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Park Elementary News

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DON'T FORGET

- **All visitors, student and staff** to AACPS schools or buildings must bring proper ID, especially when picking up a student.
- Late students after 8am **must** be signed in at the front office by an adult.
- **Every time** an adult other than the parent or guardian picks up your student prior to dismissal, we will need a note and they must have ID.
- There is no parking in the drop off loops. Adults should remain in vehicles when dropping off and picking up students.
- Make sure to apply for free lunches online
- Be sure to create an account for Parent Portal. Call the office if you need help.
- We love animals but they are **not permitted** on school property. Thank you!



School Hours

7:40 am - 8:00 am - Arrival
2-HR Delay Arrival 9:40 am

8:00 am— Instruction Begins (must be in their seat)

2:25 pm - Dismissal
12:25 pm - Early Dismissal

Due to traffic congestion and end of the day dismissal procedures, changes in early pick ups should occur before 2:10 pm.

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✦ **EDGE** ✦

*"Every Day Give
Everything"*

NOTICE:

Please remember to check your voice mail first if you receive a call from our school phone number. There is no way the main office can track calls.

When your child is out sick or tardy you will receive an automated phone call from the school even if you contact the school first.

201 East 11th Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21225
410-222-6593

November Incentive



Rockin' Bowl a rama

For this event, students must earn all 12 bowling pins on their turkey to bowl and dance.

They must have perfect attendance (no tardies/early dismissals), complete all work, and have zero behavior consequences in order to earn a bowling pin.

Rockin' Bowl a rama
will be on November
17th.



**Principal's
corner**

It is hard to believe that we are already beginning our second marking period of the 2023-24 school year and are so thankful for such a great start. October was a busy month culminating with a Fall Festival Day on the 31st. We have also been extremely busy welcoming new students to Park. We have over 75 new students in just grades 1-5 with 24 of these children in grade 4. I have hired another teacher to assist our students and teachers in this grade level and know that our newest staff member will be able to provide extra support to our students.

With our quickly growing student population, I am happy to report that AACPS will begin a new addition to our building in January. Although the area will not be ready for students in August, I am being promised that the new rooms will be ready for students and staff in April. Currently, our Community Manager is working in a closet area and our bilingual facilitator and computer tech are in the newsroom. We do not have a single classroom and/or portable that is being utilized daily.

We also have been working diligently to make sure that our students attend school on a regular basis. Our daily attendance has been much better this marking period; although, we had an incredibly high number of students out on October 30th and 31st. Students who have had good attendance from October until the end of November will be rewarded with a trip to Toby's Theater in Columbia. Stay turned to find out what the next attendance incentive will be. Good attendance is critical to improved academic performance.

Although it is a few weeks away, we are opening our very popular Holiday Shop in December. Students may use their Tiger or DoJo points to purchase gifts for their family and friends. Students earn these points in many ways including being kind to others, paying attention, providing an answer, and completing high quality assignments. I hope some of you will consider volunteering to help with this huge undertaking. We also need gently used items for the shop and always run out of goodies for men and boys. Popular items include balls, jewelry, toys, crafts, art supplies, baby items, mugs and/or anything related to sports.

Please talk to your students about what they are learning and encourage them to set high goals for their learning. As always, please contact your child's teacher at any time. I am also available and love to hear from you.

Gratefully,

Principal Blondell



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Principal

Federal Impact Aid Survey Forms

Each year, Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) is eligible to apply for federal Impact Aid grant funds. Impact Aid is a federal formula grant program designed to assist local school districts that enroll federally-connected students.

Federally-connected students are children of active duty uniformed services personnel, children who live on federal property or in subsidized federal housing, and children whose parents are employed on eligible federal properties.

AACPS anticipates receiving approximately \$2,000,000 in federal funds from the Impact Aid grant. The funds become a part of the school system's general operating budget and are critical to maintaining high standards for educational excellence.

We need your assistance in identifying students with federal connections to ensure that AACPS can obtain its fair share of funds from this program. Please complete the Federal Impact Aid Parent-Student Survey for your child(ren) online at <https://secure.aacps.org/webapps/SEFP/en-US/OOF/Federal>. Please be assured that all information provided will be treated confidentially.

If you have any questions, please call Angie Smack in the AACPS Finance Office




Health Room

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School Health Services

Join our team!

RNs, LPNs and Health Assistants
Full-time and part-time positions

We Offer Excellent Benefits

- No nights or weekends
- Summers off
- Follows the public school calendar
- Health, dental, vision and pharmacy coverage
- Paid leave
- Deferred compensation plan



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MEET OUR *Team*

~ Student Services ~



Brad Brainer, Pupil Personnel

My primary focus is:

- * Resolving issues related to attendance
- * Residency
- * Custody
- * Matters related to homelessness

I am available as a resource to the staff and families at your school.

