

George T. Cromwell Elementary School
221 Olen Drive
Glen Burnie, MD 21061
September 2019

Kathryn Maxa
Principal



“As a good Cougar I will respect myself, respect others,
respect learning and respect property.
I believe that when I work hard I will succeed,
so I will work hard each day to do my best.”

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 3, 2019

Back to School Night—5:30 pm

September 4, 2019

First Day of School

September 10, 2019

Chick Fil-A Night 5-8 pm

September 11, 2019

Patriot Day

wear red, white and blue

PTA meeting—6:30pm

September 11 & 13, 2019

Tryouts for Frozen—3:30-5:30

September 17, 2018

Constitution Day

September 20, 2019

Our choir will join
other North County schools
in singing the National Anthem
at the NCHS football game

September 27, 2019

Individual Picture Day

September 30, 2019

Rosh Hashanah

From the Principal

Welcome back to an exciting new school year at George Cromwell! With the end of summer comes the return of busy schedules and routines, along with lots of extra-curricular activities. One of the best steps that you can take here at the beginning of the year is to set up routines at home that support learning.

1. Establish a **homework routine** that includes a specific time and place for completing homework each night.
2. Establish a **bedtime routine** that includes a bedtime of 8:00 or 9:00 which may also include reading time before lights out, and limits screen time.

We all look forward to working closely with you this year to help your children... our students... to their very best at school!

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Imagine the Possibilities!



EARLY DISMISSAL FROM SCHOOL

Please send a note to your child's teacher if you would like to pick your child up early for an appointment. This way, the teacher can get together assignments and homework in advance, if possible.

If someone other than a parent is picking your child up from school, they will need to bring written permission from the parent allowing the student to leave early with them, even if they are on the emergency card.

Keeping our students safe is our number one priority. With that in mind, if your child is going home a different way than usual, ex:—a car rider instead of a bus rider one day, you will need to send that change to school in writing as well. We can't take phone messages changing a student's transportation home because we can't verify your identity on the phone. Students will always follow their original plan that you set up with them unless we are given written permission otherwise.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

The State of Maryland has attendance standards as well as academic standards. The standard includes not missing more than 12 days in one school year. Any student that is absent more than 12 days is not meeting the standard. Any student that misses more than 20 days in one school year is considered at risk.

Our Attendance team monitors the attendance of students and we will make contact with you if your child isn't meeting monthly benchmarks or is in danger of not meeting the standard.

We look forward to recognizing students each year with perfect attendance. This means no absences, no tardies and no early dismissals.

To ensure student safety, please bring your child to the school office if he/she is late for school.

PETS on SCHOOL PROPERTY

Due to the number of students who have allergies or aversions to pets, and as per a citation from the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of MD regarding animals on school grounds and in public recreation areas: any individual who wishes to bring an animal on school property on a school day must have prior permission from the school principal. Please refrain from bringing pets to school to pick up students. If your bring a pet with you, it must stay in the car or down at the street off school property for the children to come to you.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe!

Video Camera System

Our 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 and 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 system. You may call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083 if you have any questions about the system.

Federal Parent Pupil Survey

On Friday, September 30, 2019, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by fill out the form and return it to school with your child as soon as possible. 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 obtain from school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org/ students. The form must have the complete address of the Parent's employer if they work on federal property. Each survey must be signed and dated by the parent or guardian.

TWITTER

George T. Cromwell Elementary is on Twitter!

Follow us @ [GTCromwellAACPS](https://twitter.com/GTCromwellAACPS) to get news and updates from our school and AACPS.

FOOD ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL TO SHARE WITH OTHER STUDENTS

The Division of Food and Nutrition Services supports a healthy lifestyle for all students in Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Please consider providing nutritious snacks when celebrating your child's birthday. A small token to give to each child is also acceptable. This item will be distributed at dismissal time so that classroom distractions are minimal.

If you choose to bring an edible item, please remember that we do have students with food allergies in our school. All food items must be store bought with the ingredients marked on each package. Food items that contain nuts of any kind, or if the food is processed with other foods that contain nuts, the item will not be allowed to be shared. When food is brought to school to distribute to your child's class, a staff member will need to check for food allergy products and decide if the snack can be distributed to the class.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

During each school year, various drills are conducted at every school to ensure that the staff and students are prepared in the event of an emergency. These drills include monthly fire/evacuation drills.

