

# THE DREAM KEEPER

Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School

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



September 24, 2021

Dear King Families,

We are so excited to have received the National Blue Ribbon award for the second time. It is such an honor to be part of such a fantastic village. Thank you for making our school community a great place for our children to grow and learn.



Also, our staff extends a heartfelt thank you to the PTO. We thoroughly enjoyed our lunch from Songbird Café. Thank you for warming our hearts and filling our bellies.

Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs. Koren Clinkscale  
Proud King Principal



## Upcoming Dates/Events:

**Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021 @ 3:00 PM** – Safety Drill

**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!



**Wednesday, October 20, 2021** – Early Release for All Students – 1:18 pm

**Friday, October 29, 2021** – ½ Day for Elementary Students

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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](#)





## Substitute Teachers @ King

We are looking for substitute teachers at King. If you would like to apply, please consider applying through EDUStaff.

[https://account.edustaff.org/apply/step/organization\\_type/](https://account.edustaff.org/apply/step/organization_type/)

## 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](http://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	<a href="#">Spanish @ King</a>	10/4-11/22	1st-4th	1401.112
Tues, 3:48-5:30PM	<a href="#">Chess @ King</a>	9/28-11/9	K-5th	1321.113

## Arrival/Dismissal Procedures:

Below are some reminders to help expedite our arrival and 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.
- **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.
  - Please place a sign in your window with your child's first name and grade level.
  - Practice opening and closing car doors with your child. This activity will prepare your child to enter or exit the vehicle at arrival and dismissal.
  - Do not get out of your car to assist your child with opening and closing car doors.
  - Pull all the way up in the driveline. We are not allowing children to unload or load below the yellow speed bump.
  - Do not drive around other cars, unless directed to do so by a staff member. Please wait patiently to pull up in the line.

### 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](mailto:clinkscalek@aaps.k12.mi.us).

### Security Drill- Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021 @ 3:00 PM

On Tuesday, Sept. 28th at 3:00 PM students will participate in a security drill. This security drill will be a practice of what is called a soft lockdown. During a soft lockdown, students will remain in or return to their classrooms. The classroom door is shut and locked and the teacher keeps teaching the classroom. This type of security drill is helpful for students and staff to practice. A soft lockdown is often used when there is a medical emergency or an event when students or grown-ups need extra help within our school. This emergency may be in another classroom or a hallway and students should not be passing by or witnessing the emergency. Please remind your child of the importance of practicing our drills to stay safe and to listen to the grown-up they are with. Thank you!



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.
- 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.