



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope the holidays were relaxing and enjoyable.

Congratulations to Mrs. Hayo! She is Arnold Elementary's Gifted and Talented Education Teacher of the Year! She will be honored next month by the Gifted and Talented Advisory Council for MSDE. This award is well deserved and highlights Mrs. Hayo's work with so many students over her years at Arnold Elementary.

This month we are saying goodbye to Mr. Jordan, our front office staff member. After 20+ years with Anne Arundel County Public Schools, he is retiring. We are thankful for his warm smile and work at Arnold over the years and wish him a relaxing retirement.

Please join me for a hot cup of coffee or hot chocolate and conversation before the next PTA meeting, **Tuesday, January 14th** at 5:30pm.

Our school wide character trait for this month is **Knowledge: Learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.** Consider taking a moment this month to ask your child what they would like to learn about or learn to do.

Wishing you and your family a healthy New Year,

Shauna Kauffman
Principal



— HAPPY NEW YEAR —

Mark Your Calendar

January

2nd	School opens for Teachers and Students
14th	PTA Meeting—5:30 p.m.
20th	School Closed– MLK Birthday
28 th-29 th	2 hour early dismissal days End of 2nd marking period
30th	School closed for students– Teacher work day
31st	Beginning of the third marking period



What's Happening in the Art Room?

Artsonia Help- I am looking for more help with Artsonia- specifically to help photograph artwork using an ipad. If you would like to volunteer to help photograph artwork please email me at zhilpl@aacps.org.

Materials Needed- The art room is in need of the following:

Paper plates

Lunch size paper bags for clay projects

Newspaper

Baby wipes for clean up

Kindergarten- Students are finishing their winter tree landscapes.

2nd- Students are working on drawing a habitat for their dancing animals and adding color using watercolor oil pastels.

3rd- (Sowells, Hartman, McMahon)- Students just finished their winter silhouette projects and will be starting a new project- TBD.

4th- Students finished their hot cocoa mugs and will be learning about Egyptian art. They will be creating an Egyptian scratch art drawing.

5th- Students are working on creating a winter wonderland scene inside of a keyhole shape.



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The January classroom lessons topic is teamwork and cooperation for grades kindergarten and first.

Grades 2-5 will focus on goal setting.

Fourth and fifth grade will specifically work on academic plans to help assist in their goal setting for themselves .

Mrs. Dana Smith

Guidance Counselor



P.E. Updates

Happy New Year and welcome back to school students!

Our bowling unit was a great success. Students demonstrated a sound understanding of proper rolling skills, all the while showing fantastic teamwork.

For the month of January, students will be working on underhand and overhand throwing skills in various drills, exercises, and games.

Students - please remember to dress appropriately on your P.E. day.

Thank you,
Mr. Vandegrift





Enhancing Elementary Excellence

January Update

We will continue working on teambuilding through a variety of activities that reinforce the 21st Century skills of **Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, and Critical Thinking**. January will find us beginning our next set of projects, with each grade level focusing on a different Project Based Learning (PBL) Module. Please find a brief summary of each project below.

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
Not a Stick The class will work together to create their own version of the book, <i>Not a Stick</i> by Antoinette Portis. Students will be asked to reimagine a tree twig in such a way that can it be used to help tell their story. Individual students will produce one page of the book.	Circles Students will explore a variety of artforms through the circle. Gaining understanding of their part of a group/circle, students will identify with the "Ubuntu" philosophy meaning, "I am because we are."	Mindfulness Matters Students will learn the meaning of mindfulness and participate in mindful practices such as mindful body movements and mindful breathing. Students will choose one pose, breathe, or routine they can connect to and create a sculpture for a mindful museum.	Artist Typeface Students will explore artists Miro and Kandinsky to reproduce a piece of art, as well as create their own typeface in the style of the chosen artist.	Radio Drama Students will learn the unique history of radio drama of the 1920's to 1950's. This exploration in storytelling will allow students to use their minds and writing skills in creative ways and, in the end, students will record and share a Podcast of their Radio Drama.	Personal Logos Students will research modern advertising techniques to create a personal logo to represent themselves. Using multiple iterations, students will create a digital version of their logo.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities or have any donations to support any of the above projects, please contact Mrs. Pfaff at hpffaff@aacps.org or Mrs. Kochanski at jkochanski@aacps.org. We will also continue to collect donations of Legos, recyclable materials, miscellaneous craft supplies, etc. All donations can be sent to Mrs. Pfaff in Room A202. Thank you for your continued support of Arnold's EEE Arts and Humanities program!



“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”

Happy New Year! Happy New Reading!

The AACPS theme of the month for character education is Knowledge and in the Media Center this month we will be encouraging students to try something new. The theme is: Learn something new so you can be better at whatever you do. The goal is to get all our students reading something different. Please take a minute to ask your child what they have checked out of the Media Center and why.

Book Fair

We will our first book fair in three years this February. Please be on the lookout for a Sign me up Genius for volunteering at the Book Fair as well as a flier with all the information you and your student will need about the Book Fair. The Book Fair dates are February 3 through February 7 with a Family Night on Thursday February 6th. Stay tuned for details.