In addition, safety drills with scenarios developed by the school system's Office of School Security and based upon various possible emergency scenarios are done each year. These include, but are not limited to: evacuation for natural gas emergencies; shelter for tornado and earthquake; shelter for outside hazardous materials release; lockout for danger outside of the school building, reverse evacuation back into the school for students and staff outside; and a lockdown for a dangerous person inside of the school.

Visitors to School

Anne Arundel County Public Schools uses the V-soft screening system for visitors and volunteers to enter the building. Please bring your motor vehicle driver's license or state identification card with you to school when you want to visit, volunteer, or pick up your child. Your picture id card will be entered and then scanned and a badge will print out with your picture and name on it. The computer will keep track of your volunteer hours each time you sign in.

If you are going on a field trip with your child be sure to get here early to sign in. The process only takes a few minutes but having several parents to scan at one time can take longer. You must sign in at school even if you are driving yourself to the field trip destination. Thank you for your patience and understanding in helping us to keep our building and children safe.

Arrival and Departure , etc.

Our school crossing guards are an integral part of the arrival and departure of staff and students. Please stay alert and follow the directions of the crossing guards. Obey the signals and be patient while they cross our students.

Our crossing guards are:

Lisa Matkins at Wellham and the construction entrance,

Darlene Grant at Olen Drive and Olen Court

Donna Jones at Wellham and Gordon Drive

Kathy Ingle at Wellham and Olen Drive

Terry Schminke at Wellham and Baby Baer Court

Please do not pass by a bus that is stopped to let students on and off. Often, children cross in front of the stopped bus to allow them to cross safely. When their red lights are flashing it's best to keep a safe distance from them.

Please do not park in the bus lane or along the curb at dismissal time. The buses need to have the full use of the lane to travel in safely. Please use the parking lot in the front of the school to park and pick up your child.

School Meals

Remember to apply online for school meals at AACPS.org. Meal benefits from the 2018-19 school year will end on October 17, 2019. A full price lunch is \$2.75.

We do have a few paper forms in the office if you are having difficulty with the online process. Please contact the office at 410-222-6920 to have one sent home with your child.

THANK YOU TO OUR PTA

The students and staff of George Cromwell would like to thank the PTA for providing each student with Scholastic News Magazine. The children always look forward to it. It's a great way for them to read about news and events that are happening around the world.

Our PTA is the best!



A LETTER FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

I am Erica Brown and I am very excited to be the PTA President. We have some really fun things planned for this school year. I hope that you will be able to attend some of them and enjoy fellowship with other families in our school.

PTA membership information will be coming home soon. Please be sure to complete the form and return your membership as soon as possible. Please consider joining the PTA. There are so many wonderful things that we can do with your support!

Please welcome **Dawn Yi** as our Vice President
Kristi Diventi as our Treasurer and
Rhianna Allen as our Secretary

If you need to get in touch with a member of the PTA, please send a message to our email address: cromwellferndalepta@yahoo.com and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

I look forward to meeting our families and enjoying time with each of you.

Sincerely,

Erica Brown
President

Fingerprint-Supported Background Checks

This year, any parent, volunteer or chaperone with one-on-one unsupervised/unrestricted access to children should complete a fingerprint-supported background check. Fingerprint supported background checks must be scheduled through the Fingerprinting Office at the Central Office. The cost of fingerprinting is \$58.25. Fingerprint-supported background checks are valid until an individual becomes separated from AACPS for a period of one year or more.

What this means for our school: All parents, volunteers or chaperones will need to have a fingerprint supported background check in order to go on field trips or volunteer in our school. . Parents who volunteer for Drown proofing do not need one since they are always in the presence of an approved AACPS representative. They do however, still need to have a background check at least three weeks prior to the intended school event.

George T. Cromwell Elementary would like to thank the following companies for supplying our students with J.M. Gaske, Inc. student folders.

Pizza Choice, Games and Stuff, Dunkin Donuts, The Tint Man, The Bank of Glen Burnie, Chesapeake Pediatric Dental Group, Glory Days Grill, Wireworx Electric, Inc. and Charm City Party Rentals.

We welcome new staff members:

Rachel Redding—2nd grade

Karen Novak—4th grade

Amanda Strickland—5th grade

Alex Petrella—PE Teacher

Jennifer Seerey—Special Education Teacher

Tina Cartwright—Special Education Assistant

Ann Lerian—Speech Pathologist

Michael Nuth—School Psychologist



We are better together!