

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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November 2013

From the Principal

Dear Parents:

What a fast first quarter of the school year! We have a busy November planned and I know our children will excel while enjoying learning. We continue with our Fall Book Fair, assemblies, American Education Week and additional field trips planned this month. Our first quarter report cards will go home to Grades 1-5 on Tuesday, November 12th. Kindergarten will receive their progress reports during the parent teacher conferences. As the winter months set in, remember to send your student with jackets,

gloves, hats. We will still have recess and every child should be prepared to go out for some exercise. ***Be sure to put your name on all your student's items*** (we end up with some wonderful coats, jackets in lost and found and no one to claim them).

Looking forward to seeing all parents during conferences on November 25th & 26th. Schools are closed for students November 25- 29 for Thanksgiving.

The teachers and staff at Central Elementary wish you and your family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!



Volunteers:

We are Thankful for our Volunteers! We have so many wonderful parents and grandparents that have volunteered time at Central Elementary.

Thanks to everyone who has helped us thus far. There are so many special events coming up during the following months and we will

welcome your assistance. Please remember that before you can volunteer at the school (this includes reading to the class, copying, chaperoning field trips, etc.) **YOU MUST WATCH THE VOLUNTEER VIDEO.** The video takes approximately 35 minutes – you can watch the video between 8:30 AM and 2:30 PM any day that the

office is open. At this time, you only need to watch the video one time. Once you have watched the video and your driver's license is scanned you are permitted to assist with our students. Background Checks must be completed every two years to attend field trips as chaperones!



*Central Elementary School
- Ink Cartridge Recycling Program -*

Central Elementary has a cartridge recycling program in place to help raise funds for our school. If you have any cartridges to donate please see below for helpful hints:

The empty ink cartridges that we usually throw away as trash can be recycled and remanufactured. Bring those empty cartridges to school and give them to the office. We will put them in our collection bin. We get paid for each empty ink cartridge, regardless of brand. Please put the cartridge either in the original box that you would have thrown away after it has been replaced or a Ziploc bag to keep it safe from damages and spills.

Thank you for our continued support of our GREEN SCHOOL.

CENTRAL ES RECYCLES

...Including empty printer ink cartridges.

If you have an empty HP toner cartridges for laser jets or desk Jets, please bring them to Central ES.

There is a recycling box in the lab and in the main office by the teachers mailboxes.

These cartridges are returned to Office Depot for a credit we can use toward future orders of toner.

PLEASE: We only recycle HP cartridges, no other brands. And we have no means of disposal for other brands.

Thank you and Help Keep Us GREEN!!





4th and 5th Grade Chorus

Students in both 4th and 5th grades have been participating in chorus, rehearsing each week. Our Chorus Concert will be held on December 19th.



Central Elementary School Instrumental Music News



We have had a terrific start to the school year in strings and band classes. There are over 200 students participating in strings and band this year! Beginning students are busy learning their first 5-8 notes and returning students are already learning new pieces to perform. We want to remind all parents, string and band students do get a grade for instrumental music on their report card. Students should be practicing 15 minutes a day at home to prepare for each lesson at school. Home practice should be a combination of review of previously learned music and new skills/music.

Upcoming performances:

Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013 5th grade advanced band and string students have been invited to perform with the 6th and 7th grade middle school students from Central and Crofton Middle Schools at the South River High School Prism Concert. This concert features all the schools that “feed” into South River High School. Band and string students have been preparing two pieces each to perform at this concert. Information letters and permission slips have been sent home with all 5th grade advanced students.

Note: this concert is on the same evening as the PTA Fall Festival. Students will have to choose which event to participate in on this date.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013 Band and Strings Winter Concerts

String Concert is at 6:00 pm

Band Concert is at 7:15 pm

Concert Attire: for all performances band and string students wear white tops and black pants (or skirts)

Make sure your child has the appropriate concert uniform by our first performance!



We are looking for donations of books for Kindergarten and Second Grade. While you are cleaning out your bookshelves at home – making room for new, Central Elementary would love donations of books for primary grades.

LOST AND FOUND

Our *Lost and Found Box* front of the stage. If check – lunch boxes, reasons any clothing not claimed by



is located on the left side of the Multipurpose Room in your child is missing something, please have them coats, hats, sweatshirts. For obvious health and safety **November 29th** will be donated to the Goodwill Store on West Street.

