed from the Students tab at www.aacps.org.

Want information about schools, classes, programs?

Meaningful two-way communication between families and schools is key to student success. AACPS promotes communication in a variety of ways.

- Our website, www.aacps.org, contains up-to-date information on curriculum and policies, as well as links to individual school websites, Board of Education meetings, and much more.

- Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled this month in all elementary and middle schools. All parents are urged to take advantage of these opportunities.

- AACPS-TV broadcasts original programming highlighting the students, teachers, and programs of AACPS. AACPS-TV can be found on Channel 96 on Comcast and Broadstripe systems, and Channel 36 on Verizon systems.

- Connect-ED is an automated system that alerts families to emergencies and important issues throughout the school system. Messages are sent by telephone and email.

- ParentCONNECTxp is an easy-to-use tool for communicating student progress that will allow you to take an even more active role in your child's education. Parents and guardians of middle and high school students now have online, timely, and secure access to their child's grades, attendance and more. For more information or to register, visit www.aacps.org/parentconnectxp.

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



The Office of School & Family

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

*Sponsored by Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Office of School & Family Partnerships,
the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) 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.



**Be sure to watch the Office of School & Family Partnerships
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)**

The Office of School & Family Partnerships

410-222-5414

ttudor@aacps.org

Parent Link

Conectándolo a usted y a su hijo a la información en nuestro viaje hacia la grandeza

Noviembre 2011

Para ser realmente al gran sistema escolar que queremos ser, debemos seguir desarrollando asociaciones con nuestros padres. Los niños necesitan saber que los padres valúan la educación y están dispuestos a participar en ayudarlos a alcanzar su potencial
- Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell



Oficina de Asociaciones entre Escuelas y

NOTICIAS DE PARTICIPACIÓN DE PADRES

Es hora de las conferencias de padres y maestros

Haga la suya exitosa

- Comience hablando con su niño. Pregúntele acerca de las mejores y peores materias de éste año.
- Trabaje con su niño para hacer una lista de preguntas e inquietudes para compartir con el maestro de su niño.
- Desarrolle un plan con el maestro para desarrollar las potencias de su hijo y encarar cualquier debilidad. Fije fechas tentativas para cualquier reunión de seguimiento que pueda necesitar.
- Termine la conferencia revisando lo que se discutió y lo que han planeado hacer como resultado de esa conferencia.
- Una vez en casa, discuta la conferencia con su niño. ¡Todos tienen que participar en este viaje al éxito!

Nota: Hacer a su niño parte del proceso es la mejor manera de asegurar su éxito en la escuela. A medida que su niño crece, puede considerar preguntarle al maestro si su niño también puede asistir a la conferencia. Esto es especialmente importante en la secundaria.

Noviembre es el mes de las historias familiares

Debido al día de Acción de Gracias, muchas familias hacen un esfuerzo para reunirse en Noviembre. Este año, comience una tradición, no sólo contando las historias familiares, sino grabándolas para el futuro. Esta es la oportunidad perfecta para que su niño practique las artes de la narración de historias – escribir, fotografiar, haciendo videos cortos. Puede grabar a la abuela hablando de su niñez. Pueden hacer tarjetas decoradas de las recetas familiares para compartir con todos. Pero sea lo que sea que hace, ¡construya grandes memorias familiares!

Otras fechas para recordar en noviembre

- Noviembre es el mes nacional de las becas. Es hora de comenzar a pensar en conseguir becas para la universidad.
- Noviembre es el mes de Estilos de Vida Saludables de la PTA Nacional. Niños saludables logran más, ¡así que planee comidas saludables y sean más activos!

RECONOCIMIENTO DEL VOLUNTARIO AACPS DEL MES

Voluntaria del mes de octubre 2011

Marty Hammond – Piney Orchard Elementary

No se olvide que puede nominar voluntarios sobresalientes para el premio de Voluntario AACPS del Mes. Por más información o formularios de nominación, por favor envíe email a ttudor@aacps.org.

Que está pasando



¡No se olvide!

CONFERENCIA DE PARTICIPACIÓN DE PADRES

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

Auspiciada por las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Anne Arundel, Oficina de Asociaciones entre Escuelas y Familias, Programa AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) y Programa Title I.



Foro Educativo de Familias Hispanas Edgewater Elementary (South River Cluster) 16 de noviembre 2011 ❖ 5:45 – 8:00 PM

¡Aprenda más acerca del sistema escolar y los recursos comunitarios disponibles para la comunidad hispana!



Semana de la Educación Americana Noviembre 13 – 19

Este año marca el 90º año de la Semana de la Educación Americana. Aunque los visitantes a nuestras escuelas son bienvenidos durante el año, éste evento nacional le recuerda a todos de hacer tiempo para visitar su escuela local y apoyar la educación pública.



Asegúrese que mira los programas en AACPS TV de la Oficina de Asociaciones entre Escuelas y Familias, en Comcast y Broadstripe canal 96, y Verizon canal 36-

