Pride Post
January 2021

Season’s Greetings SOES families,

It is incredible that we have almost completed two marking periods so quickly!!! Where did the time go? If you have not yet had a conference with your child’s teachers, please contact them to set up an appointment. As we prepare for the 2nd half of the year, please review information on our AACPS website at https://www.aacps.org/ regarding the spring semester planning & implementation. I look forward to the second half of the school year. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Wishing you all the best,

Farah Springer
Principal
Grade Level News

Pre-K

Hello PreK Families,

Welcome back from the holidays. I hope that it was a safe and healthy time for your family. This month we will be completing Theme 2 Unit 1 and will be moving into Theme 2 Unit 2 where we will be discussing Our Health!

We will continue to focus on our foundational literacy skills and begin to take on new challenges with our basic math skills!

I'm excited to keep learning with you.

Your teacher,
Mrs. Collington

Kindergarten

Hello Kindergarten Families!

Happy New Year! We hope that our families and students enjoyed the holiday break. As we enter the month of January, we want to thank you for your continued support and partnership!

During this month, we will have an opportunity to pull each child and assess them for their F&P reading level. The F&P levels begin at level A and range to level Z. The expectation is that students are reading on a level D by the time they finish kindergarten to be considered on grade level for first grade. Leveled readers can be found on class link in an application called Literacy Pro. This would be great practice for students at home. If you have any questions where this is located, please reach out to your child’s classroom teacher.

We are so impressed with our students’ projects so far this year! They truly enjoy sharing these projects with their classmates! Please refer to your child’s blue folder to see the new project for the month of January and optional homework assignments each day located on the calendar for extra practice. There is also the reading log located in the blue folder that students/families are encouraged to fill out. Recently, families should have received a survey asking if your child had a chrome-book from AACPS at home. If you have not filled out this survey, please do so. Ms. Fee is the person of contact for this. If you need your child’s login information or are having any difficulties, please reach out to your child’s teacher. The expectation is that students go onto the application Iready weekly for 30-40 minutes on math and reading. Students who spend the most time in the class on Iready receive weekly rewards.

Thank you for all you do and let’s have a wonderful New Year!

-The Kindergarten Team

First Grade

Hello Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. We are off to an exciting new year to continue our journey of learning.

First Grade Team
Hello Families,

We hope you had a warm and happy holiday season. We are looking forward to starting the new year with new energy and continuing the awesome work we have been doing! Please remember to check in with your student to ensure that all work is completed.

The Second Grade Team 😊

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Hello Families,

In this month of January, our 3rd graders will continue exploring how to respond to prompts as they interact with fiction and nonfiction genres. In addition, they will learn to compare varying perspectives of diverse authors as they ask and answer questions.

In Writing, our students will continue to learn to strengthen their informative writing pieces through research. They will also be learning about differences between facts and opinions as they develop their writing. In Science, students will be learning how animal groups inherit traits from their parents and how they adapt with changes within their environment.

In Social Studies, our students will continue to explore culture by learning how Anne Arundel county honors people and groups who have contributed to the common society. They will also be learning how certain social skills like appreciation, respect, cooperation fosters community collaboration, compromise, and conflict resolution.

In Math, students will be learning about how to use strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems involving time, liquid volume, and mass.

Please continue to reiterate the importance of demonstrating PRIDE to your students. Thanks, you for all your support.

3rd Grade Team.
Fourth Grade
Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a new year of fresh starts and fun activities. Please ensure that you review the classroom expectations with your student to help them be set up for success. Please be checking on your student's Brightspace and PowerSchool account frequently to ensure that all work is completed. If you have any questions, please contact your student's teacher.

Fourth Grade Team

Fifth Grade
Happy New Year! We hope 2022 brings lots of positivity to everyone! This month, our students will continue to explore themes in our content areas. In Mathematics, we will be multiplying and dividing fractions. They will continue to build off their knowledge of comparing and rounding decimals and relate it to our new fraction’s unit. Within Science, students will begin the “Four Spheres of Earth” unit. During the “Four Spheres of Earth” unit, students will learn about the lithosphere, biosphere, atmosphere, and hydrosphere. In Social Studies, students are continuing with the Road to the Revolution Unit, where we learn about the many causes of the American Revolution. Within Literacy, students will continue to learn useful strategies to boost their fluency and comprehension. We continue to learn about concepts such as: scan and skim, multiple main ideas, write to source, and relationships between events and main ideas. For Writing, we are continuing our Informational unit. Students will research a college that interests them and their career choice and create a robust informational writing piece. We are all hoping for an amazing close to Quarter Two!

Media
Dear Families,

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair. It was a great success! Students enjoyed browsing and shopping at our Fair. We want to say a huge "THANK YOU" to all our volunteers who supported our Fair by helping to set-up the Fair, helping shoppers, running the registers, and breaking-down the Fair. Our Book Fair would not be possible without your kind support. Also, we want to say another huge "THANK YOU" to our Office Staff for their support during our Book Fair!

Happy New Year!

The Seven Oaks ES Library Media Team
Greetings from Instrumental Music!

All Band/Orchestra students received a letter to take home regarding our Winter Concert. If you did not see it, here are the highlights:

- Our Winter Concert will be held **Thursday, January 13th** at Seven Oaks Elementary School.
- **All students in Band, Chorus and Orchestra are expected to attend.**
- Concert attire for students is a plain white collared top with dark pants (black or navy). The white polo and navy pants used for the school uniform are acceptable.
- All performers and audience members must wear masks inside the school building.
- We will have staggered performance times this year to limit audience size. **Students will only attend their portion of the performance.**

**Orchestra will perform at 6:15.**
- The front doors will open at 5:50.
- Orchestra students will report to the Cafeteria between 5:50-6:00.

**Chorus will perform at 6:45.**
- Chorus students will report to Mr. Sellman’s room at 6:35.

**Band will perform at 7:15.**
- Band students will report to Mr. Curran’s room at 7:00.

I look forward to seeing you there!