Family Resources

Finding time to read together can be a challenge. The following articles suggest ways to jumpstart the new year of reading together. <https://www.readbrihtly.com/9-audiobooks-growing-readers-families/>

<https://www.readbrihtly.com/how-to-start-family-book-club/>

<https://www.readbrihtly.com/easy-ways-to-get-your-kids-to-read-more-this-year/?sid=302&mcg=124A1AB88B6E2A05E0534FD66B0A493C&ref=PRH0563577803&aid=randohouseinc13256-20&linkid=PRH0563577803&cdi=124A1AB88B6F2A05E0534FD66B0A493C>

Finally, another wonderful audio resource for is WBUR Podcast Circle Round <https://www.wbur.org/circleround>

As always please feel free to contact me about any media related questions or concerns. As I begin my tenth year at Arnold, I am grateful for the opportunity to share with Arnold families the love of reading and literature. I hope it provides a strong foundation four our children's' futures.

Principal Coffee



A Special Invitation

You are cordially invited to have Coffee and Hot Chocolate with Mrs. Kauffman. Please mark your calendar for:

January 14, 2020

5:30 pm (Before PTA Meeting)

Join us for an opportunity to engage in informal conversations about our school and share any ideas or suggestions.

#AACPSReadWithMe Challenge

Dear Arnold students and parents,

During the month of January, we will be participating in a reading challenge. A calendar of ideas will be sent home with each student. If you would like to participate, please complete 15 of the squares. Doing more than 15 squares would be great! You will have until Jan 31st to complete this challenge and return the Bingo form. Any student who returns the form will get something special to put on their locker. So grab a book and stay warm! Feel free to tweet a picture of yourself using #AACPSReadWithMe. Be sure to include @ArnoldAACPS as well. The school with the most tweets wins a prize!

Happy Reading!

Mrs Salb





Inquiry and Collaboration in 8th Grade AVID

AVID Information Night: Magothy River Middle and Severn River Middle School

Thursday, February 6, 2020

6:30 pm

Magothy River's Marlin Hall

Do You Have Questions About AVID?

Gina Glennon- gglennon@aacps.org

Magothy River Middle School

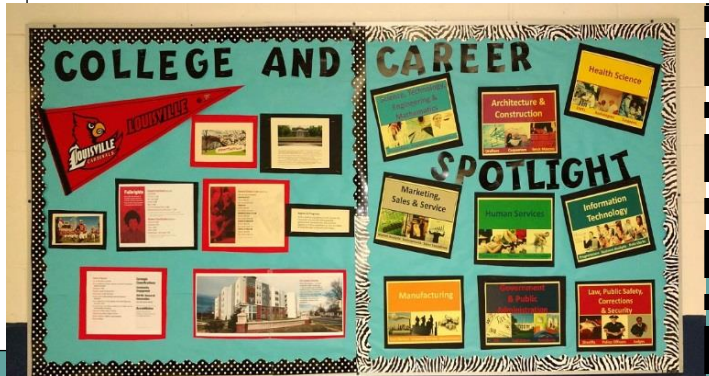
Stacy Kearns- skearns@aacps.org

Severn River Middle School

Who Should Attend?

All prospective AVID students and parents are welcome to attend this event. You will have the opportunity to meet the AVID teachers in our school.

We will discuss the program, its benefits, and recruitment. Time will also be allotted for questions.



What Is AVID?

AVID is a national program offered in grades 6-12 in Anne Arundel County. This program prepares students in the academic middle for college and career readiness. AVID students are students who are capable of completing a college-prep curriculum but are falling short of their potential. The core component is the AVID elective, which supports students as they tackle the most rigorous classes. AVID's teaching strategies, curriculum and trainings are not only used in the AVID elective class, but by subject area teachers school-wide.



Investigación y Colaboración en el 7º Grado

Noche de información de AVID: Magothy River Middle and Severn River Middle School

El jueves, 6 de febrero, 2020

6:30 pm

Magothy River's Marlin Hall

¿Quién se debe asistir?

Todos los futuros estudiantes y los padres son bienvenidos a asistir a este evento. Tendrá la oportunidad a conocer a los maestros de AVID en las escuelas. Discutiremos el programa, sus beneficios, y el reclutamiento. También, habrá tiempo para preguntas.

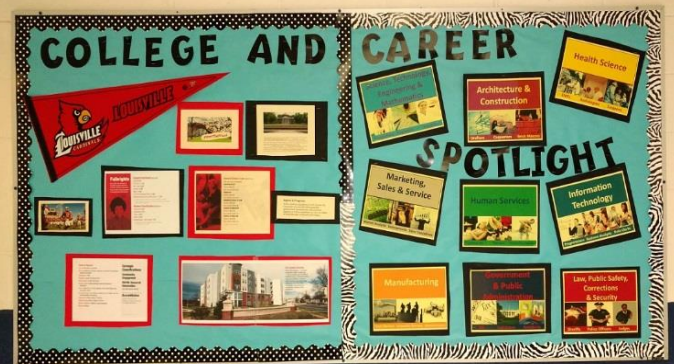
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¿Qué es AVID?

para la Universidad y la carrera. Los estudiantes de AVID son alumnos que son capaces de completar un plan de estudios de preparación universitaria, pero están cayendo por debajo de su potencial. El componente principal es la clase de AVID. AVID apoya a los estudiantes mientras abordan los cursos rigurosos. Las estrategias de enseñanza de AVID, el currículo, y los entrenamientos no sólo se utilizan en la clase de AVID, sino por todas las clases.