Cell: 410-627-7968, Email: bbrainer@aacps.org

Rebecca Barnes, Community School Program Manager

As Community School Program Manager my primary role is to:

- * Support families
- * Provide experiences and opportunities for all members of the family
- * Build partnerships with community organizations to support our school

Contact Information

Email: rbarnes@aacps.org

School Phone: 410-222-6593

Cell Phone: 410-562-1203



Aiissa Starkey, School Social Worker

As the School Social Worker I am here to:

- * Provide individual or group counseling to your child to promote social/emotional well-being and academic success
- * Help you and your family find resources
- * Advocate for your child when additional supports are needed
- * Provide crisis intervention for your child and help find crisis/outpatient mental health resources for family
- * Participate in Individual Educational Plan meetings



Cell: 240-927-0249

Email: Amstarkey@aacps.org

Clare Bailey Maclary, School Psychologist

As a school psychologist I:

- * Work with students to support social, emotional, and behavioral well-being, and academic achievement
- * Work on skills such as coping skills, social skills, and problem



Ms. Cale, School Counselor



Ms. Tyler, School Counselor



Google Voice: (301)679-0418

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Roberto Gonzalez, Bilingual Specialist

Hello, my name is Roberto González and have the pleasure and privilege of serving as the Bilingual Specialist for Park Elementary Community School. I will be working alongside the Community Schools Program Manager to support our Spanish-speaking Community with appropriate community resources.

Hola, mi nombre es Roberto González, trabajé como Facilitador Bilingüe en el área de North County durante los últimos 7 años y ahora tengo el placer y el privilegio de servir como Especialista Bilingüe para Escuelas Comunitarias aquí en Park Elementary. Trabajaré junto con la Gerente del Programa de Escuelas Comunitarias para apoyar a nuestra comunidad de habla hispana con los recursos comunitarios apropiados.

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School Phone/Teléfono de la Escuela: 410-222-6593



Stephanie Hinshaw, Behavior Assistant/Learning Lab

I am available to:

- * Support students during the day by offering them a quiet and safe place to learn
- * Have your child earn a break to come and engage in a fun activity.
- * Put your child in a social skills group
- * Help you join the PTA
- * Give you information about Park



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V Soft Raptor Ware Security System

Every visitor must bring their ID with them regardless if you are already in our system.

The safety of all students and staffing Anne Arundel County Public Schools is of utmost importance to all of us. Our school utilizes a system to check in all visitors. The system is called **V Soft by RaptorWare**. When you visit our school for the first time, you will be asked to present a government-issued photo (i.e., driver's license) to a staff person in the school office. This card will be scanned and the following information will be collected: your photo, your name, and your date of birth. This information will be utilized to check you in, create an ID badge, and compare your information against sexual offender databases throughout the country. If your name appears on any of the lists or you refuse to allow the use of your ID, you will not be allowed access to the school.

On future visits to a school, in which you have previously registered, you will only be asked to show your ID as your name will be selected from an existing list of previous visitors. You will also be asked to check out with the office upon leaving the school so that we know you are no longer in the building. You will be required to check into the system even if you are only coming to school to pick up your child. The information collected will not be shared outside of the school and is kept on a secure server. Your assistance in keeping our students safe is very much appreciated.

Electronic Lock and School Cameras

For security purposes, we have an electronic lock and cameras at the main entrance. Parents and visitors must press the bell to the right of the main entrance and wait for the office staff to disengage the electronic lock before entering the building.



Security Cameras

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, although, select cameras are frequently monitored on a daily basis. 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.

Park Elementary School Emergency Plan

Every Anne Arundel Public County School is required to have a plan to address different kinds of emergencies. At Park we have a plan in place and frequently conduct practice drills. In addition, it is important to note that if we ever had an emergency situation where we had to evacuate the building for an extended period of time that our evacuation site would be to Brooklyn Park Elementary School.



Fire Lane/Bus Loops

Reminder that parking in designated fire lanes and/or bus loops is prohibited. This prohibition extends to staff, students, visitors, spectators at athletic events, day care vans, and after school activity vans such as karate centers, clubs, etc. Any vehicle parked in a fire lane or obstructing a fire hydrant must be moved to an authorized parking space.



Maryland Motor Vehicle Law §21-101.1(b)2,3 states,

A person may not drive a motor vehicle in violation of any provision of this title on any property that is owned by or under the control of this State or any of its political subdivisions, county boards of education, or community colleges and that is open to vehicular traffic and used by the public in general. Any person who violates any provision of this subsection is in violation of the law to the same extent and is subject to the same penalty as if the motor vehicle were driven on a highway.

As you know, in a critical emergency, the loss of every minute caused by vehicles blocking fire and police department access can become critical.

November

Upcoming December Dates (subject to change)
 December 5th- 2hr Early Dismissal and Unity Day
 December 25-29th- School closed for Christmas/Winter Break

Park Elementary School
 Principal- Sandy Blondell
 Assistant Principal- John Panitz
 School Counselors- Debbie Cale & Julie Tyler
 Principal Secretary- Mrs. Armstrong
 Attendance Secretary- Mrs. Miller
 Registration Secretary- Mrs. Armstrong
 PTA President- Mrs. Hinshaw 410-222-6593

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 School closed for Elem/Middle school students	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Vision & Hearing Screenings	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Fall Picture Re-Take Day	17	18
19	20 School closed for all students. Conferences	21 School closed for all students. Conferences	22 School closed for Thanksgiving Break	23 School closed for Thanksgiving Break	24 School closed for Thanksgiving Break	25
26	27	28	29	30		