**Mr. Curran**
Band/Orchestra
mscurran@aacps.org
WE HAVE TO DO THE BEST WE KNOW HOW AT THE MOMENT; IF IT DOESN’T TURN OUT RIGHT, WE CAN MODIFY IT AS WE GO ALONG.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear Families,

I hope you have enjoyed the winter respite with family and friends and look forward to the New Year with our Seven Oaks community.

Ms. Morgan,
School Counselor
Tmorgan-Elam@aacps.org

STRATEGIES THAT TEACH KIDS TO SET GOALS AND TO HELP THEM SUCCEED

Dr. Michele Borba, Educational Psychologist and recipient of the National Educator Award, offers parenting strategies that teach kids to set goals and to help them succeed. She identifies seven steps:

1. Define what a goal is. An easy way is to link it to an area of interest. For example, a football player is aiming for a touchdown. It is something to shoot for. Explain goal setting as planning what you need to work on.

2. Share your own goals. Let your children know that you have dreams, and that you recognize that you may need to work on some things in order to achieve them.

3. Help kids create their “dream list”. Help them create a list that includes those things that they actually have the power to make happen. Then spend time together discussing those dreams. Consider what skills are necessary. Does your child need help in order to succeed?

4. Tailor the goal to your child. Have a first-time goal-setter work on a goal that can be achieved within a week. Some examples are making their bed every day, reading a book, brushing teeth without being reminded, getting a strike in bowling.

5. Help your child think through steps to success. Some children need to write down steps. The more they think about their goal, and identify what they need to do to achieve it, the greater the chance they will succeed.

6. Track your child’s progress. Use the fridge to show stickers or stars when steps are completed.

7. Celebrate! As goals are achieved, celebrate as a family.

As children work on their plans, it is inevitable for them to experience challenges and perhaps disappointment. Remember that failure is an important and valuable part of learning. In an article in Time, author Rachel Simmons wrote: “Of course kids should be taught to work hard and be resilient.” Simmons concludes, “But fantasizing that they can control everything is not really resilience. We would be wise to remind our kids that life has a way of sucker-punching us when we least expect it. It’s often the people who learn to say, ’stuff happens’ who get up the fastest.”

https://time.com/5593706/hard-work-achievement-mindset/
VIRTUAL SUPPORT FOR ELEMENTARY MATH

AACPS Elementary Math Virtual Family Support is back!

Join us with questions about Pre-K through grade 5 math concepts or in search of help understanding current problem-solving teaching/techniques.

Who? Parents, guardians, or other adults who help students learn

When? On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
(First session begins Thursday, September 23rd)

Where? Live Google Meets (See links below) with AACPS math teachers

*English and Spanish support is available

Please use the Google Meet links below where a math teacher tutor will provide a visual response with support.

Primary (Pre-K - 2nd Grade)  
Click HERE

Intermediate (3rd -5th Grade)  
Click HERE
APOYO VIRTUAL PARA MATEMÁTICAS DE PRIMARIA

¡El apoyo Familiar Virtual de AACPS para Primaria en Matemáticas ha regresado!

Únase a nosotros con preguntas sobre los conceptos matemáticos de Pre-kinder hasta 5 grado o en busca de ayuda para comprender la enseñanza / técnicas actuales de resolución de problemas.

¿Quién? Padres, tutores legales u otros adultos que ayudan a los estudiantes a aprender

¿Cuándo? Los MARTES y JUEVES por la noche, 6 p.m. a 8 p.m.
(Primera sesión comienza el jueves 23 de septiembre)

¿Dónde? En vivo por Google Meets (ver el enlace abajo) con maestras de matemáticas de AACPS

*Apooyo disponible en inglés y español

Por favor, utilice los siguientes enlaces de Google Meet, donde un tutor de matemáticas brindará respuesta visual con apoyo.

**Grados Primarios (Pre-K - 2 Grado)**
Haga clic [AQUÍ](#)

**Grados Intermedios (3 - 5 Grado)** Haga clic [AQUÍ](#)
A big thank you everyone as we navigate our way back to school. A few important things to keep in mind as we head into the fall and then winter months:

· Please do not send sick children to school. Covid-19 symptoms are any one of the following:
  o Fever 100.4 or higher
  o Sore throat
  o Cough
  o Difficulty breathing
  o Diarrhea or vomiting
  o New onset of severe headache (especially with a fever)
  o New loss of taste or smell

If your child is exhibiting or reports any of the above Covid-19 symptoms they will be sent home from school. If sent home with a Covid-19 symptom they will need to either have a Covid test, a diagnosis from a health care provider, or quarantine.

Please be sure to review the daily screening student checklist every day before heading out to school.

If there are any changes in your child’s health or anything you’d like us to know please reach out.

We realize this is a challenging and difficult time for everyone. Please know our main priority is to keep all our students safe and healthy, and to do that, it may at times be inconvenient for some.

Stay well!!

Seven Oaks Health Room Team
Office Hours

The office is open by appointment only. Please contact the main office at 410-222-0937 between the hours of 7:30am-3:30pm.

Internet Connectivity

It is important that all AACPS students can log into the Internet reliably beginning September 9, 2021, the first day of school. Every student, whether learning in person or virtually, needs to be able to engage virtually via the Internet to access course materials, log into Brightspace, access ClassLink, work collaboratively with their peers, and communicate electronically with their teacher.

We are working hard with Comcast, Verizon, Broadstripe and our many community partners to help support all families to get connected to the Internet. Through the generosity of community members and organizations along with government grants we have received, we have funding to support struggling families to get Internet Connectivity so their students can fully engage online, when needed, this fall.

AACPS is ready to help all families who still need to be connected to the Internet in their homes. Please follow these steps if you still need to get Internet Access in your home:

Email or call your youngest student’s school or school principal to let them know you still need Internet Connectivity. A school list with email addresses and phone numbers is available here. Please give them your name, your address, email address, and phone number where you can be reached.

