Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I hope you enjoyed a summer vacation filled with fun and exciting memories with loved ones. We are thrilled to welcome all students back to the school building to a new year of learning and growing. The faculty and staff at Seven Oaks Elementary School are working hard to plan for the school year. Information regarding the fall 2021 semester can be accessed by clicking on the following link: https://www.aacps.org/fall2021. There you will find content related to health and safety guidelines, school supplies, transportation, internet connectivity, and more.

I want to personally invite you to attend our Back to School Night on Thursday, September 30th at 6 pm. This will be a great time to strengthen our Seven Oaks community, connect with teachers and other families, and learn about the upcoming school year. We will begin the evening with a message to the school community, then you will have the opportunity to connect with teachers. There will be 2 in-person rotations for families who may wish to visit multiple teachers and 1 virtual session for families unable to attend in person. I hope to see each of you then!

Please feel free to contact the main office at 410-222-0937 if you have any questions. I am looking forward to working with all our students this year.

Wishing you all the best,

Farah Springer
Principal
Pre-K

Welcome to Seven Oaks Elementary School!

I am so excited that you are a part of my Pre-Kindergarten class! This school is going to be filled with so much learning and fun! I can’t wait to explore with you and watch how much you grow!

Happy Learning,

Mrs. C

Kindergarten

Hello Kindergarten Families!

Welcome to our 2021-2022 kindergarten school year! We are so excited to meet all our new Kinders! During this month, we will be focusing on rules and routines. We wanted to remind you of some upcoming dates. Kindergarten conferences will take place Wednesday, September 8th and Thursday, September 9th. If you are unsure of your conference day and time, please reach out to your assigned kindergarten teacher or school. Students will be assigned 1 staggered day. This allows students to get acclimated and learn routines/rules in smaller group settings. Students will be assigned to one of the following staggered days, Friday, September 10th, Monday, September 13th or Tuesday, September 14th. We look forward to our family partnerships and student learning this school year! Some skills students can work on are tying their shoes, zipping jackets/coats, asking for help, practice opening containers for lunch, taking a mask on and off, and practice using scissors. We look forward to meeting you and having a fabulous school year!

Thank you for all you do!

The Kindergarten Team
First Grade

Welcome to First Grade!

There is an exciting year awaiting, designed to promote your child’s growth and development. This very important year promises to be one filled with discovery and joy as your child works and plays in an environment that is warm, safe, and challenging.

The structure of daily activities is carefully planned to encourage independence, self-confidence, and group cooperation through large group, small group (limited and monitored time), and one-on-one participation in a variety of hands-on interactive experiences.

The activities will incorporate instruction and skill reinforcement in reading readiness, mathematics, writing, science and social studies, art, fine and gross motor skills, social/emotional skills through our Second Step curriculum, and language development.

You will notice the focus of the curriculum centered around theme units and related selections of literature. This is the core of our integrated learning, and these units of study will be used to extend across and connect all our content areas. In doing so, your child will see the continuity of his or her learning and the application of skills will become more concrete. Learning will be real, and learning will make sense!

Team First Grade is looking forward to working together to make this a most successful school year!

Second Grade

Welcome to Second Grade and the 2021-2022 school year! Your teachers are very excited to meet you in person this year!!!

As this new year begins, we will be learning the routines and rules of second grade as well as learning about each other and making new friends. In September, second graders will learn about how to be creators, leaders, and explorers in our theme of “Learning Together.” In writing, we will work on writing personal narratives. In reading, we will learn strategies that enable students to process and construct meaning from on-grade level text.

We look forward to a great year in second grade!

Second Grade Team

Third Grade

Welcome Families,

We are truly excited to welcome our 3rd graders back to in-person learning this year! We understand our students are coming back with mixed feelings, but we are dedicated to supporting our students as they make this transition.

In this month of September, our 3rd graders will be exploring what makes a community, as they learn the code of conduct and establish the routines, through a variety of fiction and nonfiction text genres in Reading. In Writing, our students will be learning about the writer’s workshop routines as they explore writing narratives.

In Science, students will be learning how to communicate as a scientist and learn the safety rules as they explore how equal and unequal forces react on objects. In Social Studies, our students will be learning about civic virtues and the code of conduct to build respectful classroom communities. They will be learning about the four disciplines of social studies and the roles they play in building communities.

In Math, students will learn math routines as they explore odd and even numbers, and rectangular arrays. They will also be exploring equal groups as a foundation for multiplication and division.

We look forward to a rewarding school year with our 3rd graders and we will provide you with more information during our Back-to-School Night.

Respectfully,

3rd Grade Team
Fourth Grade

Welcome back Lions!

We hope you had a healthy and happy summer break, and we are excited to see you all in the building. We are looking forward to a great start to the school year with you and your student.

Please contact your student's teacher with any questions you may have.

Fourth Grade Team

Fifth Grade

Welcome back Seven Oaks 5th graders! The fifth-grade team is excited to have you back in the classroom for in person instruction. This year, our mission is to make sure you enjoy your final year in elementary school while we begin to prepare you for your transition to middle school.