BUSES



School buses are solely for the transportation of pupils between school and home. Students are to use the bus stops nearest their homes.

Exceptional Bus Requests: If a student must ride a bus other than his assigned bus, the parent must complete an Exceptional Transportation Request Form. The Form must be filled out five (5) days in advance. Forms must then be approved by an administrator. The school cannot honor requests made by phone for a child to ride a different bus. **(Visiting a friend, socializing, playdates are not approved reasons to ride an alternate bus).**

Newsletters...

Newsletters are now on the School Website.

If you do not have computer access, please contact Mrs. Rocker in the office and we will distribute a hard copy of the Newsletter for your student to bring home. We will not be distributing hard copies to all students or mailing them as in the past. Each month the newsletter will be posted on the **first of the month.**

November Parent – Teacher Conferences

School will be closed for November 25th & 26th for Parent-Teacher conferences. If you will be out of town those days – please let your teacher(s) know so that they can schedule a conference prior to the 25th.

LATE ARRIVALS and EARLY DISMISSALS

As we try to keep all interruptions to our classrooms to a minimum your help is needed. Please keep in mind that our school day ends at 3:25. Picking your child up 15 minutes early to beat the traffic is just as disruptive to instruction as arriving 15 minutes late. Perfect attendance has to be just that ... ***Perfect*** attendance. You must come in to the office and have ID before we will call your student to the office.

MAKE UP WORK POLICY

If your child is going to be absent from school for just one or two days it is not necessary to call school to request any missed assignments. Once your child returns to school he/she will be given a fair opportunity to make up any work missed. If your child will be out for an extended period of time due to illness or family emergency (3 or more days) feel free to call school in the morning and we will have assignments gathered together for you as soon as possible.



LOOKING AHEAD - IMPORTANT DATES

November 1st – 2 hour early dismissal

November 5th – Steakhouse Spirit Night – 4pm – 9pm

November 11th – 2 hour early dismissal

Nov. 12th – PTA Reflections Party/Meeting 6PM

November 12th – Report Card (Grades 1-5)

November 21 – PTA Harvest Festival

November 25^h- Parent Conferences

November 25 – 29th

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

December 9th – Picture RETAKES

December 11th – Band/Strings Concert

December 19th – 4th & 5th Grade Chorus Concert

Actualización de AACPS!

Noviembre 2013

Información que necesita saber sobre las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Anne Arundel

Manténgase informado/a acerca de los cierres y retrasos en las escuelas por emergencias

Ahora que se aproxima Acción de Gracias, es el momento ideal para comprobar que la escuela de su niño/a tiene su teléfono y correo electrónico correctos con los que le informaremos de cambios en el calendario escolar, en el evento de que las condiciones meteorológicas conlleven cierres, retrasos en la hora de entrada y cierres temprano de las escuelas.

Los cambios en el horario escolar causados por clima inclemente u otras situaciones de emergencia serán: publicados a través de llamadas telefónicas automatizadas o notificaciones por correo electrónico por el sistema Blackboard Connect (lo que antes se llamaba Connect-ED); publicados en el sitio web del condado (www.aacps.org), página de Facebook (www.facebook.com/aacps), y página de Twitter (@AACountySchools); publicados en las páginas Twitter

de cada escuela; y difundidos por las principales emisoras de radio y televisión incluyendo el canal de televisión de AACPS (Canal 96 en Comcast y Broadstripe, y Canal 36 en Verizon).

Para obtener una lista de las páginas Twitter de cada escuela haga clic en el icono Twitter que se encuentra en la parte superior derecha de la página web principal de AACPS, www.aacps.org.

Además, puede encontrar los avisos en la página web de School's Out (www.schoolsout.com) donde Ud. se puede registrar para recibir avisos por correo electrónico. Los teléfonos que utiliza Blackboard Connect (lo que antes se llamaba Connect-ED) provienen del sistema de información estudiantil del distrito. También se envían mensajes de texto a las direcciones de correo electrónico que dispone el archivo, y mensajes de texto

a teléfonos celulares que tienen dicha función habilitada.

Es importante que la escuela de su niño/a tenga actualizados los números de teléfono y direcciones de correo electrónico de emergencia.

