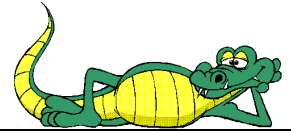




# DAVIDSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Imagine, Believe, and Achieve**

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January 2024

## School Calendar



### JANUARY

9...PTO Meeting, 7pm  
11...Winter Concert, 6pm  
15...No School—MLK Day  
17-18...Early Dismissal, 12:25pm  
18...End of 2nd Marking Period  
19...No School—Semester Break  
26...Mo Gaba Day

### FEBRUARY

2...PTO Skate Night, 5-7pm  
6...Unity Day—Wear Orange  
Early Dismissal, 12:25pm  
7...Gr. 3 Field Trip to MD Hall  
19...No School—President's Day  
20...Vision & Hearing Screenings  
21...Yearbook Group/Candid Photos  
27...Talent Show Rehearsals @ SRHS  
28...Talent Show @ SRHS  
29...Vision & Hearing Re-checks

### MARCH

6...Gr. 5 Field Trip to JA Biztown  
12...PTO Meeting, 7pm  
15...Book Fair Begins

## Principal's Message

GATOR FAMILIES—Happy New Year to all! We're just shy of our halfway mark this school year, so it is full steam ahead for our students and teachers.

January always presents an inconsistent schedule, and this year's weather forecast may provide additional impacts. As a reminder, there is no school on January 15th for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. That same week, we will have two early dismissal days, January 17-18, followed by a teacher workday (no students) on Friday, January 19th. While families often take advantage of this January schedule and take students out of school for vacations, we want to remind parents of the importance of consistent attendance. January includes the quarterly assessment window for 2nd-5th graders and the DIBELS assessment window for many of our primary students. As we monitor student attendance, we also keep in mind that the State of Maryland's accountability system within ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) rates schools on student attendance. Our school is penalized each time a student is absent more than 10% of the time, regardless of reason. Since the impact of poor student attendance will be felt by all, it is critical that we keep our students in school where the learning takes place. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

As we approach the halfway point in our school year, I wanted to ensure you were aware of the many services and the plethora of information available to families in AACPS. Included in the other sections of this newsletter you will find ways to stay informed as well as ways to support your child in their learning.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership! Here's to a fantastic 2024!

*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.

## FACEBOOK PAGES

As we continue to expand our outreach efforts, AACPS is excited to announce the launch of four new Facebook pages in Chinese, Korean, Urdu, and Vietnamese. You can find the pages at the following sites:  
[www.facebook.com/chineseaacps](http://www.facebook.com/chineseaacps)  
[www.facebook.com/koreanaacps](http://www.facebook.com/koreanaacps)  
[www.facebook.com/aacpsurdu](http://www.facebook.com/aacpsurdu)  
[www.facebook.com/vietnameeaacps](http://www.facebook.com/vietnameeaacps)

## Office of School and Family Partnerships

The Office of School and Family Partnerships has a variety of services available to support families. You can visit their website at: [www.aacps.org/family](http://www.aacps.org/family).

In addition, they publish a Family Link Newsletter monthly that includes information on a variety of topics and information to keep families informed of current programs and services. You can sign up [HERE](#) for the Family Link Newsletter.

## FAMILY ACADEMY

### WHAT IS FAMILY ACADEMY?

Family Academy is a library of videos, classes, and resources to answer families' questions on student topics: Wellbeing & Growth, Navigating AACPS, and Academics & Programs. Family Academy is available in English and Spanish, and accessible 24 hours a day. You can find all of the information at: [www.aacps.org/familyacademy](http://www.aacps.org/familyacademy).

## FAMILY HELP LINE

AACPS has a Family Information Line that now has 5 different language options: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Urdu. Families can call (410) 222-5001 and leave a message in their language of choice. Bilingual Facilitators and the Communications Department will continue to check messages and help families with their needs.  
AACPS Family Information Line  
**410-222-5001**



## FAMILY SUPPORT in MATH

Virtual Family Support is available to students in grades K-5th grade in the area of Math. Weekly help sessions are available to support students and the adults helping them with the current math concepts. You can find more information and the schedule by going to: [www.aacps.org/tutoring](http://www.aacps.org/tutoring).