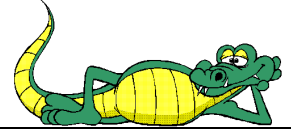




DAVIDSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Imagine, Believe, and Achieve

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November 2023

School Calendar



NOVEMBER

9...PTO World Kindness Event, 6pm
14...PTO Meeting, 7pm
18...PTO School Grounds Clean-up
20-21...No School—Conferences
22-24...No School—Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

5...Unity Day—Wear Orange
5...Early Dismissal, 12:25pm
5...PTO Holiday Shoppe
6...Picture Retake Day
25-29...No School—Winter Break

JANUARY

1...No School—New Year's Day
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

February

2...PTO Skate Night, 5-7pm
19...No School—President's Day

Principal's Message

GATOR FAMILIES—November is the month of showing gratitude and being thankful for all of our blessings. This year, our PTO is placing a focus on kindness and gratitude in November by launching a new fundraiser called Raise Craze. This traditional online format recognizes and celebrates acts of kindness while also raising funds for the school. This concept is right in line with the efforts our school staff has made over the years to teach students the importance of showing care for others. So many of these traits don't come naturally for kids and it is important for us to help them to learn and internalize these concepts. This month is full of opportunities to do for others—whether it is at the World Kindness Event on the 9th or on the 18th at the Saturday fall clean-up of the school grounds. We appreciate all of these efforts knowing that together we can help our young people become good humans and productive citizens.

This past month, I was able to read the book *The Circles All Around Us* to every class. This annual quest is a great opportunity for me to see students in their classroom setting and talk to them about concepts outside of academics. This particular book had many teaching points, but at the heart of it, a simple concept—how do we connect with others? As children grow, they continue to form new circles and connect with more people along the way. We want our students to welcome each other and feel a sense of belonging each time they are in a circle. I am hopeful my time with each class was meaningful and left the students with ideas on how they can be a better friend and peer.

Thanksgiving is a great time to count our blessings, and Davidsonville continues to be at the top of my list. I am grateful for the partnership we have and the trust you have in me as your school leader. I am wishing all of you a peaceful season of thankfulness.

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.

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Evening Routines

Does your family have an evening routine where you are able to look through your child's folder or agenda book? In addition, on Wednesdays students will bring home folders with graded papers and flyers. It's critical that you are able to review this information and take out what needs to stay at home so the folder is empty for the following week. Having a strong routine is a great way to teach your child organization and responsibility. These skills don't always come naturally to young people. It takes all of us to support our students in gaining these skills so they can be ready for school each day.

Chromebook Devices

All students have been given Chromebooks for use at school and at home. Students in K-2 have devices in both locations. For students in 3-5, they are expected to travel back and forth with their device, fully charged for each school day. Please take a look at your child's device to ensure it remains in good condition. If keys are missing, you can easily replace them by purchasing keys online. This is also a reminder that AACPS has the potential of virtual learning from home should there be school closures. Please ensure your child's device is ready to go should this occur.

SCHOOL SECURITY

Our school utilizes a doorbell system at the front door and a vestibule area to allow parents to drop/pick-up students. Scheduled volunteers will enter the school office to obtain a visitor sticker. Throughout the school day, all doors remain locked. Our staff continues to be vigilant in their awareness of school grounds and ensuring all additional visitors have badges. Thank you for your efforts as well when you are on school property. If you see something that seems off, please alert our school office immediately. Together we are better!

Coffee with the Principal

Join Mrs. Harris for a virtual coffee to discuss general topics and take parent questions. An email with the log-in information will be sent out closer to the date. Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 30th at 9:00am.