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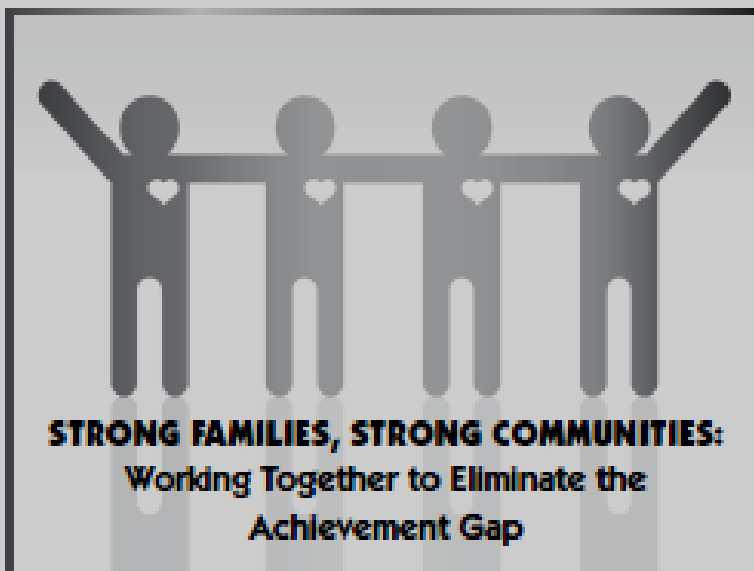
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Anne Arundel County Public Schools Office of School & Family Partnerships,
the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Program, and the Title I Program

Invite you to attend a
Parent Involvement Conference



Join us for an inspiring morning with John Hodge, leading educational expert on student success. Dr. Hodge will present a keynote address followed by breakout discussion groups, an opportunity to share your thoughts with other parents.

Saturday, November 5, 2011 • 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm
Anne Arundel Community College | 101 College Parkway | Arnold, MD
Continental breakfast will be provided.

Limited daycare will be available. Pre-registration is required. Daycare is only available for children aged 3 to 12.
Children must be toilet-trained. To register call 410-889-5309 during regular business hours.
Children under the age of 16 may not accompany parents into conference session, per AACCC rules.

Spanish and Korean interpreters will be present. For other interpreters, please call 410-889-5495.

For more information, please call 410-889-5414.

Conference is free! Space is limited – Register early

Register online at www.aacps.org/conference. You can also register by returning this form to:
Office of School & Family Partnerships, AACPS, 8644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Child's Name/School Name _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

La Oficina de Asociaciones Entre la Escuela y la Familia de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Anne Arundel, el programa AVID (Avance vía Determinación Individual) y el Programa de Título I

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Conferencia de Participación de los Padres



Únase con nosotros para una mañana motivadora con John Hodge, experto educacional del éxito del estudiante. Dr. Hodge presentará una guía seguida de una discusión de grupos, una oportunidad de compartir sus pensamientos con otros padres.

Sábado, 5 de noviembre, 2011 • 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Anne Arundel Community College/ 101 College Parkway/Arnold, MD

Se servirá un pequeño desayuno.

Cuidado de niños limitado: Registración de antemano es requerido. Cuidado de niños es solo disponible para los niños de 3 a 12 años.

Los niños deberán ser educados en usar el baño. Para registrarse llamen al 410-893-5309 durante las horas regulares de negocio.

Niños menores de 16 años podrán acompañar a los padres en la sesión de conferencia, de acuerdo a las reglas de AACC.

Intérpretes coreano y español estarán presentes. Para otros intérpretes, favor de llamar 410-222-5425.

Para más información, por favor llamen al 410-222-5414.

¡La Conferencia es gratis! Espacio Limitado – Registrarse temprano

Registrar por Internet al www.aaccps.org/conference. Ud. también se puede registrar retomando este formulario a:

Office of School & Family Partnerships, AACCPS, 2644 Elm Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

Nombre del Padre/Tutor _____

Nombre del Niño/a/Nombre de la Escuela _____

Teléfono de Día _____

Correo Electrónico _____

**INCLEMENT WEATHER
DELAYED OPENING/EARLY CLOSING OF SCHOOLS**

Inclement weather events, and the AACPS school calendar, require both “delayed openings” and “early closing”. For implementation purposes, “delayed opening” and “early closing” have the following operational meanings.

DELAYED OPENING

Two Hour Delayed Opening

Schools open two (2) hours late. Buses will operate on a two-hour delayed schedule.

AM sessions for Pre-Kindergarten, ECI, and Developmental Centers are canceled.

PM sessions for Pre-Kindergarten, ECI, and Developmental Centers operate with regular hours.

CAT-N: 1st bus trip from high schools will arrive at 11:10 AM.

1st bus trip departing from CAT-N will be at 1:30 PM

All schools close at the regular time.

EARLY CLOSING

Two Hour Early Closing

AM sessions for Pre-Kindergarten, Developmental Centers, and ECI sessions will dismiss at regular time or 11:30 AM, whichever is earlier.

PM sessions for Pre-Kindergarten, Developmental Centers, and ECI sessions are canceled.

CAT-N: Last bus trip from high schools to CAT-N will arrive at 7:25 AM.

Last bus trip to high schools from CAT-N will depart at 10 AM.

All AACPS after school activities and athletic events, including activity buses, are canceled.

The AACPS website, www.aacps.org, remains the most accurate source of information with regard to school schedule changes.



GLEN BURNIE HIGH SCHOOL
7550 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060
<http://www.aacps.org/aacps/gbhs/index.html>

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GIANT FOOD

Please sign up for Giant Food rewards! Glen Burnie High School's number is **01055**. You must sign up each year and designate GBHS. Sign up at your nearest Giant. Thank you for your continuous support.

OFFICE DEPOT

When making a purchase please mention Glen Burnie High School. The school will receive a percentage of your purchase. GB's ID NUMBER IS **70046709**. Thank you for your support.

SHOPRITE REWARDS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

Pick up a Price Plus club card today! Register your card by calling 800-931-6258 or visiting eScrip.com/ShopRite. ShopRite will contribute up to 3% of your purchases to Glen Burnie High School every time you shop and present your card.

TARGET

Thank you to everyone who has designated Glen Burnie High School in the Target for Education program. If you would like to join the Glen Burnie High School number is **57365**. Sign up at your nearest Target and help our school!