



DAVIDSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Imagine, Believe, and Achieve

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Traveling over Spring Break?

As you know, Governor Hogan recently lifted travel restrictions for out-of-state travel. The Maryland Dept. of Health travel advisory will remain in place, and Marylanders continue to be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 upon return from out-of-state travel. While we will not require a quarantine or a negative test for students, we do ask that families exercise caution in sending students back to school for hybrid instruction. If you have questions regarding student illness, COVID-like symptoms, or general questions on health safety, contact our school nurse, Tracy Marcalus at nurse4122@aacps.org or 410-798-0752.

School Calendar



- April**
 1-5...No School, Spring Break
 7...CogAT, 2nd Grade & 5th Grade
 7...Kindergarten Registration Begins
 13-14...2 Hour Early Dismissal
 14...End of 3rd Marking Period
 15...Beginning of 4th Marking Period
 23...Report Card Distribution
- May**
 7...Interims to be Sent Home
 27-28...Kindergarten Conferences
 No School for Kindergarten
 31...School Closed, Memorial Day
- June**
 8...Vision & Hearing Screening
 17-18...2 Hour Early Dismissal
 18...End of 4th Marking Period
 18...Last Day for Students

Principal's Message

Happy Spring! With students back at school and recess in full swing, we are blessed to have the sunshine and warmer temperatures. I am happy to report that we've had a very smooth return to our school building in the past month. Having students in both the hybrid and virtual settings has not stopped our teachers from providing engaging lessons. Their tireless work to adjust to these new circumstances should be recognized. I'm hopeful next month when our PTO launches Teacher Appreciation Week you will help celebrate these amazing and hard working individuals. Davidsonville continues to be quite a special place for kids!

I suspect you may have many questions regarding the recent announcement of adjusted CDC distancing guidelines. I would suggest taking a look at the March 26th press release where AACPS outlines the new guidance and the limitations that may exist. We expect to hear more in the next weeks regarding any changes to our current plan.

In the next month pay close attention to the school news and the PTO Gator Blast. Many events are in the planning phases and will be advertised soon. The PTO is committed to providing fun opportunities for students in these last months of the school year. While there may still be guidelines to follow and some events may need to remain virtual, we want to ensure students are able to experience some Gator fun as the school year comes to a close. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated!

Just one year ago we were embarking on this unique journey. We have worked extremely hard to ensure school remained an important part of your children's lives. I'm hopeful we have provided your family with not only academic support, but also the emotional partnership to make it through. Please know, we are committed to supporting students in the after effects of this past year. We are Gator Strong!

Mrs. Colleen Harris



SCHOOL SECURITY: DES 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.

Counselor's Corner

It can be confusing for a child when their feelings take over and lead to behaviors they may not usually experience. When this happens, explain that all people have these feelings sometimes, and we all have to learn how to manage them. When children are calm, their thinking brain is on, and this is the best time to come up with a plan for when their emotional brain tries to take over. As a family, take some time this month to visit my Virtual Counseling Office (located in Mrs. Isett's Google Classroom). You will find many resources that review skills kids learn during Guidance lessons each month. In order for kids to utilize their self-regulation skills, we need to provide them opportunities to practice.

You can reach me at: cisett@aacps.org or by phone via Google Voice at (301) 966-2525.

School Pictures and Yearbook UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in picture day this week. If you would still like to order pictures, you can do so at this [link](#). Please do this by 5pm this Sunday, March 28th.

Our school is in the process of scheduling one more make-up picture day for those still in need of a picture. After that, we will email out directions for how to photograph your child at home in order to submit a picture.

Our PTO yearbook committee is working on producing a yearbook as a keepsake for this school year. Ordering information will be sent to you soon.

Thank you to everyone for helping to create a memory keepsake for our students!