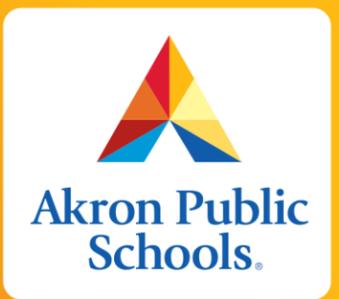




APS DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE



Tuesday, May 5, 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 50

We know many of you are anxious to hear what we may do about graduation ceremonies at APS. A team of senior class leaders and principals from each of our nine high schools has recommended ceremonies where students can individually walk the stage to receive their diplomas with a small number of family present. The group has also suggested the district record this and release it in a virtual watch party. It isn't soup yet, as they say, because the team will need to come together one more time to finalize the plans; then Akron Public Schools will need to have this reviewed and approved by the county's department of public health. Thank you for remaining patient. Wash your hands. Stay well.

News of the Day

Merkle's Mental Health Moment: Appreciating educator self-care

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

Educators are the quintessential embodiment of a helping professional. They give endless hours and selflessly support the academic and behavioral outcomes of their students. But this also means heightened stress and risk of burnout because educators do not prioritize themselves too. ASCD is trying to help us remain centered by offering [5 strategies for teacher self-care](#).

Teacher appreciation week – Appreciating teachers

It's Teacher Appreciation Week across America, and even though many students are seeing their teachers through a computer screen, they (and their parents!) can still find creative ways to thank their beloved educators. [Click here](#) for seven good ideas.

Understanding the impact of coronavirus on business

Junior Achievement is known for teaching financial literacy, entrepreneurship and workforce education in the classroom. Our friends at [JA Northcentral Ohio](#) have been working with our teachers to provide resources during remote learning. They are also sharing some valuable information with the public about the impact of coronavirus on businesses that is valuable to people of all ages.

- [Making Sense: Understanding the Financial Impact of COVID-19](#)
- [Making Sense: The Impact of COVID-19 on Business and Innovation](#)
- [Making Sense: Work in the Time of COVID-19](#)

Coping book, narration, coloring book for children available for free download.

Dr. Daniela Owen, a clinical psychologist from San Francisco is offering her book, a coloring book and a narrated version of "Right now, I am fine" via free download. These materials are for anyone affected by worries, fears, discomfort or nagging thoughts about the coronavirus (COVID-19).

- [Book download](#)
- [Coloring book](#)
- [Audiobook](#)

Faculty Lessons: Learn from University of Akron professors

- [What is Philosophy?](#)
- [Philosophy as a Primer in Critical Thinking](#)
- [What is Disruptive Technology?](#)

District Updates

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.

Online lessons/APS Connected Learning live/family resources available

Students can access APS Connected Learning at [akronschools.com](#). Our [family resource page](#) has important dates, messages, learning tools and more. Call 330.761.2810 if you have questions.

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.

UA free homework hotline

Free online homework help for K-12 students is available Mon.-Fri. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. [Sign up here](#).

APS Story Sharing at 3

APS librarians are sharing stories for students of all ages every day at 3 p.m. Story Sharing at 3 is live every day and is recorded for viewing later. [Click here](#) to learn more and view past story recordings.

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](#)
- [Bullying/harassment Complaint Form](#)