

RICHARD HENRY LEE ELEMENTARY

SOARING TO EXCELLENCE: WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 2024

May 2024:

7th	6:00 PM Band/Strings/Chorus Concert
9th	6:00 PM PTA Meeting
14th	Schools & Central Offices Closed – Primary Election Day
22nd	9:00 AM Kindergarten Celebration
23rd	9:00 AM Kindergarten Orientation
23rd & 24th	Schools Closed for Kindergarten Only; Kindergarten Conferences
27th	Schools & Central Offices Closed – Memorial Day

June 2024:

1st	Six Flags Trip for Band/Strings/Chorus
10th	2-Hour Early Dismissal – End of 4 th Marking Period
11th	2-Hour Early Dismissal – Last Day for Students
12th	Last Day for Teachers
19th	Schools & Central Offices Closed - Juneteenth

School Calendar (AACPS)

May						
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May

14 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Primary Election Day.

23 | Last day for graduating seniors.

23,24 | Schools closed for ECI, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten. (Conferences)

27 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Memorial Day.

June						
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June

10,11 | Two-hour early dismissal. No half-day ECI. End of fourth marking period.

11 | Last day for students.

12 | Last day for teachers.

17 | Eid al-Adha. (See Religious Observances.)

19 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Juneteenth

Mission: Richard Henry Lee provides a safe and challenging environment in which all children can learn. We strive to have our school community actively involved in empowering students to become lifelong learners and productive members of society.

Vision: We have a safe and open environment for learning that encourages risk-taking among all students and staff. We provide a rigorous environment that fosters diversity while encouraging students to be critical thinkers, communicators, and problem solvers. We collaborate to learn from each other and to strengthen relationships between families and school. We are all engaged in learning, staff, and students alike, finding joy in its constant pursuit.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Happy Spring! With the spring weather arriving it means that we are coming up on the end of the school year. Students are working so hard to finish out the year strong. We have seen such amazing growth from all of them and are so proud of each of them. Teachers and students will continue to work hard on their skills until June 11th, which is our last day of school for the 2023-2024 school year.

We have many exciting events planned to celebrate our students finishing out the school year. On May 7th we will have our Spring Concert to celebrate our RHLee musicians at 6:00 p.m. To celebrate our youngest learners we will have a kindergarten concert on May 22nd at 9:00 a.m. and our annual field day for all students will be on May 29th. (Rain date June 5th) We will end the year celebrating our 5th graders as they are promoted to middle school on June 10th at 8:30 a.m.

Please enjoy our final newsletter of the year and take a look at the information from our Title I team on events throughout the summer. Students will still have access over the summer to continue their learning with individualized lessons in both literacy and math on iReady.

We have appreciated all of our families' support throughout the school year and hope that everyone has a wonderful summer! Before we know it we will be back in the fall. Enjoy the break!

Respectfully,
Ms. Koennel

School Counselor's Corner



Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns throughout the school year at:

(410) 553-2200 or dhorn@aacps.org



Helping Children Handle Stress

Stress can be a really difficult thing to deal with, especially for children. The warning signs in children are different from adults, but can range from anxiety to acting out in anger. Parents can use some of the following tips to help their children handle the stresses that come from school or life, in general.

- **Notice Out Loud.** Tell your child when you notice that something's bothering him or her. If you can, name the feeling you think your child is experiencing.
- **Listen to your child.** Ask your child to tell you what's wrong. Listen attentively and calmly — with interest, patience, openness, and caring. Avoid any urge to judge, blame, lecture, or say what you think your child should have done instead.
- **Comment briefly on the feelings you think your child was experiencing.** For example, you might say "That must have been upsetting," "No wonder you felt mad when they wouldn't let you in the game," or "That must have seemed unfair to you."
- **Put a label on it.** Many younger kids do not yet have words for their feelings. If your child seems angry or frustrated, use those words to help him or her learn to identify the emotions by name.
- **Listen and move on.** Sometimes talking and listening and feeling understood is all that's needed to help a child's frustrations begin to melt away. Afterward, try changing the subject and moving on to something more positive and relaxing.
- **Just be there.** Kids don't always feel like talking about what's bothering them. Sometimes that's OK. Let your kids know you'll be there when they do feel like talking. Even when kids don't want to talk, they usually don't want parents to leave them alone. You can help your child feel better just by being there — keeping him or her company.
- **Be patient.** As a parent, it hurts to see your child unhappy or stressed. But try to resist the urge to fix every problem. Instead, focus on helping your child, slowly but surely, grow into a good problem-solver.

Lyness, D. (Ed.). (2013, January). Helping Kids Cope With Stress (for Parents). Retrieved from <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/stress-coping.html>

Mindfulness Tip of the Month

- Take deep breaths, which helps to alleviate stress and slow down your heart rate.
- Write down things you're grateful for.
- Be present each moment. Try not to think about what you've done or need to do.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2024 IS NOW OPEN

FOR ALL CHILDREN BORN ON
OR BEFORE SEPT 1, 2019



Scan here to
locate your
child's school



To Register Online: visit
www.aacps.org/enrollment

To Register In Person: call the school's office
to schedule a time between 10:00am-1:30pm
Monday-Friday

*All students who register for kindergarten
at Richard Henry Lee Elementary before
May 23rd will be invited to our
kindergarten orientation and receive a
back pack filled with supplies to get
ready for kindergarten!
Be sure to register soon!*



News from the Literacy Office

We are so proud of the reading and writing growth our students have made this year. We do not want students to lose the growth they have made, so please continue to read and write as much as possible. There are also exciting and free opportunities for students at the Glen Burnie library. We will send out the information about summer reading closer to the end of the school year.



MCAP Testing Dates

Fourth graders will be taking the MCAP Math and Literacy assessments in May. Each of the four days they will be taking a literacy assessment and a mathematics assessment. Please see the below chart for testing dates.

4th Grade
May 8th (Wed) May 10th (Fri) May 13th (Mon) May 15th (Wed)

You can help your child do his or her best by:

- Making sure that your child is in school and on time on test days.
Rescheduling appointments and other out-of-school time on non-testing days.
- Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast before each day of testing.

Thank you for your support!