En la sección "Schools Today", que se encuentra en la parte superior de la página web de AACPS, los padres encontrarán información acerca de circunstancias como cancelaciones de actividades extra-escolares, retrasos de los autobuses, y cierres de escuelas específicas.

Los anuncios acerca de cierres o retrasos en la hora de apertura de las escuelas por razones climatológicas se hacen a partir de las 5:30 a.m. Los sitios más fiables para obtener esta información son la página web de AACPS, la página de Facebook y las páginas de Twitter de cada escuela.

3 escuelas obtienen la distinción Colegios del Mundo del IB

Tres escuelas primarias del condado han alcanzado la distinción más alta en la escala del Bachillerato Internacional siendo designadas como Colegios del Mundo del IB. Las escuelas primarias Germantown, Manor View y Southgate han recibido la autorización oficial, siendo esta la culminación de un largo proceso de auto-evaluación y ardua preparación tanto para las escuelas como para sus comunidades.

Para obtener la distinción de Colegio del Mundo del IB cada escuela pasó por un proceso de tres partes en los que se les requería examinar la filosofía y currículo del programa IB, preparar al personal para la implementación y ofrecer el programa a los estudiantes al menos durante un curso completo.

Se analizó la implementación del programa para evaluar si la escuela estaba preparada para implementar el programa y si tenía la capacidad de llevar a cabo el programa.

El proceso de solicitud al programa "Magnet" está ahora disponible en línea

Ya está disponible la solicitud en línea a los programas "Magnet" para escuelas medias y secundarias de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Anne Arundel. Los estudiantes de Escuela Intermedia que estén interesados en los programas de los Años Intermedios del Bachillerato Internacional, el programa de las Artes Escénicas y Visuales, el programa de Ciencias, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas (STEM), o en los programas de Escuela Secundaria en Bio-Medicina/Ciencias de la Salud, el programa del Bachillerato Internacional, programa de las Artes Escénicas y Visuales o STEM deben enviar su solicitud a más tardar el mediodía del 4 de diciembre de 2013.

Para más información acerca de los diversos programas "Magnet" incluyendo los programas disponibles en su área, visite la página web de los Programas "Magnet" en www.aacps.org/magnet.



EN EL CALENDARIO

1 de nov.: Fin del primer periodo de calificaciones; los estudiantes salen de la escuela dos horas antes; las escuelas están cerradas para Pre-Kinder y E.C.I. de media jornada de tarde (PM).

11 de nov.: Los estudiantes salen de la escuela dos horas antes; las escuelas están cerradas para Pre-Kinder y E.C.I. de media jornada de tarde (PM).

12 de nov.: Se distribuyen los Boletines de Calificaciones.

18 al 22 de nov.: Semana de la Educación Estadounidense (American Education Week).

25-29 de nov.: Escuelas cerradas para los estudiantes.

25-26 de nov.: Reuniones de Padres/Maestros para escuelas primarias e intermedias.

27-29 de nov.: Vacaciones de Acción de Gracias (Thanksgiving break); están cerradas todas las escuelas y oficinas.

Stay informed about emergency school closings, delays

As Thanksgiving approaches, now is the perfect time to make sure your child's school has the correct phone numbers and email addresses to inform you about any changes to the school calendar, including weather-related school closings, delayed openings, and early dismissals.

Changes to school schedules caused by inclement weather or other emergency conditions are announced through the Blackboard Connect (formerly Connect-ED) automated telephone and email notification system; posted on the school system's website (www.aacps.org), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/aacps), and Twitter page (@AACountySchools); posted on school Twitter pages; and

broadcasted on major area radio and television stations, including AACPS-TV (Channel 96 on Comcast and Broadstripe, and Channel 36 on Verizon).

A complete list of individual school Twitter pages can be found by clicking the Twitter icon on the top right of AACPS' main website, www.aacps.org.

In addition, announcements are posted (and you may sign up for e-mail alerts) on the website School's Out (www.schoolsout.com). Phone numbers used by the Blackboard Connect (formerly Connect-ED) system are pulled from the district's student information system. Text versions of messages are also sent to email addresses on file, and text messages are

sent to mobile phones on which this feature is enabled.

It is critical to keep emergency contact numbers and email addresses up to date at your child's school.