Please send an additional email to our AACPS Technology Staff at internet@aacps.org to let them know you still need Internet Connectivity. Please give them your name, address, email address and phone number where you can be reached. Tell them the school(s) where your student(s) will attend this fall.

An AACPS staff member will reach out to you soon after your email or call to assist you to get Internet Connectivity.

https://www.aacps.org/Page/8830

Chromebook

All students in grades 3-5 should plan to bring your AACPS Chromebook to and from school daily in the fall. You will be using your Chromebook as a learning tool at times during the school day and will need it at home to complete assignments in the evening. All students in grades preK-2 should keep their AACPS-issued Chromebook at home for use there. When at school, there will be Chromebooks available in primary level classrooms for student use.

https://www.aacps.org/Page/8819
**Attendance**

Getting your child to school on time, every day can ensure your child has a chance to succeed in school. As a parent or guardian, there are steps you can take to make certain your child is in school every day.

Establish and stick with routines such as bedtime, wake up time, and homework schedule.

Prepare for the next day by laying out clothes the night before and packing the backpack and lunch.

Talk to your child about school. Show your interest in what they are learning.

If your child is reluctant to go to school, reach out to the teacher or school counselor for help.

If your child starts to demonstrate school avoidance behavior, i.e., refuses to get up, complains of vague illnesses, or skips school, get help right away!

Call your school counselor and ask for resources. The school will refer you to your school’s Pupil Personnel Worker. Remember, Maryland has a Compulsory Attendance Law. It states that children between the ages of 5 and 18 shall attend public school regularly during the entire school year unless otherwise enrolled in a private school, approved home instruction, or home teaching through the school. Parents may be charged in District Court for failure to see that their children attend school. Parents can be found guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not to exceed $50 per day of unlawful absence, or imprisonment not to exceed 5 days or both.

**Truancy Intervention for Parents (TIPP)**- [http://educationforprevention.com/](http://educationforprevention.com/) ($19.95 fee to complete course)

**Family Preservation Referral**

**Responsible Actions Attendance Program**

**Anne Arundel Community College Parenting classes**

**Strengthening Families**

**Brochure**
Schedule

AACPS is excited to welcome students, families, and teachers to view Fall 2021 school schedules. We designed these schedules to include the best of the pre-COVID school schedules with the positive elements of our virtual and hybrid schedules used in the 2020-2021 school year. We included time for relationship building, time for social-emotional growth, time for learning support through class time and Flex blocks. We added a 30-minute recess inclusive of additional opportunities for student socialization at the elementary level and Activity/Club time for our middle and high school students. We want to engage, excite, and energize students and teachers to have a wonderful Fall 2021 opening to school. Below you will find schedules for all learners.

https://www.aacps.org/Page/9531

School supplies

In an effort to significantly reduce the back-to-school supplies and/or activity-type fees that families are typically asked to provide, the school will be funding the purchase of school supplies in order to reduce financial burdens.
Greetings SOES families,

Welcome back to school for what we know will be an amazing fall semester! This will be the first time in almost 18 months that we will have the whole AACPS school family back together again for in-person instruction. Based on public feedback from our Listening Tour in the spring, the work of our many planning committees, educational best-practices noted in the research, Anne Arundel County Department of Health guidance, along with all that we have learned over the past year during virtual learning, we have planned for a healthy student-centered, supportive start to the 2021-2022 school year.

Below you will find information and resources for families and employees as you prepare for the new school year. Included is information related to health and safety, back-to-school needs, student learning and bus schedules, and school system updates.

https://www.aacps.org/fall2021

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**Free and Reduced Meals**

All students may apply to receive free or reduced-price meals at AACPS. Online applications are now accepted for the 2021-2022 school year. The online process has proven to be fast and accurate, is available in English and Spanish, and can be completed on a computer or smartphone.

Please click on the following link to apply: [http://aacpsschools.org/nutrition/apply-for-free-or-reduced-price-meals/](http://aacpsschools.org/nutrition/apply-for-free-or-reduced-price-meals/)

Families of students who qualified for free or reduced-price meals last year must re-apply and submit a new application for this new school year.

*All students will receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2021-2022 school year.*
Taking Care Of Your Chromebook

Students and parents/guardians are responsible for the general care of the device they have been issued. Anne Arundel County Public Schools has issued Chromebooks in order to support access to virtual learning. When a Chromebook becomes damaged, that learning is interrupted, so please take care of your Chromebook as you would take care of your gaming station or cell phone. For resources and help using your Chromebook, please visit AACPS Virtual Learning Information www.aacps.org/virtuallearning.

Protect your password. Do not share your password or account information.

Keep all food and drinks away from your device.

Be careful when inserting and removing cords, cables, and external devices.

Do not place foreign objects into your Chromebook.

Transporting your Chromebook

Always carry and transport your Chromebook with care.
The screen is delicate and can crack easily. Always be sure the lid is completely closed and secured before moving your Chromebook.

Never move a device by lifting from the screen.

Be certain all objects are out of the way before closing the screen.

Be careful when carrying the device in a case or backpack. Notebooks, books, writing utensils, earbuds, etc. may put too much pressure and weight on the Chromebook screen. Small items may slip between the screen and keyboard.

Screen Care

Your Chromebook screen can easily be damaged! Excessive pressure can break the screen.

Do not lean or place anything on the top of the device that could put pressure on the screen.

Do not store the device with the screen in the open position.

Do not poke the screen with anything that will mark or scratch the screen surface. Only use your clean finger.

Do not place anything on the keyboard before closing the lid (e.g. pens, pencils, etc.).

Do not use any liquid to clean the screen—use a soft dry microfiber cloth or anti-static cloth.

In Case of a Spill
If a liquid spills into the Chromebook, unplug it immediately. Do not plug back in until it is thoroughly dry.

