




Glen Burnie Park Press September 2019

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Dear Glen Burnie Park Families,

Welcome back to school! It was wonderful to see so many of our families during Parks and Popsicles and then again during Back to School Night! This year we've planned for additional fun events throughout the year!

Our teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare for this school year! Many of you have met our new staff members at Back to School Night. If not, parent/Teacher conferences are already scheduled for October for one-on-one time. Getting to know families is important to us. We all have so much to learn from each other.

As you and your family get back into the routine of school, please remember the following information:

- Children do best with 8-9 hours of sleep each night!
- Being on time for school is a MUST! Free breakfast begins right at 8:25 am. Students are late if they are not IN their classroom by 8:45 am.
- Front doors close at 8:45 am. You must sign in your child after that.
- If your child is sick and absent from school, you MUST send in a note explaining the absence.
- Homework is important to retain and practice skills! (We keep it SHORT here at GBPE---reading and math practice to last no more than 25 minutes total).
- Communicating with your child's teacher will benefit everyone! Use Class Dojo or email! We love to hear from you.
- **Be consistent with dismissal routines. NO changes will be allowed after 2:00 pm and ALL changes must be accompanied by a note from the parent/guardian. NO PHONE CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Please be sure to join our PTO: Parent/Teacher Organization. Joining helps ensure that your children receive funding for busses for field trips, for materials and events during the school day, for teacher projects, for Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad and SO MUCH MORE! It does not mean you have to spend any time volunteering at our school (though we WELCOME EVERYONE AT ANY TIME!!!). PTO is looking for new Board members. Our first meeting is September 9th. If you want more information and would like to be involved, please contact them at any time!

*With Gratitude,
Colleen McFarland*

Dates to Remember	
September	
9	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
10	First day for all Kindergarten
11	First day for all Pre K
27	Picture Day
30	Rosh Hashanah – School closed
October	
7	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
7	Vision & Hearing Screening
7	Interims sent home
8	2 Hour. Early Dismissal
9	Yom Kippur – School closed
15 & 16	Parent/Teacher Conferences: No school for students
31	Fall Festival Parade
November	
4	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
7 & 8	End of Marking Period 2 Hour Early Dismissal
18-22	American Education Week Parent Visitation Day
20	Report Cards sent home
27-29	Happy Thanksgiving No School

GBPE PTO Contacts

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Caught with Character
Trait of the Month
is
Focus

We concentrate to put our attention and effort into everything we do.

Online Payment Opportunity

Families can now pay for field trips and agendas online with a credit card. Visit our Glen Burnie Park Elementary page on aacps.org and click on OSP. All options for payment will be listed and a message will be sent directly to your child's teacher to credit the account.

**School lunches CANNOT be paid for on this site.



Anne Arundel County Public Schools
OSP Online School Payments

Shopping at Giant = Funds for GBPE

Be sure to register your Giant Card online with our school ID# 40835.

Each time you shop, you earn funds for our school. These funds help us purchase supplies for students including flexible seating options, technology, and rewards!



Meal Prices

Breakfast: Free for ALL students and served at 8:25 am in the classroom

Lunch: \$2.75 (reduced price: \$.40)

Milk: \$.55

Please be sure to send in money for your child. You can send in a lump sum and it will be added to your child's meal account. You can send cash or a check. You may also register through www.mymealplus.com and pay online with a credit card.

It is very important for all those eligible to apply for Free and Reduced Meals as soon as possible. Eligibility does NOT carry over for all students and students will be charged for lunch beginning October 1.



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Apply for Free or Reduced Price Meals

Federal Impact Aid Survey

On Monday, September 30, 2019, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Air Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and return it to your child's teacher.

The US Department of Education allows a multiple child form. AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children's names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org. Also, please note that the **complete address of the Parent/Guardian's Employer if they work on Federal Property, the complete address of the Federal Property on which they work, and each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian.** The Federal Impact Air Survey form for 2019-2020 will be available to download on September 30, 2019. We will also be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately \$2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed.

Cameras

Glen Burnie Park Elementary School 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. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.

New Parent Portal – Coming Soon!

Parent Connect is changing! Anne Arundel County Public Schools is excited to announce that we can provide you with access to your child's current grades and attendance via the PowerSchool Parent Portal. To Access the Parent Portal you will need to follow these steps:

1. Open your web browser and navigate to the Anne Arundel County Public Schools website.
2. Click on the Parent Portal icon in the white banner space near the top of the page.
3. Click the **Create Account** button below the log-in area. Please note that you only need to create one Parent Portal account to which you may link all of your AACPS students. Follow the steps outlined in the parent Guide to finish creating your account.

** You will need the following information to link your student to your Parent Portal account:

- Your **Access ID** for your child is your child's AACPS student identification number (the 6-digit code they use to log-in to the computer).
 - Your **Access Password** for your child.
4. If you encounter any issues with the creation of your Parent Portal account or with linking your child to the account, please contact the school directly.

Parent Portal Overview:

The Grades and Attendance tab will allow you to check assignments and scores by clicking on the blue percentage across from a class. To email the teacher a question or concern, please click the blue teacher's name link.

The Grades History tab will show you the grades your child received in previous grading periods.

The Teacher Comments tab is used to access current teacher comments for your child.

The School Bulletin tab has current announcements from your child's school.

Class Dojo

Glen Burnie Park Elementary School utilizes Class Dojo!



ClassDojo is a free app that helps build amazing classroom and school communities. Teachers give feedback to students for any skill, like "Working hard" and "Being curious." From the mobile app, parents view their child's feedback, message directly with teachers, and see photos and classroom moments. Please keep an eye out for information and registration information from your child's teacher!

GBPES Student Dismissal Plan

It is important for the safety of your child to establish a consistent dismissal routine. Children should have one plan, so they know how to get home each day. Please make any necessary arrangements to enable your child to follow a daily dismissal routine as we will be reinforcing this safety policy this school year.

We recognize there are times when a temporary change needs to be made. If a true emergency does occur, please note that we cannot accept phone calls as there is no way to verify the caller. **A note, email, or DOJO message needs to be provided to the teacher & the office to document the one-time change before 2:00 pm. Early Dismissal CANNOT occur after 2:50 p.m. You must arrive prior to 2:50 p.m. or follow your child's daily dismissal procedure.** Please remember these procedures are in place to keep your child safe!





Hard Hat Update

Our new addition is all under roof! This summer, our construction crews worked overtime to accomplish many integral parts to the project. They laid a new water line around the entire school to support the sprinkler system needed for the addition. This water line also went through the parking lot and up to the street! Thank you for your patience with the school being closed for three weeks in order for all this to take place! Parking lots have since been patched and repainted!



Now that most of the outside work is completed, crews will be working inside to install drywall and turn the areas into true learning environments. Our move in date is still scheduled for November! At that time, classes will have all Cultural Arts in new locations. The biggest change will be having actual space for Music and Instrumental classes! Ms. Green and Mr. Dillon are so excited to use their new rooms for creating and making music!



Water Line Installation



Gymnasium



Art Studio



Media Center