The "Schools Today" and spotlight sections of the AACPS website, located at the top of the page, are also where parents can find out about situations such as cancellations of after-school activities, bus delays, and single-school closures.

Announcements about weather-related school closings or delayed openings are made at about 5:30 a.m. The AACPS website and Facebook page and school Twitter pages are the most reliable sites to search for this information.

Three schools earn IB World School distinctions

Three county elementary schools have reached the top of the International Baccalaureate ladder by earning designation as IB World Schools. Germantown, Manor View, and Southgate elementary schools have each received the official authorization, marking the end of a lengthy process of self-study and extensive preparation by the schools and their communities.

To earn the IB World School designation, each school underwent a three-part process in which it was required to examine the IB philosophy and curriculum, prepare staff to implement it, and provide the program to students for at least one full year.

The program implementation was then reviewed to evaluate the school's preparedness to implement the program and ability to deliver it.

Magnet program applications now available online

Online applications are now available for Anne Arundel County Public Schools middle and high school magnet programs. Students interested in the middle school International Baccalaureate Programme, Performing and Visual Arts program, or the

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program; or the high school Bio-Medical/Allied Health Program, the International Baccalaureate Programme, the Performing and Visual Arts program, or STEM program must submit an application no later than noon on December 4, 2013.

More information about the various magnet programs, including which programs are available in your area, can be found on the AACPS Magnet Programs website, www.aacps.org/magnet.

Parents: Complete Federal Parent/Pupil Survey Forms

Federal Parent/Pupil Survey Forms were sent home with all students on September 30, 2013. If you have not yet done so, please make sure to fill in the information requested, sign the form, and if your child is an elementary school or special center student, have your child return the survey to their school. If your child is a secondary school student, you received a self-addressed, stamped envelope to be returned to the school system via the US Mail. Federal impact aid provides approximately \$2 million annually to the school system in direct support of students.



ON THE CALENDAR

Nov. 1: End of first marking period; two-hour early dismissal for all students; schools closed for half-day p.m. pre-kindergarten and E.C.I.

Nov. 11: Two-hour early dismissal for all students; schools closed for half-day p.m. pre-kindergarten and E.C.I.

Nov. 12: Report card distribution.

Nov. 18-22: American Education Week.

Nov. 25-29: Schools closed for students.

Nov. 25-26: Elementary and middle school parent/teacher conferences.

Nov. 27-29: Thanksgiving break; all schools and offices closed.



Got Homework? Get Help...

from the Anne Arundel County Public Library

With a library card and a computer, students can connect to a live tutor via HELPNOW from BRAINFUSE between 2PM and midnight, seven days a week, to get help in all the core K-12 subjects.

To access BRAINFUSE, go to www.aacpl.net and click on HOMEWORK under the DIGITAL MEDIA AND RESOURCES tab. While live tutors can be accessed without registering, registration allows users gain access to enhanced tools and services.

In addition to help with math, reading, social studies, science and language arts assignments, older students can submit college essays or term papers for proofreading through the Writing Lab and receive a detailed analysis within approximately 24 hours. Live help focusing on the organizational and thematic aspects of a paper is also available during the initial stages of the writing process.

The Foreign Language Center within BRAINFUSE provides expert assistance and support for students who are learning a foreign language. Tutoring is currently offered for Spanish.

BRAINFUSE also features an online assessment library to take practice quizzes in standardized tests (SAT, ACT, GED and more) and practice subject-specific tests, like math and science. Get results instantly and, if you choose, share results with a tutor for a targeted skills building session.

The BRAINFUSE Skills building service helps with mastering an academic concept through expert tutoring and standards aligned online lessons. BRAINFUSE Skills Building has been designed for a variety of age groups and academic needs.

To learn more about BRAINFUSE or other homework resources at the Public Library, visit your local branch or go online to www.aacpl.net.



Anne Arundel County Public Library
www.aacpl.net • 410.222.7371

Parent Link

Connecting You and Your Child to Information on Our Journey to Greatness

"The evidence is consistent, positive, and convincing: families have a major influence on their children's achievement. When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more." *Anne T. Henderson, Karen L. Mapp*



November 2013

Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Office of School & Family Partnerships Invites you to attend...

Family Involvement Conference

Save the Date!

