November Dates/Events

4 | Diwali. (See Religious Observances, page two.)

11, 12 | Two-hour early dismissal. No afternoon ECI or PreK. End of first marking period.

22 | Two-hour late arrival. No morning ECI or PreK. Parent/Teacher Conferences.

23 | Two-hour early dismissal. No afternoon ECI or PreK. Parent/Teacher Conferences.

24–26 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Thanksgiving Holiday.

Principal’s Message

This month, our schoolwide theme is empathy. In our morning announcements and school activities, we will be reminding students to have empathy, identify their own and others’ feelings, notice and respect same and different feelings, and show compassion. Compassion involves saying kind words or doing something helpful to show you care how another person feels. When students can identify, understand, and respond in a caring way to how someone else is feeling, it helps create a positive and accepting school climate.

Second Step lessons specifically teach about empathy. You will be receiving Home Links describing why empathy is important and including fun activities to do with your child to help him or her identify feelings and practice showing empathy and compassion. We hope you find them helpful.

Please tell your child’s teacher if you have any questions about how you can help your child learn to identify feelings and show empathy and compassion at home.

Wishing you all the best,

Farah Springer
Principal
Pre-K

Hello PreK Families,

Thank you for all of your hard work this month. It has been a pleasure working with you!

In the month of November, we will be working on the letters M and A and reviewing the letters N, W, P, H, M and A.

We will also be working on Primary Talent Development. This is an assessment that is used to begin building a portfolio for Talented and Gifted. We will be working on using our senses to describe the world around us.

In math, we will be working on counting, making sets, and comparing groups from 1 to 5.

We will be learning about how our senses help us learn about the world around us and how we are special by looking into our families and communities.

Thank you for sending your little learners to school each day. Thank you for taking the time to work with them. You are valued and appreciated.

Happy Learning,
Mrs. Collington

Kindergarten

Happy November kindergarten families!

We are so proud of our students and all the progress they are making each day. We wanted to confirm some upcoming dates. On October 21st, there will be half day conferences. If your child is making satisfactory progress, we will not ask to meet with you at this time. At the end of the month, the transportation projects will be due. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher. Students always have so much fun sharing their projects with their classmates. Thank you for taking the time to work with your child in completing these projects.

Please continue to write down books your child reads or books that are read to them in their folder. This will support and help develop your child's literacy skills. It is also essential to practice letters, letter sounds, building sight words, and practice writing a sentence with spacing and appropriate punctuation. We will continue to work on these skills in class. For math, students are continuing to represent a given set or number and put numbers together to make a specific number. It is important for students to show their work by drawing or using manipulatives (counters, bears, snap-cubes etc.) to show their work.

Let's have a wonderful November and thank you to all our families, this is truly a team effort.

The Kindergarten Team 😊
First Grade

First Grade Families,

As the first marking period ends, Team First Grade would like to express our gratitude to all our families for your support in making the first couple of months of this school year fun-filled and educational!

For the second quarter, first graders will continue to engage in writer’s workshop where they learn how to add details, make their characters move and talk, and apply proper punctuation marks and capitalization. In math, we will continue to build fluency in adding and subtracting numbers within 20 ensuring that we show our thinking using manipulatives and number sentences. In Science and Social Studies, we will learn how to become effective problem-solvers as we discover traits and cultures that connect us.

Please continue to encourage students to access their daily literacy and math work for additional practice of skills at home. Aside from the Weekly Homework being posted on Brightspace, students are recommended to spend at least 10-15 minutes per night (at least 30 minutes-45 minutes) on both i-Ready Math and i-Ready Reading at home. Please ensure that your child is practicing how to independently log in on their Chromebook at home as we support them in becoming independent learners! They are still expected to bring their fully charged Chromebook to school every Wednesday of the week.

If you have any questions regarding your child’s learning experience, please reach out to your child’s teacher!

Again, thank you for supporting our class!

First Grade Team

Second Grade

Hello parents and Guardians, Hello families!

We are very excited about all the progress our classes are making so far this year! Our students are showing us that they have PRIDE every day and we are very proud of them. This month in math, we will begin learning to use bar and picture graphs. In literacy, we will read some new stories and continue to learn the habits of good readers and writers. Please don’t forget to encourage your child to use their iReady pathways and to come to school with masks and water bottles. Keep up the great work!