We will provide you with additional information during Back-to-School Night on September 30, 2021. We look forward to meeting your students on September 8, 2021. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Fifth Grade Team
**Media**

Welcome back to school! We hope you read some great books this summer. We are excited to have everyone back in our Media Center. We have many new books to share with you. We will review MackinVia and search for eBooks to read and for books to check out. We will work together to identify and practice the rules and procedures to follow when visiting our Media Center.

We welcome Mrs. Reed to our Media Center. She will be teaching at our school on Tuesdays.

Happy Reading!

---

**Arts & Humanities**

We are super excited to begin a great school year. Triple-E allows students to work in teams to collaboratively ask questions, creatively solve problems, and enthusiastically learn through hands-on exploration. Through an interdisciplinary approach and curriculum that emphasizes connections and collaboration, the Arts & Humanities theme nurtures the qualities of intelligence and imagination necessary for success in the 21st Century. Rigor and relevance are enhanced for all children through the arts and humanities lines of thought, avenues of exploration, and vehicles for showcasing student understanding. This theme explores how people process and record the human need to respond to life through the arts and literature. There are four different types of art forms:

- **Dance** is kinesthetic movement of the physical being.
- **Music** is aural singing, listening and/or playing an instrument.
- **Theatre** is interdisciplinary—written text, dramatic interpretation, and multimedia production.
- **Visual Arts** is spatial—images, structures, and tactile works.

Mrs. Bowen bbowen@aacps.org  
Ms. Doner rdoner@aacps.org
Physical Education

Welcome back SOES students, families and friends! I hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing summer break. During the first couple weeks in Physical Education class, we are going to focus on class rules and procedures. Since there are many differences this year in Physical Education class, we want to ensure that we understand how to be safe while still reaching our goals every class. In addition, for all grades we will start by learning/developing our locomotor skills. We will accomplish this through different games and exciting activities. Please be mindful to have your child wear athletic shoes on P.E. days. Like always if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time.

Mr. Chandler
Ms. LaTorre

General Music

Welcome, Welcome, WELCOME back to the school year, the school building, and another fantastic music experience! I am glad to be back for my 2nd year of teaching music! Last year was both exciting and challenging, but this year promises to be more fun since we are all together again… (Safely of course! 😊) I look forward to a new and amazing year with your young scholars!

Mr. Sellman

Instrumental Music

Instrumental Music

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! Band and Orchestra lessons will once again be offered this year. I will be presenting instrument demonstrations to classes over the first few days of school. Registration will begin the week of September 13th via Google Form on the Band and Orchestra website. I am looking forward to my 3rd year here at Seven Oaks!

Mr. Curran

https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/bbessenbandstrings/home
Welcome Families!!

I look forward to working with our students in support of their social, emotional, and academic wellbeing. My office is open and ready for business.

The comprehensive school counseling program will be delivered to students through:

- Classroom Guidance
- Small Group Counseling
- Individual Counseling

Please use the online scheduling link if you have a concern of a private or confidential nature.

Schedule time to talk with Ms. Morgan

https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/MeetingwithMsMorgan@aacps.org/bookings/

Welcome again, and I look forward to partnering with you.

Your School Counselor 😊

Ms. Morgan

TLMorgan-Elam@aacps.org

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:15 – 3:55

(Google Voice/Text) (302) 393-5209
Welcome Back. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We are so excited for the new year!! Please note some important health room information:

- If you’ve been contacted regarding missing paperwork or immunizations, please be sure to get that to the Health Room ASAP.
- All students need a lead screening, a physical exam form completed by a physician, and up to date immunizations for school.
- Students must have all the required immunizations to attend school.
- If your child was born in another country or spent time in another country, they may need a tuberculosis screening.
- If your student will require medications at school, please be sure to have a request to administer medication at school form completed by you and your health care provider. It can be found on AACPS.org, click on the families bar along the top, then under the forms section on the left, click on access forms for medical. It will be under the Health/Opt out section. It is the request to administer medication at school form.
- If your child’s medical condition changes during the school year or will require care from the health room, be sure to reach out to the health room at 410-305-2588 or via the nurse’s email: nurse3092@aacps.org.
- 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 any of the above Covid-19 symptoms they will be sent home from school.

We are looking forward to seeing your students. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Bernadette Rogers, RN &
Heather Hammer, HA
### 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](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](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**

**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](#). 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](#).
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

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, 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.
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.

Protege tu contraseña. Mantén tus contraseñas en confidencia.

Transporte de tu Chromebook

Lleva y transporta siempre tu Chromebook con cuidado.

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

No pongas objetos extraños en 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.

No inclines ni coloques nada en la parte superior del dispositivo que pueda ejercer presión sobre la pantalla.

No almacenes el dispositivo con la pantalla en exposición abierta.

No golpees la pantalla con cualquier cosa que marque o rasque la superficie de la pantalla. Sólo usa tu dedo limpio.

No coloques nada en el teclado antes de cerrar la tapa (por ejemplo, plumas, lápices, etc.).

