

Principal Report:

- Parent Portal – Please sign up for Parent Portal as this is the way to view grades, submit absences and see report cards.
PowerSchool Parent Portal is a powerful, easy-to-use, secure communication tool connecting parents/guardians and schools. Using the PowerSchool student information system, the Parent Portal allows collaboration to improve student achievement. Online access to student schedules, assignments, class grades and attendance information makes it easier for parents to monitor the progress of students, in kindergarten through grade 12, in real time. PowerSchool Parent Portal allows parents/guardians access to all their children at one time with one username and password. The mobile application is available for Apple and Android devices. The District code is **LTDJ**.
- Attendance notes for absences need to be added to Parent Portal or emailed to Ms. Lindley (Attendance secretary) at KLindley@aacps.org
- Signing up for a new Parent Portal account – click [here](#) for more information.
- Breakfast is free this year for all students, and we have been serving over 300 students a day. 😊
- We ask all families to fill out the [Free and Reduced lunch forms online](#), even if you think you may not qualify, it is worth trying. If your child does not qualify, please make sure you are monitoring lunch balances online at <https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome>
- Redistricting Information: Members of the public will have opportunities to better understand the two Phase 1 redistricting plans under consideration by the Board of Education and provide

comment on those plans at a pair of events next month. For complete details, click [here](#).

- Book Fair this week is going well. Please encourage your child(ren) to get books and items from the Book Fair. It ends this Friday.
- Brightspace Parent [Overview](#)
- Chromebooks – Please have your students bring their Chromebook each day fully charged and their charger. If it is lost, broken, or missing, please call Ms. Mitchell between 8-12pm at 410-969-7000.
- Dismissal – Most buses have picked up students by 4:25pm.
- Other notes:
 - Please make sure children are wearing sneakers/tennis shoes on days they have PE.
 - Lost and Found has a bunch of water bottles and clothes already. Please have students check it during lunch if they are missing items.
 - Please refrain from packing a glass bottle or sending students to school with aluminum cans as we have had multiple clean ups and spills. We do not want to take away from instructional time as students should only be bringing closed plastic drink containers to school with water.
 - Gum – Please talk to your students about not putting gum on the ground or desk since I do not want to ban it. But we also need to respect the school space.
- Upcoming Events:
 - STEM Information night for possible incoming 6th graders will be September 26th virtual. Please email Ms. Hartman for the link.
 - STEM Information night for possible incoming 6th graders will be October 2nd at 6pm in the cafeteria.

- o Coffee with the Principal will be online on Zoom on October 2nd
- o ELL/ESOL night will be in the media center at OMMN on October 5th at 6pm.
- o ELA Night to learn about your child's quarterly assessments and some fun, please join us October 11th at 6pm
- o STEM changemaker (8th grade students and families) presentations on October 18th at 5pm
- o Trunk or Treat will be on October 30th from 5-7pm
- October Calendar
 - o Principal Appreciation Month
 - o Hispanic Heritage Month
 - o 10/2: Custodian Appreciation Day
 - o 10/2: Coffee with the Principal 8 AM
 - o 10/3: [After School Clubs](#) Begin
 - o 10/4: Sports Jersey/Shirt Day
 - o 10/6: Patriot Day - Wear Red, White & Blue
 - o 10/9: Indigenous Peoples' Day
 - o 10/11: Super Hero/Disney Shirt Day
 - o 10/11: English Language Arts Night 6 PM- 7:30 PM
 - o 10/13: Patriot Day - Wear Red, White & Blue
 - o 10/17: Two Hour Early Dismissal - Unity Day - Wear Orange
 - o 10/18: College Shirt Day
 - o 10/20: Patriot Day - Wear Red, White & Blue
 - o 10/24: Family Math Night - 6 PM - 7:30 PM
 - o 10/25: Wacky Sock Day
 - o 10/24-10/26: Croc Charm Sales in Building Community
 - o 10/26: Picture Retake Day
 - o 10/27: Crocs Day ~ Patriot Day - Wear Red, White & Blue
 - o 10/30 & 10/31: Two Hour Early Dismissal - End of 1st MP

- o 10/30: Trunk or Treat - OMMS Bus Loop - 5 PM - 7 PM
- Celebrations each month are available at <https://www.aacps.org/Page/7841>
 - o October 2nd is Custodian Appreciation Day
 - o October 16-20th is Bus Safety Week
 - o October 30th Trunk or Treat - OMMS Bus Loop - 5 PM - 7 PM
 - o How can PTA help support these events?
- Celebrations:
 - o Mr. Ludlam and Ms. Vails are being recognized at Maryland Shape Awards Banquet on October 19th for their amazing leadership and work in Physical Education and Health in Anne Arundel County.
 - o Ms. Dorr is our OMMS nominee for 2023-24 Teacher of the Year and will be recognized throughout the year and at the banquet in the Spring.
 - o OMMS also received the recognition to be a certified National Magnet School. We have now received three awards in 3 years! We are a STEM school of Excellence, STEM School of Distinction and now a certified National Magnet School.