Second Grade Team

Third Grade

Hello Families,

Our 3rd graders have been working hard these past months, as they continue to learn and practice the skills for successful learning during the building community blocks and the Second Step lessons.

In this month of November, our 3rd graders will be exploring elements of nonfiction and how the text features help them to comprehend the text. In addition, they will learn to use the conventions of English language to edit their responses to text dependent questions.

In Writing, our students will be learning about how to write informative writing pieces or topics using details from expository texts to support their claims.

In Science, students will be learning about electric and magnetic relationships and their effect on objects.

In Social Studies, our students will be observing and identifying how human and man-made features within communities' help meet their needs.

In Math, students will be exploring the concept of area and making connections to multiplication.

Please continue to reiterate the importance of demonstrating PRIDE to your students.

Thanks, you for all your support.

3rd Grade Team.
Fourth Grade

Hello Families,

4th grade is working on wrapping up a great 1st quarter. Please go onto PowerSchool to check over your student's grades. If you have any questions or concerns about the grades in PowerSchool, please contact your student's teacher. We look forward to a great 2nd quarter. If you are interested in being a chaperone for our upcoming Arlington Echo field trip (December 20th) please contact Mrs. Lohff (slohff@aacps.org). More information will be shared with your student in the coming weeks.

Fourth Grade Team

Fifth Grade

Hello Families,

Fifth Grade is excited to move into November as we continue our journey with our students! We had an amazing month of October with lots of wonderful memories to cherish. In Mathematics, students will begin using different strategies to solve adding and subtracting equations and place value with decimals. Within Science, students will be learning about the stars and the four spheres of the Earth. In Social Studies, students will start a unit on the Road to the Revolution. Within Literacy, students have enjoyed using new concepts to practice while reading, such as main idea and key details, and they will begin to learn new strategies to develop robust Opinion essays. We look forward to an amazing third month with our awesome 5th graders!

Fifth Grade Team
Media

Fall is here and students are enjoying reading books in the Media Center! We are excited to announce our upcoming Book Fair.

Our Book Fair is happening December 13th - December 17th during school hours. We need parent volunteers to help make our Book Fair a success. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Jackson. All volunteers must have an approved background check. Please keep in mind that background checks do take several weeks. I look forward to hearing from you!

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Jackson - tjackson@aacps.org
Mrs. Reed - gldreed@aacps.org
Mrs. Willis - hwillis@aacps.org

Arts & Humanities

EEE Arts and Humanities
This month we will beginning our New Project Slice PBL (Project Based Learning) Units

Kindergarten, First and Second grades will begin a unit on Unity and Collaboration. This slice offers students the opportunity to explore what the words unity and collaboration mean in the animal world, and how those skills can inspire us as humans to unite for a common purpose. The end goal is for students to choose a class mascot based on what they have learned about animals and each other.

Third, Fourth and Fifth grades will begin a unit on Take a Seat: Chair Design. This project is designed to build student capacity and comfort with a Project Based Learning environment. At the beginning of this project students will be introduced to a fictional client that will be the focus of their design. Through the design process, students will explore concepts related to clients, sketching, empathy maps and prototyping. Students will continuously reinforce communication skills as they share their thinking daily.
Hello SOES students, families, and friends! Hopefully, everyone is doing well and getting into the groove of this school year. During the month of November all students will be working on their cardiovascular endurance as well as their overall flexibility. In addition, we will be developing our underhand and overhand throwing by a variety of games and activities. At the end of the month, we will begin our dribbling with our feet unit. Grades 3-5 will start learning about team play by participating in a variety of small, sided games. Parents, please remind students that they need to make sure they wear appropriate shoes on P.E. days. Like always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time.

Mr. Chandler
Ms. LaTorre

Art

For the month of November, we will be concentrating on Native American artists in art.
General Music

Hello Music Families! We are off and running with music this year. Touching on what music is structurally and learning about the many ways we dance to the beat. We are super excited as chorus has begun and the kids are loving being able to sing and express themselves! We cannot wait to show you all the talent Seven Oaks has to offer! Thank you for your continued support!

Instrumental Music

We are off and running learning our instruments! Beginners are learning proper posture, hand position, and performing their first few notes. I am sure there are more than a few squeaks and squawks occurring during home practice. These are normal and will disappear with consistent practice. Advanced students are reviewing their scales and basic technique.