No utilices líquido para limpiar la pantalla: utiliza un paño de microfibra suave y seco o tela antiestática.
Welcoming Students Back: What Families Can Do

AACPS follows the professional and expert recommendations of local and state health officials, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to make informed decisions regarding the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors. Please note that public health data and information which informs such recommendations are subject to change. AACPS will make modifications in accordance with local, state, and federal requirements.

Health

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

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

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

- Make sure that your child’s immunizations are up to date.
- **Consider flu shots** for your family.
- **Pack water, hand sanitizer, an extra cloth face covering, and other materials that cannot be shared.**
- Remind your child of proper and frequent hand washing.
- **Teach your child about appropriate distancing,** helping them to understand what maintaining a safe distance of space from others looks like.
- **Review AACPS’ suite of safety protocols and facilities adjustments** to be familiar with the steps taken by staff to keep students safe.
- **Continue healthy habits** like eating a balanced diet, exercising, and getting plenty of sleep.

Face Coverings in School

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Reach out to your child's school counselor** or visit [www.aacps.org/crisisresources](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. 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.**

- **Enséñele a su estudiante sobre el distanciamiento apropiado, ayudándole a comprender cómo mantener una distancia segura del espacio con los demás.**

- **Revisar el conjunto de protocolos de seguridad y ajustes de instalaciones de AACPS para estar familiarizado con los pasos tomados por el personal para mantener a los estudiantes seguros.**

- **Continúe con hábitos saludables** como comer una dieta equilibrada, hacer ejercicio y dormir lo suficiente.

Cubrebocas en la Escuela

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

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

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

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

- **Ayude a su estudiante a entender que usar una cubierta facial también puede ayudar a prevenir que otros se enfermen.**

- **Muéstrele a su estudiante cómo colocar y quitarse cuidadosamente la cubierta facial con las manos limpias.**

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

- **Los cubrebocas deben usarse sobre la nariz y la boca y de forma segura alrededor de la cara.**

- **Antes de ponerse el cubrebocas, las manos deben estar limpias** (agua y jabón o desinfectante de manos)

- **No se deben usar cubiertas faciales mientras está mojado, ya que hacerlo podría dificultar la respiración.**
Dando la Bienvenida a los Estudiantes de Regreso a Clases: lo que las familias pueden hacer

**El Estar Bien – Su Salud Mental**

- **Hable con su estudiante sobre sus sentimientos en torno al regreso a la escuela.** 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.

---

Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Anne Arundel | Reapertura 2021–22
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.
**Lista de Verificación Diaria de Salud de Estudiantes**

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ ¿Están actualizadas las vacunas de mi estudiante?

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

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

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

AACPS follows the professional and expert recommendations of local and state health officials, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to make informed decisions regarding the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors. Please note that public health data and information which informs such recommendations are subject to change. AACPS will make modifications in accordance with local, state, and federal requirements.

CDC Recommendations for cloth face coverings in schools

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

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

Health & Safety Expectations in AACPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additional Safety Reminders for Employees

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

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

Employees are encouraged to use the Employee Assistance Program (www.aacps.org/eap) resources to help with everyday stress, as well as issues related to the pandemic.
Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Anne Arundel | Reapertura 2021–22
Cubiertas Faciales y Prácticas de Seguridad

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

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

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

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

Expectativas de Salud y Seguridad en AACPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recordatorios de Seguridad Adicionales para Empleados

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mandatory Volunteer Video

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your assistance to keep our students safe!
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
**SOE Parents and Supporters!!!**

Seven Oaks Elementary joins Harris Teeter's Together in Education (TIE) program to help raise funds for our schools. It is easy and it's FREE.

Complete either of the following to link your VIC card:

- Simply give the cashier our code, **4062**, and your VIC card when you check out and your card will be linked for the entire school year;
- Go to the TIE page (https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education#/app/cms) and link your card directly;
- Contact Jackie Johnson (jjohnsonpta@gmail.com) to link your VIC card to our school.

That's it!

Once your card is linked, Seven Oaks Elementary will receive a percentage of your Harris Teeter brand (Harris teeter, H.T. Traders, Harris Teeter Organics, HT Farmers Market, and purchases in the HT Pharmacy) purchases credited back to our account. This program does not interfere with your VIC savings or cost you any money!

Please contact Jackie Johnson (jjohnsonpta@gmail.com) for assistance.

---

**Giant's A+ School Rewards**

Seven Oaks Elementary is participating with Giant's A+ School Rewards! This is a great opportunity to participate in and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Giant! **Our school ID number: 05579**

To participate, just visit www.giantfood.com/aplus and scroll down to the center of the page to select **REGISTER YOUR CARD** from the red box on the right marked **FOR CUSTOMERS**.

To earn points, use your registered GIANT CARD each time you shop at Giant, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt.

Please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more CASH REWARDS!
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...

Seven Oaks Elementary is now on Twitter!

Follow us @SevenOaksES

Get news and updates from our school and AACPS

---

**Video Camera System**

Seven Oaks Elementary School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is not monitored constantly but is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you may call the office of School Security, at (410) 222-5083.
Save a Tree!!

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

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

Sincerely,
The SOE Office Staff

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

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