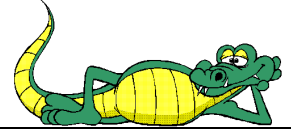




# DAVIDSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Imagine, Believe, and Achieve

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### School Calendar



#### FEBRUARY

7...Gr. 3 Field Trip to MD Hall  
8...Kindergarten In-School Dentist Visit  
13...PTO Meeting, 7pm  
14...AACPS Dance Festival @ SRHS  
19...No School—President's Day  
20...Vision & Hearing Screenings  
21...Yearbook Groups/Candid Photos  
23...PTO Candy Bar Bingo, 6-8pm  
27...Talent Show Rehearsals @ SRHS  
28...Talent Show @ SRHS  
29...Vision & Hearing Re-checks

#### MARCH

6...Gr. 5 Field Trip to JA Biztown  
11-12...Gr. 5 MISA Testing  
12...PTO Meeting, 7pm  
15...Book Fair, PTO Social and Science Fair Project Viewing, 5-8pm  
19...Unity Day—Wear Orange Early Dismissal, 12:25pm  
25-29...No School—Spring Break

#### APRIL

1...No School—Spring Break  
4-5...Early Dismissal, 12:25pm  
5...End of 3rd Marking Period  
5...PTO Skate Night, 5-7pm  
10...No School—Eid al-Fitr  
12...Spring Individual & Class Photos

#### MAY

2...Gr. 5 Math Walk trip to Annapolis  
6-9...Gr. 3-5, ELA MCAP Testing  
10...Gr. 3-5, Math MCAP Testing  
10...Kindergarten Field Trip to the Zoo  
14...No School—Primary Election Day  
15-17...Gr. 3-5, Math MCAP Testing  
18...Gator Gallop @ DAA Park  
21...Spring Concert, 6pm  
23...Gr. 5 Wax Museum, 11:30am  
23-24...No School for Kindergarten for Kindergarten Conferences  
27...No School—Memorial Day  
29-31...Gr. 4 to Arlington Echo  
31...SeaPerch Expo @ USNA

#### JUNE

6...Field Day  
12-13...Early Dismissal, 12:25pm  
13...End of 4th Marking Period  
13...Last Day of School for Students

\*The last day of school will be verified and officially set in early April.

### Principal's Message

Gator Families—We are now in the second half of the school year and it is full steam ahead! We have so many fun things planned in the next few months, with a couple more PTO events in the works. The entire school calendar is provided for you on the left, so keep this newsletter handy.

Just this week the Maryland State Department of Education released school report cards. Davidsonville earned 4 stars on this five-star scale. Areas schools were scored on include: academic achievement and growth, attendance, student and staff climate survey results, and access to a well-rounded curriculum. While this data just became public this week, our school team has been working since last summer on our school improvement initiatives. I will plan to review this data and share our school improvement plan at our upcoming PTO meeting.

Every November we celebrate American Education Week to highlight schools and celebrate learning. A goal of ours since that time has been to find ways to invite parents in for meaningful visits to see students engaged in projects and celebrate their learning. So far, our third grade parents joined in a 2nd Marking Period writing celebration and our fourth grade parents were invited to participate in Unity Day activities. Other grade levels are in the process of identifying a time for parents to see firsthand the wonderful things going on in our classrooms. We look forward to seeing you!

We continue to work with students daily on Gator expectations and making good choices. They are able to earn Gator Tickets and starting this marking period, classes can earn Green Gators for collectively making good choices. We believe it is important for students to learn to be kind and compassionate while also showing respectful behaviors. We are in this together as we help our young people grow into good citizens.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support!

*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.

### CLUBS & VOLUNTEERS

Our students are blessed to have many club opportunities after school. While our PTO does the work to solicit club leaders and work with the school on building use, these clubs cannot take place without parent volunteers. Our students must have supervision during these club events, and we need everyone's help. Without enough volunteers, we may have to cancel clubs, which is not ideal. Please help if you are able!

### REPORT CARD REVIEW

Last Thursday, February 1st, you received an email with a link to access your child's report card. Our teachers put a great deal of work into providing meaningful feedback on student progress, both academically and in the area of behavior. Please ensure you have reviewed this document. It is equally as important for you to share it with your child so they are aware of their areas of strength and needed growth. For those who are unable to print and would like to request a copy, please email Jackie at [jclarke@aacps.org](mailto:jclarke@aacps.org). In addition, if your link expires, she can provide you an additional one.

### KINDERGARTEN

Be on the lookout in April for information regarding Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. All registration takes place online at [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org).

Mark your calendars for the Incoming Kindergartener Orientation scheduled for May 23rd at 9:00am.

### Smart Watches

Teachers continue to share worries with the number of students distracted by their smartwatch during the school day. If your child has one of these devices, please review with them the expectations that it is a time-piece during the school day. They should not be using features that connect them to others, nor should they use the camera or video. When continued disruptions occur, teachers will simply ask students to place these devices in their backpack to keep at home.