



DAVIDSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

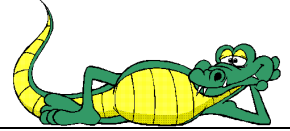
Imagine, Believe, and Achieve

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March 2024

School Calendar



MARCH

6...Gr. 5 Field Trip to JA Biztown
11-12...Gr. 5 MISA Testing
15...Book Fair, PTO Social and
Science Fair Project Viewing, 5-8pm
18-22...Book Fair
19...Unity Day—Wear Orange
Early Dismissal, 12:25pm
19...CommUNITY Event in Mayo,
4-6pm (see below)
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
11...PTO STEM Night
12...Spring Individual & Class Photos
25...Anti-Bully Assembly for students
26...PTO Family Social

MAY

2...Gr. 5 Math Walk trip to Annapolis
4...Gator Gallop @ DAA Park
6...Grade 1 to the Zoo
6-10...Teacher Appreciation Week
6-9...Gr. 3-5, ELA MCAP Testing
10...Gr. 3-5, Math MCAP Testing
14...No School—Primary Election Day
15-17...Gr. 3-5, Math MCAP Testing
17...Kindergarten to the Zoo
21...Spring Concert, 6pm
23...New Kindergartener Orientation,
9:00am
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 end of year dates will be verified and officially set in early April. We've only used one snow day, so we expect the end of year will be adjusted.

Principal's Message

Gator Families—Like most of you, I am hoping March will bring on the Spring weather! We've had plenty of sickness, and with just a little winter weather this year, I'm hopeful we can push through. Spring Break is a few weeks off, but in the meantime we have some events coming up. We've updated the calendar for you so you can plan ahead. We hope to see you at the upcoming Book Fair launch and Science Fair viewing on the 15th!

As we head into this next stretch of the school year, I encourage you to look at your child's attendance totals. As mentioned throughout the school year, the Maryland State Department of Education considers students who are absent more than 10% of the time chronically absent. That means, at this time of year, we are looking closely at students who have missed more than 12 days. We appreciate those families who communicate with their child's teacher and the office so we can accurately mark absences. Our teachers take attendance daily when students arrive in the classroom. For those students who are tardy, the office has to manually override the absence after students are signed in. We make all efforts to do this before the 10am absence call goes to parents, but know that on days when we are short staffed or extra busy, this may not happen in time. If you get an absence phone call and you know your child is at school, you can always call the office to check in. Also, our attendance secretary has to manually enter parent and doctor notes and in some cases, change absences from truant to excused once a reason is provided. All of this takes time, so please give us a day or two after your child is absent. After that time, if you notice an error or have a question, please check in with us.

We are hopeful all parents are utilizing the Parent Portal in order to check grades and assignments (grades 1-5 only). You can also check your child's attendance in that system. See us if you need directions on how to create an account. Keeping you informed is a continued goal of ours.

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.

UNITY DAY COMMUNITY EVENT

We are excited to inform you about The Unity Day Event hosted by the Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission. The Unity Day Event will take place on Tuesday, March 19th from 4:00 - 6:00pm at Beverly Triton Nature Park at 1202 Triton Beach Rd. in Edgewater.

The purpose of this event is to unite local residents and students to celebrate the value of diversity in our community. The event will have student performances, food trucks, engaging speakers, service learning opportunities, interactive activities and much more! The theme for the event is: "Belong. Grow. Succeed." which aligns with Anne Arundel County Public Schools vision for all students. We hope to see you on March 19th for the Unity Day Event.

BELONG. GROW. SUCCEED.

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.

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

Lunchtime Visitors

At Back-to-School Night we announced we would allow parents to join their children for lunch in the cafeteria. We have created space at an extra cafeteria table and have allowed students to bring a friend to join this small lunch bunch. Since we are not able to allow the sharing of food at school, we ask parents to refrain from bringing food for anyone other than their own child. As previously communicated, we can only allow parents to visit at lunch and cannot accommodate recess visits.