



DAVIDSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Imagine, Believe, and Achieve

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Parent Partners

Please help us to make this the best school for your children!

Join the PTO!

Their efforts help bring all of the extra things to our school—classroom supplies, clubs, beautification out front, events. They make all of these things happen, and they need your help!

Please join by going to www.DESPTO.org. Please consider joining in a PTO meeting. Please volunteer your time. **WE NEED YOU!**

Principal's Message

Welcome to Fall! It is hard to believe October is upon us and we are starting to review student progress at the mid-point of the first marking period. Traditionally, the school years always start out slow academically as classrooms of students get to know each other and build community. This year has been no different, and possibly those relationships are even more important in this virtual setting. Teachers are reviewing student work and they will have their grades up-to-date in the next few days. Parents in grades 1-5 can view their child's progress through the Parent Portal. If you don't have an account for this, please email Jackie Clarke at jdclarke@aacps.org. In the virtual setting, this will be how you keep track of your child's work. Parent Teacher Conferences will take place next Monday and Tuesday. This opportunity for all families to sit down with their child's homeroom teacher is an important opportunity to identify goals and discuss student strengths and weaknesses. Our teachers are determined to impact our students academically and your partnership is appreciated.

In normal years, we would have many school events on the calendar by now and our students would be planning their next class party. While we may need to delay many of our traditions for now, we will work in conjunction with our PTO to bring some fun to our school experience. They will be advertising some dining out experiences for families. We will add in some school spirit days for the students, and stay tuned for some Halloween costume fun later this month! We can't come together in the traditional ways, but we do want our students to continue to feel a part of our community.

In the past weeks, I've been making my way through the virtual classrooms to read to the students. This chance to see the students and interact with them in their setting is especially important this year. What a bright spot each of them are for us! Thank you for your continued trust and partnership!

Mrs. Colleen Harris



School Calendar



October

9...Interim Time—check Parent Portal
 12-13...School Closed for Students: Parent/Teacher Conferences

November

3...NO School: Election Day
 12-13...2 Hour Early Dismissal for the end of the 1st Marking Period
 16...Beginning of the 2nd Marking Period
 16-20...American Education Week
 24...Report Cards sent home
 25-27...NO School: Thanksgiving

December

9...2 Hour Early Dismissal
 18...Interims sent home
 24-1/1...NO School: Winter Break

January

1...NO School: Winter Break
 4...School Opens for Teachers and Students
 18...NO School: Martin L. King, Jr. Birthday
 28-29...2 Hour Early Dismissal for the end of the 2nd Marking Period

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.

OFFICE

While the school still remains closed to the public, the office will be covered daily from 8am-4pm. If you need us, don't hesitate to reach out at any-time.

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Camera On or Off?

Our teachers are doing a **wonderful** job each day, working to engage students in curriculum and build relationships. Please encourage your children to have their camera on for the majority of their school day. We understand there are moments where turning them off is appropriate, but teachers are often finding students who "pretend" their camera isn't working in order to avoid participation. If your child has their camera off, we want them to stay present and stay engaged. Please talk directly with your child's teacher regarding these settings and how you can support the learning experience. Thank you!

Counselor's Corner

AACPS is providing all children with access to a program called Second Step. Second Step is a social emotional program that teaches children how to love and respect themselves and others. Weekly, a lesson will be taught during the opening part of the day in your child's homeroom class along with minilessons throughout the week to reinforce skills. We will begin teaching this curriculum the week of Oct. 19th and our first Unit will focus on Skills for Learning. There is a home/school component embedded in this curriculum. You will find a topic in the classwork section of your child's Google Classroom titled Second Step. Please check weekly to follow along and help us to reinforce positive life skills in our students.

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