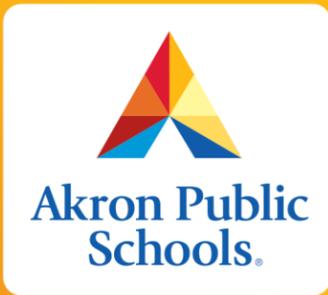




APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



Friday, May 29, 2020

The official COVID-19 news source for members of the Akron Public Schools community



From the Superintendent

David W. James, Ed.D., superintendent

Dear APS and Community

Social Distancing, Day 72

Some of our readers have questioned my use of the term social distancing here. Though most everything has reopened in Ohio, Akron Public Schools will continue to be aware of the need for extra care in day-to-day activities. Especially with warmer weather coming, it's only natural to want to be outside and with groups of friends. We are working within a delicate balance as we plan ahead for fall and want more than anything for everyone to be well and stay well. Keep your distance. Wash your hands.

News of the Day

Merkle's Mental Health Moment: Summer fun during a pandemic

Dr. Erich Merkle, Pupil Adjustment Program, Office of Special Education, Akron Public Schools

The arrival of summer means warmer days, sunshine and a more relaxed way of life without (virtual) school. This year though, your summer might be far different than in the past. [Nationwide Children's Hospital offers us key guidance](#) on routines, building structure, balancing work, relationships and the importance of getting outside during our forthcoming summer months.

Teacher of the Year Building Winners – East and Ellet

This week, we are recognizing the building winners for APS Teacher of the Year. Today's list is from the East and Ellet clusters. The Buchtel, Firestone, Kenmore-Garfield and North clusters were recognized earlier this week. The finalists for the district's teacher of the year will be revealed next week.

EAST CLUSTER

- Barber CLC, Gloria Malone, fifth grade teacher
- Bridges, Abby Young, NOW teacher
- David Hill CLC, Tracey Starks, intervention specialist
- East CLC, Brittainy Kuhn, English language arts teacher
- Mason CLC, Katelyn Koppelberger, gifted/talented teacher
- Robinson CLC, Mary Gaeckle, tutor
- Seiberling CLC, Barb Fisher, first grade teacher

ELLET CLUSTER

- Betty Jane CLC, David Chaffman, physical education teacher
- Ellet CLC, Eric Frantz, automotive technology teacher
- Hatton CLC, Janice Varca, fourth grade teacher
- Hyre CLC, Janet Canova, English language arts teacher
- Ritzman CLC, Kathy Mukherjee, second grade teacher
- Windemere CLC, Mike Dunn, fourth grade teacher

Akron is for the birds

The Akron Recreation and Parks Division has launched "Akron Birds," a new program to encourage bird watching in the City. Spring is peak migration season for an amazing variety of birds moving through Akron and northeast Ohio. The program runs through June 30. Sign up at www.inaturalist.org/projects/akron-birds or download the iNaturalist app for free on Android or Apple devices and search "Projects" for "Akron Birds." The program is free.

State parks open – lodges to open June 5

For those looking for a summer getaway, but not wanting to stray far from home, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources has announced the opening of several of its lodges on June 5. Currently, all state parks are open and many deluxe cabins will open June 1. Reservations are being accepted for overnight stays, meetings and weddings at the lodge and conference centers located at Burr Oak, Deer Creek, Hueston, Maumee Bay, Mohican, Punderson, Salt Fork and Shawnee state parks. To learn more, visit www.greatohiolodges.com or call 877-496-9224. The lodge and cottages at Geneva State Park will also reopen on June 5. Visit www.thelodgeatgeneva.com or call 866-806-8066 to make reservations.

District Updates

Student meal pick up for all children ages 1-18

Most APS schools and Reach Opportunity Center Mon.-Thurs. from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Steve Wise Boys & Girls Club location at 889 Jonathan Ave., Akron, Mon.-Fri. from 12-1 p.m.

Online registration for 2020-21 is open for new families/incoming kindergartners

Families who are new to APS (including incoming kindergartners) may register their student(s) online through our website akronschools.com. [Click here](#) for step-by-step instructions. Questions? Call the Engagement Center at 330.761.2810.

Other Resources

Government resources

- [Summit County Public Health](#)
- [State of Ohio – Governor](#)
- [State of Ohio Department of Education](#)
- [Federal government](#)

Health information and other resources

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Updates](#)
- [Ohio Department of Health Updates](#)
- [Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services: Managing Coronavirus-related Stress](#)
- [World Health Organization Updates](#)
- [Summit County ADM Board – Managing Stress and Anxiety Around Coronavirus](#)
- [How to talk to your kids about coronavirus](#)
- [ANIMATED VIDEO: What coronavirus does to the body](#)
- [NAMI Support Group for Families](#)
- [PBS learning resources](#)

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Available Downloads

- [APS coronavirus and helpful hygiene tips poster](#)
 - [Arabic](#)
 - [Farsi](#)
 - [Karen](#)
 - [Mon](#)
 - [Nepali](#)
 - [Pashto](#)
 - [Spanish](#)
 - [Swahili](#)
- [Cover your Cough](#)
- [Wash your Hands](#)
- [Sick = Stay Home](#)
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