We have begun work in our lesson books. As stated on the registration form and welcome letter, students are responsible for acquiring the lesson book. We are using Essential Elements Book 1 for your child’s instrument. I’ve included pictures of the Band (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion) and Orchestra (Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass) lesson books for your reference. The book can be purchased at any local music store, or online. Please ensure your student musician has a lesson book as soon as possible. Advanced students who already own the book do not have to purchase a new one.

If your child plays a woodwind or brass wind, they received a special mask to use during lessons. Clarinets, Saxophones, Trumpets, and Trombones all received a special cover for the end of their instrument as well. These need to be always kept with the instrument. Students missing their split mask or bell cover (if applicable) will not be allowed to play their instrument during lessons.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions at mscurran@aacps.org.
Happy November!

The special education team is so excited to get into fall! Below you will find some helpful tips/resources you can use with your student(s)!

IMPORTANT NEWS FLASH: iReady is a wonderful resource for all students. The research suggests that students who spend 30+ minutes a week will have above average growth.

Go onto Classlink to access iReady! Please spend a few minutes each day on iReady's Reading and Math daily.

Special Education Team

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We had a blast in ECI this October. We have done an amazing job learning the routines and expectations of the classroom. In November we will be learning about the theme of Fall. In the classroom, we will talk about pumpkins, apples, and leaves. During November, our friends will learn about letters and sounds for H, A, and K and work on matching and identifying our shapes. Families, thank you for everything you have done and continue to do to support the kiddos.

Team ECI

Lo pasamos de maravilla en ECI este octubre. Hemos hecho un trabajo increíble aprendiendo las rutinas y expectativas del salón de clases. En noviembre aprenderemos sobre el tema del otoño. En el aula, hablaremos de calabazas, manzanas y hojas. Durante noviembre, nuestros amigos aprenderán sobre las letras y los sonidos de H, A y K y trabajarán en unir e identificar nuestras formas. Familias, gracias por todo lo que han hecho y continúan haciendo para apoyar a los niños.

Equipo ECI
Dear Families, please review the upcoming curricular focus in school counseling.

**PreK – Second Grade**

Students will focus on “Healthy Relationships”, addressing the themes of teamwork, cooperation and respecting differences.

**Third – Fifth Grade**

*What is the “Start Talking Maryland Act”?*

The act, passed by state lawmakers this year and signed by Gov. Larry Hogan, requires public schools to offer drug education that includes the dangers of heroin and other opioids starting as early as third grade.

- **Students** in grades 3 – 5 will receive lessons from the school counselor, supported by the school nurse. These lessons will focus on:
  - **Third grade**: Recognizing prescription vs. non-prescription drugs; how to use them safely, choices and problem-solving, and an introduction to what opioid drugs are. They will be using a book: *Charlie and the Curious Club: Candy or Medicine*.
  - **Fourth grade**: Learning about the physical effects of drugs, understanding why substance abuse is a problem, understanding what addiction is, and understanding how they can contribute to solving the problem of substance abuse on a community level. They will be working with materials from KidsHealth and recent news clips to be a detective, understand the problem and design a PSA, video clip, poster or other activity to address the problem.
  - **Fifth grade**: Learning and practicing strategies to deal with peer pressure, using refusal skills to build confidence to deal with uncomfortable situations when they might be asked to do drugs, recognize the effects opioids have on their brains. Students develop a list of strategies and will receive a pocket card with strategies and resources on it.
Why is it important that children receive this instruction in school?
School provides a safe place where children can learn what to do in unfamiliar or uncomfortable situations. Trusted adults will provide students with an opportunity to practice handling these situations so that the first time a young person is faced with an unsafe situation, he or she knows what to do and has practiced doing it. Students will identify trusted adults, both inside and outside of the school, where they can go for help.

How will I know when and what will be taught to my child about substance abuse and opioids? Parents will be sent a letter prior to the lessons being taught to inform them about when the lessons will be delivered by the school counselor and providing an opportunity to review the materials. Parents can opt out of having their child(ren) participate in the lessons and an alternative activity will be provided. Follow up activities to the lessons will be sent home.

Are there resources parents can access to help them recognize warning signs and talk with their child(ren) about how to keep themselves safe?
Yes. The Not My Child website has tips for parents about recognizing warning signs and what to do if you learn/suspect that your child has been/is using opioids or other illegal substances. Similarly, the Maryland State Department of Education has many resources for parents on the topic of preventing opioid and Heroin use and abuse.

