

Point Pleasant Newsletter

AVID on the RISE!

November 2019



November

- 7-8 **2-hr. early dismissal for all students**
End of first marking period
- 11 Beginning of 2nd MP
- 15,18,19,20 Drownproofing/5th
- 18-22 American Education Week
- 20 **Report cards sent home for all students**
- 21 Arlington Echo/4th
- 26 Downs Park/K
- 27-29 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**
All Schools & Central Offices Closed
- 27 MD Science Center/5th



Looking Ahead...

December

- 5 **2-hr. early dismissal for all students/Professional Development**
- 13 Interims sent home by today
- 23-Jan 1 **Christmas/Winter Break**



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Christopher Gordon
Principal

Alexis Lively
Assistant Principal

PPES Families,

November is upon us and fall is in the air. A big thank you to our PTA for purchasing two water filling stations. Wellness at PPES! Also, thank you for participating in the many wonderful school-wide events we had during the month of October. It was great to see so many families attending Movie Night, our PTA Fall Festival, Parent-Teacher conferences and our Halloween Parade. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and welcomed. We are RISING to new heights as a school community. We are: Point Pleasant! We are: Panthers! We are: AVID Ready!

In celebration of American Education Week, each grade level will be reaching out with information regarding an opportunity for you to visit your child's class during the next two months to observe instruction or participate in a special activity. Please be on the lookout for this opportunity! Your involvement in these events is very important to our students and school community.

If you have not done so already, please take a few minutes to view student grades. PowerSchool Parent Portal is a powerful, easy-to-use, secure communication tool connecting parents/guardians with PPES. Using the PowerSchool student information system, the Parent Portal allows collaboration to improve student achievement. Online access to grades, attendance, and assignments makes it easier for you to monitor your student progress in real time.

As a reminder, schools will be closed Wednesday, November 27th – Friday November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving. We wish you and your family well during the upcoming holiday season. Take time to reflect upon those around you that bring joy and happiness each and every day!

With Appreciation,

Chris Gordon and Alexis Lively



G u i d a n c e N e w s

Monthly Attendance Winners

These classes had the highest attendance average for their grade level during the month of October:

Pre-Kindergarten: Mrs. Huber
Kindergarten: Ms. Clampitt
Autism Classes: Ms. Krizek
First Grade: Mrs. Yacilla
Second Grade: Ms. Lamarsh
Third Grade: Mrs. Elliott
Fourth Grade: Ms. Fucella
Fifth Grade: Ms. Pendergast

Congratulations to these students!
Keep up the amazing work and help your class to win your grade level attendance trophy for the month of November!

Parent Involvement Conference

Join other parents for an exciting Family Involvement Conference
Saturday, November 16th
8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Anne Arundel Community College, 101 College Parkway, Arnold MD

Join other parents and the staff of the AACPS Office of School & Family Partnerships to learn more about how families and schools can work together for the success of all children. A keynote speaker will kick off the morning and then will be followed by your choice of 2 breakout sessions from 13 different topics of interest to those who have or work with children from preschool through high school.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Spanish interpreters will be present. For other language requests, please call 410-222-5417.

To register for the conference, go to www.aacps.org/conference. Please be on the lookout for the flyer coming home with more details.

5th Grade Parents: Magnet Program Information:

In Anne Arundel County Public Schools, the Magnet Programs are one of your choices for your student's middle school education. These specialized programs offer unique opportunities, methods of teaching, and themed curricula. In most Magnet Programs, students attend their magnet school every day instead of their home middle schools (so, instead of Marley Middle in our case).

Anne Arundel County offers three different Magnet School Programs for Middle School at these locations for students from our school who would normally go to Marley Middle School: International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB) at MacArthur Middle; (2) the Performing and Visual Arts (PVA) at Brooklyn Parks Middle; and (3) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) at Lindale Middle.

The online Magnet application process closes at noon on November 26, 2019.

Please contact Ms. Westfall if you have further questions, mwestfall@aacps.org or by phone via our office at 410-222-6425.



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Attend to your Child's Attendance & You'll be Happy!

This year, our Teachers are again tracking attendance and there are competitions within grade levels each month for the highest attendance average! Students will also receive certificates for Perfect Attendance! The children are excited. We hope you will support this new initiative.

Children are in school to learn and to grow into responsible and productive young adults who are prepared to enter the world on their own. Regular school attendance is the key to high school graduation and finding a good job. Good attendance will reap rewards as your child grows.

Poor attendance in elementary school often leads to excessive absences in middle and high school. Poor attenders become disinterested and unmotivated in school and often drop out. Unlawful absence, or truancy, has been identified as one of the early warning signs of students headed for potential delinquent activity, social problems, or failure in school. According to research, truancy frequently leads to dropping out of school, entering the juvenile court system and unemployment. Dropouts who work typically earn lower salaries. Truancy is a sign that a young person is losing his or her way and needs help. Pupil Personnel Workers and other school staff are available to help.

Where can parents get help? If your child starts to demonstrate school avoidance behavior (i.e., refuses to get up, complains of vague illnesses, teacher or peer problems, or skips school) get help right away! Call the Office of Pupil Personnel at 410-222-5284.

(excerpts from brochure from the AACPS Office of Pupil Personnel)

Plans for Cold Weather

Arundel House of Hope has a "Winter Relief Program" which is a revolving shelter in our County for those 18 years or older in case this applies to anyone in your families. To get on the waiting list, you have to go to the Day & Resource Center and sign-up. You can also call the Arundel House of Hope at (410) 863-4888 and leave a message on their Winter Relief extension. The waiting list is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call after 7 a.m. to leave a message. When leaving a message, clearly state your name, the time of your call, and that you would like to have your name put on the waiting list. If you have adult family members coming with you, please say their names, too (no one under 18 years of age may be sheltered in Winter Relief).



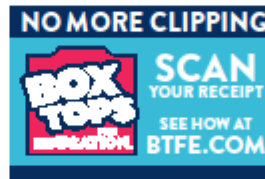
Dear Families,

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school!

Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...
CLIP IT



SEE THIS...
SCAN
YOUR RECEIPT

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, available now.

The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

**BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP
OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:**



If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES AT

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