

Dear King Families,

Our King team of teachers and staff have shared encouraging words about your children and their continuous improvement in participation and engagement while in our virtual setting. Thank you, King students! Thank you, parents/guardians for all the support you continue to lend to your child in getting logged in.

Also, special thanks to all of you who were able to join us for our first-ever Virtual Curriculum Night. We hope that the evening was informative and that you connected with your child's teacher. If you were unable to attend or missed one of our teacher presentations, please contact the teacher, and they will share a recording of their presentation. Additionally, I presented to our entire school community as well. If you missed that presentation, you can view it [here](#).

This week's newsletter encompasses these topics:

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### **Ann Arbor District Library (AADL) Services**

**[The AADL is now offering Shelf Service for all patrons!](#)**

**<https://aadl.org/shelfservice>**

What is Shelf Service? This is a brand-new service parents/kids can use to request books. Instead of having to know a specific title to reserve a book, a reader can visit the link above and request a book by genre, topic, and/or grade level. A friendly librarian will select a bag full of books for the reader so the parents can go pick it up.

## Connecting Together: An AAPS Parent/Guardian Support Group

Twice-a-month Drop-in support groups for parents and guardians of students in AAPS. Groups meet on the 2nd Tuesday (7:30-8:30 PM) and 4th Thursday (1-2PM) of the month. Connect with other parents to find support and get ideas about how to face the challenges of 2020. Please [register here](#). Last year, parents who participated in an AAPS parent support group consistently reported that they found it helpful, and appreciated hearing from and connecting with other parents going through similar struggles. Join us starting October 13th!

## Free (and vetted) Academic Support Resources

### **AAPS Strategic Partnership Resources for free Academic Support**

The following academic support resources have been vetted and approved by AAPS Strategic Partnerships Office [See complete list of approved partners here](#). Please prioritize families that cannot afford or are not currently receiving academic support from AAPS.

### **Approved Individual Volunteers for Academic Support (All grades)**

Each of these volunteers has completed a volunteer interest form through AAPS and has undergone a background check. Before placement, all volunteers will undergo an AAPS Orientation to ensure they understand the protocols for engagement. Please note that these volunteers can not be 1:1 with students. As part of your request process you will need to provide information on how you will supervise your volunteers. We will place volunteers during October and Jan/Feb.

- [View the approved list of volunteers here \(second tab\)](#)
- [Request a volunteer here](#)

### **826michigan Virtual Schoolwork Support (Grades 1-12)**

This school year, 826michigan will be providing FREE online schoolwork support for students ages 7-18 attending school in the Ypsilanti, Detroit, and Ann Arbor areas. [Learn more and register here.](#)

### **A2tor (Grades K-8)**

A2tor is a free, virtual tutoring program in which Ann Arbor/Ypsi area high schoolers volunteer as tutors for Ann Arbor/Ypsi area middle and elementary schoolers.

· **Individual Tutor Sessions:** Individual sessions are for families who would be put under stress accessing paid tutoring services. Tutors help with school work or do general enrichment activities tailored to students' age, ability level, and interests. [Parents can request a tutor here.](#)

· **Group Reading, Math, Fractions and Homework Help:** Group enrichment and homework opportunities are open to all students. Classes include math, reading, writing, art, homework help, and homework help for native spanish speakers. [Group info and sign up form.](#) [Writing workshop info and sign up form](#)

### **A2 Tutors (Grades 2-8)**

Our mission is to provide free tutoring to families that do not have the means to hire tutors for keeping kids on track with online learning. While A2 Tutors offers both in-person and virtual options AAPS has only approved the virtual component of this program. [Request a tutor here.](#)

### **HumanKind Afterschool Homework Help (Grades K-5)**

HumanKind is currently offering a homework help program to K-5 students at AAPS. This program supports elementary students in subjects such as language arts, reading, math, and science. This program will be available after school hours on the Zoom video conferencing platform Monday through Thursday, for one to two weekly 30-45 minute long sessions. [Parents can request a tutor here.](#)

Message from our PTO President

Dear Families,

Thanks to all who ordered King Spirit Gear! The store is now closed. We appreciate your support of the PTO and look forward to seeing you and your families in the gear!

Join us for our next PTO meeting, which is our annual budget meeting. We will also hear from our King school social worker, Steven Friday, on how families might feel better about the challenges we are all facing in the pandemic. The meeting will be held on November 2 at 6:30 PM.

Regards,

Leslie Calhoun

PTO President

Have a wonderful weekend soaking up some of the amazing autumn colors that surround us!

Be well.

Mary