If your Chromebook is not working, contact your school or email ChromebookIssues@aacps.org.
AACPS | Cuidando su Chromebook

Los estudiantes y los padres/tutores son responsables del cuidado general del dispositivo que han sido emitidos. Las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Anne Arundel han emitido Chromebooks con el fin de apoyar el acceso al aprendizaje virtual. Cuando un Chromebook se daña, ese aprendizaje se interrumpe, así que por favor, cuida tu Chromebook, al igual que cuidarías a tu estación de juegos o teléfono celular. Para obtener recursos y ayuda para usar su Chromebook, visite AACPS Información de Aprendizaje Virtual www.aacps.org/virtuallearning.

Transporte de tu Chromebook

Lleve y transporte siempre su Chromebook con cuidado.

La pantalla es delicada y se puede agrietar fácilmente. Asegúrese siempre de que la tapa esté completamente cerrada y asegurada antes de mover tu Chromebook.

Cuidado de la Pantalla

¡La pantalla de tu Chromebook se puede dañar fácilmente! Una presión excesiva puede romper la pantalla.

En Caso de un Derrame

Si un líquido se derrama en el Chromebook, desconéctalo inmediatamente. No vuelva a enchufarlo hasta que esté completamente seco.

Si tu Chromebook no funciona, ponerse en contacto con su escuela o correo electrónico ChromebookIssues@aacps.org.
Welcoming Students Back: What Families Can Do

AACPS follows the professional and expert recommendations of local and state health officials, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to make informed decisions regarding the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors.

Please note that public health data and information which informs such recommendations are subject to change. AACPS will make modifications in accordance with local, state, and federal requirements.

Health

- **Symptoms that should prompt staying at home are any ONE of the following:** fever of 100.4°F or higher, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, diarrhea or vomiting, new onset of severe headache (especially with fever), or new loss of taste or smell. For persons with chronic conditions such as asthma, the symptoms should represent a change from the baseline.

- If a student has any of these symptoms, they must not attend school and the school must be immediately notified. A healthy student checklist is available at [www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols](http://www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols). If a student develops or presents symptoms while at school, parents/guardians will be asked to promptly pick up their student.

- If a student has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, the child must not come to school without advice from the county Department of Health.

- Make sure that your child’s immunizations are up to date.

- **Consider flu shots** for your family.

- **Pack water, hand sanitizer, an extra cloth face covering, and other materials that cannot be shared.**

- **Remind your child of proper and frequent hand washing.**

- **Teach your child about appropriate distancing,** helping them to understand what maintaining a safe distance of space from others looks like.

- **Review AACPS’ suite of safety protocols and facilities adjustments** to be familiar with the steps taken by staff to keep students safe.

- **Continue healthy habits** like eating a balanced diet, exercising, and getting plenty of sleep.

Face Coverings in School

- Unless they have an approved accommodation, all persons in school facilities must wear a cloth face covering in accordance with applicable state and local mandates, except when eating meals. Face coverings are recommended to be worn at the bus stop and are required to be worn on the bus.

- Choose face coverings with **breathable material that fits snugly**, but comfortably over the nose and mouth.

- **Neck gaiter and other similar products** are not acceptable as cloth face coverings.

- **Label your child’s face covering.**

- Help your child understand that **wearing a face covering may also help prevent others from getting sick.**

- Show your child how to **carefully place and remove their face covering with clean hands.**

- Indoors, all students and staff – regardless of age or vaccination status – will be masked except in limited circumstances. More information can be found at [www.aacps.org/fall2021](http://www.aacps.org/fall2021).

- Face coverings must be **worn over the nose and mouth and securely around the face.**

- **Before putting on the face covering, hands should be clean** (soap and water or hand sanitizer)

- Face coverings **should not be worn while wet,** as doing so could make it more difficult to breathe.
Be Well – Mental Health

- **Talk to your child about their feelings around going back to school.** Help them to understand that their classrooms and interactions will be different. School staff will help them adjust by providing lessons and encouragement on new school procedures.

- **Stay connected with your child’s school.** School staff value relationships, especially during times of uncertainty and unfamiliarity.

- **Reach out to your child’s school counselor** or visit www.aacps.org/crisisresources for support.

- Review the Confirmed Case guidance protocol at www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols to fully understand what happens if your child’s school is affected by a laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19.

- **Remember that you are not alone.** AACPS is made up of many resilient and kind individuals who make a mighty awesome community.
Dando la Bienvenida a los Estudiantes de Regreso a Clases: lo que las familias pueden hacer

Salud

- **Los síntomas que deben provocar quedarse en casa son CUALQUIERA de los siguientes:** fiebre de 100.4°F grados o más, dolor de garganta, tos, dificultad para respirar, diarrea o vómitos, nueva aparición de dolor de cabeza intenso (especialmente con fiebre) o nueva pérdida del gusto o del olfato. Para las personas con enfermedades crónicas como el asma, los síntomas deben representar un cambio con respecto a la enfermedad.

- Si un estudiante tiene alguno de estos síntomas, no debe asistir a la escuela y la escuela debe ser notificada de inmediato. Una lista de verificación para estudiantes saludables está disponible en www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols. Si un estudiante desarrolla o presenta síntomas mientras está en la escuela, se les pedirá a los padres/tutores que recojan de inmediato a su estudiante.

- **Si un estudiante ha estado en contacto cercano con alguien que tiene COVID-19, el niño no debe venir a la escuela sin el consejo del Departamento de Salud del condado.**

- Asegúrese de que las vacunas de su estudiante estén actualizadas.
- Considere las vacunas contra la gripe para su familia.
- Empaque agua, desinfectante de manos, un cubrebocas de tela adicional y otros materiales que NO se puedan compartir.
- Recuerde a su estudiante el lavado de manos adecuado y frecuente.
- Enséñele a su estudiante sobre el distanciamiento apropiado, ayudándole a comprender cómo es mantener una distancia segura del espacio con los demás.
- Revisar el conjunto de protocolos de seguridad y ajustes de instalaciones de AACPS para estar familiarizado con los pasos tomados por el personal para mantener a los estudiantes seguros.
- **Continúe con hábitos saludables** como comer una dieta equilibrada, hacer ejercicio y dormir lo suficiente.