*If you have specific questions or concerns regarding secondary opioid prevention lessons, feel free to contact your child’s health educator. If you have specific concerns regarding the elementary lessons, please contact your child’s school counselor.*
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 ayuden 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

*Apoyo 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
Are You Familiar with the County’s Magnet Programs and Schools of Choice?

The Fall 2021 Application Period begins 12:00pm

AACPS Division of Advanced Studies and Programs believes strongly in providing innovative educational programs for our students. It is through offering Magnet Programs in International Baccalaureate (IB), Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), and Performing, Visual, Arts (PVA), as part of our schools of choice, that students get to rigorously explore their interests, talents, and abilities in a highly specialized instructional setting. In the Magnet Programs, students learn about and explore issues that are current and relevant within their field of study. Students take both pride and ownership in being a part of a Magnet program as they prepare themselves to be future leaders.

To apply, current AACPS students should use their lunch ID as their application username and password, which are also used to access the computers at school and Google classes. Non-AACPS students will create a username and password when beginning the online application. The Magnet Office cannot reset passwords. Contact the Help Desk at 410-222-5135 for password resets.

Please click here to see program specific webpages for additional details.

START YOUR APPLICATION HERE
after 12 PM on OCTOBER 11, 2021!
Happy Fall! 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:
  - Fever 100.4 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

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 of our students safe and healthy, and to do that, it may at times be inconvenient for some.

Stay well!!

Bernadette Rogers, RN
### 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](https://www.aacps.org/Page/8830). 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.

### 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](https://www.aacps.org/Page/8819)

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**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.
**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).

**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.
**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](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.**

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**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 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 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.

- Protege tu contraseña. No compartas tu contraseña o información de cuenta.
- Mantengan todos los alimentos y bebidas lejos de su dispositivo.
- Tenga cuidado al insertar y quitar el cordón, cables y dispositivos externos.
- No pongas objetos extraños en tu Chromebook.
- Nunca mueva un dispositivo levantándolo de la pantalla.
- Asegúrese de que todos los objetos estén fuera del camino antes de cerrar la pantalla.
- Tenga cuidado al llevar el dispositivo en una funda o mochila. Cuadernos, libros, escritura utensilios, auriculares, etc., pueden poner demasiada presión y peso en la pantalla del Chromebook. Los artículos pequeños pueden deslizarse entre la pantalla y el teclado.
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 fit 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.
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Dando la Bienvenida a los Estudiantes de Regreso a Clases: lo que las familias pueden hacer

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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.**

- **Recuérdele a su estudiante el lavado de manos adecuado y frecuente.**

- **Enseñele 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.**
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**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 resistentes 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/brightsape/forfamilies

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://aacpschools.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 usadas 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 mascarilla 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 autobús 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
  • 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 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/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://aacpsschools.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.

- 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.

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

Notifique a la escuela de su estudiante. www.aacps.org/schoollist
El número de teléfono de la escuela de mi estudiante es:
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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](http://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](http://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.

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Cubiertas Faciales y Prácticas de Seguridad

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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.

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**.

- Debe usarse sobre la nariz y la boca 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° grados o más, dolor de garganta, tos, dificultad para respirar, disarca 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 o 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.
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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.

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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!
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
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!
Facts about COVID-19 vaccines

Vaccines (shots) are one of the tools we have to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

To stop this pandemic, we need to use all of our prevention tools. Vaccines are one of the most effective tools to protect your health and prevent disease. Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses so your body will be ready to fight the virus, if you are exposed (also called immunity). Other steps, like wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth and staying at least 6 feet away from other people you don’t live with, also help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are very effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19. Experts also think that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19. These vaccines cannot give you the disease itself.

The vaccines are safe. The U.S. vaccine safety system makes sure that all vaccines are as safe as possible. All the COVID-19 vaccines that are being used have gone through the same safety tests and meet the same standards as any other vaccines produced through the years. A system in place across the entire country that allows CDC to watch for safety issues and make sure the vaccines stay safe.

Different types of COVID-19 vaccines will be available. Most of these vaccines are given in two shots, one at a time and spaced apart. The first shot gets your body ready. The second shot is given at least three weeks later to make sure you have full protection. If you are told you need two shots, make sure that you get both of them. The vaccines may work in slightly different ways, but all types of the vaccines will help protect you.

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines
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...

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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.

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Sincerely,
The SOE Office Staff

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

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(Student Name)  (Teacher’s Name)