



NEWSLETTER



**BALLOONS, GIFTS,
CUPCAKES, LUNCH**

We welcome parents to come for lunch but you must check in at the office. Do not bring lunch for children except your own. All birthday treats for your student and class **MUST** be store-bought. **DO** not bring balloons or gifts to school.



Band and Strings

Information for the Band and Strings programs will be sent home with all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students the first week of school. Students who are interested in playing an instrument will need to fill out the registration form this year (even if they played an instrument last year). Please return the registration forms ASAP. 4th and 5th grade band and string students will need a ½ inch BLACK binder for their music. 3rd grade string students do not need a binder, a music folder will be provided for their use. We look forward to collecting hundreds of registrations for strings and band classes this year.



ALL VISITORS to our school must check – in at the office. When you are done visiting/volunteering you **MUST** check-out. This is for the safety of yourself and our students. All adult visitors are required to have a government issued photo ID/license with them

September 2019

WOW! Summer seemed to just fly by and we are back in the swing of school. We had a busy summer here at CES. Our teachers have been working hard to get our school ready for our awesome students. We are looking forward to a terrific school year with our theme, “We Are Wild About Learning”.

We look forward to welcoming our students back and starting the school year. This summer, our Central Community has experienced some changes and additions to our staff. We welcome the following staff members.

- Christine Leary (4th grade teacher)
- Erin Rhodes (5th grade teacher)
- Kaitlin Day (Kindergarten grade teacher)
- Emily James (Music Teacher)
- Charles Zimmerman (Strings Teacher)
- Lauren Venturella (School Counselor)

We are also excited to have our Sport Court under construction on our front playground. I think it will be an amazing resource for our students. Thank you to the wonderful PTO volunteers, families, and CES staff for the hard work to make this happen. #WeAreBetterTogether.



Back to School Night–9/17 @ 6:30 PM
 2 hour Early Dismissal – Oct. 8th
 School Closed – Oct. 9th
 October 11 – Picture Day
 October 15 – 16 Conferences

It is very important that your child attend school on a regular basis! As of September 1991, regardless of the cause(s) of absence(s), a student who is absent six (6) or more days a semester or twelve (12) days a year is excessively absent. Upon return to school from any absence, the student will be required to provide a written note from the parent(s) explaining the cause of absence from school, or the absence will be recorded as unlawful. Students who are absent in excess of **five (5) days must bring in a doctor's note.** The principal will require a physician's certificate from the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a student with a pattern of excessive absences.

Lateness to School Any student arriving at school and not in homeroom by 9:15 a.m. is considered late for school. These students must report to the main office to sign in, receive a late pass, and report to class.

Release of Students As has been the practice in the Anne Arundel County Public Schools for many years, care must be taken whenever a student is released early from school. If someone other than a custodial parent or guardian is picking up – a note must have been sent to school signed by the parent.

SECURITY CAMERA

Central Elementary school is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building & grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergencies. During certain events, when 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 on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.

CAFETERIA INFORMATION:

The Tiger Cafe will be in operation beginning with the first day of school. As in years past, convenient, nutritious and economical meals will be offered to students at breakfast and lunch. Some things you will want to know for this school year:

Prices: Full price breakfast: \$1.50

Full price lunch: \$2.75

Milk \$.55

Reduced price breakfast: \$.30

Reduced price lunch: \$.40

IMPORTANT:::: Please pack spoons or forks if your child brings lunch to school. Food and Nutrition -the cafeteria is no longer able to provide these to students who pack their lunch.

Pre-pay option: This is a convenient way to be sure your child always has money for breakfast or lunch. Your child will be given a number which he/she can use to purchase breakfast and/or lunch.

Account deposits will not be available for use until a few days after deposited. Please plan to send cash for purchases made on the day of the deposit and any days prior to that date. You can always keep track of your students meal account by setting up a "free" account through aacps.org All you need is your student name and Student ID #. You can access the account information and even set a reminder when the balance gets low.