Cubrebocas en la Escuela

- A menos que tengan una autorización aprobada, todas las personas en las instalaciones escolares deben usar una cubierta facial o cubrebocas de tela de acuerdo con los mandatos estatales y locales aplicables, excepto cuando comen. Se recomienda usar los cubrebocas en la parada de autobús y se requiere que se usen en el autobús.

- Elija cubrebocas o cubiertas faciales con material transpirable que se ajusten perfectamente, pero cómodamente sobre la nariz y la boca.

- **Las que son para el cuello y de otros productos similares** no son aceptables como cubiertas faciales de tela.

- **Etiquete la cubierta facial de su estudiante.**

- Ayude a su estudiante a entender que **usar una cubierta facial también puede ayudar a prevenir que otros se enfermen.**
- Muéstrele a su estudiante cómo colocar y quitarse cuidadosamente la cubierta facial con las manos limpias.

- En interiores, todos los estudiantes y el personal, independientemente de su edad o estado de vacunación, estarán enmascarados, excepto en circunstancias limitadas. Se puede encontrar más información en www.aacps.org/fall2021.

- Los cubrebocas deben **usarse sobre la nariz y la boca y de forma segura alrededor de la cara.**
- **Antes de ponerse el cubrebocas, las manos deben estar limpias** (agua y jabón o desinfectante de manos)
- **No se deben usar cubiertas faciales mientras está mojado,** ya que hacerlo podría dificultar la respiración.
Dando la Bienvenida a los Estudiantes de Regreso a Clases: lo que las familias pueden hacer

El Estar Bien – Su Salud Mental

- **Hable con su estudiante sobre sus sentimientos en torno al regreso a la escuela.** Ayúdemos a entender que sus aulas e interacciones serán diferentes. El personal de la escuela los ayudará a adaptarse al brindarles lecciones y aliento sobre los nuevos procedimientos escolares.

- **Manténgase conectado con la escuela de su estudiante.** El personal de la escuela valora las relaciones, especialmente en tiempos de incertidumbre y falta de familiaridad.

- **Comuníquese con el consejero escolar** o visite [www.aacps.org/crisisresources](http://www.aacps.org/crisisresources) para obtener apoyo.

- **Revise el protocolo de orientación de casos confirmados en [www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols](http://www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols)** para comprender completamente lo que sucede si la escuela de su estudiante se ve afectada por un caso confirmado por laboratorio de COVID-19.

- **Recuerda que no estás solo.** AACPS está formado por muchas personas resilientes y amables que conforman una comunidad poderosa e increíble.
Back2Awesome Notes
2021–2022 School Year

Daily Health Screenings
Students and employees must assess their health before coming to school every day. Use the checklists at www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols to make sure that none of the listed symptoms are present.

Masks
Masks must be worn by anyone, regardless of age or vaccination status, inside of any AACPS building. Gaiters are NOT permitted. Details about all practices and protocols for the safety of all can be reviewed at www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols.

Transportation Service
All bus riders must wear a mask at all times, regardless of age or vaccination status. The nationwide bus driver shortage will have an impact on AACPS transportation services. To see an up-to-date listing of impacted bus routes, go to www.aacps.org/buses.

New Learning Management System
Teachers and students will start the school year using, Brightspace, the new learning management system that will help integrate various learning platforms to provide a more seamless teaching and learning experience. Families will learn more about Brightspace in the weeks to come. www.aacps.org/brightspaceforfamilies

Forms for your convenience
Families will have the option of completing forms online in the Parent Portal to provide convenience and better bookkeeping. www.aacps.org/parentportal
- Code of Student Conduct Acknowledgement – parents/guardians will be able to electronically acknowledge their review of the Student Handbook
- Absentee Notes – parents/guardians will be able to send absentee notes to notify schools of student absences

Visiting School
Parents/guardians must make appointments for general school business and some meetings may occur in a virtual environment. In instances of emergency or general drop-off of items, please contact the school before arriving.

School Meals
Meals are free for students for the 2021–2022 school year; however, completion of the free/reduced price meal application ensure that AACPS can maintain and meet the needs of students through federal programming. This application also affords families qualification for other programs that could benefit them. https://aacpsschools.org/nutrition/apply-for-free-or-reduced-price-meals/
Notas Back2Awesome para el Curso escolar 2021–2022

**Exámenes de Salud Diarios**
Los estudiantes y empleados deben evaluar su salud antes de venir a la escuela todos los días. Use las listas de verificación en [www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols](http://www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols) para asegurarse de que ninguno de los síntomas enumerados esté presente.

**Cubrebocas**
Los cubrebocas deben ser usados por cualquier persona, independientemente de su edad o estado de vacunación, dentro de cualquier edificio de AACPS. Las polainas NO están permitidas. Los detalles sobre todas las prácticas y protocolos para la seguridad de todos se pueden revisar en [www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols](http://www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols).

**Servicio de Transporte**
Todos los pasajeros de autobuses deben usar una máscara en todo momento, independientemente de la edad o el estado de vacunación. La escasez de conductores de autobuses en todo el país tendrá un impacto en los servicios de transporte de AACPS. Para ver una lista actualizada de las rutas de autobuses afectadas, vaya a [www.aacps.org/buses](http://www.aacps.org/buses).

