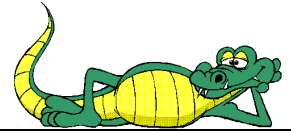




# DAVIDSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Imagine, Believe, and Achieve*

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September 2023

## School Calendar



### SEPTEMBER

8...PTO Skate Zone, 5-7pm  
14...Back to School Night, 6:30pm  
19...PTO Meeting, 7pm  
20...Family Night with Chris in the Classroom, 6:30pm  
25...No School—Yom Kippur  
28...Mrs. Powell & Mrs. Vastag's Gr. 5 classes to Drownproofing  
29...Mrs. Baird & Ms. Lanni's Gr. 5 classes to Drownproofing  
29...PTO Volunteer Breakfast, 9am

### OCTOBER

12...Fall Picture Day  
13...PTO Movie Night  
17...Unity Day—Wear Orange  
17...Early Dismissal, 12:25pm  
24...Kindergarten to Down's Park  
30-31...Early Dismissal, 12:25pm  
31...End of First Marking Period

### NOVEMBER

1...No School—Staff Workday  
3...PTO Skate Night, 5-7pm  
14...PTO Meeting, 7pm  
20-21...No School—Conferences  
22-25...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

## OFFICE STAFF

### We have an AMAZING office team!

Amy Luckett, [aluckett@aacps.org](mailto:aluckett@aacps.org)  
\*Principal's Secretary responsible for financial procedures and payroll.

Jackie Clarke, [jdclarke@aacps.org](mailto:jdclarke@aacps.org)  
\*Registrar responsible for student records, Chromebook devices, and your transportation contact.

Nikita Van Zyl, [nvanzyl@aacps.org](mailto:nvanzyl@aacps.org)  
Secretary responsible for attendance records and building use.

## Principal's Message

GATOR FAMILIES—Welcome to a wonderful school year at Davidsonville Elementary! It's truly an amazing place for children! The first two weeks of school have been so positive. It's great to have students back with us!

We're extremely excited this year to announce the launch of Arts & Humanities at DES. This additional course for all students is part of the Triple E program and will start in October. We'll share more details about this opportunity at Back-to-School Night.

Our school will continue to participate in the PBIS Program this year to support all students in making positive behavior choices. In addition, students will participate in Second Step lessons during the Wellness Block to support social/emotional learning and connectedness. To help continue these efforts, we are excited to have "Chris in the Classroom" join our school in September for a daytime assembly as well as an evening family event. His lighthearted presentation centers around fun social/emotional empowerment strategies and building a culture of resilience. Look out for more information regarding this evening program on September 20th.

As you start the school year, please make a point to update your child's emergency card so we can ensure we have your most up-to-date contact information. In addition, should you have additional information to share, like custody paperwork, please keep our office informed.

Again, welcome to a new school year! Don't hesitate to reach out throughout the school year should the need arise. I'm excited to be on this school journey with you!

*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.

## ATTENDANCE NOTES

This school year, parents are encouraged to notify the school of absences by using the the Parent Portal. You can access this option by going to [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org) and signing into your Parent Portal account. Once there, you can find the attendance form under the Forms tab on the left hand side. While this system does allow you to log early dismissals, we will simply have you do this by signing your child out upon pick-up from school.

## Staying Informed and Staying in Touch

Our school will send home Wednesday folders weekly in order to share school information as well as graded papers. Teachers of students in grades 1-5 will also utilize agenda books for daily parent contact. In addition, the school will send this monthly newsletter the first week of every month. For week-to-week reminders, we encourage all families to sign up for the PTO Gator Blast that is sent weekly.

## Back-to-School Night

Join us for our annual Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 14th at 6:30pm. See the flyer in the Wednesday folders for more details.

## Health Room

Welcome to our new Health Room staff:  
**Katie Tipton-Hall, RN**  
**Dee Cloud, Health Assistant**

Phone Number: (410)798-0752

Please reach out to our Health Room staff if your child has a medical condition that requires the awareness of school staff. In addition, if medication is required at school, parents must hand deliver it to the Health Room staff.