

THE DREAM KEEPER

Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School

“The King Dream Keepers: Keeping the Dream Alive Everyday”



September 17, 2021

Dear King Families,

It was delightful to see so many of our families at our virtual curriculum night. We enjoyed sharing about all the wonderful learning opportunities at King. The excitement of the evening was felt throughout the virtual world.

Also, this week we had our first fire drill of the school year. It was quite successful, even our younger friends did a phenomenal job as this was likely their first drill in a school setting. We will continue to practice drills to ensure a safe school environment for all our learners.

Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs. Koren Clinkscale
Proud King Principal



Upcoming Dates/Events:

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – King PTO meeting – 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 – Early Release for All Students @ 1:18 pm/
Fire Drill @ 9:45 am

Monday, October 4, 2021 – Thursday,

October 7, 2021 – NWEA Testing

*Teachers will share individual classroom schedules.

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 – Student Count Day

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 – Picture Day!



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Breakfast/Lunch Menus

Breakfast and lunch this year is free to all AAPS students. To view the menus, please visit this website:

<https://a2schools.nutrislice.com/>

COVID Guidance

All students, staff, and visitors will be required to wear masks indoors daily.

Please visit the district website for additional information to Ann Arbor Public Schools COVID guidance. Details posted under Back-to-School Information.

<https://www.a2schools.org/Page/17>

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Device Deployment

Devices are continuing to be issued to students in the coming week.

Each student will need a completed contract to receive a device.

Device Contract Link:

[21-22 District 1:1 Device Contract Form](#)





Community Education and Recreation

Youth Volleyball is back for both boys and girls grades 4-9. Registration is now open through September 14! Practices start the week of Oct 11 and games start October 23 (Saturdays only). Find all info at <https://www.a2schools.org/Page/4393>

Note: Masks required for all in youth volleyball, regardless of vaccination status. Youth coaches must be fully-vaccinated. Questions? contact Karen at draves@a2schools.org.

Fall into After-School!

AAPS Rec & Ed is excited to offer after-school classes focused on fun, learning, movement, and discovery. For the health and safety of all participants, the [AAPS Covid-19 Protocols](#) will be followed. Registration is now open, and spots are filling quickly! Click on each class option below or visit www.aarecedonline.com. **Many scholarships are available!** Please call (734) 994-2300 ext. 0 for details.

King

Day/Time	Name of Class	Dates	Ages	Class ID#
Mon, 3:48-5:30PM	Spanish @ King	10/4-11/22	1st-4th	1401.112
Tues, 3:48-5:30PM	Chess @ King	9/28-11/9	K-5th	1321.113

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures:

Families, please do not knock on the doors or look in the windows as this is very disruptive to the teaching and learning environment.

Dismissal

- We will begin preparing our students for dismissal at 3:40pm. Parents of walkers and biker riders, please meet your child at their exit door. We ask families to immediately exit the campus to decrease the traffic flow. When walking home, please walk on the sidewalk and/or crosswalks.
- Please allow for some flexibility for busses to arrive at their stops as routes are learned by bus drivers and the community.
- Driveline – It is our goal to dismiss our younger students first.
 - Y5/K/1 – Parents, please arrive in the driveline by 3:35 pm.
 - 2/3 – Parents, please arrive in the driveline by 3:40 pm.
 - 4/5 – Parents, please arrive in the driveline by 3:45pm.
 - If you have children in multiple grades, we ask that you wait until 3:45pm to enter our driveline.

Bus Riders

Currently, we are not allowing friends to ride other bus routes due to COVID.

Student Drop Off/Pick Up Parking

Please be mindful to the families that reside in the communities closest to our school campus. Do not block driveways and entrances/exits to surrounding neighborhoods. Also, please practice safety first. Do not double park or drive erratically through the school campus or surrounding neighborhoods.

Crossing Guards

Crossing guards are located at Tremont and Glazier Way and the entrance of the school driveway at Waldenwood. Staff members will be assigned on campus only to monitor traffic flow. If parents would like to volunteer to patrol other crossing areas, please email me privately at clinkscalek@aaps.k12.mi.us.

Update from AAPS & Chartwells Food Service

We are thrilled that so many students have opted for the free lunch program available to all students throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Remember this includes breakfast as well!!! As a reminder we must provide milk to students with a fruit or vegetable. The USDA does not allow us to only serve milk alone so please encourage your students to grab a lunch or a milk/ fruit/veggie bag!

You may have noticed the posted menu changes frequently. This is due to issues along the supply chain that negatively impact the availability of many food items we serve. We apologize for the changing menu but we must be nimble and respond to what is available to us to serve, which can change with each delivery we receive. Here is a link to the [Food Service page](#) on the website where you can find menus, Free and Reduced Lunch applications and nutrition information. Continue to complete and submit Free and Reduced Lunch applications to be eligible for any related services such as P-EBT cards.

We thank AAPS families for their patience as we make strides in hiring more food service staff for our schools during this time of nationwide labor shortages.

Thank you for supporting us in providing tasty and nutritious meals for your students!

Sincerely,
 Jill Minnick, Assistant Superintendent, Finance and Operations
 Liz Margolis, Executive Director, Student & School Safety
 Victoria Davis, Manager, Chartwells



Please read the letter in the link below.

[AAPS NWEA Letter to Families](#)

Health and Wellness

COVID Safety Protocols

- All staff and students are required to wear a mask at all times inside the building, except when eating and drinking.
- Hand sanitizer stations are placed in every classroom and throughout the building. All staff and students are encouraged to use sanitizer upon entry and exit of classrooms and other spaces.
- Seating charts will be established in every classroom to support contact tracing, as needed.
- All parent/guardian and other meetings, including school events, remain virtual.

Family Responsibilities

- Screen your student for symptoms each morning before sending them to school. Do not send them to school with symptoms.
- Immediately notify the building principal if your student or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19. Speak with a district contact tracer as needed for an investigation.
- Ensure your student has a mask and water bottle every day. Masks will be provided to those who do not have one.
- Be available to pick your student up from school should they begin to show symptoms while at school.
- Understand that students or staff may need to quarantine if there is a classroom case.

Student Responsibilities

- Wear a mask at all times, except when eating and drinking or when outside.
- Bring a personal water bottle daily.
- Follow school rules and stay in assigned seats.
- Monitor health status and report symptoms immediately to an adult.