**Nuevo sistema de Gestión del Aprendizaje**
Los maestros y los estudiantes comenzarán el año escolar utilizando, Brightspace, el nuevo sistema de gestión del aprendizaje que ayudará a integrar varias plataformas de aprendizaje para proporcionar una experiencia de enseñanza y aprendizaje más fluida. Las familias aprenderán más sobre Brightspace en las próximas semanas. [www.aacps.org/brightspaceforfamilies](http://www.aacps.org/brightspaceforfamilies)

**Formularios para su conveniencia**
Las familias tendrán la opción de completar formularios en línea en el Portal para padres para brindar conveniencia y una mejor contabilidad. [www.aacps.org/parentportal](http://www.aacps.org/parentportal)

- Reconocimiento del Código de Conducta estudiantil: los padres/tutores podrán reconocer electrónicamente su revisión del Manual del estudiante.
- Notas de ausencia: los padres/tutores podrán enviar notas de ausencia para notificar a las escuelas de las ausencias de los estudiantes.

**Visita a la escuela**
Los padres/tutores deben hacer citas para negocios generales de la escuela y algunas reuniones pueden ocurrir en un entorno virtual. En casos de emergencia o entrega general de artículos, comuníquese con la escuela antes de llegar.

**Comidas Escolares**
Las comidas son gratuitas para los estudiantes para el año escolar 2021–2022; sin embargo, la finalización de la solicitud de comida gratuita/ a precio reducido garantiza que AACPS pueda mantener y satisfacer las necesidades de los estudiantes a través de la programación federal. Esta solicitud también brinda a las familias la calificación para otros programas que podrían beneficiarlos. [https://aacpschools.org/nutrition/apply-for-free-or-reduced-price-meals/](https://aacpschools.org/nutrition/apply-for-free-or-reduced-price-meals/)
Please use the following checklist to monitor your student’s health every day. If students exhibit any of these symptoms, they must not attend school until symptom free and advised by the county health department.

Review AACPS’ suite of safety protocols at www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols to be familiar with the steps taken by staff to keep students safe.

If your student has any ONE of the following symptoms, please do NOT send them to school. Additionally, please get them tested for COVID-19 or obtain an alternate diagnosis from a medical professional:

- temperature of 100.4°F or higher
- sore throat
- cough
- difficulty breathing
- diarrhea or vomiting
- new onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
- new loss of taste or smell

For persons with chronic conditions such as asthma, the symptoms should represent a change from the baseline.

- Has my student been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19?
  They must not come to school without advice from the Anne Arundel County Department of Heath.

- Are my student’s immunizations up to date?

- Did I pack materials that cannot be shared?
  water, hand sanitizer, an extra cloth face covering, etc.

- Did I remind my student of proper hand washing and physical distancing?

- Does my student have a clean cloth face covering made of breathable material that fits snugly?
  Unless they have an approved accommodation, students must wear a cloth face covering in accordance with applicable state and local mandates, except in limited circumstances. Face coverings must be worn at the bus stop and traveling on a bus to and from school.
Lista de Verificación Diaria de Salud de Estudiantes

Utilice la siguiente lista de verificación para revisar la salud de su estudiante todos los días. Si los estudiantes presentan alguno de estos síntomas, no deben asistir a la escuela hasta que estén libres de síntomas y sean aconsejados por el departamento de salud del condado.

Revise los protocolos de seguridad de AACPS en www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols para estar familiarizado con los pasos tomados por el personal para mantener a los estudiantes saludables y seguros.

Si su estudiante tiene UNO de los siguientes síntomas, POR FAVOR NO los envíe a la escuela. Además, haga que se hagan la prueba de COVID-19 u obtenga un diagnóstico alternativo de un profesional médico:

- temperatura de 100.4°F o superior
- Dolor de garganta
- Tos
- Dificultad para respirar
- diarrea o vómitos
- nueva aparición de dolor de cabeza intenso, especialmente con fiebre
- nueva pérdida del gusto o del olfato

Para las personas con enfermedades crónicas como el asma, los síntomas deben representar un cambio con respecto a la línea de base.

- ¿Mi estudiante ha estado en contacto cercano con alguien que tiene COVID-19?
  No deben venir a la escuela sin el asesoramiento del Departamento de Salud del Condado de Anne Arundel.

- ¿Están actualizadas las vacunas de mi estudiante?

- ¿Empaque materiales y artículos que no se pueden compartir?
  agua, desinfectante de manos, cubrebocas extra, etc.

- ¿Le recordé a mi estudiante el lavado de manos adecuado y el distanciamiento físico?

- ¿Mi estudiante tiene un cubrebocas hecho de material transpirable que se ajuste perfectamente?
  A menos que tengan una adaptación aprobada, los estudiantes deben usar un cubrebocas de tela de acuerdo con los mandatos estatales y locales aplicables, excepto en circunstancias limitadas. Los cubrebocas deben usarse en la parada de autobús, al viajar en un autobús hacia y desde la escuela. También en todo momento dentro del edificio escolar.
Face Coverings & Safety Practices

AACPS follows the professional and expert recommendations of local and state health officials, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to make informed decisions regarding the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors.

Please note that public health data and information which informs such recommendations are subject to change. AACPS will make modifications in accordance with local, state, and federal requirements.

CDC Recommendations for cloth face coverings in schools

- Cloth face coverings have been proven to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Cloth face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings and when around people who live outside of their household.
- Cloth face coverings must be worn by anyone over the age of 2 while in school buildings, except in limited circumstances, which may include:
  - Students engaging in strenuous exercise in a physical education course
  - Instrumental music students who are playing a wind instrument

More information can be found at www.aacps.org/fall2021.

Health & Safety Expectations in AACPS

The Code of Conduct will be followed for all students who do not comply with these guidelines. Failure of employees to comply with these guidelines will result in progressive discipline.

Anyone, regardless of age and vaccination status, are required to be masked at any time inside of any AACPS building. *See limited exception note above.

- Must be worn over the nose and mouth and securely around the face.
- Before putting on the face covering, hands should be clean (soap and water or hand sanitizer).
- Face coverings should only be removed with clean hands.
- Face coverings should not be worn while wet, as doing so could make it difficult to breathe.

