

Parent Link

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

November 2009

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 Partnerships

PARENT INVOLVEMENT NEWS

This month, parents and teachers have the opportunity to schedule a meeting to talk about each child's progress. Make sure to use this opportunity to its fullest. Everyone wins when everyone is involved! Here are some tips to make this the best conference yet.

Before the conference –

- Encourage your child to be a part of the process. Ask if he/she has any questions or concerns you should bring up at the conference.
- Be sure to write down your questions so you don't forget them. AND, remember to bring your questions with you!

During the conference –

- Don't only talk about concerns. Ask what your child will be learning this year – and how your child will be evaluated.
- Remember to always ask the **BIG** question – what can I do to stay more involved in my child's progress?

After the conference –

- Discuss the conference with your child. Praise the successes. Discuss how to improve the areas of concern.
- Be involved at the school. Attend meetings. Support events. And, if you can, volunteer!

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Use This Month to Recruit!

American Education Week and Parent Teacher Conferences will bring many parents into the school this month. Be prepared to recruit them to volunteer in your school! Consider having printed material for teachers to distribute. It might also help to have a 'welcoming table' manned by volunteers – not only to give directions but to share volunteer opportunities available at the school!

AACPS VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH Board of Education RECOGNITION

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Stacey Heath, George T. Cromwell Elementary

For more information or nomination forms, email ttudor@aacps.org.

What's Going On

Parent Involvement Conference

"Driving Student Success: Parent Involvement is the Key"

Saturday, November 14, 2009
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Anne Arundel Community College
For information, call 410-222-5309.

American Education Week

November 15 – 21, 2009

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Elementary & Middle Schools

November 23 & 24, 2009

Schools closed for all students.



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"

Co-Hosts Lisa Brown and Teresa Tudor, shown daily at 10 a.m., 4 p.m., and 8 p.m.

"Parent's Corner"

Host Kathi Hamlett, shown daily at 6:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 6:15 p.m., and 10:15 p.m.

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