

The Bulldog Blast

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Meade Middle School

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Message from the Principal...

Good day Parents and Guardians! We recognize that as students fully return to buildings, families and community members will naturally want to be involved in our school. Given that we remain in a pandemic and our focus must be on the instruction of our students, visitors to our school will be permitted only on a limited basis and only by appointment. Additionally, to keep our students and staff safe, we are not accepting Door Dash orders or food deliveries. All students can get a free lunch during their designated lunch time. We ask that families and community members work with us to help fulfill our main goal: to keep school open and fully functioning in the safest manner possible throughout the school year.

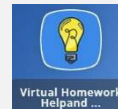
Mark your calendars for our first virtual coffee with the principal. This event will give us an opportunity to learn about some academic initiatives occurring at Meade Middle, events occurring throughout our school building, and the opportunity for all of us to connect and begin to build collaborative relationships. Please join the virtual coffee using this link:

<https://meet.google.com/oxe-iuho-seo>

Writing is a core skill that benefits students across the curriculum, K-12 and beyond. It's the basis of communication, history, art, and more disciplines than can be named. Writing is the foundation of expression we give students, to be built upon throughout their academic career. (<https://classful.com/importance-of-writing-for-students/>) Knowing this, our Literacy Committee presents "Spooky Story Contest". Stories should be 500 words or 2 pages. All submissions are due by November 1st. Students can submit them to jswiech@aacps.org or give to Ms. Swiech in the media center. There is a trophy and prizes for the winners! We hope to receive many submissions. Please encourage your student to participate!

Virtual homework help and virtual tutoring is up and running for the school year. Students can get more information and access virtual tutoring at the following link:

<https://www.aacps.org/tutoring>. The Classlink icon for the service looks like this:



The schedule for virtual tutoring and virtual homework help can be found at the following link:

<https://www.aacps.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=28553&dataid=66041&FileName=Middle%20School%20Schedule%2021-22.pdf>

Our Meade Middle School Dance Department has an apparel fundraiser. If you are interested in purchasing, click and check out the flyer and/or the link below.

<https://alexenzdesigns.com/shop/ols/categories/MeadeDance>

At Meade Middle School we believe love is action. Love is sharp. Love is truth-telling. Love is fighting for what it is right. Love is *doing* what is right. We are committed to creating educational spaces that tend to the harm and violence that has been enacted against BIPOC bodies and minds—specifically, those of our children. **"Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."** ~ John Lewis

As always, #WeAreBetterTogether,

Karla Steinbach, Principal

October Dates:

- 20-**Two Hour Early Dismissal for Students-Professional Development for Teachers
- 21-** Two Hour Early Dismissal for Students-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 23-**Virtual Coffee with the Principal, 9:30 am

Please remind your student(s) that they need to bring their Chromebook, charger, and headphones with them EVERY DAY. If your student is still in need of a Chromebook, please call 410-305-2400 and ask to speak with Mrs. Wagner.

Parents please remind your student to treat all school property with respect. Students are using cell phones inappropriately and not for academic reasons. Please remind your students that we are academic scholars and are expected to act as such.

Additionally, please support us in reminding your students we are a uniform school. Please review our [uniform policy](#) with your student. [Spanish Version](#) of our uniform policy.