Pride Post
March 2022

Dear SOES families,

Great things are happening at SOES! We are lucky to share your children! March brings lots of activities to enhance daily instructional opportunities. Students have been working diligently on projects and are showing their brain power! We are fortunate to have such engaged and enthusiastic learners.

A special thank you goes out to our staff for planning fun-filled and informative activities to celebrate Black History Month. Students walk through the halls of SOES making connections and seeing themselves in the work. Follow us on Twitter to see some examples of excellence! 😊

Wishing you all the best,

Farah Springer
Principal
Grade Level News

Pre-K

Hi Pre-K Families,
First, I want to tell you I am so proud of your hard work this month! Keep up the good work!

As the weather changes, please be sure to make sure that your student has additional sets of clothes in their lockers that match the weather.

The next few weeks we will be Exploring Living Things in Our World. We will learn about the letters: Zz, Vv, Ii, and Ll. We will learn about the sight words: they, there, with, and look. We will explore fluency up to 5 in our math lessons. For science, we will talk about what grows and what things need to grow.

I am excited to continue to learn and grow with you!

Mrs. C

Kindergarten

Hello kindergarten families!

Happy March! We’re so proud of our students and all the progress they have made so far. It was so exciting to see the projects from February. We will have another project towards the end of March. Please look out for that. As we enter March, please continue to have your child log on to iReady to work on their iReady reading and math learning path. This learning path meets students at their level and helps them build on their current skills.

We wanted to announce that we will have a field trip to Downs Park in May to learn about trees. Please look out for information that will come home with students soon. We will need activity leaders and chaperones for this trip.

Conferences will take place Monday, March 7th and Tuesday, March 8th. These conferences are for students who are not meeting academic standards currently. We will have another conference in May for all students to celebrate their growth and progress.

As always, thank you for everything you do and all the support you give. This is truly a team effort!

The kindergarten team

First Grade

Hello First Grade Families!

Thank you for supporting us in celebrating our students’ hard work on Valentine’s Day and on 100th Day of School! Please continue to encourage our first graders to engage in their Brightspace activities, iReady Reading and Math, as well as First in Math! We also recommend to please review with your child all the assignments that your child’s teacher sends home weekly! This will extend and ensure mastery of learning in our young learners! 😊

For your reference, here’s the third quarter overview of the lessons for each academic block:

In Math, our mathematicians will practice their understanding of place value (ones and tens). We will be working on word problems that will help them build the concept of comparison structures. Our final unit for this quarter will teach our first graders how to tell time! Having them practice this at home will help prepare them for this unit!

In Science and Social Studies, our scientists will learn about sending messages through the science of light and sound.
In Writing, our writers will learn how to support their opinion with reasons and will learn how to write reviews.

March 7 will be a 2-hour delay arrival and March 8 will be a 2-hour early dismissal to accommodate Parent-Teacher Conferences! Do not hesitate to reach out to your child’s teacher so you can sign up to schedule your appointment!
First Grade

For reading resources that you can access at home, students may log in to your child’s Chromebook, log into their Class Link Page, then locate the Scholastic App and follow the steps:
Select the Scholastic Digital Manager
- Select Literacy Pro
- Launch
- Select Book Search
- Reading Level
- Select your child’s reading level or feel free to have your child choose and explore higher level texts!

We are all in this together!
Team First Grade

Second Grade

Hello families,

Thank you so much for your continued support and partnership! We are so grateful for our amazing families! 😊

Third quarter is off to a great start! Conferences will be held March 7th and 8th. These days will be the last scheduled conference dates of the school year. More information will come from your child’s teacher as we get closer to that date.
This month, students will continue to explore and write opinion pieces during Writer’s workshop. Students will also continue to explore and compare stories, find key details in a text, analyze characters, and identify point of view.
For math, students will continue to explore and apply place value to ones, tens and hundreds, use mental math, practice strategies for solving problems and use comparison symbols.

For social studies and science, students will explore the different habitats.

Please continue to encourage your child to complete quality work, to utilize Brightspace, and to practice their iReady pathways daily. Thank you again for all your support!