Family: The Core of Student Achievement!
Saturday, November 16, 2013 • 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Anne Arundel Community College | Arnold MD

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Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold

**Free to All Parents & Community Members
Childcare*, Breakfast & Lunch Provided**

Key Note Speaker: Rob Levit, local musician, author & artist

Choose 3 of more than 10 Workshops!

on topics such as "Bringing Out the Best in Your Children", "Time Management and Organization", "Supporting Your Child's Creative Potential", the new Common Core Curriculum in Reading & Math, and how to identify and support your child's learning style.

Childcare for Children Ages 3-12 (space limited)

Childcare Registration Required: call 410-222-5309

Conference Registration

Online: www.aacps.org/conference

Phone: 410-222-5309

Spanish & Korean Interpreters will be available; for other languages, please call 410-222-5417

Homework

Keep it Positive & Productive.

- Set and maintain a consistent homework time and place for your student.
- Allow after-school time for your student to "chill" and have a snack before settling down to homework.
- Eliminate household distractions, especially TV.
- Check homework completion against the assignment sheet, student agenda, etc.
- Thank your child for bringing you his homework to check. Make positive, encouraging comments about his efforts and learning.



Volunteer of the Month

October 2013

Joyce McLucas

*Brooklyn Park Elementary School
for her years of inspiring students to
become passionate readers*

To nominate outstanding volunteers for the AACPS Volunteer of the Month Award, email ttudor@aacps.org



Office of School & Family Partnerships AACPS TV
Programs: Comcast and Broadstripe Channel 96,
& Verizon Channel 36.

Parent Connection, Parents' Corner, World View
Nuestra Comunidad (Our Community), and
¡Charlemos Juntos! (Let's Chat)

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Enlace con los Padres Parent Link

Enlazando a Usted y a Su Niño con Información sobre Nuestra Viaje a la Grandeza

"La evidencia es consistente, positiva y convincente: las familias tienen una gran influencia en los logros de su niño. Cuando las escuelas, las familias, y los grupos comunales trabajan juntos para apoyar el aprendizaje, los niños tienden a tener mejor desempeño en la escuela, permanecen en la escuela más tiempo y quieren más a la escuela." *Anne T. Henderson, Karen L. Mapp*



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Colegio Comunal de Anne Arundel, Arnold

**Gratis para Todos los Padres & Miembros de la Comunidad
Cuidado de niños*, se proveerá desayuno y almuerzo**

Orador principal: Rob Levit, músico local, autor & artista

¡Escoja 3 de entre más de 10 talleres!

sobre temas como "Resaltando lo Mejor de Su Niño,"
"Manejo del Tiempo y Organización," "Apoyando el
Potencial Creativo de su Niño," el nuevo Núcleo Común
en Lectura & Matemáticas, y como identificar y apoyar el
estilo de aprendizaje de su niño.

Cuidado de Niños de las Edades 3-12 (espacio limitado)

Inscripción Requerida: Llamar al 410-222-5309

Inscripción para la Conferencia

Online: www.aacps.org/conference

Por teléfono: 410-222-5309

Intérpretes en Español y & Coreano estarán disponibles;
para otros idiomas, por favor llamar al 410-222-5417

Tarea

Manténgala Positiva & Productiva.

- Establezca y mantenga una hora y lugar consistente para su estudiante.
- Permita un tiempo después de la escuela para que su estudiante se relaje y tome un refrigerio antes de que empiece la tarea.
- Elimine distracciones de casa, especialmente la televisión.
- Revise que se complete la tarea según la hoja de asignación de tarea o la agenda del estudiante, etc.
- Agradezca a su niño por traer su tarea. Diga comentarios alentadores y positivos sobre sus esfuerzos y aprendizaje.



Voluntario del Mes

Octubre 2013

Joyce McLucas

*Escuela Primaria Brooklyn Park
Por los años inspirando a sus estudiantes
para que sean lectores apasionados*

Para proponer voluntarios sobresalientes al premio
Voluntario del Mes de las escuelas públicas del condado Anne
Arundel, envíe un correo electrónico a ttudor@aacps.org



Oficina de la Asociación Escuela y Familia con el Programa
de TV de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Anne Arundel:
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Conexión de Padres, Rincón de Padres, Visión del Mundo
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