Basic personal school supplies/office materials, e.g., pens, paper, markers, tape, etc. should not be shared. Shared office items, e.g., copier, phones, microwave, etc. should be wiped frequently and individuals should always wash/sanitize hands after use.

Hand sanitizer and/or hand sanitizing stations will be accessible throughout all facilities.

Students and employees should not report to school/work if they are experiencing any ONE of the following: fever of 100.4° or higher, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, diarrhea or vomiting, new onset of severe headache (especially with fever), or new loss of taste or smell. Students and employees with these symptoms should be tested for COVID-19 or obtain an alternate diagnosis from a medical professional. For persons with chronic conditions such as asthma, the symptoms should represent a change from the baseline. Information regarding leave for individuals with COVID-19 or who are quarantined may be found at www.aacps.org/leave.
Face Coverings & Safety Practices

Additional Safety Reminders for Employees

AACPS supervisors and in-school administrators must follow local and state guidelines to promptly deal with confirmed COVID-19 cases (www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols) that directly affect the facilities for which they are responsible. Such response includes swift and confidential notifications to impacted individuals and affiliated parties as determined by the county Department of Health.

System-wide memos regarding operational and logistical decisions are posted on the AACPS Intranet for staff.

Employees are encouraged to use the Employee Assistance Program (www.aacps.org/eap) resources to help with everyday stress, as well as issues related to the pandemic.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools | Reopening 2021–22
**Cubiertas Faciales y Prácticas de Seguridad**

AACPS sigue las recomendaciones profesionales y expertas de los funcionarios de salud locales y estatales, y de los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC) para tomar decisiones informadas con respecto a la salud y la seguridad de los estudiantes, el personal y los visitantes.

Tenga en cuenta que los datos de salud pública y la información que informa dichas recomendaciones están sujetos a cambios. AACPS hará modificaciones de acuerdo con los requisitos locales, estatales y federales.

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**Recomendaciones de la CDC para los cubrebocas o cubiertas faciales de tela en las escuelas**

- **Se ha demostrado que las cubiertas faciales de tela mitigan la propagación de COVID-19.**
- Es más probable que las cubiertas faciales de tela **reduzcan la propagación de COVID-19 cuando son ampliamente utilizadas por personas en entornos públicos** y cuando están cerca de personas que viven fuera de su hogar.
- **Las cubiertas faciales de tela deben ser usadas por cualquier persona mayor de 2 años** mientras esté en edificios escolares, excepto en circunstancias limitadas, que pueden incluir:
  - Estudiantes que participan en ejercicio extenuante en un curso de educación física
  - Estudiantes de música instrumental que están tocando un instrumento de viento

Se puede encontrar más información en [www.aacps.org/fall2021](http://www.aacps.org/fall2021).

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**Expectativas de Salud y Seguridad en AACPS**

Se seguirá el Código de Conducta para todos los estudiantes que no cumplan con estas pautas. El incumplimiento de estas pautas por parte de los empleados dará lugar a una acción disciplinaria.

Cualquier persona, independientemente de su edad y estado de vacunación, **debe estar enmascarada en cualquier momento dentro de cualquier edificio de AACPS**. Consulte la nota de excepción limitada anterior.

- **Debe usarse sobre la nariz y la boca y de forma segura alrededor de la cara.**
- Antes de ponerse el cubrebocas, las manos deben estar limpias (agua y jabón o desinfectante de manos).
- **Las cubiertas faciales solo deben quitarse con las manos limpias.**
- No se deben usar cubiertas faciales mientras está mojado, ya que hacerlo podría dificultar la respiración.

**Utiles escolares personales básicos / materiales** de oficina, por ejemplo, bolígrafos, papel, marcadores, cinta, etc. **no debe compartirse.** Los artículos de oficina compartidos, por ejemplo, copiadora, teléfonos, microondas, etc. deben limpiarse con frecuencia y las personas siempre deben lavarse / desinfectarse las manos después de su uso.

**Las estaciones de desinfectante de manos y / o desinfección de manos serán accesibles en todas las instalaciones.**

**Los estudiantes y empleados no deben presentarse a la escuela / trabajo si están experimentando uno de los siguientes:** fiebre de 100.4°F o más, dolor de garganta, tos, dificultad para respirar, diarrea o vómitos, nueva aparición de dolor de cabeza severo (especialmente con fiebre) o nueva pérdida del gusto o el olfato. **Los estudiantes y empleados con estos síntomas deben hacerse la prueba de COVID-19 y obtener un diagnóstico alternativo de un profesional médico.** Para las personas con afecciones crónicas como el asma, los síntomas deben representar un cambio con respecto a la línea de base. La información sobre la licencia para personas con COVID-19 o que están en cuarentena se puede encontrar en [www.aacps.org/leave](http://www.aacps.org/leave).
Cubiertas Faciales y Prácticas de Seguridad

Recordatorios de Seguridad Adicionales para Empleados

Los supervisores de AACPS y los administradores en la escuela deben seguir las pautas locales y estatales para tratar con prontitud los casos confirmados de COVID-19 (www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols) que afectan directamente las instalaciones de las que son responsables. Dicha respuesta incluye notificaciones rápidas y confidenciales a las personas afectadas y a las partes afiliadas según lo determine el Departamento de Salud del condado.

Los memorandos de todo el sistema relativos a las decisiones operacionales y logísticas se publican en la Intranet de AACPS para el personal.

Se alienta a los empleados a utilizar los recursos del Programa de Asistencia al Empleado (www.aacps.org/eap) para ayudar con el estrés diario, así como con los problemas relacionados con la pandemia.

Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Anne Arundel | Reapertura 2021–22
Chaperone/Volunteer Background Investigation Application

Background investigations are required for all overnight chaperones, volunteers, and student teachers who have unsupervised access to students either on or off school property. Unsupervised access is defined as an adult having responsibility for a student or students not in the direct and continuous view of a school staff member. *A background check is required regardless of how brief the unsupervised time will be.*

Background investigations forms must be submitted online* and a minimum of three weeks prior to the event. Applicants are required to review and acknowledge the AACPS screening criteria for chaperone and volunteer background investigations before applying for a background check.