The Second Grade Team 😊

Third Grade

Hello Families,

In this month of March, our 3rd graders will continue to explore text structures and text features in comprehending informational texts. In addition, they will revisit how to identify the main idea and key details to support it.

In Writing, our students will continue to work on opinion writing and how to use the AACPS opinion writing rubric to edit and revise their writing.

In Science, students will be learning about the impact of weather on our world and the various climates in different regions.

In Social Studies, our students will be learning about how the changes in technology impact consumers and producers and its’ effect on the global market.

In Math, students will be learning about equivalent fractions and how to compare fractions.

Our 3rd graders can navigate the Brightspace platform as this is what we use daily in school to assign tasks. Please encourage your student to check for incomplete work and complete as directed. We encourage students to come to school every day and on time with their chrome books and headphones. Please continue to reiterate the importance of demonstrating PRIDE to your students.

Thanks, you for all your support.
3rd Grade Team.
Fourth Grade

4th grade is working on applying our knowledge of fractions to new skills this month. Please check on your student's BrightSpace account weekly to ensure that all work is being turned in and resubmitted if necessary. Additionally, please encourage your student to use iReady Reading/Math and First in Math to practice and review important skills. Please contact your student's teacher if you have any questions.

Fifth Grade

Hello Families,

We hope all of you are well! Our Black History Month projects were amazing! As for curriculum, we have some updates! Our students will continue to explore themes we started with in Quarter 3 and some new themes as well in our content areas. In Mathematics, we will begin our decimal unit. Students will love the Number Rock songs that go with our unit! Within Science, we are continuing our “What’s the Matter” unit. In Social Studies, students will continue with the “American Revolution” unit. Within Literacy, students will continue to learn some key strategies to continue to boost their fluency and comprehension. For Writing, we continue our opinion writing unit. Students will pick their new topic for their argumentative essay, research, and then pick a side to support!

Media

Hi Families,

Students are excited about reading! They are enjoying the Maryland Black-Eyed Susan picture book nominees. They will get to vote for their favorite Black-Eyed Susan picture book nominee in April. In March, students will visit MackinVia to learn about Women’s History Month. Please visit MackinVia to view our Book Groups: Women Then and Now and Black-Eyed Susan picture books.

Happy Reading,

The Seven Oaks ES Library Media Team
This month all grades will be finishing up our first Project Based Learning (PBL) Unit on Self Care Tool Kit.

Each grade will be starting a new Project Based Learning (PBL) Unit.

**Kindergarten Ms. Doner-Unique Me** Student will explore the question, How am I unique?

**Kindergartten Mrs. Bowen-The Art Of Sound** Student will explore the question, How can we apply the art of sound to create a soundscape and become a better listener?

**1st Grade-Stoytelling Through Yoga** Students will explore the question, How can we use Yoga to tell a story?

**2nd Grade-Mindfulness Matters** Students will explore the question, How can I use Yoga to clam my strong feelings?

**3rd Grade-Artist Typeface** Students will explore the question, How might we use the artwork of 20th century artists as inspiration for developing our own typeface?

**4th Grade-The Secret Gift of the Arts** Students will explore the question, How might we share our artistic gifts to bring joy to others?

**5th Grade-Monuments and Memorials** Students will explore the question, How can I honor a person or event by designing a piece of public art that communicates their significance or contribution to my world?

Any concerns or questions please email,  
Mrs. Bowen bsbowen@aacps.org  
Ms. Doner rdoner@aacps.org
**Art**

Get ready for more art!

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**Physical Education**

Hello Seven Oaks Elementary students, families and friends! Hope everyone has a great start to a new year. During the month of March, we will be entering our Tumbling Unit for grades K-5. Along with our Tumbling unit we will continue to develop our cardiovascular systems with tag games and various challenges. In addition, we will work on our flexibility and overall body strength as well. Please remember on physical education days to wear appropriate shoes to limit slipping and prevent avoidable falls. Like always if you have any questions feel free to contact us at any time.