Free/Reduced Meals Program: Families must complete the free and reduced meal application ON-Line this year. There will be no paper forms sent home. If you do not have access to a computer and/or need assistance, you can come to the school to complete the on-line forms. If you already participate in this program, please be aware that a new application must be on file by **October 1, 2019.**

STUDENT SECURITY

The safety of all students and staff in Anne Arundel County Public Schools is of utmost importance to all of us. Our school utilizes a system for checking in all visitors. The system is called V Soft by Raptor Ware. When you visit our school for the first time, you will be asked to present a government/state-issued photo ID (i.e. Driver's License) to a staff person in the school office. This card will be scanned and the following information will be collected: your photo, name and date of birth. This information will be utilized to check you in, create an ID badge, and compare your information against sexual offender databases throughout the county. If your name appears on any of the lists or you refuse to allow the use of your ID, you will not be allowed access to the school. On future visits to a school in which you have previously registered, you will be selected from an existing list of previous visitors. You will also be asked to check out with the office upon leaving the school so that we know you are no longer in the building. You will be required to check into the system even if you are coming to school to pick up your child. The information collected will not be shared outside of the school and is kept on a secure server. Your assistance in keeping our students safe is appreciated.

Federal Impact Survey Form

On Tuesday, October 1st, 2019, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and return it to Central Elementary School (for Elementary students). The U.S. Department of Education has now allowing a multiple child form. Therefore, Anne Arundel County has designed a form that will allow two children's names for your convenience. Should you have more than 2 children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org/students. Also please note that the complete address of the Parent/Guardian's Employer if they work on Federal Property, the complete address of the Federal Property on which they work, and each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian. The Federal Impact Aid Survey form for 2019-20 will be available to download on October 1, 2019. We will also be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately \$2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed. Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please call 410-222-5200.



Morning Student Arrival

Parents who drive their children to school in the morning are to use the first parking lot/car rider loop. Do not use the bus lanes or drive in the main parking lot at the front of the building. The only traffic allowed in the front of the school in the morning is our busses and drivers transporting disabled children. This is an important issue that we have to enforce to assure student safety each morning.

Afternoon Student Pick Up

Staff members have been assigned to ensure your child's safe and orderly afternoon departure. The following guidelines have been established to facilitate this process:

- Please follow the arrows in the parking lot – car rider line! Students are to be dismissed from the passenger side ONLY.
 - At 3:40 car-riders are dismissed from their classrooms. Staff members escort the orderly line of students to the parking lot. We ask that parents do not get out of the car, but to wait in the line for the student(s).

BUSES

School buses are solely for the transportation of pupils between school and home. Students are to use the bus stops nearest their homes. STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO RIDE BUSES other than the one to their home address.

Exceptional Bus Requests: If a student must ride a bus other than his assigned bus, the parent must contact the office either in person or in writing. An Exceptional Transportation Request 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, after school sports, socializing, playdates are not approved reasons to ride an alternate bus).***



MEDICATION

If your child needs to take medication on a regular basis during school hours, please complete the "Parent's Request to Administer Medication At School" form. **Please note that the form requires both a parent AND physician signature.** Medication cannot be administered to your child until this form is on record in our Health Room. **Students are never permitted to self-medicate or to carry any type of medication without having this form on file.** This policy is for the protection of your child. Parents are always welcome to personally administer medication to their child in the Health Room on an occasional basis.

Medication

The policy for all over the counter (OTC) and prescription medication is as follows:

- *Physician and parent signed medication form
- *Pharmacy labeled container
- *OTC drugs in original sealed container
- *Medication brought to school by an **ADULT**, as children are not allowed to carry any medication
- *Physician will be called for any questions
- *The first dose has been given without any problems

All treatments given for an ailment are considered medication and require a medication form to be completed by the parent and doctor. This includes ALL over the counter items such as cough drops and lozenges for sore throats and all creams.