Please consider submitting your application now so that you will be cleared for any upcoming events.

https://www.aacps.org/Page/1869

**Mandatory Volunteer Video**

In addition to the background check, volunteers are required to watch a short video prior to volunteering.

You may use the link below to view the Volunteer Video:

https://md02215556.schoolwires.net/Page/2460

Please fill out the form on the next page after viewing the video and return to school.

Thank you for your assistance to keep our students safe!
Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Volunteer Program
Sexual Harassment and Child Abuse Video Viewing

Once you have viewed the Sexual Harassment and Child Abuse video online, complete this form and return it to the Staff Liaison for Volunteers at your school.

I certify that I have viewed the Sexual Harassment and Child Abuse video in its entirety and I understand the information contained in it.

________________________________________
Name (please print)

________________________________________
Signature

________________________________________
Child’s Full Name

________________________________________
Email address/phone number

________________________________________
Date

________________________________________
School

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Dear Parents,

Educational technology and funding changes daily. To keep up with these changes and expenses, our school is partnering with Weis Markets in the Weis 4 School program. By participating in this program, we can earn money for our school simply by shopping as we all do every day. When you shop at Weis, scan the barcode below to register your Weis Club Card. Once you register, you’re in the program and you do not need to register again. Please share this barcode with your friends and relatives so they can earn points for our school too.

Thank you for supporting our school with much needed funding!

Our school’s code

SEVEN OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

www.weismarkets.com
Clean Out Your Closet Challenge

Seven Oaks Elementary is participating in the Clothing To Cash Recycling Program

Help our School Raise Money!
We accept New and Used Clothing, Shoes, Sneakers, Towels and Textiles. Every Item Counts!!!

We want items in ALL conditions, unwanted, outgrown and out of style.

Seven Oaks Elementary will be paid for every pound we collect.
Collections will be Reworn, Repurposed or finally Recycled.

Look for the large white collection bin in the school parking lot.
The goal is to FILL our collection bin WEEKLY with as many PLASTIC BAGS of clothing, shoes and other textiles as possible!

Clothing should never be considered garbage. Save our landfills and give your items a second life. This is an easy way for our school to raise money for necessary resources that our children deserve.

Help Support Our School & Save The Environment One Bag At A Time!
Healthy Habits = Healthy Children

Healthy habits that decrease the spread of germs and help keep children and families well:

1. Hand washing is one of the best ways to keep from getting sick.
   - Wet hands with running water.
   - Add soap and rub hands together for 20 seconds.
   - Rinse.
   - Dry hands with clean paper towel.
   - If soap and water aren’t available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

2. Cover that sneeze and cough – Coughing and sneezing spread germs. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or the inside of your elbow to prevent spreading germs to your hands.

3. Get moving – Exercise helps the body fight off simple illnesses. Include active play in your child’s schedule.

4. Sleep – Getting the right amount of sleep will help fight off colds and infections.

5. Healthy eating – Good nutrition is vital for good health. Provide a variety of foods, including plenty of vegetables, fruits and whole grains at meal and snack times.

6. Keep your child home when sick – Children should stay home until they feel better.

When Do I Keep My Child Home From School?
(Although no comprehensive list is possible, the following conditions may be appropriate reasons to keep a student home from school)

- Temperature 100°F or greater
- Suspected fracture
- Vomiting, diarrhea
- Severe pain
- Shortness of breath, wheezing
- Undiagnosed rash
- Abdominal pain
- Productive cough and fever
- Red, draining eyes
- Suspected communicable disease
- Chest pain
- Head injury
- Earache
- Adverse medication effect
- Nuisance condition not currently treated, e.g., ringworm, scabies, head lice

Anne Arundel County Department of Health
School Health Services
The vaccines may cause side effects in some people, like sore muscles, feeling tired, or mild fever. These reactions mean the vaccine is working to help teach your body how to fight COVID-19 if you are exposed. For most people, these side effects will last no longer than a day or two. Having these types of side effects does NOT mean that you have COVID-19. If you have questions about your health after your shot, call your doctor, nurse, or clinic. As with any medicine, it is rare but possible to have a serious reaction, such as not being able to breathe. It is very unlikely that this will happen, but if it does, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

When you get the vaccine, you and your healthcare worker will both need to wear masks.

CDC recommends that during the pandemic, people wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth when in contact with others outside their household, when in healthcare facilities, and when receiving any vaccine, including a COVID-19 vaccine.

Even after you get your vaccine, you will need to keep wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth, washing your hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from other people you do not live with. This gives you and others the best protection from catching the virus. Right now, experts don’t know how long the vaccine will protect you, so it’s a good idea to continue following the guidelines from CDC and your health department. We also know not everyone will be able to get vaccinated right away, so it’s still important to protect yourself and others.
A little birdie told me...

Seven Oaks Elementary is now on Twitter!
Follow us @SevenOaksES
Get news and updates from our school and AACPS

Video Camera System
Seven Oaks 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 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 may call the office of School Security, at (410) 222-5083.
Save a Tree!!

The Seven Oaks administrative staff strives to be environmentally conscious. One measure we started was an electronic version of the Pride Post monthly newsletter. Instead of sending home a paper copy of the multipage newsletter to all 700+ students, it is now available online. You may access the newsletter, and other information regarding Seven Oaks, by visiting the AACPS website, clicking on ‘Elementary Schools’ and scrolling to find Seven Oaks.

If you would still like to receive a paper copy of the Pride Post, please complete the form below and send it back to school with your child. This is the only paper newsletter of the year that will be distributed to everyone.

Sincerely,
The SOE Office Staff

_____ Yes, I need a paper copy of the monthly newsletter sent home.
(Please only return one form per family.)

_________________________  _______________________
(Student Name)            (Teacher’s Name)