Mr. Chandler
Ms. Latorre

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**General Music**

March is Women's History Month, and we will be featuring great women who have contributed to the music we hear today. I hope to bring new revelation and information to our students and honor the rich history of talented Women! Thank you for your continued support to the arts and to music!

Music Department

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**Instrumental Music**

**Beginning Orchestra:**
- We are learning to hold our bows properly and perform with the correct bow angle so that we are playing one string at a time. We are mastering the D Major scale and will soon begin our Spring Concert music!

**Advanced Orchestra:**
- We have started our Spring Concert music, learning songs in the key of G Major. We are working on our slurring technique and playing new notes “below the tape”.

**Concert Band**
- We are continuing on in our lesson books, learning new notes to build our range and new rhythms requiring precise articulation. We will begin our Spring Concert music this month, and you should soon hear new songs being practiced at home.

**A note about lessons:**
- As the year progresses, our lesson exercises and concert music become more advanced. This is the time of year when practice must occur at home to keep up with lessons. As I remind my students, lessons are for performing what you practice at home. It is also incredibly important for students to be prepared for their lesson, having their instrument and music with them. I no longer have spare instruments for students to borrow, so students will be sent back to class if they do not have their instrument with them. Students are given a lesson schedule each month. It is also posted in their homeroom, on my door, in their virtual instrumental Brightspace classroom, and read daily on the morning announcements. As always, I can be reached at mscurran@aacps.org if there is any question about the schedule or instrumental music program in general. Thanks!

Matt Curran
Google Voice: 301-744-7296

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**Special Education**

Welcome to March!

We are so excited to see the continued growth of our students and to watch them show Pride and all that they do! I-Ready lessons and individual pathways for each student have been updated after the completion of the latest I-Ready diagnostic earlier last month. Please continue to utilize the program pathways to help build your students independence and fluency in both reading and math.

https://login.i-ready.com/

Thank you for your support!
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

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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
**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**

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**Enrollment**

Welcome to Seven Oaks Elementary School! If you need to register your child at our school, please click on the following link: [https://www.aacps.org/enrollment](https://www.aacps.org/enrollment). There you will find helpful step-by-step guidelines on how to enroll at AACPS. Feel free to call our main office at 410-222-0937 if you have any questions. Phone calls will be answered between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm. We look forward to providing your child with a superlative learning experience!

**PREKINDERGARTEN APPLICATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN**

Enrollment for all Prekindergarten programs will be done online. Start by completing the Prekindergarten application found [here](https://www.aacps.org/enrollment). This Application must be downloaded to your computer and opened with the free Adobe Acrobat Reader software ([https://get.adobe.com/reader/](https://get.adobe.com/reader/)). Then enter the Portal to submit forms and upload documents [here](https://www.aacps.org/enrollment).
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.
FALL 2021 REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

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

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/

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.

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.

Screen Care

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

In Case of a Spill

If a liquid spills into the Chromebook, unplag 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 ha 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 su 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 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.
Welcoming Students Back: What Families Can Do

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](http://www.aacps.org/crisisresources) for support.

• Review the Confirmed Case guidance protocol at [www.aacps.org/safetyprotocols](http://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

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.

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](http://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.

- Recuérdelo 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.**

- Muéstrelle 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](http://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.**
El Estar Bien – Su Salud Mental

- **Hable con su estudiante sobre sus sentimientos en torno al regreso a la escuela.** Ayúdelos 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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/](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 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.

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.

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

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
- Recogimiento 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 beneficiarllos. https://aacpschools.org/nutrition/apply-for-free-or-reduced-price-meals/
Daily Screening Student Checklist

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.

 Notify your student’s school.
 www.aacps.org/schoollist
 My student’s school phone number is:

☐ 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.
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 sanitizers 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°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. 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](http://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](http://www.aacps.org/eap)) resources to help with everyday stress, as well as issues related to the pandemic.
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Cubiertas Faciales y Prácticas de Seguridad

Recodatorios 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.

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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)

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Signature

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Child’s Full Name

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Email address/phone number

________________________
Date

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School
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

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**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)